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From the Chancellor

Last week, Barbara and I traveled to Arizona with Director of Development & Alumni Relations Corby Kemmer to attend the Arizona Social for Northwest School of Agriculture and University of Minnesota, Crookston alumni and friends. The attendance was nearly 100 and, as usual, everyone enjoyed the event and had a great time. We also had an opportunity to visit some individuals who are current or potential donors. It's always affirming to hear alumni speak about their experience, express appreciation for faculty and staff, and wish everyone well.

I have convened a committee of faculty, staff, and students to gather feedback on ideas for classroom improvements. Ideas may range from a small change to complete renovation of a classroom. We met for the first time last week, and this week we will continue to work toward making decisions so a plan can be made to allow work to begin on major renovations as soon as possible after the end of spring semester. Obviously, there will be many more suggestions than resources; however, we can make a difference for students and faculty in a number of rooms.

Interviews for a variety of faculty positions are underway. I encourage taking the time to participate in the process whenever possible.

I'm pleased to report two significant results of the February Board of Regents meeting. First, the Facilities Committee voted final approval of the new residence hall proposal for our campus, and the full Board voted its approval on Friday. This means we can now move forward with the

project so construction can begin as soon as weather allows this spring. Thanks to the many individuals who have been working to develop the proposal over the past several months.

Second, Central Administration presented the University's Six-year Capital Plan to the Regents and included the UMC recreation center proposal on the 2014 Legislative Request. To be included on the Six-year Capital Plan is a big step for our campus in what is a long process for final approval. However, we must be aware the plan may be adjusted or changed on an annual basis. This point was made by a few Regents and was acknowledged by administration. In any case, we will now be able to develop our plans more fully and begin fundraising to meet the one-third portion of the cost we are required to provide.

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

Featured Events & Activities

Celebration of Black History and Culture, Tuesday, February 28 – 6 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

Local Foods College Session: Small Fruit Production, Tuesday, February 28 – 6 p.m., Dowell 101

Mr. UMC Competition, Wednesday, February 29 – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

Women's History Month Kickoff Luncheon Featuring U of M Historian Ann Pflaum, Thursday, March 1 – 11 a.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Thursday Commons: Spring Convocation, March 1 – 12:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

U of M President Eric W. Kaler's State of the University Address, Thursday, March 1 – 3:30 p.m., Coffman Memorial Union Theater, Twin Cities campus, live video link in Dowell Hall 101, Crookston campus

UMC Hosts High School Section 8A Girls Basketball Tournament Games, Thursday, March 1 – 6 and 7:45 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m., Lysaker Gym, Sports Center

International Dinner Series: Cameroon, Monday, March 5 – 6 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Local Foods College Session: Backyard Poultry, Tuesday, March 6 – 6 p.m., Dowell 101

U of M, Crookston Alumni Association Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 7 – 6:30 p.m.,
Kiehle 116

UMC Hosts High School Section 8A Boys Basketball Tournament Games, Thursday,
March 8 – 6 and 7:45 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m., Lysaker Gym, Sports Center

Spring Break, Monday, March 12, Through Friday, March 16

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.

Learn more about events across the entire University of Minnesota system via [Brief](#).

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

Spring Semester Convocation is set for Thursday, March 1, at 12:30 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Alisha Aasness, Crookston Student Association President, will serve as master of ceremonies and the U of M, Crookston's First Lady Barbara Muesing will be the featured speaker. Chancellor Charles Casey will recognize student academic achievement, and varsity coaches will recognize their respective teams and provide season updates.

University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler will present his **State of the University Address** on Thursday, March 1, at 3:30 p.m. in Coffman Memorial Union Theater on the Twin Cities campus. The address will be broadcast live via interactive television to all campuses. There will be a question-and-answer period at the end of the address. On the Crookston campus, the address can be viewed in 101 Dowell Hall. Individuals may also visit the [2012 State of the University website](#) to view the address online.

Student Affairs –

Following a series of campus events celebrating Black History Month, February will close with a **"Celebration of Black History and Culture."** On Tuesday, February 28, at 6 p.m., the Black Student Association will host an evening event in Kiehle Auditorium filled with a variety of performances followed by a dessert reception. Planned performances include African drum and dance, a gospel choir, step team, a spoken word artist, and fashion show. All are welcome. The

event is free and open to the public.

Sixteen students representing various clubs and organizations will compete for the title at the annual **Mr. UMC Competition** on Wednesday, February 29, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. The theme this year is 00Crookston - License to Spy! Each year various student organizations at UMC pick their candidates for the tongue-in-cheek spoof of beauty contests. It's all in good fun as these guys strut their stuff on stage while showcasing formal wear, swim wear, Q & A, talent, and a dance routine. Sponsored by Student Programming and Activities for Campus Entertainment (S.P.A.C.E.), the event is free and open to the public.

To kick off **Women's History Month**, **Ann Pflaum**, historian for the University of Minnesota, will speak at a campus luncheon on Thursday, March 1, starting at 11 a.m. in Bede Ballroom. She will share stories about women throughout the history of the University. The campus community is invited, and a sandwich lunch will be provided.

Registrar –

A **new online system for ordering official transcripts** is scheduled to go live this month. This new system will be available for all students, past or present, on all University of Minnesota campuses. It offers faster ordering and processing, an electronic (certified PDF) official transcript option, and doesn't require an Internet ID (x.500) and password to create an order. In addition to the system change, a new pricing structure for transcripts will take effect. The UMC transcript web page is:

www.uncrookston.edu/onestop/registration/grades/grades_report2.html#fees. As always, individuals may order their transcripts from the UMC Office of the Registrar in 9 Hill Hall. [Learn more](#).

