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LAST-MINUTE TAX HELP AVAILABLE -- As April 15 looms large and ominous, University of Dayton law students will be working to help those who put off their tax returns until the last minute. Law students coached in tax preparation will be available in the law clinic, room 37 of Albert Emmanuel Hall, this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Monday through Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Volunteer Information Tax Assistance program is free and available to anyone, law professor Dale Searcy said. Students and retirees comprise the biggest group of clients. Tax forms are available, and in the worst-case scenario, so are forms required to file for extensions. "Unless research or documentation is required, we can do it while you wait," Searcy said.

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WHO'S MINDING MEDICAL LABS? -- Proposed regulations covering medical laboratories will do little to make sure competent people are administering important medical tests, a University of Dayton administrator says.

Suzanne Columbus, director of the University of Dayton's medical technology program, says regulations scheduled to take effect Sept. 1 may cause some competent labs to lower their standards in the interest of profit. Labs that perform certain types of tests won't be subject to any watchdog provisions. For other types of tests, the safeguards will require proficiency exams, but won't ensure everyone in a lab is competent.

Currently, people performing complex tests in hospitals are required to have bachelor's degrees in clinical laboratory science and pass certifying exams. Under the proposed regulations, only a high school diploma and on-the-job training will do.

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SCHOLARSHIPS ON THE RISE AT UD -- More than 1,800 prospective students, including music and art candidates, applied for scholarships to UD in 1992, a 13 percent increase over 1991. More than 1,300 scholarships were awarded, and that 73 percent positive response is also up from last year's 61 percent. "We've got a huge pool of talented students who want to enroll at UD," said Richard T. Ferguson, associate provost for enrollment management. Ferguson anticipates 450 first-year scholarship recipients will enroll in the fall. Academic scholarship recipients include 57 National Merit finalists and 136 valedictorians:

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