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Summary:

(April 19, 2005)-Students who are enrolled in Professor Stephen Gross' History of Rural America class at the University of Minnesota, Morris will present papers on the history of the West Central School of Agriculture during an undergraduate research symposium funded by the Minnesota Humanities Commission in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and organized in conjunction with the UMM Historic Preservation Project. Approximately 20 students will be presenting.

The symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in the Alumni Room, Oyate Hall, located in the UMM Student Center. Refreshments will be provided. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The event will consist of a number of different sessions, each lasting about an hour and a half, and each will consist of four or more students presenting their research. The students' papers will examine diverse aspects of the WCSA campus life, including extracurricular activities, station days, women's programs, curriculum, athletics, and research and experimentation.

"The WCSA was a unique institution and its story comprises an especially important chapter in the history of both UMM and the surrounding community," stated Gross. "The symposium allows UMM students the opportunity to examine that history and share it with WCSA alumni and other interested citizens, as well as with members of the UMM campus and Morris communities."

The UMM Historic Preservation Planning Project was made possible by the generous support of the Getty Foundation.

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