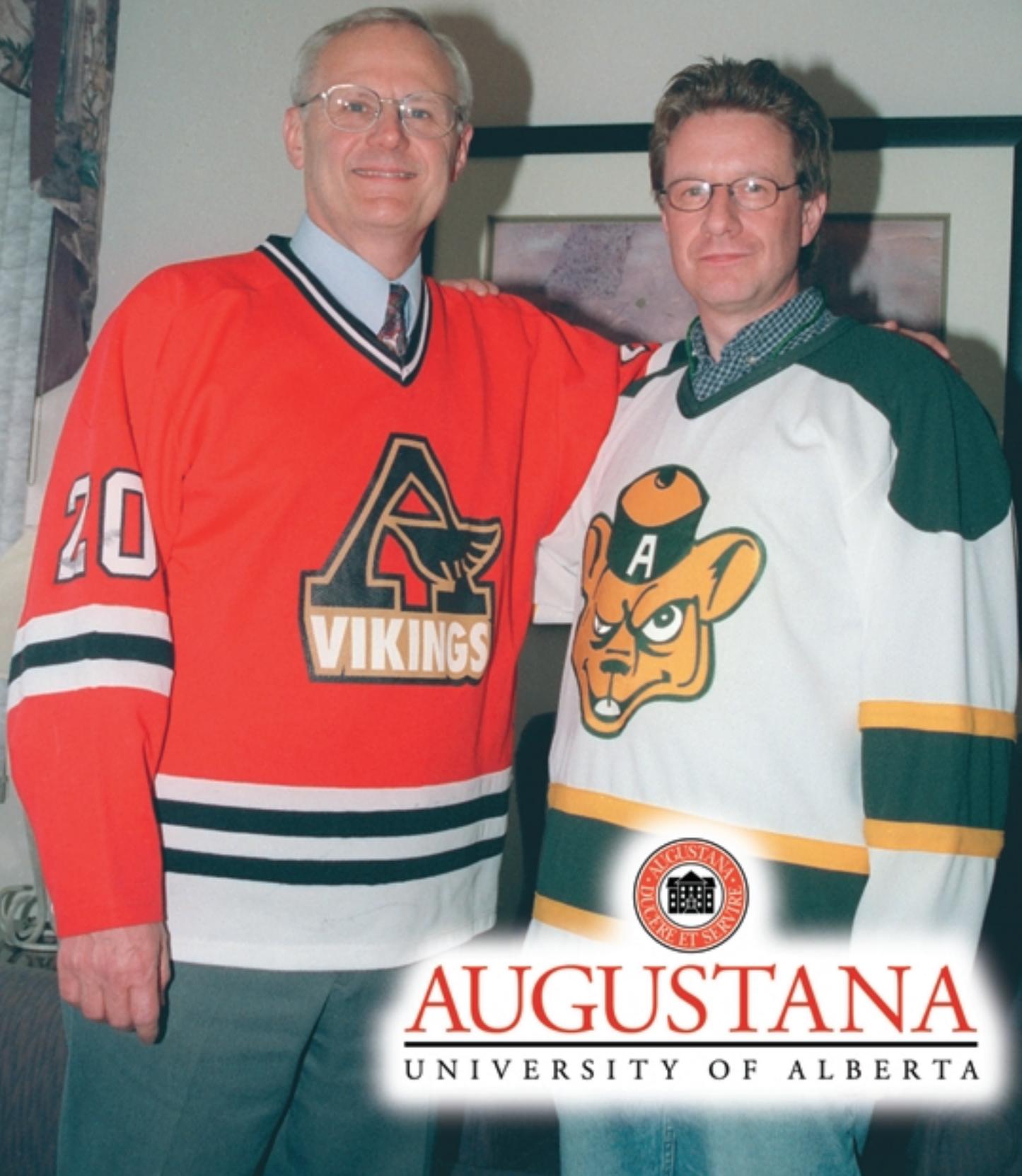


EXPRESS



AUGUSTANA
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Merger between Augustana and U of A

By Stan Gooch, Chair
Augustana Board of Regents

Our College, our historic College founded in 1910 by Norwegian Lutheran pioneers, now the Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta! Was this change necessary? Is this a good thing? Does this provide the best assurances to continue the essential traditions of our school? Is this course of action in the best interests of future generations of students?

