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*THAT UMM IS A JUNIOR COLLEGE

UMM is a four-year liberal arts college offering the Bachelor of Arts degree. The University of Minnesota's collegiate program at Morris began in September, 1960. There are now freshmen, sophomore and junior students enrolled. Senior classes will begin in September, 1963, with the first UMM graduates to receive degrees in 1964.

*THAT UMM IS A COMMUNITY OR LOCAL COLLEGE

UMM is the University of Minnesota's liberal arts college at Morris. This year its students came from 123 communities in 47 Minnesota counties. Only 38% of the student body commutes from home to the campus.

*THAT UMM IS AN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

UMM offers no agricultural courses. However, it does offer one to two years' preprofessional training in several agricultural specialties. At the completion of these basic requirements, the student transfers to a professional school for his agricultural courses.

One reason for the misconception is that the facilities being used by UMM have housed the Institute of Agriculture, West Central School of Agriculture. With the development of the collegiate program the Agricultural Research program will be developed and the School of Agriculture's present program will be phased out and revised as an adult effort of agriculturally centered offering for the rural and rural-related businesses of western Minnesota. Two University units are housed in the facilities on the Morris campus. The University of Minnesota, Morris is administered by a Dean who reports directly to the President of the University and the West Central School and Experiment Station is administered by a Superintendent who reports to the Dean of the Institute of Agriculture.

*THAT UMM IS HIGHLY SELECTIVE

UMM has selective admission standards because its role of educating students at the bachelor level in liberal arts implies standards of academic performance which cannot be met by all students who apply. UMM rejects only those whose past academic records and aptitude test scores indicate that chances for success in the program are very poor.

*THAT UMM IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT

UMM is no more difficult than other colleges of the University. A three-year study of grading practices has shown that in this respect UMM is highly similar to the University as a whole.

*THAT UMM HAS A LIMITED CURRICULUM

UMM offers a complete liberal arts curriculum with majors and/or minors in 19 fields of concentration, plus preprofessional training in more than 20 areas.