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From the Chancellor

Chancellor Casey was off campus last week.

He will have a column for the next edition of the Campus E-Update, scheduled for April 5.

Featured Events & Activities

International Dinner Series: Panama, Monday, March 22 – 6 p.m., Bede Ballroom, advanced tickets required

Information Sessions on Energy Conservation for Faculty and Staff, Tuesday, March 23 – 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 3:30 p.m., Brown Dining Room Meeting Room

UMC/UND Open House for UND's Online Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program, Tuesday, March 23 – 5 to 6:30 p.m., NWSA-Alseth Business Boardroom, 116 Dowell Hall, with presentation at 5:30 p.m.

Theater Production of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," Thursday through Saturday, March 25-27 – 7 p.m. nightly, Kiehle Auditorium; special matinee Friday, March 26, 1 p.m. for high school and senior citizen groups

Women's History Month Speaker Peg Lonquist: "How to be Outrageous," Monday, March 29 – 4 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Initiation Ceremony for Alpha Lambda Delta, the First-Year Scholastic Honor Society, Monday, March 29 – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium.

Book Discussion on *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*, Wednesday, March 31 – 3:30 p.m., Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center

International Dinner Series: Annual International Dinner, Wednesday, March 31 – 4:30 p.m. international talent showcase and table displays, 6 p.m. dinner, Bede Ballroom, advanced tickets required

Thursday Commons: Spring Semester Meeting of Campus Assembly, Thursday, April 1 – 12:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Live Video Downlink of President Bruininks' State of the University Address, Thursday, April 1– 3 p.m., 220 Dowell Hall

Floating Holiday, Friday, April 2 – classes excused, campus offices closed

Northwest Service Cooperative's 6th Annual Technology Seminar and Expo, Tuesday, April 6 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Commencement, Saturday, May 8 – Reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sargeant Student Center; Commencement Ceremonies 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

For details on these and a comprehensive listing of other events or to discover what's happening this week, visit UMC Today at www.umcrookston.edu/today or review our news page at blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news.

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

The spring semester meeting of the U of M, Crookston **Campus Assembly** will be held Thursday, April 1, at 12:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.

[View the Agenda.](#)

Faculty, staff, students are welcome to view a live video downlink of **President Bruininks' State of the University Address** on Thursday, April 1, at 3 p.m. in 220 Dowell Hall.

Academic Affairs –

Twenty-two U of M, Crookston students will be initiated into **Alpha Lambda Delta**, the first-year scholastic honor society, on Monday, March 29, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Faculty and staff are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston in collaboration with the University of North Dakota (UND) will present an open house and information session for **individuals interested in pursuing UND's Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree online** on Tuesday, March 23, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Alseth-NWSA Business Boardroom, Dowell Hall 116. The U of M, Crookston's online degree program in business management prepares graduates for management positions in business firms, institutions, small businesses, and other organizations and provides a well-rounded education in business operations. Students who have or will have completed their bachelor of science in business management from the U of M, Crookston will have achieved the necessary coursework required to begin the admissions process for UND's online MBA program. [Learn more.](#)

Student Affairs –

The U of M, Crookston chapter of the **National Society for Leadership and Success** will host its third live video broadcast and final speaker for the semester on Tuesday, March 23, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. in Bede Ballroom C, D, & E, bringing **New York Times bestselling author David Bach** to the series. Bach is internationally known for his *Finish Rich* book series. His eight consecutive national bestsellers have had a profound influence on the way Americans approach finances. Faculty and staff are invited to join students at this event.

The stage version John Steinbeck's drama **"Of Mice and Men"** will be performed at the U of M, Crookston on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 25-27. Performances will be held nightly at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. A special matinee performance will be offered on Friday, March 26, at 1 p.m. for high school students and senior citizens groups. There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted to help pay for the cost of the production. The play is best suited for mature audiences. Several campus departments have provided support for this production. [Learn more.](#)

In celebration of Women's History Month, guest speaker **Peg Lonquist, Ph.D.**, director of the Women's Center at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, will address the topic of women and leadership. Her presentation, "How to be Outrageous," is scheduled for 4 p.m., Monday, March 29, in Bede Ballroom, and is open to the campus community as well as the public. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

A book discussion on *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*, an autobiographical family history by Chinese writer Jung Chang, will be held on Wednesday, March 31, at 3:30 p.m. in the Prairie Room in the Sargeant Student Center. Copies of the book are available at the UMC Bookstore.

International Programs -

The popular International Dinner Series concludes with the annual **International Dinner**, Wednesday, March 31, in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. As part of the event the Multicultural-International Club will host an evening talent showcase, along with demonstrations, table displays, and entertainment from countries all over the world. At 4:30 p.m. students will present a showcase of talent followed by the dinner at 6 p.m. Contact [Rae French](#) at 218-281-8339 for tickets or information.

