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Good morning. I hope you are enjoying our fall weather. We hold in our thoughts and prayers those in our area whose lives have been affected by the storms over the weekend.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

The 2006-07 Convocation Series

I'm very pleased to call to your attention this year's Convocation Series—"Many Voices—Bold Visions"—which brings to campus performers and speakers whose visions seek to make the world a better place. Through their presentations, we can explore the issues their perspectives raise, and appreciate the vision and service they provide through their deep commitment to a more just, humane, and faithful world.

The first program in the convocations series is Thursday at 11 a.m., featuring the music of The Rose Ensemble, a group that explores history, culture, and religion in early Christian times. Learn about the other 2006-07 convocation events at www.augsburg.edu/convo. Please join me for this special performance.

Project Table Talk

I remind you about Project Table Talk, our new practice to build community by taking our meals together in the cafeteria (outlined in the Opening of the Year report). I am pleased by the early response to the opportunity for discounted lunch and dinner meals in the cafeteria and urge all of us to make gathering at table together a practice of our community life.

The College will subsidize meals so that faculty and staff pay only \$3 for lunch and \$6 for dinner. Also, on the first Wednesday of each month, lunch (soup, salad, and dessert) will be free to all faculty and staff between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Those who work on night shift will receive a free meal during their shift.

Please share this practice of getting to know each other during this informal time of meals together.

KUDOS

My thanks to all of the student workers in the Institutional Advancement division, who worked fast and furiously so that the 12,000+ invitations for the Inaugural events were mailed out on schedule.

Last week I mentioned how much I enjoy Division III athletics. I want to make a special note of the remarkable start made by both our men's and women's soccer teams this year. As of today, both teams are unbeaten and unscored upon. This "unique streak" was featured on the front page of the d3kicks.com Web page on Sept. 14. It noted that only one other

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school could boast the same record at the time—Middlebury College, which had played half as many games.

The Auggie men have outscored their opponents 15-0, having beaten St. Olaf and tied Hamline this past week. The Auggie women have outscored their opponents 16-0, after defeating Hamline this weekend. Our best wishes to both teams in their upcoming games.

NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE NEXT WEEK

Sept. 18

Constitution Day

Today we mark Constitution Day with programs organized by our faculty members Phil Adamo (History) and Michael Lansing (History).

11:45 a.m.—Gathering on the Quad to hear articles of the *U.S. Constitution* read by Augsburg students.

Noon—Christensen Center, brown-bag lunch hosted by Michael Lansing (History). Presentation by Robert Bill (Information Technology) about his international work with NGOs regarding human rights in Iran and Myanmar. Also, conversation about the *U.S. Constitution* and Bill of Rights and their impact throughout the world.

Sept. 19

Auggie Involvement Fair

3-7 p.m.—Cedar Room.

Event for students to learn about the many activities and leadership opportunities.

Sept. 20

First Faculty Meeting

3 p.m.—Marshall Room

Sept. 21

Many Voices—Bold Visions Convocation Series

11 a.m.—Hoversten Chapel

The Rose Ensemble, “Common Threads: Exploring Shared Texts among Early Christians and Jews”

Sept. 21

Fall All-Staff meeting

3 p.m.—East Commons

Sept. 22-23

Augsburg Board of Regents meeting

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 25-30

Homecoming 2006, "Watch Us Soar"

Daily Chapel speakers this week:

Mon., Sept. 18—Luisa Cabello Hansel, Minneapolis Synod Hispanic Ministry

Tues., Sept. 19—Student Discipleship Team

Wed., Sept. 20—Dave Sherer, Christian Hip Hop artist

Thurs., Sept. 21—Convocation, The Rose Ensemble

Fri., Sept. 22—President Paul Pribbenow

Next week:

Mon., Sept. 25—Jenni Lilledahl, Brave New Workshop

Tues., Sept. 26—Barbara Edwards Farley, Vice President of Academic Affairs and
Dean of the College

Sports schedule— www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/fall0607.htm

Have a great week!