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University of Minnesota, Morris  
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### UMM STUDENTS HONORED AT AWARDS CONVOCATION

Three outstanding members of the freshman class of the University of Minnesota, Morris received awards at a special student convocation Wednesday in Edson Hall auditorium.

Recipient of the Dean's Award for exceptional academic achievement and contribution to student life was A. David Hedine of Glenwood. The award will be presented annually to the outstanding student on campus.

Janet Lawler of Morris was presented with the AAUW Award signifying academic excellence and leadership; This award is given annually to a woman undergraduate at UMM by members of the American Association of University Women.

The Allen W. Edson Award was presented to Dennis Torkelson of Foxhome for his demonstration of outstanding citizenship during the past academic year. The award recognized his efforts in promoting an active and constructive campus life for UMM students.

The Awards Convocation was also the occasion for special awards and the unveiling of a memorial for Joseph Larson, a charter member of the UMM freshman class from Underwood who died in an automobile accident

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last August. The memorial, a bleached birch lectern specially made for Edson Hall auditorium by Joseph's grandfather, Ole Larson, was presented by Joseph's brother, John Larson, and Rev. Arnold Medine, both of Underwoodk.

The UMM faculty was honored by the student government at the convocation with an award for their cooperation and contribution to student organizations and activities during this first year of development at UMM.

The special convocation also provided the opportunity for James Bergman of Ortonville, outgoing president of the student government, to turn over the gavel to Jerry Jacobson of Glenwood, who will preside over the student body next year.

Before giving up his duties Jim Bergman presented a trophy to Alpha Rho Psi fraternity whose queen candidate, Marlys Tollakson of Morris, reigned over the Sweetheart Swing, UMM winter quarter dance.

Concluding the Awards Convocation was the presentation of a surprise award to Dean Rodney A. Briggs from the student body for "his dynamic leadership and boundless energy in the development of the collegiate program on this campus." The memento, a coffee cup complete with coffee, was presented by Jim Bergman and Jerry Jacobson of the student government.