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Duluth-- Experts in English literature and language usage will give the principal addresses at the spring conference of the Minnesota Council of Teachers of English Friday and Saturday (April 30-May 1) at UMD and the College of St. Scholastica.

Dr. Leonard Unger, professor of English at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and author of several books on poetry and the essay, will speak on "T.S. Eliot" at 6:45 p.m. banquet Friday in Kirby Student Center ballroom. A "crackerbarrel" discussion session will follow the Unger address.

Dr. J. N. Hook, professor of English education at the University of Illinois, Urbana, will speak on "English--Coming Up Fast on the Inside" at a luncheon Saturday at Somers Hall, College of St. Scholastica.

The 400 expected delegates will register at noon Friday at UMD's Tweed Gallery. Talks and discussion sessions during the afternoon will cover English curriculums, the National Defense Education Act, individual instruction in English, patterns in modern Irish literature, and language concepts for elementary teachers.

Saturday sessions at UMD include a Meet the Author breakfast at the UMD Campus Club, a business meeting, and discussion sessions on composition, English materials, the lyric short story, creative dramatics in elementary schools, language transparencies, and budgeting.

Dr. Anna L. Stensland, associate professor of English, is executive secretary of the Council and conference coordinator.

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Dr. Unger earned the B.A. degree at Vanderbilt University, the M.A. degree at Louisiana State University, and the Ph.D. degree at the State University of Iowa.

He was a Fullbright scholar at the University of Rome, Italy in 1957, a Fullbright Lecturer at the University of Athens, Greece in 1963 and a Guggenheim Fellow at Princeton in 1953.

He has authored or co-authored numerous poems, articles and books. His books include "Poems for Study," "The Man in the Name," and "T.S. Eliot: A Selected Critique."

Dr. Hook received the A.B., A.M. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Illinois. He has published research papers on the history of the Baconian heresy, 18th century imitations of Spenser, modern English grammar, methods of teaching English and the writing of examinations. He has written numerous articles and reviews on the teaching of English, writing and general English usage.

Dr. Hook was executive secretary for seven years of the National Council of Teachers of English, president of the Illinois Association of Teachers of English in 1957 and coordinator, Project English, 1962-63.

A display of English textbooks and other classroom materials will be on display at UMD throughout the conference.