International Programs –

The annual **International Dinner Series** begins in March. This year three individual countries will be featured: “Cameroon –L’Afrique en Miniature (Little Africa)” with student Christian Yimgnia on Monday, March 5; “Taiwan Will Touch Our Hearts” with student Leon Chiang on Monday, March 19; and “Germany – The East and the West” with students Ronny Jaeckel and Nicolai Wilkins on Monday, March 26. The series culminates on Wednesday, April 11, when the Multicultural and International Club (M.I.C.) hosts its International Dinner with foods from many countries. All the dinners begin at 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, and the April 11 dinner features an international fair with tables representing many nations starting at 4:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 per meal for adults, \$3 per meal for students with UMC meal plans, and \$10 for students who do not have meal plans. [Learn more](#).

Development & Alumni Relations –

More than 100 people attended the **U of M, Crookston Arizona Social** held Friday, February 17, at ViewPoint Resort in Mesa, Az. The annual social was hosted by Corby Kemmer, director, Development & Alumni Relations, with Chancellor Casey and First Lady Barbara Muesing bringing greetings from campus. A few familiar names to mention in attendance were alumna Kari Torkelson, Jerry Knudson, George Marx, and Chuck Habstritt. During their four-day business trip to Arizona, Corby Kemmer, Chancellor Casey, and Barbara Muesing also made several personal donor visits and hosted a number of donor dinners. Next year's social will be held Friday, February 15, 2013.

To date, over the past six years (Jan. 2006 – Jan. 2012) **approximately \$4 million** has been raised in support of scholarships, academic programs, research and outreach, capital/facility improvements for the Crookston campus. Special thanks are offered to all donors, alumni, and supporters for their continued support of the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

University Relations -

A statewide advertising campaign featuring University of Minnesota alumni has been launched by the Office of University Relations on the Twin Cities campus. The campaign features prominent alumni of the various campuses of the U. In this region U of M, Crookston alum **David Genereux '80**, mayor of Crookston, will be featured in print and radio ads. The ads are scheduled to run in the Grand Forks Herald and the Crookston Times and on radio stations KJKJ 107.5 FM, KQHT 96.1 FM, and KROX 1260 AM.

Two new television ads for the U of M, Crookston will debut this week on regional TV stations, bringing the total to three rotating spots that will continue to run through mid-March. The ads will be posted soon to the U of M, Crookston's [YouTube page](#) as well as its [official Facebook page](#).

Athletics –

Golden Eagle Baseball player Matt Korte, a sophomore majoring in accounting from St. Cloud, Minn., has been named Pitcher of the Week by the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). Korte threw a complete game, shut-out victory as the Golden Eagles defeated Valley City State University 5-0 in their season opener on Monday, Feb. 20, at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis. Korte scattered four hits while striking out seven to get his first collegiate victory. The solid pitching in game one and some late-inning heroics in game two (5-4) allowed the Golden Eagles to sweep Valley City State University (VCSU) in the double header.

UMC will host **High School Section 8A Girls Basketball Tournament Games, Thursday,**

March 1, and High School Section 8A Boys Basketball Tournament Games, Thursday, March 8, in Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center. Games will begin at 6 and 7:45 p.m. on both nights, doors open at 5 p.m.

University of Minnesota System

The Minnesota Territorial Laws of 1851 established the University of Minnesota at what is now the Minneapolis campus and vested its government in a Board of Regents on **February 25, 1851**--seven years before the territory of Minnesota became a state! Known as the father of the University, Minneapolis entrepreneur John Sargent Pillsbury, who was a University regent, state senator, and governor, used his influence to establish the school as the official recipient of public support from the Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1862, designating it as Minnesota's land-grant university. This designation underlies the teaching, research, and outreach mission of the University of Minnesota and its five coordinate campuses and many Research and Outreach Centers and Extension Offices. Learn more about the importance of land grant universities at www.aplu.org, and learn about the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Land-Grant Act at the U of M at landgrant150.umn.edu.

Accolades

Adam Kleinschmidt, a senior from Glenwood, Minn., majoring in natural resources, received the Student Conservationist award from the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society at its annual meeting in Fargo, N.D. This award marks the 10th time in the last 15 years that a U of M, Crookston student has received the award. The annual meeting was held jointly by the Minnesota Chapter and the North Dakota chapters of the organization. The Student Conservationist Award is awarded to a student "who has shown a commitment to wildlife, has high scholastic achievement, and shows promise as a future wildlife professional." Kleinschmidt is double majoring in wildlife management and natural resources law enforcement.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston has been named to the **Princeton Review's "Best Value Colleges: 2012 Edition."** The list of best value colleges, announced Tuesday, February 7, features 75 public and 75 private colleges and universities. The annual list is a project the education services company launched in 2004 identifying America's top undergraduate schools offering excellent academics, generous financial aid, and/or relatively low cost of attendance. The Princeton Review bases its rankings on surveys of administrators and students at 650 institutions. The selection criteria examined more than 30 factors in the areas of academics, cost of attendance and financial aid, using data from surveys conducted from fall 2010 through fall 2011. This year's list included colleges in 37 states and the District of

Columbia, with California having the most schools represented: 19. Fifty-six colleges, including the U of M, Crookston, are new to the list this year.

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