

MARCH 7, 2011

The Weekly Update will not be published next week during spring semester midterm break. The next issue will come out on Monday, March 21.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

State of the City address on Tuesday

Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak will deliver his “State of the City” address at Augsburg in Hoversten Chapel tomorrow at 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

2011 Peace Prize Forum at Luther College

Auggie students filled a bus for the trip to Decorah for the Peace Prize Forum. Current Peace Prize Forum Scholars Katherine Edelen and Mai Yer Vang participated in the workshops, as the Peace Scholars reported on their year’s activities.

During the event, announcements were made about the changes to the forum beginning next year when it relocates to the Twin Cities, to be organized by Augsburg College and the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. Maureen Reed, who has served as a member of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum Executive Committee, was announced as the new executive director of the forum. The 2012 Peace Prize Forum will take place next spring and honor 2010 Peace Laureate and poet Liu Xiaobo.

2011–12 Peace Scholars are announced

Augsburg’s two new Peace Scholars for 2011–12 are Claire Bergren and Sonja Blackstone Kjerland. In summer 2011, the Peace Scholars will study in Norway at the International Summer School, University of Oslo. Their program will intersect with the work of Norwegian peace organizations, including the Nobel Institute, to deepen understanding of issues related to peace, justice, democracy, and human rights.

Claire Bergren is a junior majoring in political science with a minor in peace and global studies. She has been active in Student Government and Orientation, and is a Bonner Scholar. Sonja Blackstone Kjerland is a junior transfer student who is majoring in secondary education, with a concentration in social studies. She participated in the Think Outside the Bottle campaign to reduce waste and is a member of the Augsburg Choir.

Foodless Food Drive during March

As part of Minnesota Food Share’s March campaign each year, Augsburg holds a “foodless food drive” to fill the food shelf at the Brian Coyle Community Center. This year’s goal is to raise \$3,000, which represents the amount needed to distribute food for one month to Cedar-Riverside residents.

Collecting money rather than food allows for the advantages in bulk buying, as well as for targeting the exact foods the community needs—each \$10 donation translates to \$40 of food for the shelf. This year's foodless food drive is organized by a Project Management class as a service-learning project with assistance from the Sabo Center for Citizenship and Learning. All cash and checks (made out to Brian Coyle Foodshelf) can be sent to CB1790.

Mardi Gras Madrigals, Tuesday

Hoversten Chapel becomes medieval for Mardi Gras Madrigals tomorrow evening, with jugglers and musicians, storytellers and poets, and a full medieval feast. The Schola Goliardi, Augsburg's new medieval music ensemble, will perform. Students can attend free with valid ID. Tickets are \$20. All who attend must make a reservation. Reserve and purchase tickets at <http://www.augsburg.edu/mardigras>.

Staff Appreciation event on Thursday

At the annual Staff Appreciation event on Thursday staff who are celebrating length of service milestones will be recognized and Outstanding Staff Awards will be presented. The event starts at 2:30 p.m. in East Commons.

Batalden Seminars, "Seeking Justice Where We Live"—Friday and Saturday

This year's Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics will bring the Augsburg and neighborhood communities together to engage in "conversations for a new commons." The events on Friday will center on issues of civil rights and social justice, starting with a convocation from 10–11 a.m., with Luther Seminary's Christian Scharen and the Somali Justice Advocacy Center's Dahir Jibreel. The focus on Saturday will be on economic sustainability and green jobs, with keynote speaker Hussein Samatar of the African Development Center.

Each day there will also be workshops following the speakers. Faculty teaching during these times are encouraged to bring their class to the programs. See below for the full schedule.

Islam Awareness Week, March 21–25

Join the Muslim Students Association during the week of March 21 to learn about and celebrate different aspects of Islam. Each evening guest speakers will present, with the exception of Thursday, when transportation is provided for a visit to a local mosque. Watch for the digital signs and an Inside Augsburg story next week with full details of the events. Islam Awareness Week is co-sponsored by the Religion Department, Student Government, ASAC, AASA, Residence Life, Campus Ministry, and the Women's Studies program.

