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DULUTH--A ten-point, \$3,534,000 UMD building program for 1963 was presented Saturday to members of the Legislative Building Commission by Provost Raymond W. Darland.

The ten-man commission headed by Representative Eugene P. Knudsen, Kandiyohi, heard Provost Darland explain in detail UMD building requests which will be presented at the next session of the Minnesota Legislature.

Following the morning discussion and a luncheon at Kirby Student Center, commission members were to tour the campus, then wind up their Duluth visit with a stop at the Arthur M. Clure Public Marine Terminal, an inspection of foreign ships, and a boat ride around the harbor.

Provost Darland emphasized that the 1963 requests "represent a realistic appraisal of the construction needs on this campus if we are to meet rising enrollments by Northeastern Minnesota students. We must plan ahead so that we will be able to physically take care of more than 4,000 students by 1970."

The 1963 building requests, already approved by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents for UMD, are:

- * Library Addition.....\$958,000
- * Physical Plant shops and garage..... 448,000
- * Classroom Addition..... 850,000
- * Planning funds for a Science Addition,
four per cent of estimated cost..... 48,000

* Education building completion and equipment.....	240,000
* Industrial Education building equipment.....	350,000
* Study Hall.....	179,000
* Elevators for Humanities, Tweed Gallery and Science buildings.....	75,000
* Heating Plant coal storage and handling facilities.....	200,000
* Single-student housing, 176 students (25% of cost).....	<u>186,000</u>
	3,534,000

Dr. Darland noted that the last legislature approved spending \$1,461,000 for UMD to build a Home Economics-General Purpose Classroom building (\$896,000), a Humanities building addition(\$505,000), and for campus improvements (\$60,000). The money will not be made available nor can construction begin unless Amendment #2 is passed in the November election. "Passage of this amendment would eliminate the archaic \$250,000 state debt limit in the Constitution," Darland said. "The future of the entire state building program is dependent on voter approval of this proposal."

Provost Darland also briefly explained to the commission the 10-year UMD building program which has University Regents' approval. Total needs to complete the new UMD campus will cost \$15,095,000 Darland said.

The Legislative Building Commission members are visiting all state facilities and will make recommendations to the 1963 legislature on construction requests.

Commission members along with Chairman Knudsen are: Senator J. A. Josefson, Minnesota, vice chairman; Representative John P. Skeate, Minneapolis, secretary; Senator Chris L. Erickson, Fairmont; Senator William C. F. Heuer, Bertha; Senator Clifford Lofvegren, Alexandria; Senator Harold R. Popp, Hutchinson; Representative Harry Basford, Wolf Lake; Representative Peter X. Fugina, Virginia; Representative Sally Luther, Minneapolis; and Edward A. Burdick, St. Paul, executive secretary of the commission.