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On this page:

The maroon banners on the Link between Sverdrup and Memorial Halls, and Lindell Library pale in comparison to the blazing fall colors of the maple trees alongside the library. Photo by Stephen Geffre.

Around the Quad

New regents are elected to the board

S even new members were elected to four-year terms on the Augsburg College Board of Regents at the annual meeting of the Augsburg Corporation in October.

In addition, Gloria C. Lewis was reelected to a second six-year term. She is the executive director and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Twin Cities and serves on the Marketing and Executive Committees of the board.



Esperanza Guerrero-Anderson

A native of Nicaragua, Esperanza Guerrero-Anderson is founder, president, and CEO of Milestone Growth Fund, Inc., a nonprofit venture capital

fund providing capital to minority entrepreneurs. She also serves on the boards of the Bush Foundation, Walker Art Center, Center for Ethical Business Cultures, and Chicanos-Latinos Unidos en Servicio (CLUES).



Norman R. Hagfors

Recently retired from Norsen, Inc., the management and engineering consulting firm he founded, Norman Hagfors is returning to the Board of Regents, where he

served from 1989-2001. He is active in the community and his church.



Jodi Harpstead Jodi Harpstead is vice president and chief advancement officer

advancement officer at Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, where she leads marketing, fundraising, public relations, and public policy. She has served on several boards, including Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley, as well as in numerous volunteer leadership positions.



Fridley native Dean Kennedy graduated from Augsburg in 1975, where he was a four-year wrestler with conference and All-American honors. In 1996, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame He is

Dean Kennedy '75

Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame. He is president of Texakoma Oil & Gas Corporation and lives in Plano, Texas.



Dean C. Kopperud Returning to the Augsburg Board of Regents where he served from 1998-2004, Dean C. Kopperud brings 20 years of experience in the financial services industry. Most

recently he was national sales director for Oppenheimerfunds, Inc., in New York.



In 2000 Marie McNeff retired from Augsburg, where she served as professor of education and dean for over 30 years. As academic master planner during her last year before

Marie O. McNeff

retirement, she led efforts to bring together faculty and staff in a campuswide learning community and created the blueprint to implement academic provisions of *Augsburg 2004*, the College's first vision document.



Paul S. Mueller, M.D. '84

Dr. Mueller is an internal medicine consultant at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He has served as Augsburg Alumni Board president and was an

instrumental force in launching Augsburg's Rochester program.

The Augsburg Corporation is comprised of representatives elected by the assemblies of the Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Southeastern Minnesota, and Northwest Wisconsin Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The bishops from these four synods serve as rotating ex officio members on the board. Bishops Peter Rogness of the Saint Paul Area Synod and Harold Usgaard of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod will begin their service in January.



Last year's video recording of Advent Vespers won an Upper Midwest regional Emmy for director Jeffrey Weihe at Twin Cities Public Television for best direction of a live recording.

The 2004 recording will be shown again this year in the Twin Cities: TPT-2 on Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m. and TPT-17 on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. and Dec. 25 at 12 a.m., 6 a.m., and noon. Contact public television stations elsewhere for broadcast times.

Welcome to the Class of 2009



While attending new student orientation with his daughter, Christina, Rory Waller decided it was time for him to pursue his own dream to teach.

When President Frame welcomed incoming first-year students and their parents at orientation last summer, he didn't realize he was recruiting one more student.

Rory Waller, father of first-year student Christina, wrote, "During Christina's new student orientation in August, President Frame addressed the new students and spoke about vocation. His words rekindled an old desire from my youth, in that I have always wanted to teach. Later that day during the Expo, I happened across the information table for the WEC program, and discovered that Augsburg offered a degree in education through the weekend program. Sometimes the signposts in life are subtle, and other times they just hit you right between the eyes. ... [My family] backs me wholeheartedly in obtaining the goal I have set, and for this I am grateful.

"Because of the weekend program at Augsburg I feel I have the opportunity to find my true vocation in life."

Christina is one of 320 new first-year day students. Of them, 41% are Lutheran. They represent 15 states, with 83% from Minnesota. Eleven percent of them are students of color. During their first week, on City Service Project day, first-year students volunteered 1,000 hours of service at 18 community sites.

Recent grants received

- \$301,000 over three years from National Science Foundation (NSF) to physics professor Mark Engebretson for collaboration with the University of New Hampshire and University of Oslo to study northern lights in the Svalbard archipelago of northern Norway.
- \$500,000 from Lilly Endowment to sustain the work of "Exploring Our Gifts" through 2010.
- A National Science Foundation grant to computer science professor Karen Sutherland for undergraduate research on questions involving the design of robot rescue teams, in collaboration with the University of Minnesota. Part of the NSF-

supported Industry/University Cooperative Research Center on Safety, Security, and Rescue at the University of Minnesota and University of South Florida.

- Five-year grant from U.S. Department of Education for TRIO/Student Support Services to continue providing academic and personal support to help low-income, first-generation college students and students with disabilities.
- \$10,000 from National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for one year to provide health education programming primarily to student-athletes in areas of sexual assault, eating disorders, and nutrition.

American Indian honors given



At their 20th annual conference in October, the Minnesota Indian Education Association (MIEA) named American Indian studies professor Sophia Jacobson (left) as the Outstanding Postsecondary Teacher, and sophomore Chris Adams (center) as the Outstanding Postsecondary Student. Cindy Peterson (right), director of American Indian Student Services, serves as secretary of the MIEA board.

Augsburg again top-ranked

In U.S.News & World Report's 2006 listings of America's Best Colleges, Augsburg was ranked 26th in the category "Master's Universities-Top Midwestern."

Augsburg was included in the "Academic Programs to Watch For" listings of the 40 or so top programs in the country for both First-Year Programs and Service-Learning, and was the only Minnesota private college listed. For information go to <www.usnews.com>.

Augsburg is also included in Colleges of Distinction, an online guide listing colleges that excel in providing the best places to learn, to grow, and to succeed. For information go to <www.collegesof distinction.com>.

Around the Quad

President emeritus Oscar Anderson dies at 89

Augsburg News Service

Oscar Anderson, Augsburg's president from 1963-80, died Aug. 25 in Minneapolis following injuries suffered from a fall. He was 89 years old.

While president, Anderson was credited with defining Augsburg's role as an urban college, while not losing its roots as both a liberal arts institution and a College of the church.

"My goal for Augsburg College was to make it an urban college, not only one recognized within the urban setting, but one utilizing the resources of a metropolitan setting," he said in 1993 when the College dedicated Oscar Anderson residence hall in his name. "I think we got into the bloodstream of the city."

President emeritus Charles Anderson, who succeeded Oscar, said Oscar was instrumental, in terms of attitude, in bringing the College together with the city. "We always were here geographically," Charles Anderson said, "but our institution moved considerably closer with the city in Oscar's tenure. It was true then, and it remains so today."

Born in 1916 in Minneapolis, Oscar Anderson was educated at Minnehaha Academy and Augsburg before eventually receiving his bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College in 1938. He graduated from Luther Theological Seminary in 1942; his first pastorate was at Lake Harriet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, from 1942 to 1948. For the next six years he was the executive director of the International Young People's Luther League of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He went on to complete graduate study at Union Theological Seminary in New York, an experience that heightened his awareness of contemporary trends in theological scholarship.

From the mid-1950s until his appointment as president at Augsburg, he served as senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, Minn., where he established close ties with the



President emeritus Oscar Anderson returned to campus at Homecoming 1990 to speak about Augsburg heritage.



On one of his last visits to campus Oscar Anderson posed with his two successors, Charles Anderson (left) and William Frame (right).

academic community—both at Concordia College and Moorhead State University.

After coming to Augsburg, Anderson presided over a tremendous period of growth and evolution at the College. Six new buildings—Urness and Mortensen residence halls, Christensen Center, Music Hall, Murphy Place, and the Ice Arena—were built during his presidency. At his retirement, Board of Regents chair Clayton LeFevere noted that Anderson had signed more diplomas than all of his predecessors—approximately 4,600.



Oscar and Lee Anderson greeted the Homecoming crowd at Parade Stadium in the 1960s.

At the memorial service in Hoversten Chapel on Sept. 1, a photo display captured the life and service of Oscar Anderson.

A nationally known preacher, Anderson received many honors, including the Knight's Cross First Class of the Order of St. Olav from the Government of Norway; the Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary International; the Distinguished Alumni Citation from both Augsburg and St. Olaf College; and the Distinguished Service Award from the City of Minneapolis.

"Oscar Anderson was president of the College during two crucial decades and supervised our transition from a college in the city that wished it were in the country to a college fully engaged with the city that had grown up around it," noted President William Frame.

"As perhaps the best pulpit preacher of his time, Oscar employed a razor sharp and telling wit to guide the College and its alumni through this crucial transition. He had returned to the College frequently since his retirement and invariably brought that wit and powerful rhetoric with him."

Anderson's wife, Leola, died in December 2004. In 1993, at the dedication of Anderson Hall, Anderson had paid special tribute to Leola and the



President Anderson led an estimated crowd of 800 faculty, staff, and students from campus to the Minneapolis Courthouse in 1965 in support of the Montgomery (Ala.) march.

17 years she presided as Augsburg's first lady. "I call the two of us 'Osceola,' he said. "In my secret heart this will be 'Osceola Hall.'" They are survived by their children, Donna Anderson Hoekstra '68; Randall; Sheldon '73; and Gracia Anderson Lindberg '80.

A memorial service was held in Hoversten Chapel on Sept. 1. The family has requested memorial gifts to the Access to Excellence campaign or the Leola G. Anderson Scholarship.

Sports Auggie wrestlers visit the White House by Don Stoner

On Oct. 12 the Auggies, winners of a record nine NCAA Division III national titles in the last 15 years, became the first Division III wrestling title team—and just the second college wrestling national title squad ever—to meet with the president at the White House. The University of Minnesota's 2001 Division I national title team was the first to achieve this honor.

The White House meeting was arranged between Augsburg coaches and U.S. Rep. Dennis Hastert (R-Illinois), the speaker of the House of Representatives and a former wrestler and wrestling coach. Other key people assisting in arranging the meeting included Manchester (Ind.) coach Tom Jarman and Mike and Bev Chapman, founders of the International Wrestling Institute and Museum, said Augsburg head coach Jeff Swenson '79.

Instead of meeting in the Rose Garden, the normal site for team receptions with the president, the meeting was held inside the Oval Office, a rare occurrence. The Auggies met with the president for about a half hour, much longer than he normally spends with teams in these kinds of meetings, White House staff told Swenson.

A total of 14 Augsburg individuals made the trip, including head coach Swenson, assistant coaches Sam Barber and Scott Whirley, and eight of the 10 All-Americans from the 2004-05 national championship team. President William Frame also met with President Bush, along with team leaders Dean Kennedy '75 and Alan Rice.

"To spend time with an active president is really an incredible feeling," Swenson said. "For the rest of their lives, our wrestlers are going to remember that



Fourteen Augsburg wrestlers and coaches, along with College officials and friends, accepted an invitation to the White House in honor of Augsburg's longtime domination of small-college wrestling with nine national titles in 15 years. (L to R) President Frame, Joe Moon '05, Dean Kennedy '75, Justin Sorensen '06, Alan Rice, assistant coach Sam Barber, President Bush, Jared Evans '07, Marcus LeVesseur '07, Ryan Valek '06, Brad Tupa '06, Jamell Tidwell '05, head coach Jeff Swenson '79, and Mark Matzek '05.

because they were student-athletes at Augsburg College, they had this opportunity. They'll never forget that as long as they live."

Team members said the trip was also a special honor for the hundreds of individuals in the past who have helped establish Augsburg as a national power in small-college wrestling.

President Bush gave the Augsburg group a tour of the Oval Office and discussed a variety of subjects with the team, Swenson said, including history and patriotic subjects and sports topics. The team presented Bush with an Augsburg wrestling singlet with "Bush" printed on the back.

"He admitted that he was not a wrestler, that his athletic passion is cycling," Frame said. "[I] told him that the wrestling team was consistently [among] the highest-performing academically. ... He acknowledged the importance of that achievement and thanked me for mentioning it to him."

"I was motivated when [Bush] talked about the word 'leadership' and the qualities he said are necessary to have in order to be an effective leader," junior Jared Evans said. "This motivated me, because as I looked around at my teammates, coaches, President Frame, Dean Kennedy, and thought about Augsburg wrestling and the Augsburg community, I realized I am surrounded by a great number of leaders."

"This experience obviously means a lot to the whole team, but particularly Jeff [Swenson] and the rest of the coaching staff that have been together for so long and working for so long to achieve what they have," senior Ryan Valek said. "It meant a lot to me to have that team together one last time. It was really an incredible experience to be part of a group like that."

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Around the Quad

Sally Daniels '79 heads new parent and family relations office by Sara Holman '06

A ugsburg has created a new office specifically aimed to provide service to the people behind the student—the parents. Most comparable Lutheran colleges, such as Luther or Concordia, have an alumni and parent relations office; however, Augsburg has gone beyond the common model. Augsburg's Office of Parent and Family Relations is completely devoted to the family.