The Augustana Board of Regents unanimously thinks so. So do current Augustana students, faculty, and staff. So did the 2003 Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada which acting as the Camrose Lutheran College Corporation voted for it by more than 80 per cent, albeit following a lengthy and at times difficult debate. The Camrose community is excited about the expanded opportunities the Augustana Faculty should generate for the city and the region.

The financial history of Augustana, and its predecessor Camrose Lutheran College, was one of constant struggle. However, with the generous support of member Congregations, individuals and the Camrose community, plus the sacrifices of faculty and staff, Augustana not only survived many crises but, more importantly, provided a very special educational experience for students for almost a full century. Augustana also survived because it had a history of successfully adapting to the changing educational needs of rural Alberta – starting as a residential high school when rural opportunities for a secondary education were severely limited and then, as community educational needs evolved, moving into first-year university and finally to full degree-granting University status.

If financial struggle is part of Augustana's history, why not just struggle on? Simply put, this was not a viable option because the cost of university education is now very high relative to the grants available to private institutions, especially those with high debt loads carried over from previous building programs. In the past several years, Augustana operated a "balanced" budget, but one which was achieved by freezing maintenance, freezing



Stan Gooch
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salaries of faculty and staff and, increasingly, cutting programs and reducing full-time faculty and staff positions. The inevitable consequences of these measures, if continued for more than a limited period, would have been an accelerating downward spiral that could only have led to total collapse. There were many fateful signs apparent to all of us directly involved with Augustana during the difficult 2002-2003 academic year that our school was starting this downhill spiral. Our sense that urgent action was required was further exacerbated by the three-year projections of expenses and income which, even allowing for the most generous level of donations from church and outside sources, did not offer hope that such a disaster could be avoided if we continued in the traditional way.

Faced with this bleak picture, the Board of Regents launched a process of examining all options that could ensure Augustana's future as an educational institution serving the community in the tradition established by its founders. I think it safe to assume that ALL potential options were considered. Some options, such as a new more generous government financing formula for private institutions or the establishment of a fully independent public university might have been preferable, in theory, but were not acceptable to the Government which would have had to provide funding. In the end, the only truly viable option proved to be the merger with the University of Alberta, supported financially by the Government of Alberta.

The reason that the University of Alberta and the Government were very interested in negotiating with Augustana was that the University and the Government had identified a pressing need for more space for undergraduates and both are keenly interested in providing enhanced educational opportunities in rural Alberta. And we found that Augustana, and its graduates, had a very strong reputation at the University and within Government circles. Thus, Augustana negotiators came to the table with some important strengths which helped to shape the eventual very positive outcome reflected in the Agreement signed June 29.

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an opportunity to build on our tradition

The Agreement signed with the University and Government on June 29 fully meets all the essential conditions originally set by the Board, including the preservation of a degree-granting campus in Camrose that preserves and builds upon Augustana's identity and heritage. As a full-fledged Faculty within the University of Alberta system, the Augustana Faculty will have a high degree of autonomy and, in fact, the current interim Academic Vice President and Dean, Dr. Roger Epp, has been named the first Dean of the Augustana Faculty. All current employees have been offered employment in the new Faculty, a measure which is not only fair to longstanding employees but also provides a solid base to continue Augustana's rich traditions.

The financial terms are equally favourable, and not only relieve the Camrose Lutheran College Corporation of all liabilities, but provide the solid financial basis for Augustana to

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function effectively by restoring and enriching its programs and course offerings for students, bringing faculty and staff salary levels to competitive levels to ensure that top-quality people are retained and attracted, repairing and updating the campus and residences and expanding present enrollment levels of 1000 students to 1200. But this is only the beginning. I am convinced that the Augustana Faculty will become the favourite undergraduate university campus in Alberta and grow to an optimal-sized liberal arts and sciences campus of approximately 2,000 students by 2014.

