On Friday, September 11, 1987, the members of the Education Division of Appropriations, and the Higher Education Committee met jointly to tour Mankato State University and to conclude with a hearing at the Student Union.

Members present:

**Education Division**
- Carlson, L., Chair
- Dorn
- Haukoos
- Munger
- Orenstein
- Price

**Higher Education**
- Jaros, Chair
- Johnson, B. (tour only)
- Johnson, V. (hearing only)
- Larsen (hearing only)
- Nelson, K.
- Pelowski (hearing only)
- Reding
- Trimble

Education Division members excused: Anderson, G., Boo, and Rose.

Higher Education members excused: Boo, Forsythe, Gruvenes, Heap, Kinkel, Kludt, Lasley, Omann, Otis, Ozment, Rukavena, and Tompkins.

The campus tour began at 8:45 a.m. with a welcome and introductory remarks by President Margaret Preska. Bonding projects discussed during the tour were: the proposed Trafton Science Center Addition, the proposed Memorial Library Addition, and the Wiecking Center remodeling (funded in the 1987 bonding bill). Members also toured the newly completed classroom and office building.

At 10:45 committee members assembled in Room 253-4-5 of the Student Union for an open microphone hearing. Rep. Carlson chaired the meeting. Dr. Robert Carothers, Chancellor of the State University System, welcomed members and discussed the following topics:

- Enrollment trends and implications
- Facilities, including capital budget priorities and issues related to residence halls and student unions
- Student costs, including issues of financial aid and work study programs
- Science and technology, including discussion of engineering programs
- Applied research and economic development, including discussion of the MSUS role in the Greater Minnesota Corporation
- Teacher education
- Professional recruiting and retention, including potential faculty shortages on the horizon.

The following persons presented testimony on the issues raised by Chancellor Carothers:

- Russ Stanton, Paul Grawe, and David Hess - (Representatives of the Inter-Faculty Organization)
- Rich Wheeler, Vice President of MN State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty
- Tim Wierzbicki, President, Mankato State University Student Assn.
- Marty McDonough, MSUSA
The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Dori Vaughan, Secretary

Lyndon Carlson, Chair

Mike Jaros, Chair