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Summary:

(October 4, 2004)-"Wellstone!," an 88-minute documentary about the life and legacy of Paul Wellstone which will make its world premiere in mid-October, will be shown on October 25 on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Morris.

A public viewing of the documentary will be held both at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, in Edson Auditorium of the UMM Student Center. A panel discussion will take place between each showing.

"Wellstone!" chronicles the senator, whose re-election campaign and career as an activist and democratic statesman ended tragically in a plane crash just 11 days before the November 2002 election. The film explores the origin of Paul and wife, Sheila's politics, his controversial road to the Senate, and the legacy of a life of progressive populism.

While the film is free and open to the public, free will donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of the film's production. The UMM political science and history disciplines and student organizations, along with the UMM Campus Activities Council Films Committee will co-sponsor the event.

"Wellstone!" is directed by St. Paul-based Lu Lippold, Dan Luke, and Laurie Stern of Hard Working Pictures, and produced by Pamela Colby. Colby estimates that she and the directors filmed more than 200 hours of interviews for the documentary and sifted through hundreds of hours of archival footage, including speeches and news broadcasts to produce the film.

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