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NEWS RELEASE

MEDIA ADVISORY

The life and work of Erma Bombeck, one of Dayton's most celebrated writers, will be in the spotlight next spring when her papers are donated to the University of Dayton archives — before an audience of nationally recognized humorists, columnists, writers, cartoonists and scholars.

Bill Bombeck will help the University of Dayton's National Alumni Association announce plans to pay tribute to his late wife at **2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6**, at the Alumni House, 208 L St. (across from Holy Angels church).

As part of UD's sesquicentennial celebration, the Erma Bombeck Conference on Popular American Humor will include a creative writing contest, a keynote speech by humorist and Bombeck family friend Art Buchwald, a writers' workshop and an academic symposium.

The line-up includes an impressive collection of humorists, friends of Erma's and writers who share her extraordinary ability to understand people and their ordinary lives and capture that in their work. Some are all three.

For three decades, Bombeck celebrated the extraordinary in the ordinary and chronicled life's absurdities in a syndicated column carried by 700 newspapers. She got her start as a writer at the University of Dayton, where she graduated in 1949.

- WHAT:** News conference to announce the Erma Bombeck Conference on Popular American Humor
- WHEN:** 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6
- WHERE:** Alumni House, 208 L St., University of Dayton campus
- PARTICIPANTS:** Bill Bombeck; Dennis Marx, president of UD's National Alumni Association; and Kathleen Seebert, chair of the public relations committee of the National Alumni Association

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