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Duluth-- Dr. A. June Bricker, executive director of the American Home Economics Association, will address more than 200 persons attending the dedication dinner Thursday night (Feb. 25) of the UMD Home Economics-General Purpose Classroom Building.

Dr. Bricker will speak on "Education for Professional Leadership" at the 6:30 p.m. dinner at Kirby Student Center. She will be introduced by Dr. Ruth Palmer, head, UMD Department of Home Economics.

Dr. Valworth R. Plumb, chairman, Division of Education and Psychology, will preside and introduce special guests. The Rev. Willert W. Zahl, minister, Chester Park Evangelical United Brethren Church will give the invocation.

A formal dedication ceremony at 8:00 p.m. will be open to the public in Home Economics Auditorium 80 with Dr. Palmer presiding. UMD Provost Raymond W. Darland and Dr. Plumb will make brief talks. A. Reinhold Melander, architect, will formally present the building to Provost Darland and Dr. Palmer.

An open house and tours of the \$896,000 building, which was first put into use for classes last September, will be hosted by faculty and students in the Department of Home Economics.

Dr. Bricker received her B.S. degree from the School of Home Economics at Battle Creek College, Mich. She completed her dietetic internship at the University of Michigan hospital. She received both the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from New York University.

At the American Home Economics Association headquarters in Washington D.C., Dr. Bricker directs programs ranging from field service and public relations to publications, membership development, college chapters and consumer interests. The Association has a membership of more than 23,000 home economists and a national headquarters staff of 40 persons.

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For several years before assuming the AHEA post, Dr. Bricker headed the Field and Community Health Bureau of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in New York City. She also held positions in nutrition education with the Connecticut Dairy and Food Council, with the Council of Social Agencies of Manchester, New Hampshire, and with the Boston Community Health Association. Her first professional experiences were with Connecticut College and the University of Michigan hospitals.

All of the facilities of the Department of Home Economics will be open for inspection as part of the UMD All-Campus Public Open House from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.