Throughout the negotiations, the Board attached great importance to preserving the Lutheran heritage of Augustana and received encouragement in this from both the University and the Government, to the extent legally possible. In concrete terms, Article 4 of the Agreement, entitled "Lutheran Heritage," provides for the immediate establishment of a Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life, which will be named in honour of Chester Ronning when formal approval is received from the family. Its purpose, outlined in greater detail elsewhere in this edition, is to promote the application of religious principles in daily life. Other important components of the Agreement related to the preservation of our Lutheran heritage include the maintenance of a Chaplaincy program, guaranteed chapel space for the Chaplaincy, the continuation of current endowments dedicated to Augustana, an enabling clause for the Church or its members to establish new endowments including endowed Chairs or Professorships, recognition of historical figures, and the preservation of historical assets.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that the Board of Regents is excited about Augustana's future as the Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta. This merger with the University of Alberta may have been forced by financial necessity, but it has emerged as an historic opportunity for our school to build on its proud tradition of providing service to the community. Augustana's potential for service will be dramatically strengthened with solid financial support from government and continuing academic and intellectual support from one of Canada's greatest Universities. Our Board is firmly convinced that Augustana's Norwegian founders would be truly dazzled by how far their school has come and by its new-found capacity to implement the vision of the founders. We sincerely hope that all past and present Augustana supporters including its alumni continue their active support and involvement in Augustana affairs and events which is the best means of maintaining its rich traditions.



Posing with a statue of Martin Luther following the signing of the merger were: (left to right) Ted Langford, Past Interim President; Dr. Roger Epp, Acting Dean, and Raymond Schultz, Bishop of the ELCIC.

Roger Epp named Acting Dean at Augustana Faculty

Dr. Roger Epp became Acting Dean of the Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta effective July 1.

"I'm looking forward to taking on the new challenge," said Dr. Epp of the appointment that will essentially make him Chief Operating Officer of the Augustana campus. "There are going to be many changes here over the next few years, with construction and the addition of new degrees and programs, and it is going to be exciting to be a part of them."



Dr. Roger Epp

Assuming many of the external relations responsibilities that have traditionally been handled by past Augustana presidents, Dr. Epp will attend the regularly scheduled meetings of the Deans' Council in Edmonton, and make connections with Deans from other universities for the purposes of exploring future relationships.

"It's going to be a matter of balancing the attention to this place with the need to be doing things within the whole University of Alberta system," said Dr. Epp. "In that way it is going to be a little similar to the type of work that I have already been doing over the past year."

While the business of putting together a merger has been complicated, Dr. Epp is satisfied with the way things have come together for the good of both Augustana University College and the U of A.

"I would have to say that we have experienced a series of miracles over the past year to bring us to where we are right now, to a point of amazing opportunity," he said. "And basically, that opportunity is there because Augustana University College has built a reputation, for a very long time, as being a good place, in every way, for students and teachers to be."

Dr. Epp, his wife Rhonda and their two small children came to Camrose and what was soon to become Augustana in 1990, seeing it as a vibrant, creative place in which faculty members were drawn into the creative tension that came from a deep commitment to forging ahead with building a university. As he looks to the future with the University of Alberta, he sees a similar kind of commitment starting to reappear.

"We're going to be making some new appointments in the next few years and we want to be very good at how we orient them to this campus," he said. "We want them to come in, share their fresh ideas and make it a lively time."

Ted Langford ends his one-year term at Augustana

Ted Langford's one-year term as Interim President of Augustana University College came to an end June 30.

"That's when I expect to be finished," said Langford. "If there are still some pieces of business that need to be finished, and they need my expertise or knowledge to deal with them, I will stay on, but I am not a lingerer. I don't anticipate, however, that there will be a need for me to stay on full-time after June 30."



Ted Langford

Langford started doing consultative work for Augustana in April, 2003, two full months before officially being named Interim President. Needless to say, the 12 months that have passed since then have been ones filled with challenges, mostly in regards to seeing how a small university college in Camrose could fit in with the U of A while still retaining its own special and distinct characteristics.

Based on the discussions he has had, Langford feels the merger will provide several advantages, both to the U of A and Augustana.

"I think it provides the University of Alberta with some alternate ways of looking at how programs can be managed and delivered," he said. "There may be some models here that will work for them, that they could use in the city."

"As for Augustana, it offers a chance to be associated with the University of Alberta reputation as being one of the top universities in Canada."

Though there have been many concerns expressed in regards to the matter, Langford feels Augustana will be able to retain its Lutheran Christian orientation.

"I think those themes will continue to dominate in the future," he said, "as long as the Dean and the faculty continue to exemplify that kind of approach to the students' learning experience."

As for his own personal future, Langford will be taking things just one step at a time.

"I need to do some work on my home at Lac La Biche and finish up the work I started on the Alberta College history book," he said. "I would also like to do some work in the Lac La Biche community concerning environmental issues."

And, he will be keeping in contact with Augustana.

