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## **Crookston Campus E-Update**

an internal administrative news digest

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### **From the Chancellor**

I've just returned from my second trip to China where we continued building relationships with Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic (ZJETP) and Zhejiang Forestry University (ZFU) in Hangzhou. As a result, my comments this issue will be brief, and I will provide more details in the next issue.

This was the first visit to our partner universities for International Programs Director Kimberly Gillette, Ph.D. Our group also included my wife, Barbara Muesing, and Assistant Professor Jingpeng Tang, Ph.D., and Career and Counseling Services Director Don Cavalier. The visit was successful and a valuable opportunity to talk about curriculum exchange and to solidify our partnership with ZFU, a four-year university with 18,000 students.

As winter approaches, we want to remind everyone to plan for severe weather emergencies and review the campus policy on closing due to winter storms. The policy is online at <http://www.umcrookston.edu/info/policies/closing.htm> and linked from the [Today](#) page. In the event of a closing, notifications will be posted on the Web site and broadcast on KROX 1260 AM in Crookston and TV channels 8 (WDAZ) and 11 (KVLV). For more winter storm survival and travel tips, visit the U of M Department of Public Safety Web site at <http://www.dem.umn.edu/weatherem.html>.

We were also pleased to host two U of M administrators on campus yesterday, November 5. Vice Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Billie Wahlstrom, Ph.D., and Assistant Vice President of Academic Health Center Special Programs Barbara Brandt, Ph.D., visited with faculty and staff regarding online degree program growth as well as health-related degree curriculum and cooperative efforts with the Crookston Area Health Education Center in particular.

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

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### **Featured Events & Activities**

**Northwest Educational Improvement Association (NWEIA) Board Meeting, November 6** – The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom E.

**Bascom Hill Band, November 7** – Come enjoy the music and be a part of this “What’s on Wednesday” event sponsored by Student Programming and Activities for Campus Entertainment (S.P.A.C.E.) at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium.

**International Week, November 11-16** – A passport drive, which is open to the community, will be held in the Northern Lights Lounge in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 13. Pictures will be taken on the spot, and all passports will be processed on campus. An

international photo contest for students will be held in conjunction with the passport drive, and photographs will be on display. [Click here](#) for a list of all events.

**Singer/Songwriter John Mathie, November 12** – “Musical Monday,” sponsored by S.P.A.C.E., is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Northern Lights Lounge, Student Center.

**Faculty/Staff Night and Basketball vs. Valley City State, November 20** – Faculty and staff are invited to attend the basketball teams’ home openers with a social at 4:30 p.m. in Knutson 115. The Golden Eagle women's basketball game begins at 6 p.m. followed by the Golden Eagle men's basketball game at 8 p.m. All faculty/staff in attendance will be recognized at half-time.

**Thanksgiving Holiday, November 22-23** – No classes; offices closed.

We look forward to seeing you. For more details or to discover what’s happening this week, visit UMC Today at [www.UMCcrookston.edu/umcnews](http://www.UMCcrookston.edu/umcnews) or review our news page at [www.UMCcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories](http://www.UMCcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories).

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## Around Campus

**Academic Affairs** – The campus College in the High School (CIHS) program [received national accredited](#) by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) last week. Congratulations to Center for Adult Learning Director Michelle Christopherson, CIHS Program Associate Jodi Steiner and their team for this achievement. Also, the Great Midwestern International Horse Show recently named [Nicky Overgaard the 2007 Horsewoman of the Year](#). Overgaard is an instructor in equine industries management.

From November 11-14, the Minnesota Board of Teaching site visit team will be on campus to evaluate our proposal for institutional licensure to offer teacher education programs. Preparation for this visit has been led by Associate Professor Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, Ph.D., along with associate professors Marilyn Grave and Marsha Odom, Ed.D. Success with this review will open the door for teacher certification programs in many areas besides our Early Childhood Education program, birth thru third grade, which is currently offered in cooperation with Bemidji State University.

The organizational psychology degree proposal conceptualized and written by Assistant Professor Alvin Killough, Ph.D., has been forwarded to Provost Tom Sullivan’s office for review and will go to the Regents when finalized.

Search committees have been formed for the two department head positions and job descriptions should be available online by the end of the week. There are nine tenure-track positions, in addition to the two department head positions, in various stages of the recruitment process.

The purchase order for the new telephone system is specked and is scheduled to go before the Board of Regents in December.

