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MORRIS--"What Is Man?" will be the topic for a series of six convocations to be held on the University of Minnesota, Morris campus during the 1963-64 academic year, it was announced by Dr. Fred Peterson, chairman of the UMM convocations committee.

The first of these convocations will be held Friday, October 11, at 2 p.m. These convocations will be open to the general public, as well as the UMM student body.

"What Is Man?" This is a question of fundamental significance to human existence in every era of man's history. Six distinguished speakers will give their views on this subject; their answer to the question will consider the philosophical, political, sociological, theological and esthetic aspects of the problem.

Dr. Howard Hong, chairman of the Department of Philosophy at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., will be the first of these speakers. In his address he will present some of the classic answers to the question, "What Is Man?" as they have appeared in the history of philosophy.

According to Dr. Peterson, the convocations have been planned to act as a supplement to the liberal arts educational offerings of the UMM campus and to be of interest to persons in the west central Minnesota area. It is further hoped that through the "What Is Man?" series, differences of opinion, opposing and complementary points of view and continued debate and discussion will offer a challenging and meaningful experience for all who become involved.

The convocation series is sponsored by the University of Minnesota, Morris. The other five speakers have been contacted, but as yet not all have said that they could attend on the days planned. Information concerning future "What Is Man?" convocations will be announced as it becomes available.

Dr. Peterson also said that an informal tea will be held in the Science Office Lounge from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, following the convocation. Here students, faculty members and guests may meet and talk with Dr. Hong.