"I have a very warm feeling for Augustana," he said. "It would have been interesting if I had been given the chance to be here at a different stage in my life. I think I would have probably had a longer tenure. But this is what came along for me at this time and I have very much enjoyed it."

Augustana welcomed as U of A Faculty

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It's official. After a year of hard work, the ink has dried on the formal agreement bringing Augustana University College into the University of Alberta family as *Augustana Faculty*. The agreement took effect Canada Day, July 1, 2004.

We are delighted to welcome Augustana into the University of Alberta. We have seen tremendous goodwill and cooperation between staff at both institutions during this complex merge process, with dedicated teams

addressing countless details, from academic programs, to computing systems, to staff agreements and infrastructure.

The Departments at Augustana Faculty are currently working with the Provost's office and the University Secretariat to shepherd Augustana programs through the University's course program approval process. The majority of approvals should be obtained during the Fall 2004 semester.

Staff agreements with AAS:UA and NASA have been approved, and Augustana staff have been hired by the University of Alberta.

A master planning process for the Augustana campus has commenced. The master plan, which will be completed this summer, looks ahead to the

needs of a campus of 2,000 students. It is likely the first projects will create a new library, along with laboratory, classroom and student services space. A new structure would house these facilities and construction would likely commence in 2005 for the 2006 instruction year.

On behalf of the transition team we thank all those involved for making the transition a smooth one. There is much work ahead, but we are certain that Augustana's rich academic tradition will continue for future generations of Albertans.

We also thank the provincial government for its recognition of the great potential in the proposed merger and its dedication to building a strong post-secondary presence in rural Alberta.

Augustana Faculty will have a permanent seat on U of A Alumni Council

Dear Alumni and Friends,

After reading Renae Hewitt's message (page 7), I cannot fail but be impressed and inspired by the rush of enthusiasm shown by your new Board President and all of the Board members as they grapple with this very complex issue of merger with the U of A. This is a very exciting time for all of us at Augustana, especially the students!

The challenges facing your Board (and by extension those of us in the Alumni Office) are formidable and many. The biggest test may be to transform the Augustana Alumni Association and Board to a formally constituted Chapter of the U of A Alumni Association. Of course, your Board will remain vigilant in oversee-

ing the maintenance of our long history and traditions, as well as taking advantage of all of the benefits and experience of a much larger operation. Augustana will also have a permanent "seat" on the U of A's Alumni Council, just the same as the other Faculties at the University.

At the time of writing, meetings were underway about how Augustana/Camrose Lutheran College Alumni will be considered by the University of Alberta Alumni Affairs Department, mainly for the purposes of the Alumni benefits program. Because of our unique history and varied categories of Alumni, we don't exactly match the U of A's definition of an alumnus (three or four year degree graduate).

Initial indications are that *New Trail*, the U of A Alumni magazine, will be mailed only to our three and four year grads, but you will be informed when further details are known. In the meantime, keep watching our web site (www.augustana.ca/alumni/) for updates, including the possibility for online giving in the very near future.

An exciting future awaits us. We will continue to ensure that the history and traditions of your alma mater are honoured, while taking full advantage of the new opportunities presented by our merger with the University of Alberta.

Ray Hook,
Director of Development
and Alumni Relations

What people are saying about the merger

– "This merger reflects and advances our vision to provide all Albertans with an opportunity for an accessible, flexible and responsive learning environment. The partnership between these two institutions will help meet the increasing demand for post-secondary education in rural Alberta."

Hon. Lyle Oberg,
Alberta Learning Minister

– "Augustana shares the University of Alberta's commitment to serving the community with the highest educational standards and we are proud to welcome them into the university of Alberta family. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Canada Day."

Jim Edwards,
University of Alberta Board Chair

– "The University of Alberta has made it possible for the founding traditions of Augustana to have a significant ongoing role in its academic and student life."

Raymond Schultz,
Bishop ELCIC and President
of the Camrose Lutheran
College Corporation

Berg will be named Distinguished Alumnus



Internationally acclaimed opera singer, 2004 Grammy nominee and Juno-award winning recording artist Nathan Berg (pictured above) will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award when Augustana Homecoming celebrations are held this October.

Berg spent one year in the Augustana University College Bachelor of Arts program in the 1980s before going on to the University of Western Ontario, a choral conservatory in Paris, and finally to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, where he studied with Vera Rozsa, one of the most famous singing teachers in the world. He has performed with numerous orchestras around the world, including the New York Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Montreal Symphony, The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the National Symphony, the Rias Kammerchoir, the Academy of Ancient Music, Les Arts Florissants, St. Louis Symphony, and San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

Berg was a Distinguished Artist in Residence at Augustana University College for a week this past February.

