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Welcome to the *Crookston Campus E-Update*, where we highlight administrative activities and programs on campus. We share 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).

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From the Chancellor

I'm pleased to report that several construction projects are underway, including a new utility tunnel at the main entrance to the campus, and improvements in Sahlstrom, Dowell and Hill halls. The concession and restroom facility are under construction near the football field. These projects are designed to improve the workplace environment and support the overall student experience. Also, planned is the demolition of Robertson Hall, a building that has served the mission well.

During the summer we will establish the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in Crookston in partnership with RiverView Health. Finalists for the AHEC position will be interviewed on June 25. Candidates will have the opportunity to see the facility and the AHEC office space during the interviews. We're also working with Bemidji State University on a proposal for a Small Business Development Center.

On June 12-14, the executive committee will have their retreat at Horseshoe Bay Resort in Walker, Minn. On June 29-30, we look forward to hosting alumni from the Northwest School of Agriculture.

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

Featured Events & Activities

White Earth Reservation Academy of Math and Science will take place from June 4-29. On June 14-15, the campers will be on the UMC campus as part of the four week educational program. To learn more about the camp, visit: <http://www.umcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories/story533.html>

Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Reunion – UMC will host alumni from the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) on Friday and Saturday, June 29-30. The NWSA was the residential high school located on this campus from 1906-68.

Summer Camps in June and July – UMC is hosting several [camps this summer](#): Students Today, Leaders Forever (STLF) June 10-15; Game Design Camp June 24-30; and Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) July 8-14. Sign up today for a great educational experience.

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

Around Campus

Academic Affairs – Welcome to Peter Phaijah, Ph.D., our new associate vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management; his first day on campus was Friday, June 2. Our new Director of International Programs Kim Gillette, Ph.D., will begin her role in July. The campus delegates from UMC visiting China will return June 6.

Student Affairs and Enrollment – We will be sending a team to the Campus Compact Retention Summit at Metro State University on June 25 - 26. This will be to plan a mentoring project as part of a statewide pilot program that UMC will be joining. UMC will be offering tuition banding beginning this fall and a committee has been formed to look at the implications and work to promote it with our students and community. Changes have been made to the merit scholarship program. Effective fall 2008, the current scholarship grids (which encompass ACT and GPA) will be replaced with a new easier-to-understand program that raises the ACT requirement to a 21 minimum and requires a high school GPA of 3.25. Merit Scholarships will also be available to Canadian students at that time. Current students will not be affected by the changes. Admissions Web page will launch June 11.

Finance & University Services – Track resurfacing has been scheduled for June 8-30. There have been changes and updates in the business office. Principal Accounts Specialist Peggy Chaput is located in Selvig 121. Donna Larson is now located in Selvig 106. Please remember to redirect accounts payable and purchasing items to Peggy in Selvig 121 and time sheets and other payroll items to Donna in Selvig 106.

Development & Alumni Relations – On May 15-17, development staff traveled to Minneapolis for professional development. The staff attended the women's event at Eastcliff, attended meetings at the McNamara Alumni Center and received tours and training. Thank you to Barbara Muesing for all her help in setting up the successful women's event at Eastcliff. The \$50,000 in 50 Day's Campaign was extended to Friday, June 1. Upcoming Golf tournaments: Thursday, June 14 – Heart of the Valley UMC Teambackers Golf Tournament held, Ada, Minn.; Thursday, June 28 – Mark Olsonawski Endowment Scholarship Golf Tournament, Hallock, Minn.; Saturday, July 21 – UMC Golf Classic, Minakwa Golf Club in Crookston. On June 6-8, Corby Kemmer, Bill Tyrrell and Stephanie Helgeson will attend the National Association of Athletic Development Directors Conference in Orlando, Fla. A second phase of work will begin in early June on Centennial Wall on the campus mall (bricks are still available for purchase).

University Relations – Campus planning for the Minnesota State Sesquicentennial is underway. The Web site for the celebration is www.mn150years.org. We will be hosting the Ox Cart Days ice cream social on Friday, August 17 from 3 -5 p.m. Watch your e-mail and sign up for an opportunity to help scoop ice cream and host the community on campus. Theme for this year's Ox Cart Days Celebration is "A Flashback in Time." The Crookston campus will get a fresh look over this next year as we transition from the Crookston M to the block M beginning this summer. Plans call for retiring the Crookston M at the end of spring semester 2008.

Athletics – Danika Kent competed in Nationals in the Intercollegiate Horse Showing Association (IHSA) Western Horsemanship held in West Springfield, Massachusetts, ending her year as the 10th best rider in the country. Golden Eagle Men's Golfer, Steven Busho was named to the NCAA II Ping All-Region team following a season that saw him finish 12th at the Central Region Invitational. Kyle Peterson tied for 22 overall at the NCAA II Central Region Invitational. Five UMC student-athletes were named to the NSIC All-Academic team. To be a member of this team you must have a GPA of 3.2 or higher and be of sophomore status. The five students are Kristin Fritz, Lorelei McGee, Britney Winkelman, and Cassie Yates, UMC softball players, and Kyle Nyquist, who plays baseball. Natasha Kuhle has been hired as the new Assistant Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. She will begin on June 13.

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