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From the Chancellor

I attended the February Board of Regents meeting last week. Major presentations included a progress report on the University's FY 2010 operating budget and FY 2011 preliminary budget planning guidelines, faculty teaching, best practices in performance management, individual business or financial conflicts of interest, several facilities projects, and commercialization of technology.

A noon luncheon was hosted by the regents to recognize student ambassadors from all University campuses. Crookston was represented by Greg Summers and Joe Harren. The ambassadors, who are volunteers, are best known for providing campus tours for prospective students and their families. They have a significant impact on students' decisions to attend the University of Minnesota at any of its five campuses.

On Tuesday, February 9, over 30 Crookston campus students traveled to the capital to meet with legislators and lobby for support for the University of Minnesota. I appreciate their taking time from their busy schedules to speak with legislators about their experiences and the need for investment in the University of Minnesota. Thanks to the Crookston Student Association and President Thomas Haarstick and Vice President Alyssa Jensen for their leadership. Thanks as well to Lisa Samuelson, Don Cavalier, and Andrew Svec for their support of the students.

I want to again express appreciation to the facilities staff for their efforts in dealing with the amount of snow on campus. Clearing the snow from sidewalks, streets, and parking lots has been a real challenge again this year.

On Wednesday Barbara and I will be traveling to Mesa, Arizona, to join Development Director Corby Kemmer. We will be visiting donors and alumni and hosting a luncheon for Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni on Friday.

Have a good week.

– Chuck

Charles H. Casey, Chancellor
University of Minnesota, Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Congressman Collin Peterson's Home Grown Economy Interactive Video Conference, Tuesday, February 16 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) Fundraiser for the Crookston Area Special Olympics Basketball Team, Tuesday, February 16 - 5:30 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

Diversity Café Viewing and Discussion of the Film “Rosewood,” Tuesday, February 16- 7 p.m., McCall Hall Basement

Live Video Conference: the Intersection of Culture and Children's Mental Health, Wednesday, February 17 – 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Thursday Commons: Spotlight on Golden Eagle Athletics, Thursday, February 18 - 12:15 to 1:45 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Admissions Hosts Campus Preview Day, Saturday, February 20 – 9:45 a.m. Check-In, Sargeant Student Center

Residential Life’s Mentor in Residence Series: Pianist John McKay, Monday, February 22 - 7:30 p.m., Evergreen Hall Lobby

UMC Hosts High School Knowledge Bowl, Tuesday, February 23 - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., various locations across campus

International Dinner Series: Korea, Monday, March 1 – 6 p.m., Bede Ballroom, advanced tickets required: \$12 for an individual evening or \$40 for the entire four-dinner series

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.

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend a **Spotlight on Golden Eagle Athletics** during the Thursday Commons session Thursday, Feb. 18, from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Attendees may be surprised at everything that goes into this important element of the student experience as they learn more about the events, the planning and support, recruitment, and all aspects of Golden Eagle Athletics. Student athletes and staff members will provide a better understanding of and appreciation for what the Golden Eagles Athletics Program brings the campus and community. There are no classes scheduled for Thursdays from 12 noon to 2 p.m., so plan to attend this event. Attendees may bring their lunch.

Academic Affairs –

The University of Minnesota, Crookston in collaboration with the University of North Dakota (UND) will present an informational session for **prospective students interested in pursuing a Master of Business Administration (MBA) online** on Tuesday, March 23, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Alseth-NWSA Business Boardroom, Dowell Hall 116. The U of M, Crookston's online degree program in business management prepares graduates for management positions in business firms, institutions, small businesses, and other organizations and provides a well-rounded education in business operations. Students who have or will have completed their bachelor of science in business management from the U of M, Crookston will have achieved the necessary coursework required to begin the admissions process for UND's online MBA program. Contact the [Center for Adult Learning](#) at 218-281-8681 for more information.