Homecoming the place to be

You'll have the chance to renew old acquaintances and feel like a student again at Homecoming 2004 October 15, 16 and 17.

Events are scheduled to get underway Friday evening with registration at the Faith and Life Centre.

Saturday morning will begin with a second registration in the Faith and Life Centre, after which alumni will be encouraged to reminisce with former classmates, pose for photos, view displays and tour the campus.

The Alumni Association annual meeting and election of board members will be held in the afternoon, following a brunch.

A number of other class activities will also be held.

Augustana Alumni Association awards presentations and entertainment will highlight the Homecoming banquet at the Norsemen Inn.

Nathan Berg will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of outstanding achievement in his vocation. Gail Stolee will receive the Alumni Citation Award for significant contributions by a non-alumnus to the Alumni Association or the life of Augustana. And David Moore will receive the Lois Aspenes Award for outstanding contributions to the Alumni Association and the life of Augustana.

Homecoming sporting events on Saturday will include men's and women's basketball games against Lakeland College in the Augustana gymnasium starting at 5 p.m., and a Vikings hockey game versus Grant MacEwan in Max McLean Arena at 8:00.

The weekend will wrap up with a Sunday worship service in the chapel, followed by a brunch.

Honoured class years for Homecoming 2004 are: 1953 and prior, senior class; 1954, 50th anniversary class; 1959, 45th; 1964, 40th; 1969, 35th; 1974, 30th; 1979, 25th; 1984, 20th; 1989, 15th; and 1993, 10th. A special reunion will be held for the Moi dwellers of 1984/1985.

Homecoming weekend passes, which include Saturday and Sunday brunches in the dining hall, light refreshments on Saturday morning and afternoon, the banquet on Saturday evening, and entry to the sporting events, may be purchased at a cost of \$45 for singles and \$80 for couples.

The cost to attend only the Saturday banquet will be \$25 per person.

More detailed information and registration forms will be sent in August to alumni honoured classes. Early registration is always appreciated.

Class reunion plans are underway

Sonja (Gotaas) Hendrickson is spearheading the **50th Anniversary** reunion of the Class of 1954 with the assistance of several class members who are reviewing lists, contacting classmates, and making plans. If you belong to the **Class of 1954** and want to get in touch with Sonja, please contact the Alumni Office, (780) 679-1105, or 1-800-590-9992, extension 1105, or malos@augustana.ca.

Myrna Simonson, with the assistance of **Fran (Daly) Reed**, is organizing the **45th Anniversary** reunion for the **Class of 1959**. Myrna, who is really hoping for a great turnout, will be in touch with you, but you can contact her directly at (780) 662-4145 or at mmstofield@hotmail.com.

Steamer and Kevin are rounding up the 1984/85 residents of Moi Hall for a **Moi 84/85 20th Anniversary Reunion!** This is an event that should not be missed! E-mail Kevin at kevin@est-elle.ab.ca or call him at (780) 437-0967 for details.

At press time, the **30th Anniversary Class of 1974**, the **25th Anniversary Class of 1979**, and the **20th Anniversary Class of 1984** are also planning get-togethers at Homecoming 2004. You will be hearing from the organizers of these reunions shortly.

It's not too late to organize a reunion for your classmates, choir, residence mates, whatever! Contact the Alumni Office for information on how you can make a reunion happen.

Looking out for you



Members of the Augustana Alumni Association board of directors: (left to right, front) Alumni Assistant Susan Malone, President Renae Hewitt ('95), (second row) Board of Regents rep Kevin Riemer ('87) student rep Matthew Hebert, Gordon Hendrickson ('43), (back row) Jane Christenson ('70), Tina Myles ('90), Director Development and Alumni Relations Ray Hook, Past President Michelle Munroe ('87) and Sue Storvik ('96). Missing from the photo: Dean Kelndorfer ('87), Jackie Lepard ('92), Kristy Mandrusiak ('02), Rod Soholt ('63), student reps Preet Gill, Dustin Pfeifer and Aaron Olofson.

The Augustana Alumni Association Board of Directors exists to encourage fellowship among its members and to promote the interest and welfare of the university.