Spring break travel

Our thoughts and prayers will be with everyone traveling during the midterm break. Groups from Augsburg who will be away include:

Athletic teams

- Baseball—Phoenix, Ariz., March 13–18
- Softball—Tucson, Ariz., March 12–17
- Men's/Women's Golf—Myrtle Beach, S.C., March 14–19
- Men's/Women's Track and—Tucson, Ariz., March 19

Campus Ministry, Bonner Scholars—travel to New Orleans, La.

PASU and CSA Civil Rights History tour—March 14–18

- 35 students will travel to Mississippi to visit Jackson and the Mississippi delta, and also visit Memphis, Tenn. Led by Mohamed Sallam, Pan Afrikan Center, and Michael Lansing, History Department and CSA adviser.

Music groups touring

- Concert Band tour to Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota; March 12–20
- Augsburg Choir tour to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa; March 11–20

Nick Ward qualifies for track and field championships

Senior Nick Ward set a school record in the men's 55-meter dash at the MIAC indoor track and field championship last weekend that gave him not only the victory in that race, but also qualified him to compete in his first NCAA Division III national championship. He'll compete this weekend at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, with the 55-meter preliminaries on Friday evening and the finals on Saturday evening. Watch www.augsburg.edu/athletics for further information and results.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Class of 2014 is final winner of "Feed the Pig"

Many students took part in Student Philanthropy Week, sharing how they give back through volunteering in community groups and student organizations. The week-long event was sponsored by the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations and supported by the Augsburg Stewards.

The "Feed the Pig" campaign was won by the Class of 2014, although the results were close most of the week and not clear until the final tallies. The entire class will be honored at a party at Augsburg House on April 5. A total of \$844.28 was raised from 195 donations from faculty, staff, and students, with all the funds going toward student scholarships through The Augsburg Fund. Sophomore Latrice Jones correctly identified the Strommen Family, the donors featured in the scavenger hunt.

Friday-Saturday, March 11–12

2010–11 Convocation Series, Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics

Friday, March 11

Opening Convocation

Chris Scharen, "Seeking Justice Where We Live: Conversations for a New Commons"

Dahir Jibreel, Director, Somali Justice Advocacy Center, "An Invitation to Cross the Bridge"

10–11 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

Workshop #1

Legal rights in the immigrant community—Dahir Jibreel, Abdulwahid Qalinle of the Islamic Law and Human Rights Program at the U of M, local immigration law experts, and Augsburg pre-law program

1:20–2:20 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

Workshop #2

Student roundtable, "Diversity and Campus Culture"—Conversations with students from a range of backgrounds about their journey to Augsburg College and their experience here, including brainstorming ideas for new courses, programs, or campus-community partnerships

2:30–4 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

Saturday, March 12

Convocation

Chris Scharen, "Sustainable Work and Abundance in the New Commons"

Hussein Samatar, Director of the African Development Center, "Social Entrepreneurship and Community Sustainability"

Noon–1 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Workshop #3

Economic sustainability and our common work—Somali Justice Advocacy Center and African Development Center meeting with students for a discussion of research and internship opportunities with local "green jobs" including alternative energy, energy conservation, local "eco-tourism," etc.

1:15–2:30 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

March 11–13

WEC, some grad classes meet (no MSW classes)

March 14–18

Spring semester midterm break—no classes

March 18–20

MSW classes meet

AUGSBURG WEEKLY

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Saturday, March 19

Third annual Powwow, Augsburg Indigenous Student Association
1 and 7 p.m., grand entries
5 p.m., feast
Si Melby Gymnasium

Sunday, March 20

Augsburg Concert Band home concert
3 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Sunday, March 20

Augsburg Choir home concert
7 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Monday, March 21

Spring semester classes resume

March 21-25

Islam Awareness 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.

Tuesday, March 8—in Sateren Auditorium—Tammy McGee, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Wednesday, March 9—Ash Wednesday Communion, President Paul Pribbenow

Wednesday evening, 9:09 p.m.—Songs and communion

Thursday, March 10—Jessica Hilk, Senior Speaker

Friday, March 11—10 a.m., Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics, Christian Scharen, Luther Seminary; Dahir Jibreel, Somali Justice Advocacy Center

Saturday, March 12—First Word Gathering

Monday, March 14—Midterm semester break; chapel services will resume on March 21.

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

Have a great midterm break! The next Weekly Update is on March 21.