**Student Affairs and Enrollment** – Preparations are being made to install an ice rink on the northwest corner of the Campus Mall. The rink should be ready at the start of spring semester. The plan includes acquiring several pairs of loaner skates to check out, similar to the process now used for checking out cross-country and snow shoes equipment in the Student Center. Retention Committee members attended the U of M-system Retention Summit on October 30 to discuss best practices for enhancing retention and graduation rates. The Career Services Office has completed its cooperative effort with the UMC Library to improve access to career and job resources. Check out the Library-Career Resources Web page at <http://Library.umcrookston.edu/resumes.htm>.

Faculty and staff recently received "Behavioral Alert" referral information regarding how to support students who may want to visit with a counselor about academic, personal, social or career issues.

**Finance & University Services** – The director of facilities and operations position is scheduled to be posted online this week. Residence hall planning continues with staff providing numbers to the U of M Office of Budget and Finance to show what our financial plans are for both current and new residence halls.

An emergency management training exercise will be held on Nov. 15. This training will be a tabletop simulation of an emergency situation and will help administrators understand the proper responses and actions for a given situation.

The Facilities Management and Operations Department has rolled out a new work order system called Maintenance Direct. If you had previous access to Net Facilities, please contact Exec. Administrative Specialist Michelle Ramstad ([umlr005@umn.edu](mailto:umlr005@umn.edu) or 218-281-8483) to sign up for the new system.

**Development & Alumni Relations** – The Office of Development & Alumni Relations will host an Alumni & Friends Gathering in Hallock, Minn., on Tues., Nov. 13, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Caribou Grill – Restaurant & Lounge. A van for employees will leave for Hallock about 4:30 p.m. that day; those interested in attending should contact the Development Office at 218-281-8434.

Special thanks go to the following Teambacker members who assisted with this season's tailgates during Golden Eagle Football games: Marv Bachmeier, Tom Helgeson, Bob Johnson, Chuck Holmquist, Chuck Wilder, Ed Odland, Chuck Larson, Nate Lubarski, Stephanie Helgeson, Ray Dusek and Bill Tyrrell.

More than 170 people attended the [Torch & Shield Award Banquet](#) held in October. Thank you to the many individuals whose dedication and hard work made this event such a success.

Our sincere thank you and appreciation to all alumni, friends and businesses who continue to philanthropically support the Crookston campus and its students by your private giving; your support is crucial to strengthening the campus and allowing students today and those tomorrow the opportunity to receive a world-class education with less financial burden. To learn more about ways to give please contact Corby Kemmer, director of Development & Alumni Relations, at 218-281-8434 or [ckemmer@umn.edu](mailto:ckemmer@umn.edu).

**University Relations** – As a part of the tallgrass aspen parklands biome, the city of Crookston has applied to be Capital for a Day during Statehood Week next May. Voting takes place November 11-25, 2007, so cast your vote online at <http://mn150years.org>!

An updated [Faculty/Staff handbook](#) is now posted online off the Faculty & Staff Web page. The handbook is designed to be a reference guide for access to organization resources, policies and routine business processes. It will be updated and expanded as needed, so let us know if you have suggestions ([urUMC@umn.edu](mailto:urUMC@umn.edu)).

The U of M and Crookston campus encourages everyone to recognize graduates, friends of the university and those who have achieved extraordinary distinction in their particular fields of study by nominating them for university awards. For more information about the awards or nomination process, visit <http://uawards.umn.edu> or call Vickie Courtney, program director for University Honors and Awards, at 612-625-4805.

**Athletics** – Congratulations to Golden Eagles women's soccer team member Kiely Bladow, Monument, Colo., who was named to the Northern Sun All-Conference second team. Bladow, a

four-year starter for the Golden Eagles and sole senior this year, had one goal and led the team with 13 assists.

The men's and women's basketball season gets underway this month with the first home game slated for November 20. Hockey's first home game is Nov. 26.

The Youth NFL Super Bowl took place on October 21 between the Cowboys and the Eagles. The hundreds of attendees were not disappointed as the game went down to the wire with the Cowboys scoring and taking the title 32-26 with under a minute left in regulation. Thanks to all who participated. The program was a huge success, and we look forward to even more participants next year.

The U of M, Crookston was pleased to host Section 8A Volleyball tournaments on Oct. 25, Nov 1, and Nov. 3.

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