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The University of Dayton

News Release

TWO UD ALUMNI CONTRIBUTE \$900,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

DAYTON, Ohio, October 14, 1983 -- As the role of the federal government in providing financial aid to college students is reexamined, two University of Dayton alumni have responded to student needs with major contributions to the University's scholarship program. According to Thomas T. Montiegel, vice president for development and alumni relations at UD, the University recently received two of the largest gifts ever made to the University for endowing scholarships. The donors, who wish to remain anonymous, gave the school a combined total of \$900,000.

The first gift of \$500,000 was given to the University for undergraduate scholarships. A portion of the monies received were donated in honor of John R. Westerheide, the retired director of University of Dayton Research Institute, and in memory of Joseph Militello, former associate director for interdisciplinary research of the Research Institute. Militello died in May, 1982. Endowed scholarship funds have been established in both men's names at UD to assist students in the School of Engineering.

The second gift of \$400,000 was made for the establishment of academic scholarships for black students who graduate from area Catholic high schools. This is the largest gift given to UD for the specific purpose of encouraging black students to attend the University. "This sizable gift should help to strengthen significantly our recruiting efforts of local black students and could increase the total black student population on campus," says Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., president of UD. "These scholarship monies will also help to provide the local black community with an excellent pool of future black leaders from UD." UD currently enrolls just over 6200 undergraduate students, of which about 3 percent are black.

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The University of Dayton now has over 100 endowed scholarships. Only the interest on the dollars invested is spent, thereby assuring the availability of the scholarships for future students. The UD Development staff would like to triple that number by means of stepped-up fund raising among the University's alumni and benefactors.