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Good morning. I begin this week in Washington, D.C., attending the annual December 10 reception sponsored by the Embassy of Norway, honoring the 2007 Nobel Prize awardees as they receive their awards in Stockholm and Oslo. Each year alumni from the five Norwegian Lutheran colleges who sponsor the Peace Prize Forum are invited to the gathering, where a tape recording from the award ceremonies earlier in the day is available. It is a meaningful event and another striking reminder of our strong and abiding links to our Norwegian heritage.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Semester/trimester coming to an end

In the day program, we begin the final week of classes, before exams start next Monday. This past weekend final exams were held for weekend/evening classes and most of the graduate programs.

The spring semester for day classes begins on January 14, while some winter trimester classes begin earlier on January 4-5, with most starting the following weekend.

Faculty/staff holiday party

The annual holiday party for faculty and staff will be held on Thursday, Dec. 20, from 3-5 p.m. in the Oren Gateway Center lobby. Watch for more information in A-mail.

KUDOS

I want to offer a special word of congratulations and thanks to **Gaye Lindfors**, who has worked as my special assistant since I arrived on campus in July 2006. Gaye has been instrumental during the past 18 months in guiding a wide range of initiatives, including the WorkCulture@Augsburg program and the Common Work first-year initiative. Beyond these specific projects, Gaye has been a trusted adviser to me, the Cabinet, and the Board of Regents on many of the day-to-day aspects of our work. Gaye has decided to return to her consulting work in the new year. I am grateful that she will continue to be involved as a consultant on several projects at Augsburg, including helping to guide a new leadership development program. Gaye's deep commitment to Augsburg, her keen sense of community, and her remarkable skills in managing people and projects have made a great difference for Augsburg. We will miss her very much and wish her all the best as she follows her call to be of service through her consulting practice.

Many thanks to **Susana Sandmann**, modern languages, **Michael Lansing**, history, and **Ron Kurpiers**, Lindell Library, for arranging for Augsburg to receive a large portion of the collection from the Resource Center of the Americas, one of our neighbor institutions which was forced to disband.

Integrated into the Lindell Library collection, the 135 boxes of books will continue to serve the mission of the Resource Center of the Americas in supporting global education and multicultural understanding. The resources will be available to students and faculty at

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Augsburg and at our seven cooperating CLIC colleges, as well as to the broader community through interlibrary loan. **Anne Kaufman**, education, and **Gregory Krueger**, education, assisted in evaluating and selecting resources.

Kudos to the **Day Admissions staff** for a terrific round of college fairs hosted by MNACC (Minnesota Association of Counselors of Color.) Typically, Augsburg has garnered a few dozen inquiries from these events at area high schools, but last month's MNACC fairs resulted in more than 600 inquiries! This significant interest in Augsburg can be attributed to the relationship-building and networking in Twin Cities high schools that the admissions counselors and others have been developing in recent years.

Kudos also to the **Honors Program** for the first issue of the renamed and revised Augsburg Honors Review (AHR). This student-run publication of undergraduate scholarship receives submissions of undergraduate research papers and selects the best through a double-blind peer review process. The selected papers undergo a rigorous editorial process in which student authors work with expert advisers and a student editor to check the article for accuracy, quality, and style, making Augsburg's Review one of the most rigorous in the country.

NOTABLE EVENTS

December 14

Last day of classes for day program

December 17-20

Final exams begin for the day program

December 17

Late Night Breakfast

10-11:30 p.m., Christensen Center Commons

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., Dec. 11—Karl Jacobson, Religion Dept.

Wed., Dec. 12—Pastor Dave Wold

Thurs., Dec. 13—President Pribbenow

Fri., Dec. 14—Las Posadas celebration

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

Have a great week!