Sally Daniels '79, the new director of parent and family relations, said, "This position is not a fundraising component, so I can focus on service to the parents. That's completely in keeping with Augsburg's mission."

Daniels was asked to inaugurate this position not only because she has 26 years of experience in Augsburg's undergraduate admissions office, but because she is also an Augsburg alumna and parent.

Daniels' Augsburg experience began in 1975 when she was a first-year student living on the fourth floor in Urness. She graduated in 1979 and eventually married her college sweetheart, Paul Daniels, also a 1979 Augsburg graduate. "Because I am an alum, it comes naturally to say what a cool place this is. I've told my Augsburg story many, many times," Sally Daniels said. Both parents were very excited when their daughter, Kristin, also chose to come to Augsburg.

Daniels will draw on this experience, as well as how she is handling being a



Heidi Breen, new director of alumni relations, poses at Homecoming with Auggie Eagle.



Sally Daniels '79 (right) takes her experience as an Augsburg student, former director of admissions, and, now as parent of first-year student Kristin (left) to a new role as director of parent and family relations.

first-year college student's mom, in her new position.

This will help her build relationships with three different types of parents—the prospective parent, the current parent, and the parents of alumni. All of these parents have different questions, concerns, and needs as their children work through Augsburg. Daniels said, "I make sure parents and family members have someone to connect with about life at Augsburg, and specifically the life of their kids."

Parents who send their kids off to college for the first time have many questions, like how to deal with "letting go," or how to handle the new adult who comes home in the summer. Daniels will have personal experience to share.

By better caring for Augsburg parents, the College can improve the student's experience. "Kids born after 1985, the millennium generation, have a close relationship with their parents," Daniels says.

She and her daughter, Kristin, have this type of relationship. "We've always been very close. We try to connect somehow each day," Daniels said.

Since Kristin studies at the place where her mother works, it's easy for them to stay in contact. But, Sally says, "This is her college experience; the fact that she likes me is an extra bonus."

Right now, Daniels is hand-writing letters to all of the first-year parents. Since she worked in the admissions office last year, Daniels says, "I know the students; I've read their essays. I admitted them all. I'm hand-writing these notes because I think it's important."

Daniels works with a parent council; and so far 119 parents have contacted her. Parents who do not live near the Twin Cities are sent minutes from the council meetings. It doesn't matter where parents live; they can stay connected to Augsburg.

Even though Parent and Family Relations has split from the Alumni Relations office, the two directors work closely together. Heidi Breen, the alumni relations director formerly headed both Alumni and Parent Relations, but now is solely in charge of alumni and has an assistant director, Donna Torgeson. "Donna, Heidi, and I have a very open door," Daniels said. "We all want this new position to be successful."

Sara Holman is a senior English/ communication studies major and an intern in the Public Relations and Communication office.

Alumni Relations

Heidi Breen, who has worked at Augsburg for 19 years in the admissions and alumni relations offices, became director of alumni relations in August. Donna Torgeson, who was administrative assistant in the office, is now assistant director. Amy Sutton, formerly alumni director, is now director of corporate and foundation relations in the Development Office.

HOMECOMING 2005



Donald A. Anderson '60





Donald Mattison '66

Janice L. Aune '88

Three honored as Distinguished Alumni

by Lynn Mena

Three alumni join 166 others as Distinguished Alumni of Augsburg College. Recipients are recognized for significant achievement in vocation, for outstanding contribution to church and community, and for a life that exemplifies the ideals and mission of Augsburg College.

Donald A. Anderson '60 is a retired two-term Minnesota senator and business owner. He served in the Minnesota State Senate from 1982 to 1990; between 1991 and his retirement in 1995 he also served as assistant to the commissioner of transportation, as deputy chief of staff to Governor Arne Carlson, and in the Department of Transportation-Aeronautics Department. For nearly 20 years, Anderson owned a Red Owl grocery store in Wadena, Minn., before selling to one of his sons in 1984. He graduated from Augsburg with a B.A. in business and history.

Janice L. Aune '88 is chairman and CEO of Onvoy, Inc., a Minneapolis-based telecommunications services provider. Since her appointment in 2000, she has led Onvoy to a position of financial growth and has exceeded all financial performance expectations for the privately-held company. Prior to joining Onvoy, Aune served in various executive leadership positions at US West (now Qwest) and ended her 30-year career there as president of the !NTERPRISE division and a senior officer. She graduated from Augsburg with a B.A. in business management and finance.

Donald Mattison '66, M.D., is senior adviser to the directors of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Center for Research for Mothers and Children. He also serves as an adjunct professor at both the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh and the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. He has served as medical director of the March of Dimes Defects Foundation, and prior to that as dean of the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh, where he was also professor of environmental and occupational health, as well as of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive services in the university's School of Medicine. He graduated from Augsburg in 1966 with a B.A. in chemistry and mathematics.

First Decade and Spirit of Augsburg award recipients named

by Lynn Mena

Augsburg is pleased to announce the 2005 recipients of the First Decade and Spirit of Augsburg awards. The First Decade Award is presented to Augsburg graduates of the past 10 years who have made significant progress in their professional achievements and contributions to the community, and, in so doing, exemplify the mission of the College: to prepare future leaders in service to the world. Graduates from the day, weekend, and graduate programs are eligible.

The Spirit of Augsburg Award honors alumni or friends of the College who have given exceptional service that contributes substantially to the well being of Augsburg by furthering its purposes and programs.

First Decade Award



Aaron Cross '97 formed his own business, Motivation on Wheels, in which he travels the United States delivering motivational speeches that stress the importance of seeing beyond daily obstacles in order to accomplish goals. Despite his physical challenges (Cross become a paraplegic as a result of a bicycle race crash in high school), he has kept his eye on a variety of targets both literally and figuratively. He

holds 15 national titles in archery, five world titles, and a bronze team medal from the 2004 Greece Para-Olympic games. In addition to archery, Cross is also a skydiver. He graduated from Augsburg in 1997 with a B.A. in communication.



Andry Andriambololona-Jurcich '98 graduated from Augsburg with a B.A. in political science, international relations, and religion. She received her M.A. in intercultural communications from Luther Seminary in 2001. Jurcich is vice-president of Marketing and Company Relations for Invisik Corporation, a Twin Cities-based computer consulting company she co-manages with her husband, Matt

Jurcich. Concurrently, she works as a professional non-profit development consultant with various Twin Cities non-profits, and is currently the acting executive director of Jordan New Life Community Development Corporation—a non-profit organization improving the lives of families in North Minneapolis. Jurcich also continues to stay involved with Augsburg as a member of the Pan-Afrikan Center's Alumni Council, as a mentor with the Scholastic Connections Program, and as the alumni representative on the committee to select the new Augsburg president.

Spirit of Augsburg Award



Richard J. Thoni is director of Augsburg's Rochester Program. His exceptional and dedicated service to the College began in 1972 as a parttime instructor in the Department of Psychology and as a counselor in the Center for Student Development. Starting in 1975, he served as associate dean of students, and over the proceeding years he also served as acting vice president of student affairs; director of an extensive, year-

long community outreach project; director of Weekend College; vice president for enrollment management; and vice president for research and development. Thoni is most widely recognized for his leadership and achievement in the establishment of both the Weekend College and Rochester programs. He received his B.A. in English from St. Olaf College, and his Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Minnesota.



The Augsburg Centennial Singers were formed in 1993 to honor the 100th anniversary of the Augsburg Gospel Quartets. Since its formation, the Augsburg Centennial Singers have furthered the quartet's mission to spread the Lutheran faith and the name and mission of Augsburg. Under the current direction of Al Reesnes '58 (who took over after the original director, Dr. Merton Strommen '42, retired) and assistant director Paul Christensen '59, the group—which consists mainly of Augsburg alumni—are true ambassadors of Augsburg, performing across the United States and around the world.

PUTTING a FRESH 'FACE'





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What began as a class project

three years ago came full circle at this year's Homecoming, where visitors were introduced to Augsburg's newest "member."

The newly unveiled Auggie Eagle logo could be spotted all over campus—on team helmets and cheerleader uniforms; on sweatshirts, T-shirts, and baseball caps; on the balloons and decorations that dressed up various events; on students' faces as temporary tattoos; and even on the gymnasium floor as an illuminated hologram.

"The College is pleased to present its new athletics logo, and even more pleased to announce that its creator is one of our own—Class of 2003 alumnus Samuel J. Gross," says Ann Garvey, dean of students. "The logo further establishes Augsburg's identity and serves as a graphic component to the Auggie Eagle mascot that was introduced at Homecoming in 2002."

The logo first took shape a few years ago when the Office of Public Relations and Communication partnered with John McCaffrey, assistant professor of art. McCaffrey's graphic design students were challenged to design an athletics logo for their final project.

While the entire class created a wide range of exceptional designs, Gross' logo was a strong favorite, and this year the College officially signed contracts to acquire it from Gross as its new athletics and merchandising logo.

"Sam demonstrated that he was creative, dedicated, and driven by a purpose from his very first assignments in my Graphic Design class," says McCaffrey, reflecting upon Gross. "Sam delivered excellent work that was always in excess of any project requirements. It immediately became apparent that he would succeed in the design field. He dedicated himself to learning all that he could ensuring his future career direction."

Staff members in the public relations department were also impressed with Gross' work, and quickly recruited him to work as a student graphic designer during his senior year. There he created designs for letterhead, flyers, greeting cards, brochures, and magazines.



After he received his B.A. in studio art, he stayed on in the public relations department for the summer, and shortly thereafter landed his first full-time job as the graphic design and production coordinator at Sons of Norway in Minneapolis.

Today, Gross serves as a graphic designer and production coordinator for TQ3Navigant Performance Group in Minneapolis, a division of Denver-based Navigant International, where he produces original marketing graphics, designing creative pre-trip travel packages for large corporate industries such as Best Buy, ING, T-Mobile, and Qwest.

In addition, Gross is building a successful freelance business, *144design*, creating works in traditional studio pieces as well as digital media, including digital retouching of photographs, custom logo design, illustration, and various print related materials.

"The birth of *144design* was inspired by a mentor and lifelong friend, my father," writes Gross on his Web site, <www.invisik.com/144design/artist2.html>.

"Born in rural Minnesota in 1980, the influence of art began in the earliest stages of my life," continues Gross. "Impacted by those around me, I began my own pursuit of knowledge in the continually changing art and design world.

"Two and a half decades into my life I am still chasing this aspiration of achieving artistic prominence in this transforming world."

This year, Gross designed logo and stationery pieces for expansion NAHL hockey team the North Iowa Outlaws, and is currently working on other expansion team logos. In July he designed the book cover for *Daniel Boone and the Defeat at Blue Licks*, written by Neal O. Hammon.

Gross is also an accomplished painter, whose work was recently purchased by the Springfield Public Library in Minnesota for their permanent collection. His oils and photography have twice placed third in the annual Five County Juried Art Show in Minnesota.

Gross, a former Auggie football and baseball player, has particularly enjoyed athletic logo design, and is pleased that his alma mater has chosen to use his work.

"It's really exciting and interesting to see my design carried out in so many different ways—on the uniforms, on the line of sweatshirts," says Gross. "Plus, it's great to give back as an alum."



Jeroy Carlson '48

'MR. AUGSBURG'

by Sara Holman '06

Jeroy Carlson '48 has spent over 60 years on the Augsburg campus as a student, volunteer, alumni director, and development officer. Here, he sits in Old Main 17, which was Augsburg's chapel and is now the art studio.

AUGSBURG COLLEGE pastor Dave Wold paused, "Mr. Augsburg ... well, I don't know where the name got started. Everyone just refers to him as that. Anyone who mentions Jeroy always says 'Jeroy from Augsburg."

Why is Jeroy Carlson Mr. Augsburg? Really, the question doesn't need to be asked. He just is. Carlson embodies everything that is Augsburg—from knowing its history to sharing its faith. "Jeroy's commitment and love for Augsburg is pretty clear," Wold said. "No one can be identified with Augsburg as much as Jeroy can. He has a network of friends I've never seen before."

Carlson has spent the last 42 years serving Augsburg, first as Augsburg's alumni director and then as senior development officer.

He has connected with hundreds of people through Augsburg and has been able to raise millions of dollars to help build the chapel, library, fitness center, football field, and theater (to name just a few). Carlson's efforts can be seen all over campus, though he is quick to protest, "I just ask for support. It's really about what the donors have done for this college."

Being 82 years old, Carlson has spent the better part of his life on campus, not to mention the years he spent as a student. What would inspire someone to become so dedicated to a place?

"I'm not here because of myself. I'm here because of the people who have given their lives to this place. I don't want them to be forgotten. I've developed a purpose for living from their caring about me. Charles Anderson, Gerda Mortensen, Bernhard Christensen, Phil Quanbeck Sr., Joel Torstenson, Paul Sonnack, Dave Wold—these people have been my friends," Carlson said.

Carlson took his first step onto Augsburg soil in 1940. His high school basketball team had come to challenge Augsburg's junior varsity team. Fortunately, Augsburg's embarrassing loss didn't keep him from applying to the College two years later. After spending one year on campus, Carlson enlisted in the Navy. On Monday, Dec. 10, 1945, Carlson was released, and the following Thursday he registered for classes. That Saturday he played for Augsburg's basketball team. Carlson laughs as he recalls this memory. "I hadn't even taken a class, but the coach needed me."

