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Summary: From June 9 until July 13, the University of Minnesota, Morris' Historic District traveling exhibit will be on display at the Stevens County Historical Museum in Morris, Minnesota.

(June 2, 2006)-The University of Minnesota, Morris' Historic District traveling exhibit will be on display at the Stevens County Historical Museum from June 9, 2006, until July 13, 2006.

After the campus was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003, the University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) received an \$180,000 grant from the J. Paul Getty Trust's Campus Heritage Program to develop a preservation plan for the West Central School of Agriculture and Experiment Station Historic District. The historic district was named for the University of Minnesota boarding high school that made its home on the UMM campus from 1910 until 1963. The grant also supported the creation of the traveling exhibit, a six-panel display illustrating and documenting the history of the campus buildings and landscape within the historic district.

While the purpose of the display is to document architectural details and landscape characteristics, the historic photos also exemplify the mission of the West Central School of Agriculture (WCSA)--teaching, research, and outreach--and provide a glimpse into life on campus for the thousands of young people who lived and learned at the WCSA. Photos are also included of the WCSA buildings being used today on the UMM campus. A final panel honors the campus' American Indian boarding school years that predate the WCSA.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 116 West Sixth Street in Morris, Minnesota. Admission is free.

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