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

Student-athletes and Summer Start students arrive on campus this week and even more students will be moving into residence halls the weekend of August 25-26 in preparation for classes which begin August 28. In addition to staff who joined us after the summer break on August 1, we will welcome faculty on August 20 for a week of orientation and preparation for the start of classes. It’s a time of excitement and anticipation for the 2007-08 academic year. It’s a great time to be at the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

The Board of Regents approved the contract agreement between the University Education Association, which represents the Crookston faculty, and the University of Minnesota at their meeting on July 11. The contract is for a three-year period from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2009. At the July meeting, Regent Patricia Simmons of Rochester began her term as chair of the Board of Regents. Regent Clyde Allen of Moorhead began his term as vice chair.

Interviews have been completed for the candidates for the executive director of the Northwest Minnesota Area Health Education Center (AHEC) that is being established in Crookston. Barbara Brandt, Ph.D., director of the Minnesota AHEC and assistant vice president for education at the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center, will be in Crookston August 16 for a site visit of the Crookston center. The new executive director for the northwest AHEC is expected to be named at that time.

In other health-related news, several organizations will be hosting a Rural Health Policy Summit August 17 on campus. Dr. Frank Cerra, senior vice president of health sciences at the University of Minnesota, will be the featured speaker. For more information about the summit or to register, visit [www.mnruralhealth.org](http://www.mnruralhealth.org) or call 218-281-8323 (jneppel@umn.edu).

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

**Featured Events & Activities**
**Golf Tournament Fundraiser Women’s Scramble August 14** – Join us at Minakwa Golf Club for this fun event that benefits Golden Eagle Athletics. Details: four women per team, $30 entry fee, appetizers and registration at noon, 1 p.m. tee time, 9 holes, no registration deadline. To register, call 218-281-8436 or e-mail btyrrell@umn.edu.

**Women’s Project Fund Summer Social August 14** – Join us after the Women’s Scramble at Minakwa from 4-5:30 p.m. for networking and stories from women at the U of M, Crookston.

**Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social August 17** – Join us for Ox Cart Days from 3-4:30 p.m. on the Campus Mall for free ice cream, family fun and prizes. The event is open to the community. If you would like to host a table featuring your department, please call 218-281-8432 or e-mail ltollefs@umn.edu. For more details, visit the Web.

**U of M, Crookston at the Minnesota State Fair Aug. 25 & 26** – Come out and visit with representatives and experts from the Crookston campus at the State Fair. The booth is located in the U of M Building. On Saturday, faculty members Harouna Maiga and David DeMuth, Jr., will share their expertise and research with fairgoers. Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) will hold a trivia contest at 2 p.m. followed by live music by student Deb Halstad at 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Assoc. Professor Maiga is back on Sunday along with staff from Admissions and U Relations.

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.

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**Around Campus**

**Academic Affairs** – Orientation for faculty and staff will be held August 20 thru 30. A variety of activities and programs are being planned and will be announced soon. The campus is investing $250,000 in equipment to support academic programs this fall semester. Look for upgrades and improvements throughout the classrooms. New office assignments for several faculty members were recently approved. Please note: faculty and staff should take office assignments or concerns to their supervisor for consideration and follow up. Applications for the computer help desk manager opens this week.

**Student Affairs and Enrollment** – Summer Start, a unique optional program offered to introduce students to college life, is being held this week. Online enrollment is up 41% for fall semester 2007. Jane Sykes Wilson joins the Crookston campus as admissions counselor this week. Wilson has a master’s in communications from the University of North Dakota and a bachelor’s in media studies from De Montfort University in Leicester, England. She is currently a marketing assistant at Flint Communications in Grand Forks and has worked in marketing for Ralph Engelstad Arena and as a communications instructor at the University of North Dakota. The University is in the process of hiring another admissions counselor, a diversity coordinator and a part-time counselor.

**Finance & University Services** – The results of the Food and Beverage Request for Proposal (RFP) are scheduled to arrive on campus this week. A campus work group will evaluate the proposals based on criteria set by the Twin Cities campus. This RFP is for services starting in July 2008. The Enterprise Financial System project, designed to provide users with better ways to track expenditures and balance budgets, continues to move forward. The system is being built from now thru November and then will be tested until April. Employee training begins April 1, 2008, and the system will go live in July. University Administrators took part in NIMS (National Incident Management System) training as provided by the University of Minnesota earlier this month. This training helped in understanding the responsibilities first responders have during emergency situations and how we will work cooperatively with other local agencies. Construction of the concession stand at Ed Widseth Field is almost complete. The new gym floor in Lysaker is
scheduled to be complete by the third week in August. Installation is almost complete; and painting and finishing are up next. Demolition of Robertson Hall is underway and should take about one week to complete. The demolition will require the closing of some parking stalls on the west side of Robertson but should not affect any other areas of campus.

Development & Alumni Relations – Director of Development & Alumni Relations Corby Kemmer attended the NSIC meetings held in St. Cloud, Minn., this past month. This was the first time development officials throughout the league met during this conference, and more than 20 development members attended. U of M, Crookston and Crookston High School are collaborating on a community celebration showcasing new upgrades and facilities at Ed Widseth Field. A tentative schedule is set for Friday, August 31, from 5-7 p.m. Look for updates in the local media and the next issue. Some 80 golfers participated in the UMC Teambacker Golf Classic held July 21 at Minakwa with more than $5,500 raised for student athletes. At the end of Fiscal Year 2007, total gifts to the U of M, Crookston were up from FY 06. Thank you for your continued support!

University Relations – Congratulations to Chancellor Charles H. Casey for being inducted into the Laker Hall of Fame in Prior Lake, Minn. Chancellor Casey is a 1957 graduate of Prior Lake High School and was valedictorian of his class. The plan for refreshing the Crookston campus logo will be rolled out later this month and an images library for the Web is currently under development where faculty, staff and students will have access to graphics, templates and standards. Workshops will be held during orientation week and throughout the semester. U of M, Crookston will host the Crookston Ox Cart Days ticket gate on Sat., August 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Central Park. Look for the new campus “mission” posters in classrooms and offices that display the mission, vision and core values for the campus.

Athletics – We are excited to have nearly 140 new student-athletes and 10 new employees join campus this year. We expect to have about 300 student-athletes total. NSIC scheduling has been set for the 2008-09 season: football will have a 10-game conference schedule, north/south divisions, division champions and an overall champion; men’s and women’s basketball will have a 20-conference game schedule, an 8-team postseason tournament and NSIC Holiday HoopsFest, to be played in Sioux Falls, S.D.; soccer will have a 13-game conference schedule and an 8-team postseason tournament; baseball will have a 32-game conference schedule and 6-team postseason tournament; and softball will have a 26-game conference schedule and an 8-team postseason tournament. Student-athletes are already on campus this week for pre-season practice for football, volleyball and soccer. Men’s and women’s golf start August 28.

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