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"Bierce Takes on the Railroad," Benefit Performance

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MORRIS (1/12/75) -- A special benefit performance of the University of Minnesota, Morris Theatre production "Bierce Takes on the Railroad!" will be repeated Tuesday night at 8:15 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Proscenium Theatre on campus.

A donation of \$2 is requested at the door.

It was the second of two benefits held this week with proceeds going to help defray travel costs for taking the show to the University of South Dakota-Vermillion Thursday where it will compete as one of four regional finalists in the eighth annual American College Theatre Festival.

Winner of the competition at Vermillion will go on to compete in the American College Theatre Festival in Washington.

Author of the play is Philip A. Bosakowski of Iowa City. The play takes place at the turn of the century when San Francisco Examiner journalist Ambrose Bierce is sent to Washington by publisher William Randolph Hearst to fight the Railroad Funding Bill.

Designer and technical director for the UMM production is Emil E. Bowers Jr., assistant professor of speech and theatre arts. Donald S. "Twig" Webster of Morris plays the lead role. Director is Dr. George C. Fosgate.

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MORRIS (1/12/75) -- Dr. Richard Illka of the University of Minnesota, Morris faculty has been selected for a Faculty Summer Research appointment by the University of Minnesota Graduate School.

His research will be performed next summer both in Morris and St. Paul. Topic of the study will be "A Study of Socio-Cultural Myth in the Rhetoric of Populism: Method and Application."

Illka is an assistant professor of speech and theatre arts at UMM.

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