Student Affairs –

Continuing the series of events commemorating **Black History Month**, the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Programs, along with the Black Student Association and in cooperation with UMC Athletics, Residential Life, and Student Services, will present a special showing and discussion of the film **“Rosewood” at Diversity Café** beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, in the basement of McCall Hall. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend and discuss this dramatization of actual events. In 1923 a racist lynch mob attacked the

predominantly African-American community of Rosewood, Florida, killing most of its residents and burning it to the ground.

The U of M, Crookston's participation in the **National Society for Leadership and Success (NSLS)** kicks off with student leadership training on Wednesday and Thursday, February 17 and 18, from 2-5 p.m. in the Evergreen Grill, Evergreen Hall. On Tuesday, February 23, at 6 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium a series of three leadership speakers via online webcast will begin with noted sociologist, author, lecturer, and educator Bertice Berry, Ph.D. For more information contact Don Cavalier at 218-281-8585 or Peter Phaiiah 218-281-8505.

The second guest in Residential Life's **Mentor in Residence Series** is **concert pianist John McKay**. While visiting campus, McKay will perform a special recital including classical pieces by Haydn, Beethoven, and Chopin on Monday, February 22, dedicating the grand piano in Evergreen Hall. The recital will begin at 7:30 p.m. that evening in Evergreen Hall's Main Lobby. Refreshments will be served afterward. The concert is free and everyone is invited to attend. [Learn more.](#)

International Programs -

The **2010 International Dinner Series** kicks off on March 1 with the country of Korea, continues March 8 with Dubai (United Arab Emirates), is followed by Panama on March 22, and culminates with the International Dinner Finale on March 31. International students will share their favorite dishes and special presentations related to their home country during the series. Dinner is served each evening at 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Tickets are available in advance only, \$12 for an individual evening or \$40 for the entire series. Children's tickets are available for \$10 for an evening and \$35 for the series. Contact [Rae French](#), coordinator of study abroad, at 218-281-8339 for tickets or more details.

Operations and Facilities -

A new website, www.umcrookston.edu/masterplan, has been established to host information regarding the **U of M, Crookston Master Plan**, which is being updated. The Crookston Campus Master Plan establishes a framework to guide the evolution of the campus environment in support of the academic mission. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to review the information and provide feedback using the comment sheet available on the site. Feedback should be provided by March 15, 2010, so it can be compiled and reviewed before the plan is finalized. The goal is to present a finalized, updated plan for approval by the U of M Board of Regents in late spring/early summer 2010.

Development & Alumni Relations –

With a participation rate of 32% of faculty and staff, more than \$19,600 was raised from the campus community through the **2010 Challenge Faculty and Staff Fund Drive**. Contributions are tax deductible and will be matched dollar-for-dollar, bringing the total to over \$39,000. Sincere thanks are offered to all those who participated in supporting students in the form of scholarships through this drive. Special thanks go to this year's organizing committee members: Amber Evans-Dailey, Phil Baird, Alysa Tulibaski, Kenneth Johnson, Corby Kemmer, director, Development & Alumni Relations, and his staff Sue Dwyer, Rose Ulseth, and Bill Tyrrell.

The annual **NWSA and U of M, Crookston Arizona Social** will be held Friday, February 19, at the Terrace Green at ViewPoint Resort in Mesa, Arizona, from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The event will be hosted by Corby Kemmer, director, Development & Alumni Relations, and will include greetings from U of M, Crookston Chancellor Charles H. Casey and First Lady Barbara Muesing. Contact [Sue Dwyer](#) for detailed information at 218.281.8401.

Nearly \$110,000 has been raised by **Teambackers**, which now has 192 members to date. Anyone interested in joining Teambackers and supporting student-athletes should contact [Bill Tyrrell](#) at 218.281.8436.

University Relations –

A pilot project involving **ads for academic programs on Facebook** will begin mid-February 2010 and will run through mid-May. Ads for four degree programs—criminal justice, equine science, marketing, and software engineering—represent each of the four academic departments on campus. The results from this pilot project will help determine whether ads for additional degree programs will be developed for Facebook.

