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Summary:

(October 10, 2005)-Alumnus Ken Bruss '78 will present the inaugural lecture of the Joseph J. Latterell Visiting Alumnus Program at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, in the Science Auditorium at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The public is invited to attend the lecture.

Bruss, director of Technical Operations Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Kansas City, Mo., will speak on "Flexible Chemistry: From Foods to Pharmaceuticals."

Ken Bruss has over 25 years of varied experiences in the food and pharmaceutical industry with his last 18 years at Sanofi-Aventis and its predecessor companies in Kansas City. His job experiences include over 10 years in the regulatory areas of QA/QC and EHS. He has managed production areas, worked in process engineering, and supply chain, and has recently transitioned from a role of director of manufacturing to technical operations where he leads a team of engineers involved in process transfers, facilities and process design, maintenance engineering, and technical trouble shooting.

Bruss resides in Lenexa, Kan., with his wife and three children. His hobbies include hunting, carpentry, and, most recently, auto restoration.

Professor Joseph J. Latterell joined the chemistry faculty at UMM in September 1967, as the first class of chemistry majors became seniors. He was the key developer of UMM's analytical and general chemistry courses.

Among the first UMM faculty to involve undergraduates in research projects, Latterell was the principal investigator on the Eagle Lake Project, an interdisciplinary research project involving numerous faculty and students as well as scientists from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soils Laboratory in Morris. He was among the earliest UMM recipients of the all-University Horace T. Morse Outstanding Faculty Award. His commitment to the success of his students was honored when he received the all-University Tate Award for Outstanding Advising, and he was recognized by UMM's Multi-Ethnic Student Association (then Minority Student Association) for his support for minority students.

The lecture series is privately funded and provides grants to various disciplines within the UMM Science and Math Division to invite an alumnus or alumna to campus to serve as a resource person for students and faculty. According to Jim Togeas, UMM professor of chemistry, student organizations will also participate in planning the visits the UMM Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society will assist with hosting responsibilities during Bruss' visit.

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