The most visible activity of the Alumni Association is Homecoming Weekend, held annually in October. Homecoming allows alumni to get together on campus to remember old times and to see how things have changed. As well, the weekend is a time for the Association to honour Distinguished Alumni, faculty, and friends of Augustana. Other important activities of the Association include representing alumni in Augustana affairs, publishing news of interest to alumni in *Express* and developing special projects to benefit Augustana, its alumni and students. In the past year, board members provided refreshments to students at pre-registration, handed out "good luck" chocolate bars before final exams, sold diploma frames at Convocation, and sat on the merger Transition Advisory Committee. The Association also sponsors two scholarships every year for current Augustana students.

Members of the Augustana Alumni Association are those who attended the high school program, graduated from the university college, or successfully completed at least 24 credits of study.

Why get involved with the Alumni Association? First, because you have good memories of Augustana and want to maintain contact with friends, professors and teachers. Second, because you care about the quality of education for those following in your footsteps. The Alumni Association has an important voice on the Augustana campus and its impact is growing.

Alumni Association's future depends on you!

I participated in the convocation ceremonies this past May – the last graduating class of Augustana University College. We all leave this place different individuals from when we arrived. Our memories will stay alive as long as we keep in contact with old friends, as you tell stories to your children and grandchildren, and share your abilities. To Lead and To Serve with the world. Augustana is like family – supportive and optimistic through good times and bad, welcoming and nurturing, teaching us valuable lessons and helping us to leave the nest and fly on our own.

Augustana's future has been debated for some time now and, as we head towards this future and the changes it will bring, know that our history is not lost or forgotten. What has made this place special will continue to thrive here, of that I am quite certain.

While looking through some old editions of the *Express*, I came across some survey results that indicated the Homecoming weekend and individual class reunions were the most appealing. Your alumni board is here to make your biggest event of the year a success, but we

need your help and input. Check out the information on this year's Homecoming and make plans now to attend. Gather up your long lost friends, team members or dorm mates and come to Camrose this October.

I am honoured to sit as the President of the Alumni Association, but we are a team and I have the support of an enthusiastic board – all looking forward to the possibilities and opportunities that await. The board relies on numerous volunteers and Augustana staff – their support and expertise is very welcome and appreciated. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Ray Hook and Susan Malone – their efforts are indispensable in making our board run smoothly.

Our future as an alumni board depends on all of you. We rely on volunteer efforts and your input is always appreciated. Don't be shy to step forward yourself or nominate someone you know to become a board member, or just to help out for special occasions such as Homecoming. Remember to visit our web site for the latest on the merger, Homecoming 2004 and class notes.

Until next time,

Renae Hewitt
('95, BA Special)

Help us find yearbooks

The Alumni Office has one of almost every yearbook that was printed, but a few years are missing and several are just photocopied versions. We would love to have a full set of original issues in the office (you'd be surprised how often we refer to them), so if you have one of the following

yearbooks packed away that you don't know what to do with, we would be delighted to receive it: 1945, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1965 and 1966. Please send to the Alumni Office, 4901-46 Avenue, Camrose, Alberta, T4V 2R3. Thanks!



Homecoming October 15-17, 2004 Registration Form



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Alumna/us First and Last Names _____ Maiden Name _____

Name to appear on name tag if different from above _____

Mailing Address _____
Street Address/RR/PO Box _____ City _____ Prov/State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

Home Phone (include area code) _____ Fax _____ email _____

Please include me with the: Moi Hall 1984/85 reunion _____ Senior Class (1953 and prior) _____ 50th Anniversary Class of 1954 _____
45th Anniversary Class of 1959 _____ 40th Anniversary Class of 1964 _____ 35th Anniversary Class of 1969 _____
30th Anniversary Class of 1974 _____ 25th Anniversary Class of 1979 _____ 20th Anniversary Class of 1984 _____
15th Anniversary Class of 1989 _____ 10th Anniversary Class of 1994 _____

Guest information: for the purpose of name tags, I will be attending with _____

If your guest attended CLC or AUC, please indicate the last year he/she attended _____

Registration Costs
Single Weekend Pass: \$45.00 • Couple Weekend Pass: \$80.00
Weekend Pass includes
Saturday evening Homecoming Banquet and entertainment at the Norsemen Inn,
Saturday and Sunday Brunches in the University Dining Hall,
Refreshments and Pass to Sport Events
Saturday Evening Homecoming Banquet Ticket Only: \$25.00 person

