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Commencement Ceremony

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MORRIS (6/7/76) -- Approximately 220 seniors will receive degrees during the 13th annual University of Minnesota, Morris commencement ceremonies at 8 p.m. Friday (6/11).

Family, friends and well-wishers will gather on the UMM mall for the colorful ceremony which will begin with the academic procession led by Mace Bearer Willis R. Kelly, assistant professor of physical education. The mace represents the symbol of authority of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

The procession will include candidates for degrees, Faculty Marshal Bruce A. Nord, associate professor of anthropology and sociology, who will lead the faculty, and distinguished guests.

Commencement speakers, selected by faculty and students, will be graduating senior Jay Fier of New Ulm and faculty member Richard J. Ilkka, assistant professor of speech.

Fier, who as student commencement speaker is recipient of the Curtis H. Larson Award, also will receive four other awards at commencement.

He will graduate "with distinction." He will receive the Allen W. Edson award presented annually in recognition of total contribution to campus life. He will receive the Scholar of the College Award, for valuable contribution to one or more of the disciplines and he will receive the Provost's Award for academic excellence and contributions to campus life.

Fier will speak on the responsibility of the individual both in society and one's own personal life.

The title of Ilkka's address will be "Socrates Died for Our Sins." Ilkka, who joined the UMM faculty in 1973, holds his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Minnesota.

He has held teaching positions at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and at the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse.

Division chairmen W. D. Spring, Humanities; William R. Scarborough, Education;

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Orval T. Driggs, Social Science, and Merle Hirsh, Science and Mathematics; will present senior candidates for degrees and Provost John Q. Imholte will confer degrees and present diplomas.

Academic Dean Gordon Bopp will present Option II and Interdisciplinary Studies candidates for degree, and Assistant Provost Stephen G. Granger will hood candidates wearing academic garb.

Following the ceremonies, a reception sponsored by Provost Imholte and hosted by the UMM Women's Association, will be held for graduates, their parents and guests.

In case of bad weather, the ceremony will be held in the Physical Education Center and the reception will be in Food Service. Commencement exercises are open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

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