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1. That even though the stimulus for development of a medical school should come from local groups or state legislators; the establishment of new medical school programs should occur within the environment of colleges and universities with strong undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the basic sciences and humanities. Medical education in the United States has reached its present high level in large part because of university control and affiliation. The standard of quality should be determined by a university faculty and not by any special interest groups outside a university.

The University of Minnesota, Duluth is an integral part of the University of Minnesota and as such adheres to the standards established by the University. It is also a rapidly developing campus of the University with strong undergraduate programs in the basic sciences and humanities and developing graduate programs in these areas. In addition to the programs in science, UMD also has a strong pre-med program which has met the needs of students for almost 20 years. UMD graduates have been highly successful in getting into medical school and in completing the requirements for the M.D. degree.

UMD not only has the programs necessary to provide a sound base for a medical school but it also has exceptional physical facilities and more than adequate space for a medical school.

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2. Duluth is already highly regarded as a medical services center. The health sciences manpower and facilities available in the city could be most useful to a medical school.
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 - In addition to three hospitals, Duluth also has a highly regarded Mental Health Hygiene Clinic and a Rehabilitation Center - housed in new modern facilities - both of which would add to the dimensions of a health service center and be of considerable use to a medical school.

3. If present trends prevail it is highly probable that within five to ten years there will be few, if any, internships in private hospitals. With the decrease in such services it seems likely that fewer and fewer young physicians will settle in communities remote from a medical school. Establishment of a medical school on the UMD campus would expose medical students to community practice and would further their interest in community and family medical care.

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4. Location of a medical school in northern Minnesota would provide a unique opportunity to develop a somewhat different type of medical education -- a type which might emphasize general practice.

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6. Location of a third medical center developed around a health services educational program in northern Minnesota would expand the economic base of the state. In a recent statement, Governor Harold LeVander indicated that broadening of this base geographically is not only desirable, but necessary.

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