Sports have always been a passion for Carlson. He played baseball, basketball, and football while he attended Augsburg and was part of four MIAC championship teams. After graduating, Carlson spent 15 years teaching and coaching. During this time, he became part of the Augsburg Alumni Board and wrote an article titled "Why is Being a Christian Important?" for a Christian magazine that most alumni received. When the alumni director position became open, Carlson didn't even have to apply. "Two people just asked me if I wanted to do it. It was the best move I've ever made." In honor of his service, the alumni office was dedicated in 1991 as the Jeroy C. Carlson Alumni Center.

While working at Augsburg, Carlson was able to stay active in the Athletic Alumni Association (the A-Club) and





In the 1948 *Augsburgian*, Jeroy Carlson '48 was called a "standout player" on the 1947 basketball team, and he was selected for an all-state second team.

Carlson (left), along with teammates Kenneth Walsh (center) and Al Mateyko (right), celebrate the Auggies' 1947 baseball conference championship.

also helped establish the Athletic Hall of Fame. He can still remember when the A-Club started. It was 1937, and the athletes wanted an honor banquet. Four people took it upon themselves to raise the money—a difficult task during the Depression years. They put on skits like "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and charged 10 cents a person.

Times were very different during Carlson's student years. His tuition was \$50 a semester, so he worked in the dining room, which was on the lower level of Memorial Hall. He worked with 18 other people, 16 of whom were in the choir. A lot of singing was done in the kitchen, and this was a treat for Carlson, since he wasn't able to participate in both music and sports. By working five hours, Carlson was able to pay for his room for one week—55 cents an hour went a long way back then. One not so pleasant memory Carlson recalls from the dining hall was dropping a tray on [dean of women] Gerda Mortensen. "I was lucky I didn't get expelled," he said. "Gerda knew it was an accident. Mortensen was a woman you never forget."

Carlson also went to school with Jim Lindell, for whose family Lindell Library was named in 1997. Lindell and Carlson both completed their first year at Augsburg together, and then each joined the Navy. However, upon returning to the Twin Cities, Lindell found he needed to transfer colleges because Augsburg didn't offer a business degree. He enrolled across the river at the university but never forgot the best friends he made at Augsburg.

Carlson has been fortunate in his long tenure at Augsburg to get to know the people behind the great names on campus. While it's easy for students to grumble about tuition costs and for alumni to feel continually asked for donations, it's the dedication of the people for whom Augsburg means so much-the people who work here and the people who learn here-that makes the difference. Carlson understands all of this. It's why he has stayed so long. "After all these years, the attitude here is still the same. What I believe is here, and what's happening at Augsburg is important."

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increasing healthcare access

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by Cynthia Hill

photos by Stephen Geffre

When Rob Carlson turned 40, he turned a career corner as well. He left the propane gas business to enroll in Augsburg's very first class in the Physician Assistant (PA) program.

Today, Carlson maintains a busy schedule treating recent immigrants and refugees at the Regions Center for International Health in St. Paul. He also sees patients at the Regions HIV Clinic and St. Paul Ramsey Public Health tuberculosis clinic.

Jackie Osterhaus was also in Augsburg's first class of PA students. She had worked as a laboratory technician and a clinical assistant, but wanted more out of a healthcare career. Yet with two small children, becoming a PA made more sense than medical school.

Osterhaus now handles a full caseload of patients in Belgrade, a tiny Minnesota town some 100 miles west of the Twin Cities. The Belgrade clinic is a satellite of the Paynesville Area Health Care System, which employs five PAs, a nurse practitioner, and seven physicians.

Carlson and Osterhaus are among more than 170 graduates of Augsburg's PA program since it was launched as Minnesota's only PA preparation program in 1995.

From rural towns to urban centers, these well-trained healthcare practitioners are living out the program's mission of increasing healthcare access to underserved communities in Minnesota.



What is a physician assistant?

Physician assistants are not doctors, but they can do many things a doctor does, including seeing their own patients, making diagnoses, doing minor surgery, writing prescriptions, and ordering tests.

"But here's the caveat: we can't do it on our own," said Dawn Ludwig, director of Augsburg's program who is a PA herself. "PAs are team providers who work under the supervision of a licensed physician. We can't open our own practice."

That doesn't mean the supervising physician is always in the next room.

For example, Jackie Osterhaus staffs the Belgrade clinic four days a week, along with a nurse and laboratory technician, but without a physician on site. A physician from the Paynesville clinic 10 miles away provides regular telephone supervision and chart review to Osterhaus's cases.

"It's definitely a team effort with ongoing communication and interaction with the supervising physician, but as a PA, I am ultimately responsible for my patients," said Ludwig, who was named Minnesota Physician Assistant of the Year in 2002 by the Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants.

Because of the similar roles, it's not uncommon for patients to be confused, said May Mua, an Augsburg graduate who also practices at the Regions Center for International Health.

"My patients—primarily Hmong, Somalis, and recent immigrants from other countries who may never have had access to health care before—often call me 'Dr. Mua," she said. "I'm always correcting them but it's hard to get across the idea of the difference because they see me regularly for their care."

A response to the healthcare shortage

The physician assistant career is a relatively recent addition to the healthcare team, growing out of the Vietnam era when highly skilled medics returned from military service, Ludwig said.

"At the time, we were seeing a shortage of physicians around the country and needed a new source of caregivers," she said. To help fill the need, Duke University created the first formal physician assistant program in 1965.

In the early '90s, Augsburg was approached by the Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants and asked to consider starting a physician assistant training program for the state.

"People were going to other states for training and not returning to practice in Minnesota," she said. "Augsburg's mission of community and world service was right in line with the concept of physician assistants providing health care to underserved areas."

Initially offered as a two-year, postbachelor's certificate, Augsburg's program drew immediate interest, especially among people seeking a career change.

"That first informational meeting at Augsburg was standing room only. There must have been 600 people there," recalls Rob Carlson.

Over 10 years, admission to the program, now offered as a three-year master's degree, has remained highly competitive, reflecting Augsburg's reputation and strong track record. This year's class of 28 was culled from more than 140 applications.

One thing that has changed is average age of applicants—from 34 at the outset to 27 currently, Ludwig said.

"At first, the appeal was mainly to

folks already in some aspect of health care—nurses, laboratory assistants, emergency medical technicians, etc. But it is definitely becoming a first-career option for those looking for a career in medicine."

Cases in point: second-year PA students Kari Badali and Jodi Winters, both 2004 Augsburg bachelor's degree graduates.

"Before coming to Augsburg as an undergraduate, I read a magazine that listed a physician assistant as one of the top ten careers for women. I was interested in the medical field but not sure which direction to go. I researched schools offering a PA program and Augsburg was the only one in Minnesota," said Badali '04, a biology major.

Winters, a biology and chemistry double major, added, "The reputation of the Augsburg program is what finally helped me make my decision."

High expectations, high performance

Augsburg's program is known for its academic rigor, in-depth clinical training, and track record of well-prepared graduates. Consider these indicators:

- 100% pass rate on national certification examinations since the program's inception.
- Scores on the national certification examinations have never been below the 90th percentile (the Classes of 2001 and 2004 both ranked in the 99th percentile).
- In recent years, every PA graduate has been employed within six months of graduation, 85% of them in Minnesota.





These successes grow out of high expectations and a demanding educational program that moves from a foundation of classroom study into direct clinical experience.

In the first phase, students are on campus in courses in human gross anatomy, pathophysiology, clinical medicine, pharmacotherapy, history and physical exam skills, research, and ethics and legal medicine. An orientation to the program's mission of reaching the underserved is woven throughout this phase in courses on special populations and in annual service-learning projects.

The clinical phase is next, structured much like a physician's internship. Taught by physicians and supplemented by physician assistants and other healthcare providers, students progress through seven required rotations and one elective, each six weeks long, in healthcare facilities across the state.

At least one rotation is required to be outside of the metropolitan area, in keeping with the program's mission of addressing healthcare gaps across the state.

Twin Cities native Debbie Maas did rotations in Deer River, Minn., a small community west of Grand Rapids. After graduation last year, she accepted a job at the Deer River clinic. About 25% of Augsburg graduates practice in rural communities and greater Minnesota.

"I found I really liked the variety in a smaller clinic. There was great camaraderie with the physicians, and I learned so much," she said. "This is truly family practice medicine. We see everything from OB-GYN to geriatrics."

The final component is a 12-week preceptorship—an intensive clinical experience required by only a few other PA programs. "This is the last piece of their education that ties everything together and solidifies all they've learned," said Ludwig. "It gets them ready to go out and practice."

The personal touch

Core to the Augsburg PA training is an emphasis on treating patients as individuals, not diseases.

"We look for students who are able to handle a tough and rigorous program but who are also able to connect with patients on a personal level," Ludwig said. "Physician assistants should be good at

JACKIE OSTERHAUS (p. 14) graduated in Augsburg's first class of physician assistants and enjoys the variety of patient care she gives in her work at the Paynesville Area Health Care System clinic in Belgrade, Minn.

ROB CARLSON (left) and MAY MUA (p.16) are two of the three Augsburg graduates who are physician assistants at Regions Hospital's Center for International Health.

Second-year PA student CHENTEL DANGERUD (above) discusses health issues with a resident at the Danebo Home in Minneapolis during a health and wellness fair specifically for seniors.

listening and building trust with their patients."

Patricia Walker, M.D., director of the Regions Hospital Center for International Health, considers the clinic's three physician assistants, all Augsburg graduates, "an absolutely vital part of our provider team."

"They are so talented that they are working at the level of other providers in our group on a daily basis, and rarely ask questions of the physicians. That being said, they also know when to consult us on difficult cases," Walker said. "They provide outstanding clinical care and are very kind and compassionate."

In the future, demand for physician assistants is likely to continue to grow, according to Rodney McFadden, M.D., a physician with Internal Medicine and Geriatric Associates in Minneapolis and a preceptor of Augsburg PA students on rotation at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview.

"Medical schools are producing about the same number of doctors each year, so as the population gets older, we will need more healthcare providers," said McFadden. "Physician assistants play an important role and I see them becoming even more common to meet growing healthcare needs in our society."

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A CHANCE TO SKATE

BY DON STONER

The scene is like any other in hockeycrazed Minnesota on a weekday evening. A cacophony of noise inside a cold indoor ice arena. Young kids, some maybe just a few months from putting skates on for the first time in their lives, are learning the fundamentals of hockey. Coaches strain to be heard above the din.

On one half of the rink, an older group has the ice. On the other, Janet Marvin and a couple of assistant coaches are working with girls ages 10 and under.

Marvin yells encouragement to her young charges. "I want two hands on your stick all the time." "When you find it, look up for your teammate and pass it to her stick." "Good job, excellent! Nice job!"

You look at the faces inside the masks, and that's where you notice the difference. Most of the girls aren't typical Minnesota hockey players. Most are Hmong, some are African-American, some are white.

But if it weren't for Marvin, it's likely that none of them would be on the ice this night—or any night, for that matter.

For the past seven years, Marvin, a 1986 Augsburg graduate, has been volunteering with young girls on the north and northeast neighborhoods of Minneapolis with the Edison youth hockey program. Along with her sister and a devoted group of volunteer women coaches, they have provided opportunities for young girls who wouldn't otherwise have discovered the sport.

For Marvin, it's an extension of a family tradition to provide hockey opportunities to others. Her father, Cal, was a legend in hockey in the Upper Midwest. A U.S. Hockey Hall of Famer, he helped to start the men's hockey program at the University of North Dakota, coached the U.S. national team in 1958, and founded and coached one of the most successful amateur hockey teams in American history, the Warroad Lakers. He helped to establish Warroad, a small town near the Canadian border in northwestern Minnesota, as a place synonymous with hockey. "My dad did it for young men. He let young men play for over 50 years, and he had over 900 young guys that got to skate for him," Marvin said. "What he did for the guys is what my sister and I are trying to do for young girls who want to play hockey. It doesn't matter where they're from, or what color they are, or what background they come from. If they want to play, we'll get them equipment, we'll find them a place to play, we'll make sure they have transportation and make sure their fees are paid."

One of 12 children in the Marvin family, Janet Marvin grew up around hockey. "We grew up at the rink," she said. "We folded programs, we cleaned the rink, we worked in the concession stands, we sold tickets. We did whatever we could do, because we wanted to be up there at the rink with Dad and the rest of the community. That's what you did in Warroad. You were at the hockey rink."

She and her sister played hockey in their early years, but as they grew older, there were fewer opportunities for young women to play hockey in northern Minnesota. So she played basketball instead, eventually playing two seasons of junior college basketball and a season at the University of St. Thomas, before transferring to Augsburg for her senior season, 1985-86. She earned a degree in education from Augsburg and eventually worked for the Minneapolis public schools for 15 years.

But hockey remained a major part of her life. She played competitively on adult teams for more than a decade, and also worked as a volunteer assistant coach on teams with her friend. Sue Ring-Jarvi. Marvin also served as an adult mentor for young kids in northeast Minneapolis, including youngsters who wanted to play hockey for Edison's youth program. She eventually got involved with coaching at Edison, and helped to start the Edison girls' youth program. Along

the way, Marvin and her sister began incorporating more young Hmong girls from the neighborhood into the program.

