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OPEN SESAME -- Early childhood teachers must introduce a multicultural perspective into their curricula, because it allows children to feel good about themselves regardless of race or ethnicity, and it leads children "to feelings of openness and respect for the differences among all peoples of the world," says a University of Dayton languages lecturer. Lucette Fogel, who presented "Teaching Toward Worldwide Harmony: A Multicultural Perspective" at the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children conference, lists five steps for teachers to follow, including organizing support groups and doing "consciousness-raising activities." Fogel, who spent 14 years in the early childhood field, also provides teachers with lists of materials and activities to use and follow in the classroom.

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LOSING LEVERAGE -- An assistant professor of finance at UD has found that public companies that go private increase their productivity and efficiency. Nancy Mohan studied leveraged buyouts (LBOs) and determined that operating profit margins and sales per employee improved when the companies went private. Because financial information on private companies is not readily available, Mohan studied LBOs that had gone public again. "However, in some cases, these companies become recycled LBOs--go private again--which may indicate that in some cases efficiency gains are not sustained," says Mohan. Her study, "Do LBOs Sustain Efficiency Gains?" was published in the Akron Business and Economics Review.

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TICKET TO RIDE -- Don't be surprised if University of Dayton engineering students take a sudden interest in French. French language skills and academic ability can be the ticket to Paris and a paid internship or co-op job with General Motors--through a program that may get under way as soon as next summer. Students will be placed at two GM operations near Paris. "Since we're living in a world that's much smaller, business and industry require doing engineering internationally," says Gordon Sargent, vice president for graduate studies and research and dean of graduate studies.

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