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**MEAD CORP. FOUNDATION COMMITS \$1 MILLION
TOWARD RENOVATION OF BUSINESS SCHOOL**

DAYTON, Ohio — The Mead Corporation Foundation has committed \$1 million to the University of Dayton, partly to honor one of its retired executives who turned team-teaching into an art form in the School of Business Administration.

The University of Dayton will use the money to construct four team-teaching classrooms in Miriam Hall, which houses the business school. One will recognize James Van Vleck, retired senior vice president, international, who launched a second career in 1993 as the business school's first executive-in-residence. In 1996, he and teaching partner Deborah Bickford won the University of Dayton's highest teaching honor, the first time the Alumni Award in Teaching had been awarded to a team.

"The Mead Corporation Foundation is proud to support the University of Dayton," said Ronald F. Budzik, vice president of government affairs. "Today, more than ever, Mead needs the very best people to help us succeed in the highly competitive global marketplace. We are pleased to assist the School of Business Administration in its efforts to provide the learning environment and curriculum necessary to prepare graduates who will have the skills and talents we need to help us meet these challenges."

The \$8.9 million renovation of Miriam Hall includes modernizing classrooms and faculty offices, expanding spaces for collaboration and teamwork and integrating advanced technology into the curriculum. UD has raised nearly \$4 million of a \$4.5 million Miriam Hall fund-raising goal. Completion of the renovation is slated for 2002.

"This gift helped put us within reach of our fund-raising goal for the Miriam Hall renovation," said Sam Gould, dean of the School of Business Administration. "It gives us the opportunity to recognize Mead's role in helping us build for the future as well as acknowledge Jim Van Vleck's significant contributions in the boardroom and the classroom."

Currently, 73 University of Dayton alumni are employed by Mead, a Dayton-based paper and forest products company with more than 14,000 employees with offices and operations in 30 countries.

Last fall, the L. William Crotty Family Foundation committed \$2 million to fund the Center for Enterprise Leadership and the L. William Crotty Business Center in Miriam Hall.

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