"Because there weren't enough kids coming out, I started recruiting Hmong girls. My sister and I are involved in the Hmong community in mentoring kids and getting kids involved," she said. "It's been a focus point for us to bring them into the program and give them an opportunity to skate. But when we coach at Edison, we coach anyone who wants to play and who lives on the north side or northeast."

The program started from one small team seven years ago to nearly 50 girls on teams for ages 10-under, 12-under, and 14-under. This year, Edison has two teams, with Janet Marvin coaching the 10-under team and Robin Marvin coaching the 12under team, along with a faithful group of volunteer assistants.

"It's an all-female staff, and not one coach has anybody involved with the program, which is very unique," Marvin said. "When you go to other associations, it's always a dad or a brother or an uncle who is coaching the kids because there's a connection. ... We just have females who want to come in and coach. We've skated with them in the women's hockey associations, and they want to come in and give back. They see this program and they see that these kids need it, these kids want it, and these kids absorb it."

The devotion that Marvin and the other coaches have makes them positive role models for the children they are coaching, said Marta Kurak '98, a parent of two girls who have played hockey on Marvin's Edison teams. Kurak now serves as a manager for the 12-under team.

"[The coaches] bring an energy to the program. They are always positive and never say anything negative. They always look for the positives in the girls," Kurak said. "[Marvin] works with every kid to bring out the best of their potential. ... You can see how these coaches put their whole lives into coaching these kids. It makes all the work worth it."

Since many family incomes may not be able to support the expenses for their children to play, Marvin often dips into her own pocket to pay for equipment, uniforms, and supplies.

A shed in Marvin's yard is full of hockey equipment that she has either



Janet Marvin '86 plays less hockey these days so she can concentrate on coaching. She makes it possible for girls like these at the Edison Youth Hockey Civic Arena in Northeast Minneapolis to learn hockey.

purchased or had donated to her by friends. It's available for her players to pick from. She often provides transportation for team members to and from practices and games in her van.

"Last year, my mom bought the whole 12-under team a brand new stick for Christmas. That was the first time our kids that we register had a brand new stick," she said.

Marvin figures that she puts in 25 or more hours per week into the Edison hockey program, on a strictly volunteer basis. She now also works for Ring-Jarvi's sportswear business, in addition to working for a local flower shop. But her work with the hockey program doesn't end there. The coaches organize year-round experiences for the girls, in order to keep them active and together as a group. They've had camping trips, barbeques, and trips to team coaches' cabins in northern Minnesota to go skiing.

"My parents gave us all the opportunities. If you wanted to play, play. They wanted you to be involved," Marvin

> said. "There's so many kids who don't have that opportunity, and I think that's what my sister and I are trying to provide. We give them an opportunity."

Last summer, Marvin and fellow Augsburg alumnus John Evans '82 received grant money from City Kids Inc., a north Minneapolis program, to provide hockey instruction for north-side children. About 30 kids took part in the summer-long program, portions of which were held at the Augsburg Ice Arena. Several Augsburg student-athletes assisted Marvin in coaching during the summer program.

"The kids love the attention, and when the college kids came on the ice, I think it was a match right away," Marvin said. "The kids know that when they come to the rink, there's going to be

someone there that's going to say 'Hi' to them, 'How are you doing,' 'You're doing a good job,' and giving them positive feedback. That's what these kids need."

Coaching has become a major part of Marvin's life, so much so that she now plays less hockey herself in order to concentrate on coaching.

"The kids like it. They want to go to the rink. They want to play," she said. "You see them skating around the rink and they have smiles on their faces. They might fall down or get a little hurt, but they get up and they're like, 'OK, let's go again.' They just want to be at the rink. ... My heart's really into coaching and working with the kids."



Envisioning a renewed public calling for the well-being of the city and its people

In a twist on the realtor's three magic words, the Faith in the City initiative might be described as "location, location, vocation."

This distinctive collaboration brings together seven urban-focused Lutheran institutions in Minneapolis and St. Paul. All of them are committed to improving the quality of life in their community and they all center their work around Lutheran ideas of vocation. They share a belief that more can be accomplished when people and organizations work together and when they share their particular expertise toward common goals.

It's a diverse group—Augsburg College, Augsburg Fortress Publishers, Central Lutheran Church, Fairview Health Services, Luther Seminary, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, and Thrivent Financial for Lutheranswhose members contribute their expertise across the areas of health, education, social services, finance, publishing, and service in faith. The two synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in Minneapolis and St. Paul are partners in the collaboration.

After several years of informal discussions among the CEOs, a formal collective was launched in 2002 that draws its calling from a passage in the book of Jeremiah, "Seek the welfare of the city ... for in its welfare you will find your welfare." The collaborative seeks to renew that same concern to care for each other in the community that motivated the founding of their institutions a century or more ago. And, today, they are again finding some of the greatest community needs among recent immigrants.

"[Faith in the City] has set before Lutheran institutions across the land a model which illustrates service leadership," says President William Frame. "The CEOs became interested in Luther's idea of vocation as a vehicle to draw their constituents out into the world in service and in collaboration." They were encouraged by the extent of common purpose and overlap in their missions.

Tom Morgan, Augsburg's vice president for planning and market development, speaks of Augsburg's perspective: "It's a way for us to more deeply express and live out our commitment to the city, to service, and to strengthen and demonstrate our connection to the church."

Community initiatives

Faith in the City serves as a catalyst for collaboration among people, neighborhoods, congregations, and others, primarily in the areas of health, education, and neighborhood. Each initiative has two or three member organization sponsors and appropriate strategic partners.

Initiatives specific to Augsburg are:

Augsburg Academy for Health Careers—Augsburg, together with Fairview Health Services, developed the first proposal to Faith in the City. Responding to the shortage of healthcare professionals, especially within increasingly diverse communities, a charter school was proposed, with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to prepare students for careers and vocations in health care.

The Augsburg Academy for Health Careers opened this fall with 61 students, a majority from diverse backgrounds, in grades 9, 10 and 11, with grade 12 to begin next year.

Lutheran College House—A second initiative spearheaded by Augsburg, together with Luther Seminary, is the Lutheran College House, proposed for summer 2006. Students from six partner Lutheran colleges will live for a semester in the Phillips neighborhood to explore vocation, service opportunities, and leadership development.

Augsburg/Central Nursing Center—Augsburg's 10-year-old free nursing center at Central Lutheran Church that serves neighborhood residents at no cost was incorporated into the Faith in the City initiatives.

Other initiatives include:

The Wellness Connection—With the help of several neighborhood organizations and congregations, this center responds to Somali immigrants' health needs, promotes healthy lifestyles, and connects them with appropriate medical providers.

Personal Finance Center—Begun as a tax service for lowincome residents, this center has grown to offer a wide range of financial literacy tools for banking, home ownership, borrowing money, etc.

Phillips Neighborhood Park, Library, and School—Faith in the City provides financial resources and volunteer service to help sustain these sites as vibrant neighborhood centers.

Above left: Tom Morgan (left), Augsburg's representative on the steering committee, and Jeri Nelsen (right), executive director, are finding that the Faith in the City Lutheran collaborative is an effective model for responding to community needs.

Hands-on learning for health careers by Judy Petree

Jasmine Smith, a junior, and one of 61 students at the new Augsburg Academy for Health Careers, travels from Maple Grove across the city everyday. She enrolled at the academy to pursue a career in the health field, particularly forensic science or neurology.

In addition to her interest in the CSI television shows, she said she chose the academy for its small class sizes and the ability to work one-on-one with instructors. She recently interviewed for an internship at Fairview in the nursing department.

Students at the academy are paired with Fairview health professionals as mentors. Together they explore the student's talents and interests as related to vocations in the health field. Students use Fairview as a hands-on learning laboratory; they also take field trips to Mayo Clinic, and visit emergency care centers, hospitals, clinics, and science-related businesses and industries.

All students receive training to become certified as emergency medical technicians, first responders, and/or certified nursing assistants. This will help them find employment during summers and after graduation.

Mark Youngstrom, director of Augsburg Academy, is a former state education department specialist in English education and co-founder of the Perpich Center for the Arts in Golden Valley.

"The primary purpose [of the academy] is to provide immigrant students and students of color with a solid academic education that enables them to advance in the educational system," he said. "In addition, hospitals and healthcare facilities of all kinds are treating increasing numbers of patients from immigrant communities and communities of color, and they need employees who speak their languages and understand their cultures."

Youngstrom concludes, "Our ultimate hope is to raise the sights of our students so they can plan a future for themselves that includes higher education and a professional career."



Jasmine Smith (right) and Ophelia Mensah (left) enjoy the small classes and one-on-one mentoring at the Augsburg Academy for Health Careers.

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Leadership conference—Two annual conferences have brought together downtown faith and business leaders for discussion and mutual collaboration around faith and work.

Leadership initiative—For the second year, a program nurtures emerging leaders at member organizations through ongoing discussions of vocation and faith.

The next steps

Faith in the City is proving that greater good can come about through working together in collaboration than by individual organizations working in isolation. In a commentary written for the *Star Tribune* last year, Thrivent president and CEO Bruce Nicholson described Faith in the City's process as "mission-based collaboration, an ideal model for holistically addressing pressing community needs."

Moving forward, the collaborative continues to seek strategic partners for specific initiatives as well as to engage Lutheran congregations in outreach to urban needs.

Perhaps nowhere else in the nation could such an integrated community collaboration take place, and Faith in the City is beginning to garner attention. Executive director Jeri Nelsen, Morgan, and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota CEO Mark Peterson presented Faith in the City at the national meeting of Lutheran Services in America (LSA) in April.

The collaborative has also garnered significant attention from Minneapolis mayor R.T. Rybak. Nelsen says that Rybak sees Faith in the City as a model for collaboration with great potential for improving community well-being.

Frame believes that Faith in the City has proven that, even within a highly competitive arena, nonprofits can combine resources to carry out their work more effectively. ■



Last fall Julie Olson '90, '04 MAL, dean of enrollment management, was part of the first "class" of Faith in the City's Leadership Development Institute. Over several day-long sessions, the group participated in presentations and discussions on leadership, read books, and listened to the CEOs of Faith in the City member organizations talk about their own vocational paths—all woven around the concept of servant leadership.

This first group bonded with each other to the extent that they couldn't let go when the formal series ended. They continue to gather periodically for conversation, even as the second "class" of the institute has begun.

The leadership initiative came about as member organizations felt a need to be better prepared for their next phase of growth. Olson says the program is about identifying emerging leaders within the organizations, and helping them discern their vocation—i.e., helping them feel "tapped," or hear the call of an inner voice.

In addition to getting to know their Faith in the City colleagues, participants gain valuable insight into their organizations—how they're structured, issues they face, what's ahead for them, and how they respond to their constituencies.

The member organizations share a common Lutheran background, but some—Fairview, for example—are less overt in their Lutheran heritage than others. Olson says that if you look at how they treat their employees, their staff and leadership development programs, and their missions, it's all there. It may not be called Lutheran, or even Christian, but the organization effectively puts action behind their values in the model of servant leadership.

"By the end, everyone was more comfortable with identifying themselves from a Lutheran organization and recognizing what's special about that," Olson said. "This is something that's essential to our identity, and we mutually reinforced that with each other."

While this is the only "inward" initiative of Faith in the City, Olson says the leadership institute is about "building the strengths of the individual organizations to enable them to better serve their larger communities."

In this second year, a coaching component was added to the initiative, and Olson is one of two from the first group who will be coaching members of the second group.

"It's an honor to be asked and identified as an emerging leader," she said. "Now I have the responsibility to carry out that gift."



Vision

Scholarship brunch honors donors and students

On Nov. 20, the Scholarship and Donor Brunch was the place where more than 170 Augsburg donors were honored for their generosity and commitment to Augsburg College. Scholarship donors, Heritage Society donors who have estate plans that include Augsburg, and Maroon & Silver Society donors, who give annual support at the leadership level for Augsburg scholarships, were all thanked.

It was also the place where 100 students had the opportunity to meet the families behind the scholarships they've received. Student body president Paul Cumings, speaking on behalf of students, told the donors, "You give; it's not required, but I'm here to tell you it's appreciated."

Philip Rowberg Sr. '41 had not been on campus since 1948. He recently endowed a scholarship in memory of his wife, Betty, who died last year. "I decided to fund a scholarship in appreciation of the education I received here," Rowberg said. "Nothing is more important than investing in the education of our young people."

The Philip and Helen Taylor Rowberg Scholarship gives preference to a student from rural Minnesota. Rowberg and his son, Philip Jr., were able to meet its first recipient, Evan Holmes '06, from Janesville, Minn.

Among other donors at the reception were the Rev. Orville '52 and Yvonne (Bagley) '52 Olson, and their son Jonathan. In 1993, the Olsons established a scholarship in memory of another son, Timothy, and in recognition of his devotion to Jonathan.

