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DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton will award an honorary degree to Richard C. Holbrooke, chief architect of the Dayton Peace Accords, and bring together specialists and diplomats to develop a new strategy for NATO in the war-torn Balkans.

It’s part of a series of events Nov. 20-22 to mark the third anniversary of the agreement that ended the war in Bosnia.

Haris Silajdjc, prime minister of Bosnia who nominated Holbrooke for the Nobel Peace Prize and was deeply involved in hammering out the peace agreement, is expected to participate in the honorary degree ceremony in the Kennedy Union Ballroom at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, following a private dinner.

"The University of Dayton is giving its highest honor to a great humanitarian, to a broker of peace," said R. Bruce Hitchner, director of UD’s Center for International Programs and organizer of the anniversary events. "No one, besides possibly the Wright Brothers, has brought the same kind of international attention to this city."

Holbrooke, Clinton’s nominee to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, is one of the country’s best-known, most experienced and creative diplomats. This week, Clinton dispatched him to Yugoslavia, where he is trying to negotiate an end to the violence in Kosovo.

Holbrooke is a former ambassador to Germany and twice was an assistant secretary of state — for East Asian and Pacific affairs in the Carter administration and for European and Canadian affairs during Clinton’s first term. He is best known for brokering the 1995 Dayton peace agreement that ended the war in Bosnia. Although he left the Clinton administration shortly after the Dayton Accords were signed to return to investment banking as vice chairman of Credit Suisse First Boston Corp. in New York, he never strayed far from diplomatic circles.

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He served as Clinton’s unpaid envoy to Cyprus in an effort to ease strains between Greece and
Turkey, and, in July, he attempted to settle the crisis in Kosovo through dialogue between ethnic
Albanian leaders in Kosovo and Serbian officials in the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade.

Holbrooke wrote the 1998 book, *To End a War*, in which he recalls the diplomatic efforts
that led to the Dayton peace talks.

Conferring a doctor of humane letters upon Holbrooke is just one highlight in a series of
events designed to look at the state of the Dayton Peace Accords three years later. Other
events include:

- A two-day, invitation-only workshop, “The Dayton Peace Accords and Beyond:
  Developing a Strategic Concept for NATO in the Balkans,” sponsored by UD’s
  Center for International Programs and funded by a $50,000 grant from the
  Packard Humanities Institute. During the Nov. 21-22 workshop on campus,
  specialists, diplomats and reporters will develop recommendations for building a
  NATO strategy in Southeast Europe, including examining NATO’s role in the
  crisis in Kosovo. A report will be issued in February 1999.

- Dedication at the Dayton Art Institute of English artist Thomas Newbolt’s
  painting “Nocturne,” an Impressionistic work symbolizing Dayton’s role in the
  peace process. The dedication ceremony is tentatively set for 7:30 p.m. on
  Saturday, Nov. 21.

The weekend’s activities will include a dozen guests with a keen interest in the stability
of Bosnia — college students from the region. The United States Information Agency has
awarded scholarships to two juniors from the University of Sarajevo who started classes at the
University of Dayton in August. The USIA is arranging for 10 other Bosnian students and their
advisers from two other universities to partake in the anniversary events. As part of the
USIA’s Bosnia Undergraduate Development Program, the agency helps the democratic and
economic restructuring of Bosnia by sending Bosnian undergraduates to the United States for
one year of study and an internship.

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