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FEBRUARY 21, 2011

Augsburg College's Minneapolis campus was closed on Monday, Feb. 21, with day and evening classes canceled, due to the snowstorm on Sunday and Monday.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Peace Prize Forum registration extended

Registration for the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, "Striving for Peace: Courage to Act," has been extended through 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at

<u>http://www.luther.edu/peaceprize/registration/</u>. The registration fee for all Augsburg participants (students, faculty, staff) is \$25. Through the online registration you may sign up for bus transportation from Minneapolis and Rochester to Luther College, admission to all sessions, meals, and lodging.

The bus will load at Augsburg (Minneapolis) at 1:45 p.m. and at Augsburg (Rochester) at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and return at approximately 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. For a schedule of speakers and events go to <u>http://www.luther.edu/peaceprize/</u>.

Days at the Capitol

Twice in the next two weeks, Auggies will be at the Minnesota Capitol, engaging legislators in conversation. On Wednesday, students, parents, and college faculty and staff will inform and lobby legislators about the State Grant program that provides financial aid to more than 84,000 Minnesota college students. Although Governor Dayton's budget keeps the program in place at the current funding level, there is a growing number of students who need the State Grant to attend college, resulting in increasing pressure on the program.

Next Monday, February 28, students and their research advisers from Minnesota private colleges will present their posters and explain their research to state legislators. Augsburg will be represented by Jessica Pfaffendorf and Professor James Vela-McConnell, "Facebook: Making the World More Connected?" and Michael Wilson and Professor Eric Buffalohead, "The Impact of Intertribal Transmission on the Design Aesthetic of the Grass Dance."

Carl Chrislock lecture Wednesday, 7 p.m.

The annual Carl H. Chrislock Memorial History Lecture features Mary Lethert Wingerd, Saint Cloud State University, who will present "Minnesota's Forgotten History: How It Was Hidden and Why It Matters." This annual lecture honors the memory of Carl H. Chrislock '37 who taught history at Augsburg and wrote the College's centennial history, *From Fjord to Freeway*.

Focus the Nation: Clean Energy Forum on Thursday

In Augsburg's program for this fourth Focus the Nation clean energy forum, four

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workshops will demonstrate how the community members can become involved in clean energy initiatives even on a small scale.

The workshops will feature topics relating to sustainability issues—alternative energy, sustainable food practices, biodiesel initiatives, and diversity in the environmental movement. A panel headed by Minnesota Lieutenant Governor Yvonne Prettner Solon will invite discussion. For the full schedule, go to http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amail/?issuedate=20110218#28556

Farewell for Carrie Carroll

The farewell and celebration of Carrie Carroll's time and work at Augsburg has been rescheduled for Friday, at 1 p.m. in Oren Gateway Center. She leaves Augsburg for Luther Seminary, where she has accepted the position of vice president of enrollment management and student affairs.

StepUP Gala—February 26

On Saturday, Feb. 26, the StepUP program celebrates its annual dinner and gala with the theme "Believe in Yourself." Alumna Debbie Jacobs Heard will serve as master of ceremonies, with keynote speaker Kitty Harris, director of the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery at Texas Tech University. The silent auction and social start at 5:30 p.m. \$100 per person; RSVP at 612-330-1170 or http://www.augsburg.edu/stepup/gala.html.

ACTC Visiting Writer—W.D. Wetherell

Prize-winning writer W.D. Wetherell will visit Augsburg from February 22–26 as the ACTC visiting writer in residence. He will visit classes and meet with students in Augsburg's creative writing program.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, Wetherell will give a public reading at 7:30 p.m. in the Augsburg College Barnes and Noble bookstore, with book signing following.

Men's hockey team in the playoffs

With a third-period come-back win on Saturday over Bethel University, Augsburg qualified for the MIAC post-season playoffs for the third straight season. The Auggies are tied for third place in the post-season with Gustavus Adolphus and Concordia-Moorhead and received No. 5 seed in the tournament. The Auggies will travel to St. Peter on Friday to take on No. 4 seed, Gustavus, with the winner facing Hamline on Saturday at 2 p.m. For time and details, go to http://athletics.augsburg.edu/.

Student Philanthropy Week, Feb. 28–March 4

Each day next week the Augsburg Stewards and the Alumni and Constituent Relations Office will host a variety of activities, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. in Christensen Center, focused on giving back to the community, including writing thank-you notes to donors and posting stories on the Philanthropy Wall of Fame. Also during the week, all piggy banks handed





out in the fall for gathering contributions to class gifts will be returned. The class at the end of the week with the highest number of participants turning in piggy banks will win a class party with President and Mrs. Pribbenow at Augsburg House on April 5. There will still be time for students to pick up a free piggy bank to join in the round-up.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

The Big Show, featuring Augsburg's own local Conan O'Brien, was again a big hit as part of Scholarship Weekend, offering an entertaining start to this important weekend for prospective Auggie scholars. Many thanks to the Honors Program and Undergraduate Admissions staff, and all faculty and staff who met with and interviewed students. We welcomed more than 150 students to campus and conducted 90 interviews for President's Scholarships and 65 interviews/auditions for Fine Arts Scholarships, with an additional 25 interviews (with CD auditions) carried out by phone.

EVENT REMINDERS for the week—for a listing of Augsburg events, go to the Calendar on Inside Augsburg at <u>http://inside.augsburg.edu</u>.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 Community Time 3:45 p.m., East Commons

Wednesday, Feb. 23 MPCC Day at the Capitol 9:30 a.m., State Capitol

Wednesday, Feb. 23 Annual Spring Blood Drive 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Christensen Center

Wednesday, Feb. 23 Carl H. Chrislock Memorial History Lecture Mary Lethert Wingerd, "Minnesota's Forgotten History: How It Was Hidden and Why It Matters" 7 p.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center

Thursday, Feb. 24 Focus the Nation: Clean Energy Forum 12:30–2:45, Workshops I and II, Christensen Center 3 p.m., Panel presentation, Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center

Thursday, Feb. 24 Book reading and signing, W.E. Wetherell, ACTC Visiting Writer in Residence 7:30 p.m., Augsburg Barnes and Noble Bookstore

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Friday, Feb. 25 Farewell for Carrie Carroll 1 p.m., OGC 100

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25–27 WEC, some graduate classes meet

Saturday, Feb. 26 StepUP Dinner Gala 5:30 p.m., Christensen Center

Monday, Feb. 28 MPCC Scholars at the Capitol

Monday-Friday, Feb. 28–March 4 Philanthropy Week

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

M,W,F–10:20-10:40 a.m., Community Time following; T-Th–11:20-11:40 a.m.; Wed–9:09 p.m., Communion; Sat. (when weekend classes meet)—First Word Community Gathering, 7:30-7:55 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23—Alfred Babington-Johnson, President and CEO, Stairstep Foundation
Wednesday evening, 9:09 p.m.—Songs and communion
Thursday, Feb. 24—Skip Bruber, senior speaker
Friday, Feb. 25—Babette Chatman, Redeemer Center for Life; and the Cedar Singers
Saturday, Feb. 26—First Word Gathering, 7:30 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 28—St. David's Day, Gymanfa Ganu, with Mary Mergenthal

Sports results and schedule- www.augsburg.edu/athletics

Have a great week!