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RESEARCH INSTITUTE DIRECTOR TO RETIRE FROM UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio -- George Noland, associate provost and director of the University of Dayton Research Institute (UDRI), is retiring effective June 30 after a 36-year career with UD.

Under his leadership, UD's sponsored research volume has doubled, and UDRI has grown to employ 416 scientists, engineers and support staff who work out of laboratories on campus; at Wright-Patterson, Williams and Edwards Air Force Bases; and at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center on Wallops Island, Va.

Noland was an evolutionary biologist when he joined the UD faculty in 1955. Under Noland's leadership as chair of the biology department, the curriculum was restructured and a comprehensive research program was developed.

Establishing a doctoral program--the University's first--in biology in 1969 was a team effort that Noland considers "the high point of my academic life."

When Noland was named director of UDRI in 1983, there were 292 research projects with sponsorship of about \$18 million. Today, there are more than 1,200 projects, and sponsored research totals about \$37 million--the largest share of which is provided by government contracts but which also includes more than 1,000 contracts with large and small companies.

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"It's the best job in the University," says Noland. "People from every department come to me because they need something to help in their research. They have such enthusiasm. I've probably read more than 1,000 proposals. Some I even understand."

Last year, Noland earned the UD Sigma Xi Award for his continual support of research at the University. Sigma Xi is a national scientific research society. Also in 1990, UDRI earned the Technology Achievement Award from the Dayton Area Technology Network for its work in technology transfer.

Noland has been involved in the founding and organization of the Miami Valley Research Park, the Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC) and the Center for Artificial Intelligence Applications. He is vice chairman of the board of governors of EMTEC and sits on an advisory committee for the Ohio Board of Regents.

A scholar in his own right, Noland is the author of General Biology, now in its fifth edition. More than 100 colleges and universities throughout the world have used more than 100,000 copies of the basic text.

UD faculty and staff members from virtually every academic discipline and department recently attended a special reception for Noland in the Kennedy Union on campus.

The University expects to name an interim director next month, followed by a national search for a director.

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For media interviews, call **George Noland** (who lives in Centerville) at (513) 229-2113.