Operations and Facilities -

Faculty and staff are invited to attend any of three **informational sessions on energy conservation** hosted by Jana Emery of Otter Tail Power Company. These sessions provide an opportunity to discuss the things everyone can do to help save energy and reduce costs on campus. Three one-hour-long sessions are scheduled—9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.—on Tuesday, March 23, in the corner meeting room of Brown Dining Room. Coffee and cookies will be provided. Those who can't make it to one of these sessions but who still want to provide suggestions are encouraged to contact Jana at jemery@otpc.com.

Technology Services -

The U of M, Crookston Technology Advisory Committee recently proposed a **restructuring of the current Technology Fee** paid by students. The plan has received overwhelming support from various campus constituencies, and the new fee structure will go into effect July 1, 2010. The new fee structure divides the current singular fee known as the Technology Fee into two separate fees in order to present a more understandable approach to the items and uses associated with each fee. The two fees as they will appear on student billing statements will be designated by the well-known term Technology Fee and the newly-adopted term Notebook Computer Fee. To be clear, this proposal does not increase the amount of the current \$500 per semester fee; it breaks that total into two separate \$250 fees. The Technology Fee will support technology infrastructure, network equipment, printers, classroom technologies, projectors, salaries, and other technology services. The Notebook Computer Fee will support the notebook computer lease, the notebook computer gifting program, and other administrative and support services associated with the notebook computer program.

Development & Alumni Relations –

The **U of M, Crookston Alumni Association (UMCAA)** will hold its next board meeting Tuesday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. in Evergreen Hall. The **Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Alumni Association** board meeting will be held Monday, April 19, at 12 noon, in Kiehle 116.

Teambacker Fun Nite is slated for Friday, April 30, at the Crookston Eagles Club. Social begins at 6 p.m., meal at 6:30 p.m., and fundraiser/games at 7:30 p.m. **Early bird tickets at \$40 per person must be purchased by April 2.** Cost is \$50 per person after that date.

Save these dates for this summer's **Teambackers Golf Events**: Thursday, June 24 – Mark Olsonawski Endowed Scholarship Tournament, Hallock, Minn., 11 a.m. start, \$40 per person; Thursday, July 8 – Heart of the Valley Golf Tournament, Ada, Minn., 1 p.m. start, \$40 per person; Saturday, July 17 – UMC Teambacker Golf Tournament, Crookston, 11 a.m. start, \$85 per person; Thursday, July 22 – Highway 2 Golf Classic, Fosston and Erskine, Minn. – 10 a.m. start, price TBD.

The U of M, Crookston Alumni Association (UMCAA) will host its **Second Annual UMCAA Golf Tournament** on Monday, June 14, at the Alexandria Golf Club, 11:30 a.m. registration, 12:30 p.m. tee-off. All alumni and friends are welcome. For information please contact UMCAA President, [Cindy Bigger](#).

University Relations –

Now with more than 500 fans, the U of M, Crookston's **official Facebook page** continues to gain followers. To access the page, go to www.facebook.com/umcrookston.

University Relations and Development & Alumni Relations are pleased to announce the special annual report edition of the **Torch** alumni magazine has just been published and is available to preview online at http://issuu.com/umcrookston/docs/torch_spring2010. The print edition will arrive via traditional mail by the end of March. The special annual report edition features stories about the accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff during 2009.

Athletics –

The **Golden Eagles Hunt Seat and Western Equestrian Teams** hosted the regional competition at the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOOC) on campus March 6 and 7. The Hunt Seat Team was very successful and will send several representatives to Zone Finals, held in DeKalb, Ill. on April 10-11. The Western Team also finished the season with several

riders qualifying to advance to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Semifinals March 27-28 in Pomona, California. [Learn more.](#)

Baseball player **Jordan Triestram**, a senior majoring in accounting from Shakopee, Minn., was named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Pitcher of the Week for his performance in a 5-1 non-conference victory over the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Thursday, March 4, at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis. Triestram threw five innings allowing only one unearned run on no hits while striking out seven and walking three. UW-Stout's only hit in the game came with two out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Accolades

Interested individuals are invited to join the efforts of U of M, Crookston's **Lisa Loegering**, program association, service learning; **Sonia Spaeth**, assistant professor, art; Crookston High School (CHS) art teacher **Gary Stegman**; and local potter **Jenn Steinbrink**, owner of the Krazy Kiln, in the creation of 200 bowls to raise awareness of hunger and food security. On Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the CHS Art Room will be the host site for a **Bowl-A-Thon**. Eight potter's wheels will allow local potters and members of the community with experience creating pottery to make bowls out of clay. Interested individuals who don't have experience throwing pottery but want to help may use other techniques to hand build bowls. There is no charge for participating in the event, and all bowls will be donated to the Empty Bowls Dinner to be held during fall semester 2010 at the U of M, Crookston. [Learn more.](#)

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