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Crookston Campus E-Update

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Welcome to the *Crookston Campus E-Update*, where we highlight administrative activities and programs on campus. On a bi-weekly basis, we will have news from the Chancellor along with some featured events and activities. We'll also talk about what's happening in Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Finance and University Services, Human Resources, University Relations, Development & Alumni Relations and Athletics, on a rotating basis. If you have suggestions or ideas for the *E-Update*, please let us know (urumc@umn.edu).

From the Chancellor

Through connections and communication opportunities, we work to keep our internal and external constituents informed about what's happening around campus and the University system and the important role each plays in advancing educational efforts here in northwestern Minnesota.

On February 13-16, Barbara and I traveled with Development Director Corby Kemmer to the Phoenix, Ariz., area. There we hosted an event for **alumni of the Northwest School of Agriculture**; and we were all pleased to see 100 alumni and spouses attend the luncheon. We had the opportunity to present information about campus and share our enthusiasm about faculty, staff and students and we were able to answer questions during the event.

We also scheduled visits with some individuals while there. For example, on Saturday, we attended a reception and luncheon with Crookston residents who live in the area during the winter.

I want to remind everyone of **President's Bruininks State of the University address** that will be held on Thursday, March 1, at 3 p.m. You can listen to the President's address in Dowell 100 and learn more about the innovation and education going on throughout our system.

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– Charles H. Casey, Chancellor
University of Minnesota, Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Celebrate “Generations of Women Moving History Forward” throughout March – Featured events include a presentation by entertainer and health educator Deanna Latson on March 7; reception, concert and scholarship recognition event with Patty Kakac of the Granary Girls on March 8; “An Intergenerational Festival of Song” performance with folk singer Joe Crookston on March 20; and a Red Tent Celebration with panel discussion and activities on balancing life and work issues on March 26. More details: www.UMCrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story463.html

Alumni Socials hosted by the University of Minnesota, Crookston Alumni Association – Alumni and friends are invited to these informal gatherings to enjoy complimentary appetizers and a time to reminisce with classmates from the area. Events are scheduled in Alexandria, Minn., on

March 6 and Detroit Lakes, Minn., on March 22 (both from 5:30 to 7 p.m.). More details: www.UMC Crookston.edu/alumni and click on News & Events.

Historic Bison Skull on Display – A well-preserved, 1,000-year-old bison skull is on display in the Natural History Collection on the second floor of Owen Hall on campus. Dennis Nikolayson of rural Erskine, Minn., who discovered the skull on his farm in 1958, loaned the skull for exhibit. More details: www.uncrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story464.html

We look forward to seeing you here. For more details or to discover what's happening this week, visit UMC Today at www.UMC Crookston.edu/umcnews or review our news page at www.UMC Crookston.edu/umcnews/stories.

Around Campus

Academic Affairs – A new degree option in criminal justice will be offered on campus in cooperation with Bemidji State University. All promotion and tenure documentation is now with U of M administration for consideration. Nearly 20 undergraduate research projects were submitted for review and consideration, and notifications will be out to students and faculty advisors by the end of the week. Searches are currently underway for three campus positions: associate vice chancellor for student affairs, director of admissions and director of international programs.

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management – A Campus Camp-In is scheduled for March 2-3 and all prospective students are encouraged to “check us out” during the overnight visit. We are hosting the Chamber of Commerce Career Day for high school juniors on March 13 and an ACT workshop on March 31 for all interested high school students. Look for an announcement this week about the launch of a new dynamic Web component to encourage students to discover more about the University.

Finance & University Services – The Prairie Room, which was flooded earlier this month, is scheduled to be open again in early March; and an ATM is scheduled to be installed in the Student Center around the first week of March as well. New purchasing guidelines increase the bid threshold for goods and standard services from \$10,000 to \$50,000 as of March 1, 2007. These were developed to help make the system more effective and efficient. More details are online: <http://purchasing.umn.edu/>.

Development & Alumni Relations – December 2006 was the biggest month in history of development at the University of Minnesota. The U raised more than \$53 million and receipted more than 15,000 gifts. In January, the Crookston campus recorded a 9-percent increase in gifts and a 25-percent rise in dollars generated compared to 2006.

University Relations – Updated maps have been put up in Sahlstrom Conference Center to reflect current office locations and help visitors and new campus members navigate the buildings. The updated map for the campus entrance is in hand and ready for installation.

Athletics – Resources to strengthen staff, scholarships and operations in the football program are taking shape by moving part-time football coach Steve Olson into a fulltime position and hiring separate offense and defense fulltime coaches for the program. Five additional football scholarships are also in hand this season, taking the campus to 15 overall. We are also hiring a head baseball/assistant sports information director and have added an additional scholarship offering for both the men's and women's basketball program.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this news update, please send them to urumc@umn.edu.