Please reserve:

Single Weekend Pass (includes Saturday Homecoming Banquet) _____ required x \$45.00 = \$ _____

Couple Weekend Pass (includes Saturday Homecoming Banquet) _____ required x \$80.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Homecoming Banquet Ticket(s) only _____ required x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

(GST included in prices)

Payment:

Cheque payable to University of Alberta (please indicate "Augustana Homecoming" in the memo line on cheque)

Credit card: VISA MC Card No. _____ Expiry Date _____

Name on card _____ Signature _____

Please return this form with payment by September 30 to:
Augustana Faculty Alumni Office, 4901 - 46 Avenue, Camrose, AB T4V 2R3
(if paying by credit card, form can be faxed to 780-679-1101)

Receipt of your Registration will be confirmed by phone, fax or email.

Prior to Homecoming Weekend, Passes and Banquet Tickets can be picked up at the Alumni Office (4606-49 Street)
During Homecoming Weekend, they will be available at the Registration Desk in the Faith & Life Centre.

For further information contact Susan Malone, Alumni Office, 780-679-1105 • 1-800-590-9992, ext. 1105 • malos@augustana.ca

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Calling attention to Augustana

On Tuesday, March 2, 2004, Wetaskiwin-Camrose MLA LeRoy Johnson spoke about Augustana in the Alberta Legislature.

Mr. Johnson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak about changes and new opportunities at Augustana University College in my constituency. On November 21, 2003, a letter of intent was signed by the presidents and board chairs of Augustana and the University of Alberta and the Minister of Learning setting up a framework for a merger between the two institutions.

Augustana, founded in 1910 by Norwegian Lutheran settlers, began operations in 1911 as Camrose Lutheran College. It was to be a residential high school embodying the values of those pioneers and bringing educational opportunities to many students across Alberta and other provinces as travel in those days was restricted. In 1959 Augustana became an affiliated college of the University of Alberta, offering university level courses with the second year of the university transfer program added in 1969. In 1985 Augustana became the first private college in Alberta accredited to grant three- and four-year baccalaureate degrees.

Throughout the many years that Augustana has been a part of the Camrose community, its residents have embraced the students that travel from around Alberta and the world to attend, with many Camrosians joining them in the classroom to take advantage of the opportunity right at home for lifelong learning. Many students earn their degrees as adults from this fine liberal arts and science University College.

Both Augustana and the University of Alberta seek to retain and build on those features that have made Augustana a unique and caring place with high educational standards. The merger with the University of Alberta will be another transition in following Augustana's mission to lead and to serve. It also offers the University of Alberta a unique opportunity to enhance service to rural Alberta.

Today I wish to acknowledge Augustana for 93 years of providing educational opportunities in Camrose and wish them continued success as they move forward with pride in past accomplishments and confidence in the future.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



Former Alumni Association board member David Moore (right), from the class of 1955, was pleased to present Alumni Association scholarships of \$950 each to Kathryn Sieben and Steven Hansen at the 2003 Augustana Scholarship Banquet.

Your continued support will help make a difference

**By Ray Hook,
Director of Development
and Alumni Relations**

As I reflected upon the message of optimism from our MLA LeRoy Johnson in his article on this page I couldn't help but wonder how many of our Augustana/Camrose Lutheran College Alumni, friends or parents of both former and current students fully realize the importance of their continued support to this fine institution. Even after the merger with the University of Alberta, your help will still make a difference.

Given that nearly 80 per cent of our students come from rural Alberta families, most of you know that we have struggled through some very tough times recently, given the two years of BSE and almost three years of drought-like conditions in Alberta. Despite the serious economic effects on families, Augustana students returned last fall filled with hope and optimism. They were able to complete their studies this year due in large part to our financial awards program and the generosity of our donors. Your contributions gave our students that "boost" of finan-

cial aid that truly made a difference.

Our 2004 Spring appeal raised over \$22,000 and most of it was designated to our area of greatest need – repairing the roofs on the Convocation and Faith and Life Centres. The remaining dollars were designated by you to support a number of smaller projects, including Campus Ministry, the library, science lab equipment, choral program, scholarships, and various athletic pursuits. This type of support is both typical and critical at universities across the country, regardless of their size. And even with the many benefits of our merger with the U of A, we will still need your support to maintain and improve on all that we cherish about Augustana, and everything that makes it so unique. The Augustana Experience is alive and well, and with your help, we can keep it that way.

