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Summary:

(April 6, 2004)-Two 20-member jazz bands from the University of Minnesota, Morris with director, James "Doc" Carlson, will provide the beat during the fifth annual Spring Ball on Friday, April 16, hosted by Jim Gremmels, Glenwood, UMM professor emeritus of English, and Jack Imholte, former UMM chancellor and professor emeritus of history. The event is set for 8 p.m. at Central Square in Glenwood. Arrive early at 7:15 p.m. and enjoy free dance lessons given by instructors from the UMM Swing Dance Club. Tickets are \$10 adults \$5 students.

Proceeds will go equally toward the UMM Humanities Phase III project, the John Q. Imholte Scholarship at UMM and the Lakeside Ballroom Fund. Prizes will be awarded for the best-dressed couple and the best dancing couple. In addition a raffle will be held with prizes ranging from a Nancy Carlson print to a framed check signed by Lawrence Welk to the grand prize of an electronic keyboard, donated by Carlson Music Center in Alexandria, to name a few of the prizes offerings.

Launched on the occasion of his retirement as chancellor of UMM, the John Q. Imholte Endowed Scholarship is awarded to upper division students who have completed 90 credits of coursework and demonstrated outstanding academic ability. The Humanities Phase III Performing Arts Center Project targets plans for a performance space in Humanities Fine Arts at UMM.

The historic Lakeside Ballroom, once located on the shores of Lake Minnewaska, had attracted many big bands including the likes of Glen Miller, Louis Armstrong, and Lawrence Welk. The building was destroyed by fire on June 7, 2003.

"The Ballroom was historically monumental for this area," said Carlson, who also grew up in Glenwood.

Lakeside Ballroom Fundraising Committee will provide beverages. Restaurants that will provide food for the event are Café Bella, Minnewaska House, Pizza Ranch, The Hatchery of Lowry, Torgy's on the Lake, and Bistro to Go. Central Square is located at 105 – 2nd Ave N.E. in Glenwood.

UMM jazz musicians have performed for a variety of music conventions, including the MMEA (Minnesota Music Educators Association) convention in Minneapolis and the NCMENC (North Central Music Educators National Conference) in Chicago. In 1991, the UMM Jazz Ensemble was one of the 25 big bands from around the world to perform at the 25th annual Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switz., as well as in 1994 at The North Sea Jazz Festival at The Hague, Netherlands, with return appearances to both Festivals in 1997. They have also performed at Carnegie Hall with The Count Basie Orchestra, and at both the Montreux and Vienne, France Jazz Festivals in 2000. In addition, UMM jazz musicians perform each year with renowned jazz artists during UMM's own Jazz Fest.

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