



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

January 28, 2008

Page 1

Good morning. Already in this new semester, I am grateful for the important discussions engaging us around issues critical in our lives and those of our neighbors. Last Monday we were privileged to hear Professor Michael Thelwell speak about his experiences working with Martin Luther King Jr. in the Civil Rights movement, advocating for racial and social justice. This morning we continue these conversations in the first of three “Trumpet Talks,” based on King’s book, *The Trumpet of Conscience*. We’ll meet at 11:30 in the Minneapolis Room, discussing the Vietnam War, led by Mary Laurel True, with guests from Vets for Peace. The other two meetings are on February 4 and 11, same place and time.

On Thursday this week, we join with fellow citizens across the nation as we focus our attention on the issue of global warming. Along with more than 1,000 other schools, places of worship, and organizations, Augsburg joins with Focus the Nation in a day-long, national teach-in. Augsburg faculty from a number of disciplines, staff, and students will present perspectives on solutions for global warming; the schedule parallels our class schedule so that faculty can take their classes to listen. Wednesday evening, events kick off with a movie webcast of “The 2% Solution.”

In addition to the classes on Thursday I encourage you also to hear University of St. Thomas professor and U.S. Senate candidate Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer speak at chapel at 11:20 a.m., and to attend the Action Forum at 5 p.m. with Secretary of State Mark Ritchie, Council member Cam Gordon, and environmental advocates. It will be a full and enriching day—please plan to join us!

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Recap from Board of Regents meeting

On Tuesday afternoon during Community Time at 3:45 in East Commons, **I will offer a recap from the Board of Regents meeting** last Friday and Saturday. The key areas of discussion for the regents were the new academic building, key institutional indicators, some thoughts on Augsburg and the city, and tuition.

KUDOS

Many thanks to the **Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation committee** for a great day last week, especially to chair Mohamed Sallam, and members Sadie Curtis, Christina Erickson, Leslie Larson, Kasidy Moore, Amanda Storm, and Mary Laurel True.

Congratulations also to the **winners of the Spirit of MLK Award**—Nancy Rodenborg, Social Work, and the Coalition for Student Activism. This award honors one faculty or staff person and one student (or student organization) who through their lives and work have promoted peace, love, humility, integrity, and honor while working with others.

PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

January 28, 2008
Page 2

Kudos to **Bob Peterson, Hans Erickson, and James Shropshire** in the Dept. of Public Safety for their help in dealing with the sprinkler system activation in Oren Gateway Center last week.

Two weeks ago, I omitted including indoor track and field in the list of winter sports. My apologies.

Kudos to **the Auggie men's and women's cross country teams** who have earned NCAA All-Academic status again this year. The women's cumulative team GPA is currently 3.43 and the men's is 3.18.

Kudos also to **five Auggie track and field alums who are currently pursuing PhD or MD degrees**: Erik Lundberg '06 (physics at Cornell University), Hannah (Dietrich) Swanson '05 (psychology at the University of Nebraska), Marit (Thorsgard) Spaeth '02 (medicine at the University of Minnesota-Duluth), Amy (Mackner) Gross '04 (behavior analysis at Western Michigan University), and Andrea (Carlson) Conway '05 (medicine at Penn State College of Medicine).

Kudos to ASAC for a successful All-Nighter—thanks to **ASAC chair Taylor Norman, Will O'Berry in Campus Activities, and all others who planned the evening's events.**

NOTABLE EVENTS

January 29

Community Time, with recap of the Board of Regents meeting

3:45 p.m.—East Commons, Christensen Center

January 29

Alumni-student networking event

5:30 p.m.—Marshall Room, Christensen Center

January 31

Focus the Nation at Augsburg national teach-in on solutions for global warming

For the schedule, go to Inside Augsburg, <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/>

February 1-10

The Visit, by Friedrich Dürrenmatt, guest-directed by Luverne Seifert '83.

Feb. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 at 7 p.m., and 3 and 10 at 2 p.m.

Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

January 28, 2008

Page 3

February 1

High school Music Listening Contest, hosted at Augsburg

Noon–4 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

M,W,F–10:20 a.m.; T–Th–11:20 a.m.; Wed–9:09 p.m., Communion; Sat (when weekend classes meet)–7:30 a.m.

Tues., Jan. 29—Augsburg students who protested earlier this year at Fort Bennington, Ga., at WHINSEC, formerly School of the Americas

Wed., Jan. 30—Mark Engebretson, Physics Dept.

Thurs., Jan. 31—Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, professor of peace studies, University of St. Thomas, Focus the Nation

Fri., Feb. 1—Thelma Buckner, gospel singer and community granny

Sat., Feb. 2—(7:30 a.m.)—

Mon., Feb. 3—Kelly Chatman, Augsburg College/Redeemer Center for Life, in the first in a series of chapel talks on Black history

Sports schedule— <http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/winter0708.html>

Have a great week!