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Crookston Campus E-Update

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Welcome to the first edition of the *Crookston Campus E-Update*, where we highlight administrative activities and programs on campus. On a bi-weekly basis, you'll hear from Chancellor Charles H. Casey and learn about 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 (klemos@umn.edu).

From the Chancellor

Spring semester 2007 is fully underway with many activities and opportunities to support efforts to achieve our goals and advance the campus mission. Here are a few highlights.

Compact planning for 2007-08 is moving forward. The compact planning process creates a blueprint outlining our strategic goals for the coming year, action plans for achieving them and associated costs. The compact also includes requests for additional funds from University administration above and beyond our standard revenue stream. It also details and evaluates current year accomplishments. All department heads and unit managers are requested to seek input on accomplishments for 2006-07 and recommendations for inclusion in the 2007-08 Compact. The University of Minnesota, Crookston Compact meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2007 at the Twin Cities campus.

Also, I am seeking nominations for members of the **All-College Advisory Council**, a group of community leaders who contribute to the success of the campus. A number of current members have chosen to end their service to the council, and this is an opportunity to add new individuals. We will be looking for members who have knowledge about the Crookston campus, higher education and this region of the state. Please give special thought to the opportunity to add to the gender and ethnic diversity of the council. Barbara Ricord has additional information if you are considering nominating someone; please forward nominations to her (bricord@umn.edu).

Earlier this month, I attended the **National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Annual Convention** from January 5-8, and was joined by faculty representative, Cleon Melsa, Ph.D., Athletic Director Stephanie Helgeson and Assistant Athletic Director Cathleen Behr.

We attended various workshops, general sessions and the NCAA Division II Business Session. During the convention, we also attended a meeting of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Council where a number of issues were discussed. There were brief presentations regarding membership application to the NSIC by representatives from St. Cloud State University, Augustana College, University of Minnesota, Duluth and Minnesota State University, Mankato. I also plan to attend the NSIC board meeting in St. Paul on Wednesday, January 17, where we will discuss expansion issues.

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

Featured Events & Activities

Ag-Arama, January 26 and 27– Ag-Arama is an annual winter competition that focuses on agriculture and natural resources. Alumni, students and faculty all take part in the activities. The 32nd Annual Ag-Arama features contests in agronomy, animal science, horticulture and natural resources. For more details, contact slyk0002@umn.edu.

Black History Month Celebrations

A special presentation by **Tommie Smith**, civil rights advocate and 1968 Olympic champion, will honor the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. The presentation on January 25 will be held in Kiehle Auditorium from 4 to 5 p.m. with reception following.

Boxes & Walls, an interactive museum, will be open February 22 and 23 in Bede Ballroom from noon to 4 p.m. The exhibits provide a perspective on various oppressed groups by creating situations where museum participants experience discrimination while participating in the re-creation of an event.

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 – Degree options are expanding on campus, supporting efforts to retain and recruit students. A bachelor of science in biology has been developed and forwarded to the Provost for consideration; name changes have also been forwarded for Animal Science and Equine Science; a psychology program is being developed; and faculty members are developing a proposal for institutional teacher licensure for the Early Childhood Education program with the goal of expanding from K-3 to K-6.

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management – Nearly 30 students came for the first spring Campus Preview Day on January 13. Two other student recruiting events are being offered off site: one in the Twin Cities metro area on January 20 and the other in Eau Claire, Wis., on February 3. A refreshed Admissions' Web site will be up and running this month as well (<http://admissions.umcrookston.edu>). A special mailing has gone out to Phi Theta Kappa honor students from two year colleges to recruit them to campus. The deadline to apply for specialty scholarships is February 15, and Financial Aid is holding seven financial aid nights at local schools.

Finance & University Services – Bids will go out this month for demolition of Robertson Hall. The new heating plant, designed to accommodate the new coal handling system, is about ready to go online. In addition, the gas boiler backup system is in the final testing stages.

Development & Alumni Relations – Total gifts to the Crookston campus to date are up nearly \$200,000 compared to this time one year ago. Areas of giving include scholarships, academic program support, student support, capital improvements, research and outreach and faculty support. Chancellor Charles H. Casey and Director of Development & Alumni Relations Corby Kemmer will travel to Mesa, Ariz., for the annual Arizona Alumni Social to talk with alumni about opportunities to give back and continue to enhance campus educational opportunities.

Athletics – With the campus reaffirmation and commitment to NCAA Division II and the NSIC, staff and coaches will be working to set clear goals and finalize plans for moving ahead with

priority investments in the football program. Also a gender equity committee is being established on campus to determine the best methods for providing equal opportunities for athletes. Athletics will be putting together a campus-wide committee.

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