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(April 25, 2006)-A monument at the site of the University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Memorial Labyrinth was dedicated on Beautiful U Day, April 20. Episcopal students at UMM became interested in labyrinths and proposed building one on campus that would be dedicated to all alumni. The dedication ceremony included a talk by Rev. Dr. Ward Bauman from the Episcopal House of Prayer, Collegeville.

The labyrinth, which is located in the field adjacent to the UMM North Parking Lot, next to the horse barn and the Social Science building, will be composed of paving stones and grass framed by red stick dogwood. A labyrinth, which is different from a maze, is traditionally used for meditation and prayer. There is usually one path in and out and one walks the labyrinth as a means of contemplation. The UMM labyrinth is intended for the enjoyment of students, faculty, staff and community members and was funded by a Beautiful U Day grant to the Morris Episcopal Campus Ministry.

A second Beautiful U Day grant was also used to purchase maroon and gold "Welcome" banners that are displayed around the perimeter of the campus.

Beautiful U Day is an annual initiative celebrating the University of Minnesota's natural resources, buildings, and grounds on all of the U's campuses. A tradition since 1997, Beautiful U Day combines hands-on beautification efforts with academic forums to celebrate our campuses across Minnesota and acknowledge our responsibility to maintain our physical and natural resources.

Beautiful U grants were also awarded to fund these Morris campus area projects:

- American Chemical Society Chemistry Club to paint a mural on a stairwell in the new science building on the Morris campus.
- Morris Physical Plant department to plant vines on the outfield fence, perennials, and a screen of spruce trees around the Women's Varsity Softball Field.
- Morris Campus Student Association (MCSA) to transform the area behind the Science Building into a prairie walking area for people to enjoy.
- Education Minnesota Student Program (EMSP) plan to bring more wildlife to campus by building birdhouses and feeders and distributing them around campus.
- West Central Research and Outreach Center (Morris) will create a tree arboretum to educate students.

Photo by Nicole Herberg

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