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## Speeches and addresses (A3-J) contents

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### **Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean (A3)**

The position of Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs did not exist early on. Rodney Briggs upon the founding of UMM was the campus' chief executive officer, and he also performed the functions of the academic dean. According to the catalog for the 1961-62 year there was an Administrative Committee in place, and the Committee members, it would seem, collectively performed roles later formally assigned to the Dean. When Briggs resigned in 1969 John Q. Imholte assumed the position of "Academic Dean and Acting Provost." Two years later Gordon Bopp was named "Academic Dean." Bopp remained in that role until the 1979-81 academic year at which time Elizabeth (Bettina) Blake was named to replace Bopp. Blake resigned in 1995 and was replaced by Samuel Schuman. Meanwhile, the title changed in the 1987-1989 academic year, and the office was renamed "Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Dean." When Schuman became acting Chancellor in 1998 he appointed a series of so-called "Baby Deans" to administer the functions of that office. John Schwaller was then named Dean in 2002, and he was succeeded by Judith Kuechle on an interim basis in 2006 and Roland Guyotte in 2007. Cheryl Contant followed Guyotte in 2008.

### **Speeches and Addresses (A3-J)**

Materials in this small record sub-series consist of a few speeches, mostly those delivered by Rodney Briggs in the 1960s, and a handful of other folders involving conferences, guest speakers and policy statements and reports. However, the various Briggs speeches are most worthy of note. He addressed the topic of the future of American agriculture, for instance, in 1966 and spoke to the "Problems of the Small College" in that same year. Two years later he recapped the then brief history of the campus and expressed his vision of the future in his address, "Pledged to Excellence, Committed to Students." Also included in these materials is Brigg's valedictory statement from commencement, 1969. Finally, the file labeled "Toward 1985 and Beyond" documents the Morris campus' response to an all-University planning document that many interpreted as antagonistic to UMM's mission and future.

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### **Container List**

#### **Box 1**

"Are You Ready"

"After High School, What?" series & follow-up corresp., 1967-1968

Bennett Smith, 2010

Commencement Address, June 6, 1969

Danforth Replies, 1983

Morris Sun & Tribune Guest Editorial-Imholte

Pledged to Excellence--Committed to Students (Briggs)

Schoolmen's Day Address (Moos)

"A Thimbleful of Knowledge"--Commencement Address, 1965

Toward 1985 and Beyond

Problems of the Small College

What Chance for Tomorrow?

Visits from U of M Individuals and other important people, 1976-77  
The University Campus is the Whole State  
Visiting Lectures, 1980-83  
Opening Faculty/Staff Convocation Speech John F. Schwaller 2002