"The scholarship is in honor of son Timothy. Our other son, Jonathan, has a disability, so we made our scholarship available to students in college who have special needs or are going into the field of special education.

Nicky Cronin '08, the recipient of the Olson scholarship, is a special education major in emotional/behavioral and learning disabilities.

"Our giving has been out of profound gratitude to Augsburg for the many blessings we received as college students and over the years," said Yvonne Olson. "I personally am one of 11 siblings, and eight of us have attended Augsburg. My husband and I graduated in the same class, and our daughter, Beth (Olson), and her husband, Scott Bouman, both graduated in the Class of 1977. That's our connection to Augsburg."

"'Tak for alt'—we noticed this saying on a lot of gravestones around Scandinavia," Olson continued. "This saying is important to our family. It's a symbol of gratitude and means 'thanks for everything.' "



Philip Rowberg Sr. '41 (left) recently endowed a scholarship in memory of his wife, Betty. At the brunch he met the scholarship's first recipient, Evan Holmes '06 (right).



The Rev. Orville Olson '52 and his wife, Yvonne (Bagley) '52 Olson created a scholarship in memory of their son Timothy and his devotion to brother Jonathan (center). They enjoyed meeting this year's recipient, Nicole Cronin '08 (back center).



Roarin' and soarin' to the finish at Si Melby

At Homecoming 2005, hundreds of alumni, students, fans, friends, and even prospective students celebrated and cheered for the campaign to expand Si Melby Hall with a new south wing addition.

It was a celebration of Auggie athletics past, present, and future. Emcee Tim McNiff, from KARE-11 TV, introduced coaches and athletic teams, fired up the crowd with achievements and successes of Augsburg's athletic program, and extolled the benefits of the new south wing.

A virtual video tour took the crowd

through the proposed 27,000 new square feet that includes expanded classroom space, a fitness center, training areas, and more. The project was explained in depth by Jeff Swenson '79, head wrestling coach and assistant dean for athletics, and regent and campaign co-chair Mike Freeman. The video also featured testimonials from current and former student-athletes and administrators.

The Si Melby completion team, led by Freeman, has rallied volunteers to work with them to make sure that all Augsburg athletes and friends have opportunities to help Augsburg reach the goal. The team includes Dan Anderson '65, Rich Colvin '74, Mike Good '71, Jane Helmke '83, and Glen Person '47. Staff support to the team includes Swenson and Development Office staff: Jeroy Carlson '48, Jack Osberg '62, Ron Main '56, and Donna McLean.

Momentum continues to grow as the team pushes toward the final goal, enjoying additional volunteer support from Bob Strommen '74, "Butch" Raymond '63, Rick Ekstrand '72, Dave Andell '71, Bob Martin '71, Bruce Brekke '70, and Erv Inniger. Each sport is also gathering alumni support to help complete the project so that



Student-athletes cheered as coaches, teams, and alumni spoke at the athletic celebration.

groundbreaking can occur as soon as possible.

Augsburg is especially grateful to Alan Rice for making the first lead gift in the amount of \$1 million and to Dean '75 and Terry Kennedy for the largest lead gift of \$2 million, in addition to several others whose gifts helped kick off the campaign for the new south wing.

For additional information on the Si Melby south wing addition, or to make a gift, go to <www.augsburg.edu/ campaign/athletic>, or call the Development Office at 612-338-0002 or 1-800-273-0617.

The new South Wing will include spaces already named in honor of the following:

Doc Johnson A-Club office

Lavonne (Johnson) Peterson '50 Hospitality and Conference Room and patio

Luther (Lute) Olson '56 Hall of Champions

Jack '62 and Nina Osberg Student Study and Computer Room

"Gamma House" Hospitality Lounge and Classroom overlooking Nelson Field

Rolf Erickson Hospitality Lounge and Classroom overlooking Nelson Field

Many exciting opportunities remain to create a legacy in someone's name for the new south wing. Contact Donna McLean at 612-338-4826 or <mclean@augsburg.edu> for further information.



Jeff Swenson '79 (left), head wrestling coach and assistant dean, and Mike Freeman, Augsburg regent and campaign co-chair, kept the crowd fired up about Auggie athletic successes and the progress toward the new south wing of Si Melby Hall.

Faculty and Staff Make It Happen

Faculty and staff launched a campaign in September to increase giving to the Access to Excellence campaign among Augsburg employees.

The goal of the faculty-staff campaign was to significantly increase the participation rate of giving from within the Augsburg community—a critical factor to funding agencies when reviewing grant proposals from the College.

At the end of last fiscal year in May, the overall participation rate among the more than 800 faculty and staff employed by the College was 22%. As of Nov. 10, with more than half the current fiscal year remaining, that figure has risen to 29%. An even greater indicator of commitment to the campaign goals from within the College is the giving rate among full-time faculty and staff, and staff who work more than 50% of the time. As of Nov. 10, full-time faculty giving rose to 54%, while the rate among full- and nearly-full-time staff was at 41%.

First-time givers and those who increased their current gifts were eligible for a full match from a special fund established by a group of faculty emeriti, faculty, and staff whose generosity enabled even small gifts to grow in size.

In addition, new and increased gifts from members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans were also eligible for a 50% match from that organization.

Alumni News

From the director of Alumni Relations...



Greetings! As the new director of Alumni Relations, it is a great pleasure for me to have the continued opportunity to work with Augsburg's alumni and our many Augsburg friends.

In addition to myself, Donna Torgeson currently serves as assistant director of our newly re-structured Office of Alumni Relations. Donna finds herself busy working with the Class Agents, the Augsburg Associates, and also coordinating with the alumni group traveling to China this spring. You may have also worked with her on your reunion group this past year.

I have been at Augsburg since 1986, when I began working in the undergraduate admissions office. In 2002, I joined the Alumni/Parent Relations office working with the Parent Council, Homecoming and Reunions, plus many events on and off campus. I am very fortunate to now be working closely with the Alumni Board—please take a look at the calendar on the next page and join us for one of many upcoming events.

If you are interested in more information regarding opportunities to join the Alumni Board, or if you believe that you know an alum who should be nominated for our Distinguished Alumni, First Decade, or Spirit of

Jon Thorson '86 leads groundbreaking research with anti-cancer potential

Employing a simple new technique to manipulate the sugars that power many front-line drugs, a team of Wisconsin scientists, led by Augsburg alumnus Jon S. Thorson, professor of pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has enhanced the anti-cancer properties of a digitalis, a drug commonly used to treat heart disease.

Reported in the August 8 edition of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Thorson and the team describe a series of experiments that boosted the cell-killing potency and tumor specificity of the drug, derived from the foxglove plant and used to stimulate the heart. The drug is suspected to have anti-cancer properties, but its use to treat cancer has been little explored.

The new work is important because it provides scientists and drug companies with a quick and easy way to manipulate the sugars found in chemicals produced in nature.

According to Thorson, the technology

can be widely applied: "We've already taken this chemistry and applied it to many different drug classes. It's possible to extend it to antibiotics and antivirals."

The new technique, according to Thorson, will play a prominent role in the new UW National Cooperative Drug Discovery Group, a consortium of UW scientists seeking to develop new anticancer drugs from natural products.

Thorson joined the UW School of Pharmacy in the summer of 2001, and since moving to UW has been designated an American Society of Pharmacognosy Matt Suffness Awardee (2004) and a UW H.I. Romnes Fellow (2004). From 1996-2001, Thorson held appointments as an assistant member of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and assistant professor of Sloan-Kettering Division, Joan and Sanford I. Weill Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Cornell University, during which he was named a Rita Allen Foundation Scholar (1998-2002) and Alfred P. Sloan Fellow (2000-2002). Augsburg awards, please go to <www.augsburg.edu/alumni> or call 612-330-1173.

We are in the midst of an exciting year, and we hope that you'll join us on campus for an athletic event, theatre production, musical performance, or one of several convocations scheduled this year. Please save the date for Homecoming 2006, and bring your classmates, family, and friends to our next ever-growing family picnic event on Saturday, September 30, 2006.

Hendri Breen

Heidi Breen Director, Office of Alumni Relations

Two alumni appointed to Alumni Board

The Augsburg Alumni Board of Directors appointed two new members and elected Karina Karlén '83 as president and Barry Vornbrock '96 MAL as president-elect. To view the complete list and photos of board members, visit <www.augsburg.edu/alumni/board.html>. The new members are as follows:

Dale E. Hanka '60

Dale E. Hanka graduated from Augsburg with a B.S. in Scandinavian studies. He is a retired teacher, business owner, and financial planner.

Jamie E. Smith '04

Jamie E. Smith graduated from Augsburg with a B.S. in history. He is a real estate professional at Keller Williams Premier Realty in Woodbury, Minn.

Alumni Events

Please join us for these upcoming alumni events (see also the college-wide calendar on the inside back cover for additional Augsburg events); unless otherwise noted, call 612-330-1178 or 1-800-260-6590 or e-mail <alumni@augsburg.edu> for more information.

December

- 10 Washington, D.C.: Alumni gathering honoring 2005 Distinguished Alumnus Donald Mattison '66, M.D., Watergate Hotel, Executive Boardroom (Ballroom Level), 8 p.m. immediately following the Peace Prize Forum reception; registration is limited, please RSVP no later than Dec. 2 to 612-330-1598 or <rsvp@augsburg.edu>
- **11 McLean, Virginia**: President Frame will speak at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 703-356-3346, 9:45 a.m.

January

- **10 Auggie Hour** at Beaujo's Wine Bar & Bistro, 4950 France Ave. S, Edina, 952-922-8974, 5:30 p.m., featuring a wine tasting with Jenn Tome '99
- **19 Honors Program alumni gathering**, Christensen Center, 5:30-7 p.m.; please RSVP no later than Jan. 13 to 612-330-1598 or <rsvp@augsburg.edu>

February

- **15 Sun City, Arizona**: President Frame will speak at American Lutheran Church, 623-974-2512; 5:15 p.m. gathering and light supper; 6-6:30 p.m., "Christian Civility: Is it a Sellout?"
- **16 Scottsdale, Arizona**: Alumni gathering at Winn and Maxine Wallin's home, 4-7 p.m.
- **18 Tucson, Arizona**: Gospel Praise at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 520-327-6521, time TBA
- **19 Tucson, Arizona**: President Frame and Gospel Praise* at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 7:45 a.m., *8:45 a.m., and *11:15 a.m., 520-327-6521

March

26 *Annie* **at the Orpheum**: Gather for brunch on campus prior to a performance of *Annie* **at** the Orpheum Theater; transportation provided

FOURTH ANNUAL CONNECTIONS EVENT

Augsburg alumnae are invited to attend *Connections—A Women's Leadership Event*, cosponsored by Augsburg and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, on **Feb. 11** from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Thrivent Financial Corporate Offices in downtown Minneapolis.

Presenters at this fourth annual event include Gloria C. Lewis, president/CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities and member of the Augsburg Board of Regents; Janice L. Aune '88, chairman/CEO of Onvoy, Inc.; and Shira Hussain, senior admissions counselor at Augsburg College.

This unique event brings together students, alumnae, and women throughout the community for a morning of networking, mentoring, and leadership development. Please join us for this incredible morning of empowerment and

encouragement through the experiences and stories of the amazing women who attend!

For more information and to register online, please visit

<www.augsburg.edu/womenconnect>.





A-Club invites alumni on Baltic cruise

The Augsburg A-Club invites alumni and friends of the College on an exciting and relaxing 12-day Baltic cruise with hosts Dick (Porkchops) and Jane Thompson on the Holland America Rotterdam Cruise Ship. The adventure begins **July 28** in London, England, with stops in Norway, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Russia, Finland, and Sweden. Group rates range from \$2,548 to \$4,300 per person; airfare depends on your city of origin. If you are interested, call the alumni office at 612-330-1178. You are encouraged to book early if you are using frequent flyer miles for your own air transportation. Most of the commissions for this cruise will be donated to the Augsburg A-Club Building Fund. So gather a group of Auggies-or honorary Auggies—and experience a true northern European adventure!

Business alumni events

All business alumni are invited to attend the Department of Business Administration's Executive Management Lecture on **March 4** from noon-1 p.m., in Christensen Center (speaker TBA). Alumni are also encouraged to attend the annual Spring Business Forum (speaker and date TBA). Please call 612-330-1191 or e-mail <heckers@augsburg.edu> for more information.

Homecoming 2005—Roarin' & Soarin' Auggie Style



The Auggies' new head coach, Frank Haege, walked the sidelines during the Auggies' nailbiting loss to Carleton College.



Augsburg alumni and friends gathered during Homecoming week for the annual Augsburg Associates Fall Luncheon at the Women's Club in Minneapolis.





Above: The new Auggie Eagle logo, designed by Augsburg alumnus Samuel Gross '03 (see p. 10) was illuminated on the floor of the gymnasium in Si Melby Hall during the athletics celebration.

Left: The Augsburg community cheered on students who dared to compete in the comical, oversized boxing arena at Homecoming picnic.



Festive Auggie beads in maroon and silver decorated every tree, building, and statue during Homecoming weekend.



President William V. and Anne Frame performed at the student talent show in true 1920s style.

Photo by Charles Walbridge





The Auggie cheerleaders kept spirits high at the Homecoming football game despite a disappointing 21-19 loss to Carleton College.

