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The University of Dayton

News Release

**3,000 EXPECTED TO ATTEND
UD COMPUTER CONFERENCE**

DAYTON, Ohio, May 31, 1984 -- The University of Dayton will be the host of approximately 3,000 participants attending the 6th annual National Educational Computing Conference (NECC) Wednesday, June 13, through Friday, June 15 at the Dayton Convention Center. Keynote speaker at the opening session Wednesday at 10 a.m. will be Donald J. Senese, assistant secretary for Educational Research and Improvement in the U.S. Department of Education. Senese will speak on the topic of "The Impact of the Computer on Educational Research and Improvement."

Conference activities include presentation of papers, projects, and panel discussions on topics from all disciplines and on all educational levels from kindergarten through college. Special sessions will feature the current status of computer literacy, computer curricula, and sharing computer resources.

Also included will be over 30 publishers of texts and software, as well as pre-conference workshops on such topics as "Computer Education for School Administrators" and "Teaching Students To Think with Logo." A debate on the need for computer literacy, with nationally known educators Daniel McCracken and Arthur Luehrmann, will also be featured.

The exhibit area will highlight the current use of computers in the classroom and demonstrate the "state of the art" equipment and software that are available to today's educational professional.

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UD, in cooperation with 15 scientific and professional organizations, is sponsoring this event for the purpose of exposing teachers and administrators to the new dimensions available in computers for instruction.

Lawrence A. Jehn, conference chairperson and UD professor, believes this "conference will provide a unique opportunity for progressive educators to find out about the many exciting innovations in educational computing." Jehn says the major objective is "to present in one forum major works regarding computers in instruction and to develop and coordinate the various professional groups involved with computer uses in instruction."

The NECC registration fee is \$90 for the full three-day event. Students may register for \$25.

For more information on the conference, contact Jehn at 229-3831.