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EXCELLENT STUDENT PROGRESS AT UMM DEAN REPORTS

"The first year students at the new University of Minnesota, Morris are making excellent progress in their studies and in the development of the extra-curricular program" reported Rodney A. Briggs, Dean of the University of Minnesota, Morris in Minneapolis on November 2nd. The report was made to the Morris Campus Advisory Committee which was called together by Malcolm M. Willey, Vice President Academic Administration of the University to review the progress of the Morris program to date and to make plans for the future.

Dr. Willey emphasized the guiding philosophy of the program at Morris to be the development of a college comparable in the standards of course offerings and faculty selection with other campuses of the University.

Dean Briggs said "That his faculty reports excellent cooperation from the students and that over 75% of the students were making normal or better than normal progress in their studies". This high achievement level indicates the enthusiastic effort of this first year's class.

Briggs further reported on the rehabilitation of facilities, commuters lounge, the strong music program and the clubs and organizations already formed although the college is just five weeks old.

The citizens of Western Minnesota were again singled out and praised for their enthusiastic effort in getting the college off to a good start. He especially noted the gifts of funds for non-recurring expenses and supplies and for the library funds that were essential to develop the first year's program. Briggs also paid a special tribute to the new college students for their enthusiasm, diligence and particularly their loyalty to this their new school.