Many students and alumni received Auggie Eagle temporary tattoos at the Homecoming picnic.



Donald Mattison '66, one of three alumni honored this year as Distinguished Alumni (see p. 8), spoke during the Homecoming chapel service





Above: Linnea Evans and Andy Nelson were crowned as Homecoming Queen and King.

Left: Simona "Fiery" Williams wowed everyone at the student talent show, taking top honors for her rap performance.

Photos by Stephen Geffre (unless otherwise noted)

Homecoming 2005—Roarin' & Soarin' Auggie Style



(L to R) ROW 1 (front): Beverly (Omdahl) Nelson, Agnes (Tweet) Schaper, Beverly (Williams) Lundeen, Miriam (Greguson) Travis, Mary Jean (Danger) Holmquist, Wenona (Strandlie) Lund, Beverly (Jorgensen) Olander. ROW 2: John Mulliken, Richard Dronen, Delores (Eide) Berkas, Clinton Peterson, Maxine (Dahlin) Christ, Kenneth West, I. Shelby (Gimse) Andress, Beverly (Halling) Oren. ROW 3: Darrell Egertson, Arthur Lunow, Elmer Karstad, Duane Westfield, David Skaar, Robert Herman, James Anderson. ROW 4: Robert Sneitzer, Richard Mahre, Wesley Bodin, Wayne Thoreson, John Benson



(L to R) ROW 1 (floor): Lyndon West. Lyle Olson, Marie (Bergh) Sandbo, Julie (Gudmestad) Laudicina, Joyce (Anderson) Pfaff, Judy (Thompson) Eiler, Gary Thyren. ROW 2 (chairs): Darryl Carter, Dorothy (Rasmussen) Nelson, Anita (Christopherson) Gransee, Eunice (Bergman) Dietrich, Sharon (Dittbenner) Klabunde, Adrienne (Strand) Buboltz, Larry Buboltz. ROW 3: Carolyn (Fernstrom) Anderson, Sharon (Kunze) Erickson, Jane (Huseby) Norman, Judith Reynolds, Wayne Fehlandt, Phyllis Borri, Mary (Tildahl) Meyers, Mary Ann Cogelow. ROW 4: Gerald Dahl, Dale Slone, Gracia Grindal, Bette (Bodin) Leeney, Karen (Lund) Orrill, Priscilla (Strecker) Feildhammer, Paul Fieldhammer, David Berg, Larry Nelson, Keith Dyrud, Dwight Olson, James Daugherty. ROW 5: Donald Anderson, Robert Klemenhagen, Robert Lee, Mary Ann Miller, Daniel Meyers, Ronald Blake, David Dyrud. ROW 6: Donald Hoseth, Gerald Hamlin, Gary Blosberg, Daniel Anderson.



(L to R) ROW 1 (front): Lori (Elmgren) Binder, Kristin (Johnson) Hella, Laurie Fyksen-Beise, Christine (Edlund) Luk, Mary Carlson. ROW 2: Jeffrey Jarnes, Brett Batterson, Carolyn (Johnson) Spargo, Jacqueline (Brookshire) Teisberg, Claudia (Walters) Forsberg, John Carlson. ROW 3: Paul Sannerud, Jon Burnison, Gary Tangwall.



(L to R) **ROW 1** (front): Jonathan Arntz, Lisa (Carlson) Sackreiter, Soven Sackreiter (baby), Andy Sackreiter, Dan Deitrich, Theresa (Hoar) Magelssen, Trygg Magelssen (baby), Scott Magelssen. **ROW 2**: Erica Bentley, Amy (Torgelson) Forsberg, Aubrey Forsberg (little girl), Cory Forsberg, Olin Forsberg (baby), Andrea (Mathieu) Bedard. **ROW 3** (back): Kirk Litynski, Mark Bedard, Nick Bedard (baby).

Class Notes

1951

John Garland, St. Paul, was recognized by the American Institute for CPCU and the Insurance Institute of America as an outstanding course leader. He has served as an institute course leader for 33 years, and currently teaches insurance for Hughes Group, LLC.

1957



Marshall D. Johnson, Minneapolis, published a new book, The Evolution of Christianity:

Twelve Crises that Shaped the Church, in May (Continuum).

1960

Lois (Richter) Agrimson, Eagan,

Minn., is director of social services at Rose of Sharon Manor.

1968



Janet Letnes Martin, Hastings, Minn., and Suzann (Johnson) Nelson '68, Grand Rapids, Minn., were featured in the *Star Tribune* for their musical, *Church Basement Ladies*, based on their books celebrating the foods and traditions of Lutherans. After successful trial runs in Grand Rapids, Fargo, St. Cloud, and Bismarck, the musical is settling in for a 14-month run at the Plymouth Playhouse.

AUGGIE REUNION

1969

Barbara Hagel Stevens, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., retired in June; she taught second grade at Pilot Knob Elementary School in Eagan for more than 30 years.

1971



Mike Sevig, Bloomington, Minn., and his wife, Else (Tallaksen) '71, operate Skandisk,

Inc., a company that distributes books and CDs (especially those related to Scandinavia) to specialty shops around the country. Last winter Skandisk secured the English language rights to publish a new fairy tale written by Norway's Princess Märtha Louise and illustrated by one of Norway's most celebrated artists, Svein Nyhus. Drawing from the childhood experiences of her grandfather, King Olav V, the princess has written a tale about a little boy who becomes a prince in her first children's book, Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns.

1973

Corrine (Froelich) Frank,

Detroit Lakes, Minn., proudly reports that her son, Corporal Will A. Frank, is currently serving in the United States Marine Corps in San Diego (Miramar). He has served in Iraq and will be deployed again in December. He also plays tuba in the USMC Band.

1974

Marlene (Chan) Hui,

Bloomington, Minn., sadly notes the passing of her mother, Choi Wan Chan, in September.

1976

Rev. Gary Andersen,

Bloomington, Minn., was installed as senior pastor of Community of the Cross Lutheran Church in June. He previously served Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake, Wis. His wife, **Diane (Forsberg) '76**, teaches English as a second language.

1977

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Lise Lunge-Larsen, Duluth, Minn., published her third children's book in August 2004, *Hidden Folk*:

Stories of Fairies, Dwarves, Selkies, and Other Secret Beings (Houghton Mifflin). Lunge-Larsen grew up in Norway, and her parents and grandparents filled her life with stories of elves, dwarves, and fairies. Now she shares those stories with children and the adults who read to them.

These Auggies and their spouses gathered at Chautauqua, N.Y., and stayed at the Anthenaeum Hotel to share special memories of their 1953-1957 college years. Pictured on the hotel's porch are: ROW 1 (L to R, seated): Gayle Engedahl Matson, Doug Herr, Verna Skovholt Barrett, Grace Forss Herr, and Marlys Holm Thorsgaard. ROW 2 (standing): Norman Matson and Arlen Thorsgaard (not pictured is Roger Barrett).

ALUMNI PROFILE

100 years young: Community celebrates Knut Hoversten's 100th birthday

by Bill Vander Weele

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When Knut Hoversten [Class of 1930] was nine months old, he suffered from whooping cough. In May, he officially celebrated his 100th birthday. In between, there have been very few illnesses or other physical problems for the longtime Sidney resident. Because of rheumatism in his knees and hips, Hoversten uses a wheelchair, but appears to be in excellent health for someone who is a century old. He credits his long life to a harmonious family and living in Big Sky Country. "I watched my appetite very closely," Hoversten said. "I don't do any drinking or smoking."

He remembers being an 8-year-old boy and reading about proper diet during his mother's trip to the doctor's office. "I always had food that was tested by proper nutrition. I kind of studied a balanced diet all through my life. I studied the kind of vitamins food contained, especially food with good vitamins."

His daughters say Hoversten's wife of 65 years, Hazel, also played an important role in his health. Hazel died in November 2004 at the age of 93. "She took awfully good care of him," said daughter Julianne Mell '64. "She was a nurse and made sure he ate right."

During the past year, Hoversten received the shocking news from his dentist that he had two cavities-the first in his life. Hoversten remembers, "I had to have all of my baby teeth pulled by a dentist because of the strength of my teeth."

Hoversten currently lives with his daughter, Carol Anderson, in Spokane, Wash. He remains busy during the day by reading, visiting friends, and seeing his greatgrandchildren. "My mom and dad used to come out and visit, so it's been a second home for him," Anderson said.



Knut Hoversten celebrated his 100th birthday in May. Since his graduation from Augsburg in 1930, more than 40 members of the extended Hoversten family have also attended, including the family's most recent Augsburg graduate, Kari Lucin '03. The pair, along with the entire Hoversten clan, was honored in 2003 with the Distinguished Service Award.



Knut Hoversten '30

The oldest of 14 children (eight are still living), Hoversten attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He then went to the

University of Minnesota, where he majored in chemistry, physics, and aeronautics. Years later, he finished his master's degree at Montana State University. "He still reads and has been a student all his life," said his daugher, Mell.

Hoversten can speak several languages, including Norwegian, German, Greek, Latin, and French. "The best resources of medical sources are in German and Russian," Hoversten said.

He feels the greatest advances during his life came in the physics and medicine fields. "It started out pulling slivers out of your hand with a tweezers, and turned into working with DNA," Hoversten said.

He experienced many highlights during his 40 years of teaching. One memory he shared was building a rocket with a student in the 1950s and setting the rocket off from the baseball field. "It went pretty high," he said. That student was Kendall Habedank, who is now a retired major general from the Air Force.

Many students are thankful that Hoversten went into the teaching field. He was hoping to become a doctor, but because of the Depression, he couldn't continue his education. "I ran out of money," he said.

"But I think his teaching was rewarding," Mell said. "He was meant to be a teacher. I think he influenced more people than he would had he been a doctor."

Hoversten's non-teaching activities included being a member of the Sidney Kiwanis Club for 58 years, a member of Pella Lutheran Church for 59 years, and director of the Methodist Church choir for 30 years. His many years of retirement featured teaching Norwegian at the Sons of Norway and working as a piano tuner. "I've got a good reputation in all of the area for being a good piano tuner."

When asked if he ever thought he would celebrate his 100th birthday, Hoversten said, "No. But I didn't object to it."

Class Notes

AUGGIES ABROAD



Hisham Al-Fergiani, an Augsburg alumnus from the 1970s, stands in the bookshop and press that he owns in Tripoli, Libya, called Dar Al-Fergiani Publishers.

1979

Judy Berkeland, Fairmont, Minn., recently became the Fairmont Area Schools' new orchestra director. Her husband, Steve '79, is senior pastor of Grace Lutheran Church.

1980

Bradley J. Imsdahl left his position as lead publisher of Quickfinder Handbooks, published by Practitioner's Publishing Company of Fort Worth, Texas, to start a new publishing company called Tax Materials, Inc. His new company publishes quick reference tax guides to sell to CPAs and other tax professionals nationwide. He can be reached at <brad@thetaxbook.com>.

1983

Les Heen and Barbara (Westerlund) '89, Maynard, Minn., are enjoying life in the country, "with nothing but room to run, hills to roll down, and stars in the sky to find through the telescope," says Barbara. Les is director of communications for Minnesota Farmer's Union, located in St. Paul, and Barbara is an estate and businessplanning attorney, operating her own law practice in Maynard. They have two children, Christopher, 7, and Erik, 4.

Franklin Tawah was featured as a "mover" in the business section of the *St. Paul Pioneer Press.* He is assistant vice president of University Bank in St. Paul.

AUGSBURG CENTENNIAL SINGERS 2006 FLORIDA APPEARANCES

Concert Performances

FEBRUARY 1 Trinity Lutheran Church and School 3016 S. Vine St., Kissimmee, Fla., 407-847-4204; 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2 Emmanuel Lutheran Church 800 Tamiami Trail S, Venice, Fla., 941-488-4942; 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 4 Peace Lutheran Church 15840 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, Fla.; 6:30 p.m. (time tentative)

FEBRUARY 5 Emmanuel Lutheran Church 777 Mooring Lane Dr., Naples, Fla., 239-597-1043; 3 p.m.

FEBRUARY 6 First Presbyterian Church 9751 Bonita Beach Rd., Bonita Springs, Fla., 239-992-3233; 3 and 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 7 Grace Lutheran Church 327 C Ave. SE, Winter Haven, Fla., 863-293-8447; 7 p.m.

Church Appearances

FEBRUARY 5 Emmanuel Lutheran Church 777 Mooring Lane Dr., Naples, Fla., 239-597-1043; 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

FEBRUARY 5 First Presbyterian Church 9751 Bonita Beach Rd., Bonita Springs, Fla., 239-992-3233; 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

1984

Laurie (Lindell) Miles, Apple Valley, Minn., recently moved back to Minnesota from California. She is a sales representative at Northwest Airlines.

Elizabeth (Ingersoll) Swanson, Minneapolis, received the Master of Sacred Music degree with an emphasis on conducting from Luther Seminary in May. She currently serves as the choir director for Glen Cary Lutheran Church in Ham Lake, Minn.; she plans to become ordained as an associate in ministry and seek a call as a full-time cantor/music director in the Twin Cities.

