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Duluth--- Dr. George T. Harrell Jr., a national leader in the field of medical education, will make two major appearances in Duluth Thursday and Friday (Dec. 14-15).

Dr. Harrell, currently dean of the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine at Hershey, Pa., will address members of the St. Louis County Medical Society at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Luke's Hospital auditorium.

His topic will be "How to Build a Medical School."

Dr. Harrell will give the same address at 10 a.m. Friday at Home Economics Auditorium 80 on the UMD campus. The Friday talk is open to the public.

Area legislators, educators, representatives of business, industry labor and civic groups, and all interested citizens are urged to attend the Friday talk, according to Dr. S. H. Boyer, Duluth, chairman of the Northern Minnesota Council on Medical Education.

The Council currently is gathering information as part of an extensive evaluation of Duluth as a site for a second medical school in Minnesota. Dr. Boyer said there is a strong feeling locally that if there is to be such a school in Minnesota, it should be located on the UMD campus.

Hosting Dr. Harrell's visit to the UMD campus will be Provost Raymond W. Darland and Dr. Robert E. Heller, assistant to the provost and Council secretary.

Since January, 1965 Dr. Harrell has been directing the establishment of the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center which is scheduled for completion in 1969. This new medical college of Pennsylvania State University enrolled its first students this fall.

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Dr. Harrell received his M.D. in 1936 at Duke University. After five years there as an intern, resident and instructor, he moved to Winston-Salem in 1941 as part of a new faculty to establish the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forrest. In 10 years Dr. Harrell advanced from asst. professor to professor of medicine, director of the Department of Internal Medicine and Research Professor of Medicine.

In 1954 Dr. Harrell was appointed dean to supervise development of a new medical school at the University of Florida.

Dr. Harrell subscribes to the philosophy that medicine is an art more than a science, and that the humanistic approach to medicine and research must be emphasized.

"No matter how scientific our tools and how accurate our instruments become, the practice of medicine on the individual patient will forever be an art," Harrell says.

"The family physician must sit down with a ditch-digger one minute and the president of a bank the next. It is important that he be able to gain the confidence of both these men and put them at ease by meeting them on some common ground."

(Editors: Dr. Harrell will be taken on a quick tour of the UMD campus at 4:30 p.m. Thursday starting at the UMD Campus Club. A news conference will be held at 9 a.m. Friday at the UMD Campus Club. Both talks are open to coverage. Julian Hoshal)