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Good morning. After another busy week at Augsburg, the campus will quiet down this week as we celebrate Thanksgiving, and take time to remember our many blessings and the abundance we enjoy.

I am especially mindful this week of the remarkable legacies we have been given as a college—legacies reflected in the lives of **Joel Torstenson and Leland Sateren**, whose memorial services we have held on campus this fall. Both proud Augsburg graduates, both long-time faculty members, and both fierce advocates for Augsburg's role in shaping the lives of our students and making a difference in the world. Professor Torstenson taught us to love the city; Professor Sateren taught us to love music. We give thanks for their lives and the great gifts we have been given in their legacies of excellence.

On Wednesday, **it was wonderful to welcome nearly 1,400 people to hear Jane Fonda** present the 2007 Koryne Horbal Lecture. She reminded us of how fortunate we are for the opportunities in this lecture series to hear from outstanding women like Fonda, and Carol Jenkins and Gloria Steinem from past years. I am pleased that at Commencement next year we will honor Koryne Horbal with an honorary degree from Augsburg for her work.

You may have noticed a large group of students marching into Christensen Center on Friday. **Over 600 students in high schools and colleges and marched through downtown Minneapolis to Augsburg** on Friday to protest the war in Iraq; it was part of the "Iraq Moratorium," a series of events to influence Congress toward greater action to end the war. Their discussion on campus was arranged through Augsburg's Coalition for Student Activism.

Advent Vespers is quickly approaching, just ten days away now, on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. This service is a wonderful way to enter into the Advent season, and to bring us together with alumni, parents, and donors. For more information about the services, go to www.augsburg.edu/vespers. Velkommen Jul, taking place at Christensen Center also on Nov. 30, is hosted by the Augsburg Associates and begins the season in a celebration of our Scandinavian heritage and traditions.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

A very successful Turkeypalooza!

Individuals, departments, and offices at Augsburg generously contributed enough food to provide over 700 Thanksgiving meals! A surplus allowed six turkeys as well as plenty of other items to be also given to the Brian Coyle Community Center's food shelf.

Congratulations to the faculty, staff, and students in the physician assistant studies program, who were the Turkeypalooza winners with donations of 222 cans of green bean casserole, 92 cans of cream of mushroom soup, four turkeys, and \$30. Other notable

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mentions are the president's office (nearly one turkey per person, plus a bundle of potatoes), the wrestling team with 10 turkeys, the psychology department and their 60 boxes of stuffing, and health and physical education and MBA, who brought a little of everything we needed. An additional thank you goes to nursing, enrollment, HR, CLASS, social work, athletics, alumni relations, dean's office, and marketing.

Fall sports wrap

Augsburg's fall sports season has ended, with several teams showing strong improvement in both overall records and individual accomplishments. For complete information, go to www.augsburg.edu/athletics.

The Auggie football team, under head coach Frank Haege, finished 5-5 overall, reaching its first .500 mark since 2003. They claimed several huge victories, including a 14-13 triumph at No. 10-ranked Wartburg and a 44-38 win over Gustavus, breaking a nine-game losing streak to the Gusties.

The **Augsburg women's soccer team**, under head coach Mike Navarre, finished 9-7-3 overall. For the fourth consecutive year, the team earned a spot in the MIAC postseason playoffs, but fell to St. Benedict in the conference semifinal match. Key wins included a triumph over Macalester, breaking a 12-game winless streak to the Scots.

The **Augsburg men's soccer team** finished 9-9-0 overall, its second straight .500-or-better campaign under head coach Greg Holker. The senior class finished with a 35-31-7 record, the best for any four-year class at Augsburg since 1981.

The **Augsburg volleyball team**, under head coach Jessica Rinehart, finished 13-16 overall—its best record in both overall and MIAC play since 1998. The Auggies won four of their last five matches, including a win in five games over NCAA Division III national tournament team Bethel.

The **men's and women's cross country teams** experienced 37 personal-best times this season. As a team, the Auggie men finished ninth at the MIAC Championships and 15th at the NCAA Division III Central Regional (its best since 2004), while the Auggie women placed 12th at the conference meet and 21st at the regional.

The **Augsburg women's golf team** was a young one, with no seniors and three first-year athletes. First-year Johanna Frykmark earned all-conference honors, only the second Augsburg women's golfer to do this, finishing in a tie for 10th place overall at the conference meet. As a team, the Auggie women moved up a place to eighth in the conference meet, marking the end of the fall half of the fall-spring golf season.

After several of its top scorers graduated last season, the **Auggie men's golf team** is rebuilding this season, closing the fall half of its season with an eighth-place finish at the MIAC Championship.

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KUDOS

Congratulations to **Nadia Christensen**, Office of International Programs, on the release of her recent translation, *The Quiet Girl*, a novel by Danish author Peter Høeg, published in New York by Farrar Straus & Giroux and in London by Random House.

Kudos to **Cary Waterman**, English, for his poem published in the Nov-Jan issue of *10,000 Arts*, distributed with the November issue of *The Rake*. The poem, "After Watching Carlos Saura's Film of Lorca's 'Blood Wedding,'" had been Poem of the Week a few months ago in the "What Light" series at www.MNartists.org.

Thanks to **Jamie Hedin**, StepUP intern, for her engaging presentation at the StepUP Discovery event last week and for her assistance in promoting the event with area sober high schools. More than 30 students attended to learn more about Augsburg's unique commitment to students in recovery.

Kudos to **Cory Snyder**, Enrollment Center, for excellent tracking and collection of student receivables this fall, bringing the amount owed by day students down 25% compared to this point in the registration cycle last year.

NOTABLE EVENTS

November 22-25**Thanksgiving recess—Happy Thanksgiving!**

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)—8 a.m.

Tues., Nov. 20—Lori Peterson, Business/MIS Dept. and new director of Augsburg for Adults

Wed., Nov. 21—Campuswide Thanksgiving Day

Thurs., Nov. 22—Happy Thanksgiving!

Fri., Nov. 23—Thanksgiving recess

Mon., Nov. 26—President Paul Pribbenow

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

Have a great week!