1985

Norm Okerstrom and John Wahlberg '86, owners of Excel Promotions, LLC, have entered into an agreement with Prime Advertising & Design, Inc., of Maple Grove, Minn., as an exclusive provider of promotional products, apparel, and corporate recognition items. Okerstrom and Wahlberg can be reached at <norm@excelpromo.com>.

Jean Taylor, Eagan, Minn., was elected to serve on the board of directors for Piper Jaffray Companies. Taylor is president of Taylor Corporation and serves as chair of the Augsburg College Board of Regents. She also serves on the board of directors for the Minnesota Private College Council and is a trustee of the Glen A. Taylor Foundation.



Mural on 11th and Franklin, Minneapolis, fall 2003

AUGSBURG ARTISTS

Amy Rice '93 is known in the Twin Cities' art community for her bold stencil creations, inspired as much by pop art and Japanese printmaking as the graffiti art movement. Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak has cited Rice's mural work as an example of how art has participated in the rebirth of Franklin Avenue. Rice is also known locally for her advocacy role on the behalf of artists with mental illness and recently received a national award for her efforts.

Rice is a member of the Rosalux Collective, a vibrant and growing community of Twin Cities' artists. Her work will be on display at the Rosalux Gallery's upcoming *Holiday Hoopla* exhibit, Dec. 3-30 (opening reception Dec. 10, 7-11 p.m.). For more information and to view more of Rice's work, visit the Rosalux Gallery online at <www.rosaluxgallery.com>.



Fisher Price Angel Spray paint and acrylic on canvas, 6" x 6"



Meghan with Olivia Mixed media, 24" x 48"

1986

Michael Berry was named executive vice president and chief financial officer of Dallasbased i2 Technologies, Inc. He previously served as senior vice president of Solutions Management at The Reynolds and Reynolds Company, Inc.

1987

Andrew Altenburg, New York, produces and hosts fundraising events through his company, Will Clark USA, which raises money for and awareness of AIDS causes under the umbrella name Bad Boys Events. He produced the Fifth Annual Bad Boys Pool Party in Palm Springs, Calif., in May,

which raised \$64,000 for L.A. Shanti, a nonprofit HIV/AID support organization in Los Angeles. He also executive produced a series of weekend events that brought another \$13,000 to various Californiabased nonprofits. In the past eight years, Altenburg has been directly responsible for nearly a million dollars raised for gay men's health organizations such as Magnet and the AIDS Emergency Fund in San Francisco and the Gay/Lesbian Anti Violence Project and Visual AIDS in New York. He currently hosts a weekly bingo game at the 9th Ave. Bistro in New York, which raises money for AIDS organizations, gay sports groups, and community organizations such as the Gay Men's Chorus.

Lisa Martin-Crawford,

Minneapolis, received a 2005 Association of Schools of Public Health Minority Fellowship to support her study of the experience of Ojibway adolescents with Type II diabetes who live on reservations. The goal of the two-year study is to improve preventive health care. The fellowship is one of only four public health fellowships made annually by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Martin-Crawford is a doctoral student at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing, and is an enrolled member of the Lac du Flambeau Tribe, an Ojibway tribe in Northern Wisconsin.

1988

Jim Damiani, Plymouth, Minn., was featured in the *Twin Cities Business Journal* as a recipient of its "Forty under 40" honor. Damiani, who serves as vice president of Bloomington-based Welsh Cos., has secured more than 1,500 real estate transactions in the past two decades. He got his start in real estate rehabbing old apartment buildings while still a student at Augsburg.

1989

Dawn Givans-Lander, Los Angeles, is a busy stay-at-home mom with 2-year-old twin boys. She is launching a hair salon/spa next spring.

Class Notes

KOLANDER-MCCUNE WEDDING



Holly Kolander '96 married Chris McCune in March 2004 at Orange Tree Golf Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. Holly taught 4th grade, but now stays home to care for their four-month-old twin daughters (see their birth announcement on p. 38).

BOLDEN-FIELDS WEDDING



Trena Bolden '00 married Jerome Fields '00 in August. Trena serves as director of Augsburg's Pan-Afrikan Center.

1990

Dave Frisell, Bloomington, Minn., is Kennedy High School's new head football coach. He also teaches physical education at Kennedy and at Oak Grove Middle School.



Alex Gonzalez, Bloomington, Minn., earned the title of financial consultant for Thrivent Financial for

Lutherans after successfully completing extensive training. He is one of 450 financial

consultants nationwide qualifying for membership in the group.

Judith A. Lemke was named executive vice president and chief information officer at Schneider National, Inc., in Green Bay, Wis. She previously served as CIO of Capella University in Minneapolis and as vice president of the Midwest region for Minneapolis-based BORN Information Services, Inc.

1991

Penny R. Olson, Richfield, Minn., received the Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in May. Before entering the seminary, she worked as a registrar, data processor, health consultant, and health unit coordinator at hospitals and medical centers in Minneapolis and St. Louis Park. She plans to serve as an ELCA parish pastor.

Carolyn Pool, Minneapolis, originated the lead in the world premiere of Paula Cizmar's play, *Bone Dry, aka the Copy Editor Murders*, at the Jungle Theater. A writer in the *Star Tribune* recently described her as a "dynamo of the stage."

1992

Walt Filson, Brooklyn Center, Minn., teaches law enforcement for Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11; he is pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice. Ladd Ojala, Minneapolis, competed in an Ironman competition this summer in British Columbia, Canada.

1994

Susan (Horning) Arntz,

Waconia, Minn., recently received the International City/County Management Association (ICMA)'s Credentialed Manager designation. Arntz, a member of Augsburg's Alumni Board of Director's, is city administrator of the City of Waconia. She also serves as chair of the Leadership ICMA Committee, and previously served as assistant city manager for the City of New Brighton and as assistant to the administrator/economic development coordinator for the City of Chaska.

1995

Jason Shaver was appointed as director of broadcasting and corporate sales by the Iowa Stars hockey team. Shaver, who was the vice president of communications and the playby-play voice of the Texas Wildcatters the past two seasons, will be the play-by-play voice of the Dallas Stars American Hockey League affiliate.

1998

Camille Carnes, San Rafael, Calif., received a Master of Education with a concentration in equity and social justice in May from San Francisco State University. She is currently working with high-risk youth in a young women's empowerment program. She can be reached at <camillecarnes@sbcglobal.net>.

Stephanie Simones, New Berlin, Wis., married Jeff Wehrman in May 2004. She teaches at St. Mathias Catholic School, and enjoys running and biking in road races, marathons, and triathlons.

STENSVAAG-DARDA WEDDING



Rebecca Stensvaag '01 married Paul Darda '01 in July 2004. Paul is a history teacher and assistant wrestling coach at Champlin Park High School, and Rebecca teaches 3rd grade at Johnsville Elementary School. Their wedding photo features more than 30 Augsburg alumni. Pictured here are: ROW 1 (L to R, front): Cindy Blummer '01, Emma Stansvaag '08, Ruth Casperson '67, Hannah Mehus Stensvaag '38, Rebecca Stensvaag Darda '01, Paul Darda '01, Nancy Strommen Stensvaag '71, John-Mark Stensvaag '69, Stephanie Johnson Sulzbach '71, John Sulzbach '69, Jean Boxrud Steen. ROW 2: Roland '03, Tjersti Strommen '07, Adam Thronson '00, Marsha Strommen Olson '68, Dawn Hofstad Strommen '70. ROW 4: Peter Strommen '69, Mary Nelson Eckberg '70, Brad Fischer '03, Heidi Peterson '03, Mark Peterson '01, Mary Ellen Strommen Lieber '67, Tim Strommen '70. ROW 5: John Eckberg '68, Ainy Carlson, Jeroy Carlson '48, Phil Edstrom '69, Luther Strommen '40, Steve Strommen '65.

1999

Tony Hudson, Minneapolis, is the diversity achievement coordinator at Sandburg Middle School in Golden Valley, Minn. He recently received a master's degree in education

administration from St. Mary's.



Stenback resides in Sweden with her husband, Tomas. She received a

master's degree in enthnology from Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden. She recently co-wrote the resources section of a new book, On My Swedish Island: Discovering the Secrets of Scandinavian Well-being, by Julie Catterson Lindahl (Teacher

Penguin), and she has worked on marketing the book—both in Scandinavia and the United States. She and her husband, who is a math and science teacher, have been offered English teaching positions in China starting next August through the Lutheran Church in Sweden (Svenska kyrkan). Stenbak can be reached at <rachel.stenbak@home.se>.

2000

Larissa (Westfield) Larson along with her sister, **Rebecca** Westfield '03, launched Ensemble, a women's clothing and accessories boutique in the Linden Hills neighborhood of Minneapolis. The sisters and the boutique were featured in the September issue of Women's Business Minnesota magazine.

Marcia Volk, Rosemount, Minn., married Brian Marrison last December.

2001

Conor E. Tobin, St. Paul, received a juris doctor degree from William Mitchell College of Law in June. While attending William Mitchell, Tobin served as president of the Student Bar Association and was a recipient of the CALI Award of Excellence for his work in the Immigration Law Clinic.

2002

Chris Kambeitz recently moved from Fargo, N.Dak., to Carver, Minn. He works in sales with Summit Products North, and can be reached at <cgkambeitz@ vahoo.com>.

Brenda Selander, Champlin, Minn., married Ted Mitshulis in June. They met at Anoka High School, where they teach and coach.

2003

Eric Bretheim, Edina, Minn., married Kelly Anne Lewis in July. Eric is a transportation logistics coordinator for Cargill.

Ken McCann, Eden Prairie, Minn., works for Target Financial Services.

Shawn Smith was added to the 2005-06 pre-season roster of the Fort Wayne Komets-five-time United Hockey League champions.

2004

Erica Champer, Chicago, works at Heartland Housing.

Kelly L. Chapman is a student at Fashion Institute Design & Merchandising in Los Angeles. She is working and interning for Ali Rahinii, owner and designer of Mon Atelier. After graduation in December, she hopes to enroll in the institute's third-year program.

Rick Dzurik is a music therapist, working with patients at the North Memorial Residential Hospice in Brooklyn Center, Minn., on the North Memorial Inpatient Hospice and Palliative Care Unit and with Hospice Homecare patients.

Brian Eayrs is pursuing a master's degree in sports administration at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he serves as graduate assistant to the defensive coordinator of the UW-L Eagles' football team. His father, Mike Eayrs '72, once served as the Eagles' offensive coordinator; he now serves as director of research and development for the Green Bay Packers (he also served 16 years in the same capacity for the Minnesota Vikings).

Class Notes

Dayle VanderLeest,

Minneapolis, is serving as a long-term substitute secondgrade teacher at Cedar Riverside Community School in Minneapolis.

2005

Brad Schwartzbauer is the new Mounds View, Minn., boys' hockey coach. He was an allconference player and captain at Augsburg, and played in the Colorado Rockies' minor league system.

Births/Adoptions

Mark Muhich '89 and Allison, Eveleth, Minn.—a son, Brennan, on St. Patrick's Day. He joins older brother Quinn, 4. Mark owns Muhich Law Firm in Virginia, Minn., and teaches legal-related courses at Mesabi Range Community and Technical College in Virginia. He can be reached at <mamuhich@ rangenet.com>.



Rich Blumer '95 and his wife, Heather, Maple Grove, Minn.a daughter, Amanda Jane, in February. She

joins older brother Carson, 2. Rich is an applications consultant for US Bank.



They can be reached at

September. Ryan is a senior manufacturing manager for Seagate in Bloomington and Lauren is a scientist for Ecolab in Eagan.



(Kolander) '96 and Chris McCune, Scottsdale,

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Ariz.—twin daughters, Sierra and Malayna, in June (see Holly and Chris' wedding photo on p. 36).



(Gallagher) '96 and Lee Stephenson **'06**, Sturgeon Lake, Minn.-

a daughter, Laura Ann, in May. She joins older sister, Grace. Ann and Lee received master's degrees from St. Mary's University.



Albertson, South St. Paul—a son, Max Andrew, in June. Amy

teaches 6th grade for South Washington County Schools.

Stefanie (Lindell) '98 and Bruce Lender '98, St. Paula son, **Samuel**, this year.

Leah (Holloway) '99 and Kevin Rudeen, Vadnais Heights, Minn.—a son, Zachary John, in June. Leah is a research consultant with John H. Harland Company in Roseville.

Jennifer (Crego) '00 and Chad Carls '00, Oak Grove, Minn.-a son, **Brock David**, in April. He joins older brothers Tommy, 3, and Andrew, 1. In addition to teaching chemistry and physics at Champlin Park High School, Chad also sells real estate. Jennifer and Chad can be reached at





Amy (Stier) '01 and Jeff Eppen, Belle Plaine, Minn.-

a daughter, Courtney Breanne, in February.

Laura McGowan '03: Study-abroad seminar inspires future service

Written by Lynn Mena; interviewed by Betsey Norgard

After participating in an Augsburg Center for Global Education seminar to Namibia during her senior year, Laura McGowan '03 was so inspired by her experience that she pledged to one day return to Africa. This summer, she landed upon an opportunity to spend six weeks volunteering at Beautiful Gate Namibia, an international, interdenominational Christian organization providing daycare and support to children and families in need. Located in Katutura, Windhoek, Namibia, the center provides emotional, spiritual, and physical care to these children, and supports their families and communities by giving practical assistance.