Athletics –

The U of M, Crookston **Western Equestrian Team** closed out a stellar regular season in style the weekend of February 6 and 7 at North Dakota State University (NDSU). The Golden Eagles captured the High Point Team Award on Saturday and the Reserve High Point Team Award on Saturday to claim the **Zone 9, Region 3 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Championship**. The win qualifies U of M, Crookston's Western squad for the IHSA Semi-finals hosted by Cal-Poly Pomona in Pomona, Calif., on March 27-28. **Amanda Peterson**, a senior from Rochester, Minn., finished the year as High Point Rider of the Region and will advance to the IHSA National Competition to compete for the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) High Point Rider Cup. On Sunday, she finished her final year showing as the Reserve High Point Rider of the Day winning the Open Horsemanship and taking second in Reining.

The **Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC)** will sponsor a fundraiser for the **Crookston Area Special Olympics Basketball Team** on Tuesday, February 16, at 5:30 p.m. in

Lysaker Gymnasium. The Crookston Area Special Olympics Basketball Team will play two 20-minute basketball games, the first game facing a team of UMC student-athletes and the second game taking on UMC coaches and select members of the Crookston community. A slam-dunk contest with the UMC Men's Basketball Team also will be featured. All proceeds raised will support the Crookston Area Special Olympics.

Campus & Community -

Nationwide, an increasing interest in locally grown food is creating new economic opportunities for farmers, main street businesses, and residents of rural communities. Growing, processing, and distributing food from the farm to the local dinner plate is the topic of the **Congressman Collin Peterson's Third Home Grown Economy Conference**, Tuesday, February 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will be held in Marshall, Minnesota, and in order to engage as many citizens as possible, interactive video sessions will be offered simultaneously at four additional locations in District 7, including Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, on the campus of the U of M, Crookston. **U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack** is scheduled to be the keynote speaker that morning at 9:15 a.m. Pre-registration is required. A registration fee of \$45 per person or \$10 per student includes food, beverage, and conference materials.

On Wednesday, February 17, The Center for Excellence in Children's Mental Health and Harris Programs of the University of Minnesota will sponsor a live video conference, **"The Intersection of Culture and Children's Mental Health."** This workshop will originate in Coffman Union Theater on the U of M's Twin Cities campus and will be broadcast live to over 25 sites in greater Minnesota including the Crookston campus. The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and runs until 12:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom in Sargeant Student Center. Pre-registration is required and can be completed by visiting www.cmh.umn.edu and clicking on Lessons from the Field. The workshop on the Crookston campus is co-sponsored by the U of M, Crookston and Northwest Mental Health. Refreshments will be served.

Accolades

Designed for employees to network and share best practices, the University of Minnesota held its annual, system-wide **Quality Fair** on February 4 on the Twin Cities campus. Each year the top six entries in the poster session are recognized with a \$500 prize for the department responsible for the poster's creation. A poster by Crookston campus staff members **Melissa Dingmann**, director of financial aid, and **Emily Knutson**, financial aid counselor and workstudy coordinator, was awarded third place overall out of the 35 posters entered in the fair. Their poster, "Tracking Workstudy Study Funds Effectively Across Campus," detailed a better way to manage student workstudy. In 2007, the two enlisted the expertise of Tom Mulvaney, an information technology professional at UMC, to build an online, Web-based database for them to manage the workstudy funds while allowing access by students, faculty, and staff to help with such tasks as printing contracts and tracking hours.

The U of M, Crookston **Turf Bowl Team** placed 7th in the National Turf Bowl Competition held during the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Education Conference and Trade Show on February 8-12, in San Diego, Calif. Members of the team included **Tom Halver**, a junior from Chaska, Minn.; **Philip Holland**, a senior from New London, Minn.; **Mark Michalski**, a senior from Silver Bay, Minn.; and **Weston Wander**, a senior from Sauk Centre, Minn. Of the 67 teams representing 31 universities, the U of M, Crookston Turf Bowl Team ranked just behind some major turf grass programs including Iowa State University located in Ames; University of Massachusetts in Amherst; Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.; and Penn State located in State College.

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