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Summary: The exhibition tells the story of the Morris campus through artifacts, photographs, and personal memorabilia

(August 25, 2010)-A 2010 Celebration exhibition that tells the story of the Morris campus through artifacts, photographs, and personal memorabilia opened in the University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) Humanities Fine Arts Gallery on Wednesday, August 25, 2010. Items on display include a photo of Mother Mary Joseph who established an American Indian boarding school on the Morris campus in 1887, survey equipment used for the construction of West Central School of Agriculture and Experiment Station buildings in the 1920s, and “beanies” worn by UMM freshmen in the 1960s during orientation week.

Michael Eble, associate professor of studio art and HFA Gallery curator, organized and designed the exhibit in conjunction with the 2010 Celebration Committee.

Dian and Andy Lopez, 2010 Celebration Committee co-chairs and professors emeriti of computer science, encourage the campus, community, and visitors to view the exhibit. "Everyone is invited to this historical art exhibit that brings alive the story of the Morris campus using many interesting and one-of-a-kind artifacts. The exhibit will bring back memories for former students and staff of the West Central School of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota, Morris, as well as the community of Morris, as we celebrate more than 100 years of campus history. Come visit the campus for the exhibit and for our many other Happy Birthday celebration activities."

Special viewings of the exhibit are scheduled for Founders Weekend, September 23–26 and Homecoming Weekend, October 8–10, and the exhibit can also be viewed during regular Gallery hours: Monday–Thursday 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Fridays 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturdays 1 until 4 p.m. The 2010 Celebration exhibit runs through October 16, 2010.

Founders Weekend, September 23–26, 2010, will mark the 50-year anniversary of the opening of the University of Minnesota, Morris and the 100-year anniversary of the founding of the West Central School of Agriculture (WCSA) and Experiment Station. A full schedule of Founders Weekend activities—including tours, programs, Welcome Center dedication, and street dance—can be found online or call 320-589-6414 or e-mail for a printed schedule. Founders Weekend is part of the all-year 2010 Celebration celebrating history and history-in-the-making on the Morris campus.

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