"I just started doing whatever they needed-sharpening pencils, cleaning, making food," said McGowan. "It took a bit of time for me to put into perspective what I was doing, and I started to realize that what I might ordinarily consider menial tasks were genuinely helping to make the staff's lives easier as well as to serve these kids. I may not be up there in front of the class teaching, but what I'm doing is needed just as much."

McGowan, who teaches 9th-grade history at Northview Junior High in Brooklyn Park, Minn., formed a special bond with a young girl named Queen whom she provided one-on-one tutoring. She also traveled with staff to various homes to perform needs assessments as well as to provide support.



Laura McGowan '03 posed with one of the children at Beautiful Gate, a daycare center in Namibia where McGowan volunteered for six weeks this past summer.

Upon returning to Minnesota, McGowan was immediately struck by the multitude of opportunities available to children and students in the United States as compared to those at Beautiful Gate. "Even though many of my students are at or below the poverty level, I started to realize that even for them, in comparison, there is tremendous opportunity here," said McGowan. "And so now I really have a drive to make sure the kids I teach realize and have access to those opportunities."

In Memoriam

M. Glendora Dueland '29, Slater, Iowa, died in April; she was 98. She taught in public schools in Minnesota and eventually entered public service in Washington, D.C., working for various government departments. She retired back to Slater, where she was active in the historical society. Dueland was a longtime supporter of the College and generously included Augsburg in her estate plans.

Joseph E. Erickson '37,

Mukilteo, Wash., died in February; he was 91. He was a retired farmer and missionary, known to many as the "singing farmer" for his singing ministry, which he shared during his mission trips to more than 50 countries.

Norman Myrvik '38, Brooklyn, N.Y., died in August 2004; he was 91. He was an opera singer, composer, choral conductor, opera impresario, radio host, record producer, and teacher. His Town Hall debut was followed by many engagements with opera companies and symphony orchestras, as well as leading roles on NBC's Opera of the Air and recitals in major U.S. cities. In 1967 he founded the Brooklyn Lyric Opera Company at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, which received glowing reviews from The New York Times. In 1962 his recording of Charles Griffes and Edvard Grieg songs won praise from The New York Times, The Atlantic, and High Fidelity. Myrvik hosted *Opera Stars of Tomorrow* for many years on WNYC Radio, and held teaching positions at Lehman and Kingsborough colleges.

Rev. Grant H. Olson '40, Seminole, Fla. (formerly of Minneapolis), died in August; he was 90. He formed two churches in Washington and served Minneapolis at Lebanon Lutheran Church for 26 years. In 1984 he joined the Lutheran Synod staff in Tampa and later became chaplain at Palms of Pasadena Hospital and Bay Pines VA Medical Center, retiring in 1999.

Agnes (Landsverk)

Torbenson '41, Detroit Lakes, Minn., died in July. She was a retired English teacher.

Sylvia (Brandt) Sateren '47, Indio, Calif., died in May. She was a retired choral music teacher and a 1996 inductee into the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame.

Marvin Larson '50, Carrollton, Texas, died in September 2004. He and his wife, Elaine, built three Home Mission churches in Circle Pines, French River, and Keewatin (all Minn.) and spent six years in Guadalajara, Mexico, serving as missionaries before moving to the Texas/Mexico border town of McAllen to open an English/Spanish Bible bookstore. Prior to his retirement, Larson also taught high school building trades and did cabinetry work.

Arthur J. Cote, Jr., '54, Columbia Heights, Minn., died in September; he was 82.

Dale Erdahl '54, Sioux Falls, S.Dak., died in May; he was 73. In addition to farming for more than 20 years, he was a two-time Minnesota legislator and an employment counselor for the State of Minnesota.

Rev. Glen C. Eveland '56,

Backus, Minn., died in July 2004; he was 71. In his 38-year ministry, he served churches in Indiana, Iowa, and Minnesota.

Paul L. Nyhus '57, Brunswick, Maine, died in August of brain cancer; he was 70. He was former Bowdoin College dean of students, dean of the college, and Frank Andrew Munsey Professor of History emeritus. As dean of students from 1969 to 1974, he encouraged and protected diversity among students and faculty, participated in the founding of the AfroAmerican Society and the establishment of co-education, and dealt with such crises as the student strike of 1970 to protest the bombing of Cambodia. As dean of the college from 1975 to 1980 and again in the fall of 1987, he continued to work on the goals established earlier, and participated in the debates that lead to Bowdoin's divestment of investments in companies operating in apartheid South Africa in 1985. Nyhus retired last year after 38 years of service. Prior to Bowdoin as a graduate student at Harvard, he participated in the second march to Montgomery, Alabama, organized by Martin Luther King, Jr., an experience that forever shaped and strengthened Nyhus' commitment to civil liberties and racial equality. Nyhus was a named an Augsburg Distinguished Alumnus in 1978.

Rev. Glenn O. Davidson '58,

Pine Island, Minn., died in December 2004; he was 73. He was ordained at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and later served 10 years in parish ministry in Wisconsin and as a pastoral counselor throughout Wisconsin for 20 years, retiring in 1995.

Marilyn Rogers '61,

Minneapolis, died in March of complications from post-polio syndrome; she was 64. Despite spending much of the past 55 years in an iron lung, she lived an active and inspired life. In the 1970s, she helped start the United Handicapped Federation, which worked with the Minnesota Legislature to improve access for people with disabilities.

James R. Quick '71,

Bloomington, Minn., died in September; he was 72. A retired social worker, he also served in the Air Force during the Korean War and was a singer and former Golden Gloves boxer.

Rev. Daniel D. Rudquist '71, Arden Hills, Minn., died in August; he was 55. He was

August; he was 55. He was ordained in 1976, and served the parishes of Sillerud and Trinity in Balaton, Minn., and Redeemer Lutheran in Fridley, Minn.

Charlotte M. Granite '97,

Freeport, Minn., died in July of cancer; she was 42. She worked as a physician assistant for the Paynesville Area Health System and the St. Cloud Medical Group (Cold Spring office), and served in the 134th Forward Support Battalion of the Army National Guard.

Rev. Dr. Karl H. Brevik, Indian Wells, Calif., died in October 2003; he was 75. He taught religion courses at Augsburg in the 1950s, during which time he served as a parish minister at Central Lutheran Church.

Katherine A. Hennig,

Minneapolis, died in October; she was 94. An Augsburg professor of emerita of music, she also taught voice at the College of St. Catherine and Hamline University. She was a soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra and also performed with the Minnesota Opera Company. In New York, she obtained the lead on the Broadway stage in Allegro and a role on Broadway's 46th Street Theater in the musical Arms and the Girl. She also appeared in a 14-week engagement at Radio City Music Hall.

Elvira Carlson Springer,

Golden Valley, Minn., died in July; she was 93. She was a dietician and teacher at Augsburg during WWII.

Nels Stanley "Stan" Stake,

Wayzata, Minn., died in January; he was 87. A former regent of Augsburg, he was a longtime employee of Honeywell. His career took him from his hometown of Chicago to Pittsburgh and finally to Minneapolis, retiring as senior vice president of the Commercial Buildings Group.

Auggie Thoughts

Making cultural choices by Dulmaa Enkhchuluun '04

Dulmaa Enkhchuluun, or "Enkee," as he explains below, is a 2004 Augsburg graduate who majored in international relations. He now works for the Mongolian Parliament, handling international communications, especially from international organizations. The following is excerpted, with his permission, from a piece he wrote for a Star Tribune blog.



Dulmaa Enkhchuluun '04, or "Enkee," walks through fields in his native Mongolia, with the sacred mountain Burkhan Khaldun in the distance behind him.

to have as much pop, milk, or tea as I wanted. Just walking into the cafeteria gave me more choices in food than I was accustomed to making in a whole year back in Mongolia.

I came to America with one small suitcase. I kept everything that I had in it. Each piece of clothing was folded exactly as my mother taught me. My pen, pencil, and notebook were each carefully wrapped, and I treasured them. By contrast, my roommate had a roomful of stuff. He owned more books than a library, yet he never seemed to read. He had enough music CDs for a music store, but he played the same one over and over. He had more electronic equipment than my whole school had in Mongolia.

I learned about the value of choice and the abuse of choice. I had to select those things that could help my family and country, and I had to avoid the excess. Having choice was worthless unless I could use the choices wisely. I learned that I would never have more food than I could eat, that I could never have more equipment than I could use, and that I would buy only what I needed. I also made a promise to myself to remain as strong as a rock and as peaceful as a rock in America. In order to remain strong, I would walk or ride the bike that my host family gave me, even in the coldest weather.

In five years I learned to be an American in some parts of my life and even in some parts of my heart, and yet I strove to remain a Mongol and to be my mother's son. I wanted to return home to Mongolia with the best education and training that America had to offer, but I wanted to be the strong and peaceful man that mother intended me to be. After all, in giving me the name Enkhchuluun, she gave me my destiny and my character, I wanted to live up to her hopes for me.

am a 26-year-old Mongolian male, and everyone calls me Enkee. My full name is Dulmaa Enkhchuluun. Under the Mongolian system, we only have one name, but my mother's name is Dulmaa and out of honor to her, I use her name as my first name or what you would call my family name. She gave me the personal name Enkhchuluun, which comes from two Mongolian words, enkh meaning peace and chuluun meaning stone. She hoped that in a world of great uncertainty I would be as strong as stone but also as peaceful as a stone.

I came to Minnesota to pursue **Kha** my B.A. degree. It was my first trip abroad, and I had no idea how the American academic system functioned or even how Americans lived. I knew that the images I saw on television and in films did not represent real life in America, but I had no idea what to expect aside from those images. I thought of America as a large, powerful country associated with democracy and, of course, Hollywood.

My introduction to American life came through the college experience. I was delighted by the great choice of food. On campus and within a few blocks, I could find pizzas, hamburgers, French fries, and the drink machines allowed me

Calendar

Music

For music information, call 612-330-1265

December 2-3

26th Annual Advent Vespers 5 and 8 p.m. service each night Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

January 27-29

Gospel Praise Tour Performances in southern Minnesota

February 5

Gospel Praise Concert 10 a.m.—Woodlake Lutheran Church Richfield, Minn.

February 17

Gospel Praise Concert 4 p.m.—MMEA Conference Convention Center, Minneapolis

February 18-19

Gospel Praise Concert Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Tucson, Ariz.

February 26

WomanVoice Concert

Featuring five collegiate women's choruses including Augsburg's Riverside Singers 4 p.m.—St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Mahtomedi, Minn.

February 28

Trio Concert

Featuring Mary Horozaniecki, violin; Jim Jacobsen, cello; Jill Dawe, piano 7 p.m.—Sateren Auditorium

Theatre

For ticket information, call 612-330-1257

February 4-12

The Illusion

By Tony Kushner Directed by Martha Johnson Feb. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11 at 7 p.m.; Feb. 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

February 16

The Guthrie Theater: An Organization in Transition

A conversation with Tom Proehl, managing director, Guthrie Theater 7 p.m.—Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

Exhibits

For gallery information, call 612-330-1524

November 4-December 18

Recent Works Gregory Fitz and Jake Keeler Gage Family Art Gallery, Lindell Library Artist gallery talk: Dec. 8, noon

Fragments: Glimpses of History and Place Thomas Westbrook

Christensen Center Art Gallery

January 13-February 17

Sculptural installations by Barbara Claussen Gage Family Art Gallery, Lindell Library Opening reception: Jan. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Photography by Terry Gydesen Christensen Center Art Gallery Opening reception: Jan. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

February 24-March 31

Sculpture by Jane Frees-Kluth Gage Family Art Gallery, Lindell Library Opening reception: Feb. 24

Mixed media by Mary Bergs

Christensen Center Art Gallery Opening reception: Feb. 24

Seminars, Lectures, and Films

December 7-May 3

FAITH@WORK Monthly Series FAITH@WORK is a monthly meeting of business professionals featuring speakers to help you grow as a leader so that you can more effectively live out your faith where you work and live. A continental breakfast is served, no reservations are needed. 7 a.m., first Wednesday each month, St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minn. For speaker information, contact Pastor John Hogenson at <jhogenson@spdlc.org> or John Knight at <faith@augsburg.edu>.

January 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation "Being Global Citizens; Living a Legacy" 1 p.m.—Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center



For information, call 612-330-1022

January 25-May 20

Augsburg Native American Film Series For more information, visit <www.augsburg.edu/ais/filmseries> or call 612-330-1523

February 14

Dana Gioia Poet, critic, and bestselling author. Part of the Augsburg Convocation Series: Global Citizens/Local Citizens.



11 a.m.—"American Poetry in a Violent War" Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center For information, call 612-330-1180

Other Events

December 2

Annual Velkommen Jul Celebration 10:15 a.m.—Chapel Service, Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center 11 a.m.-2 p.m.—Scandinavian treats and gifts, Christensen Center

February 11

Connections—A Women's Leadership Event See p. 27 for more details



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