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The University of Dayton

News Release

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DAYTON, Ohio, April 15, 1982 -- James H. McGee, former Dayton mayor; John F. Torley, chairman of the UD Board of Trustees; and Arthur S. Holden, businessman and philanthropist, will receive honorary degrees from the University of Dayton at spring commencement exercises on April 25.

Each of the three honorees has been chosen because of his leadership, service, and dedication to his fellow man.

JAMES H. MCGEE, a political leader, attorney, and community activist, was first appointed by the Dayton City Commission to fill an unexpired term in February 1967. His colleagues appointed him to the vacated position of mayor of the City of Dayton in July of 1970. He was elected to the position as mayor in both 1973 and 1977.

McGee's accomplishments include leadership in the revitalization of downtown Dayton, major neighborhood renewal programs, development and preservation of citizen participation in government programs, and an aggressive economic approach to area-wide business development. For his efforts, McGee has been recognized as an outstanding urban leader by his peers throughout the nation.

JOHN TORLEY was elected to the Board of Trustees of the University of Dayton in 1973 and became Board chairman in 1977. Torley is recognized for his civic accomplishments as president, trustee, or director of such organizations as the Air Force Museum Foundation, City Wide Development Corporation, Engineering and Science

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Foundation, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Kettering Medical Center, Dayton Power and Light Company, Ponderosa, Inc., Winters National Bank and Trust Company, and the Dayton Art Institute.

His citation states that "His uniquely valuable guidance and counsel through the years provided the continuing impetus for the maturing of the governing procedures of the University Although he will complete the maximum tenure of three terms on the Board of Trustees in May 1982, it is our hope and intention that he will continue to provide the University with the benefits of his expertise for many years to come."

ARTHUR HOLDEN of Painesville and creator of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, is an individual dedicated to the teaching profession. Holden's ideas and direction have provided the support for the Foundation that has led to the professional development of over 400 teachers in the Dayton area. He most recently directed an urban teacher project with the Dayton City Schools and began the first law-related-education workshop with teachers.

Holden is honored not only for his unselfish commitment to the teaching profession, but also for his sensitivity to and caring for those educating today's young.

McGee, Torley, and Holden will receive their honorary doctorates at the 132nd UD commencement at 10 a.m., in the UD Arena.