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DULUTH -- A return to the days of ~~Caesar~~ is in store for students attending the UMD Prom from 9 p.m. Saturday (May 21) to 1 a.m. Sunday (May 22) in Kirby Student Center.

Kirby's three floors will reverberate with varied musical styles but the decorative theme of "When in Rome. . ." will be constant, according to Prom Co-chairmen Mary Bennes of Thief River Falls and Ron Garatz of Duluth.

Bill Kovero and his Vagabonds will supply the smooth, easy sound for dancing in the stately atmosphere of columns, statues and fountains on the ballroom level.

The second (cafeteria) floor will be turned into a Roman banquet hall with imperial purple and red drapes surrounding long, low tables. Guests can listen to the jazz sound of "The Mark Oie Quartet."

Kirby lounge will become a dungeon where the ideally named contemporary group, "The Bad Omens," will rock the walls with their big sound.

The entrances to Kirby also will be decorated, possibly lined with grape vines; the terrace off the lounge will resemble a Roman garden with a giant fountain and pool.

The year's biggest dance is sponsored by the Student Association. Decoration committee members include: Fred Reynolds of Minneapolis (first floor), Richard Hille of Hopkins (second floor) and Tom Dibbell and Gene Blake of Duluth (third floor).

Susan Barich of Minneapolis is treasurer, Ty Gill of Virginia is decoration coordinator and Jody Dickman of Duluth is general equipment chairman.