The Augustana Faculty of the U of A has a very bright future. Please join us in celebrating this wonderful opportunity to keep alive our unique heritage, history and traditions. Your continued support is very important to our students and their future!

Larson named Distinguished Professor

By Dan Jensen

In the 34 years he has been at Camrose Lutheran College and Augustana University College, Dr. David Larson has always been a bit of a pioneer and innovator.

“He’s always testing, trying new things and learning more about his craft,” said Dr. Harry Prest who, along with Dr. Anna Hoefnagels presented Dr. Larson with a Distinguished Teaching Award April 29. “He’s constantly evolving and developing as a teacher.”

The Distinguished Teaching Award has been presented annually since 1996 by the Augustana Committee on Teaching, which selects recipients from nominations submitted by faculty and divisional chairs. The award was created to recognize those professors who have received outstanding student evaluations and strong colleague endorsements, and who have a well developed teaching philosophy which stresses both interaction with and learning from students.

As a professor of biology and physical education, Dr. Larson has developed many



Dr. Anna Hoefnagels and Dr. Harry Prest (right) presented the Distinguished Teaching Award to Dr. David Larson.

new courses, often in collaboration with other colleagues, within his discipline and beyond. The most recent is a Tropical Conservation and Biodiversity Studies program, in which he and Dr. Doris Audet take third and fourth year biology and environmental science students to the rainforests of Costa Rica to get first hand entomological experience.

“It’s an opportunity for Doris, with her experience and background with bats, and me with my knowledge of insects to do some real

valuable teaching,” said Dr. Larson.

Closer to home, Dr. Larson has developed a natural luge program that has produced many world class natural lugers. He also teamed up with Dr. Garry Gibson nearly 10 years ago to develop a unique outdoor education program which saw Augustana students take trips to the Canadian arctic.

“The interesting things about these kind of experiences,” said Dr. Prest, is the dimension of experiential education and the develop-

ment of leadership qualities in the students. To provide that kind of experience outside the classroom again is an innovative dimension to Dave’s teaching over the years. Experiences like those help prepare students for the world outside the classroom.”

Dr. Larson was teaching in a school in South Dakota in the early 1970s when he heard about Camrose Lutheran College from Dr. David Ostrem, who was soon to become his colleague.

“I expected I would end up with one of the Lutheran colleges in the United States, but as others can attest, this place kind of catches and captures you with all the opportunities it has to offer,” he said.

Would he do it all over again if offered another chance? Without a doubt.

“I’ve been very blessed to come into contact with all the students over the years who have found biology and outdoor education exciting and interesting, as well as all my other co-teachers who I call my friends. They are the only reason I am still here at Augustana at this point.”

Financial support for Augustana students

To honour the recent retirement of their colleague, Ed Friesen, Augustana’s English professors have established the Ed Friesen Scholarship in English. The scholarship will be awarded annually to the English major continuing his or her studies at Augustana with the best combined performance in English 103 and English 104. The scholarship recognizes Professor Friesen’s commit-

ment to the importance of studying literature and his achievements over his 35 years at Augustana as a popular and inspiring speaker.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this scholarship should mail contributions to the Augustana Faculty, University of Alberta, 4901-46 Avenue, Camrose, Alberta, T4V 2R3. Cheques should be made payable to the University of Alberta and

should indicate that they are for the Ed Friesen scholarship.

Augustana is also continuing to accept donations for a bursary fund that was established to support students who have been affected by the BSE crisis and plan to begin or continue their studies in 2004-2005.

“We know that the effects of this crisis are serious, that they can’t be sepa-

rated from drought and farm commodity prices, and that they reach well beyond the cow-calf producer,” said Augustana Dean Roger Epp. “We also know that rural people are wary of anything that looks like charity. This is not charity. This is a supplementary award for students in good standing. We hope it will encourage them to follow through with their educational plans.”

Renovations started in Central Hoyme

The long awaited and long-promised renovations are officially underway.

As of late June, workers were busy giving a facelift to the shower rooms on each of the three floors of the first year (Central Hoyme) dormitory.

The rooms will feature four new shower stalls, as well as a new tub.

“The shower stalls were getting to the point where they were cracking and in need of replacement,” said Chris Blades, manager of Augustana facilities. “As well, there was no privacy for dressing and undressing. With the new shower areas they (students) will have that.”

Water supply piping to the shower rooms will also be replaced.

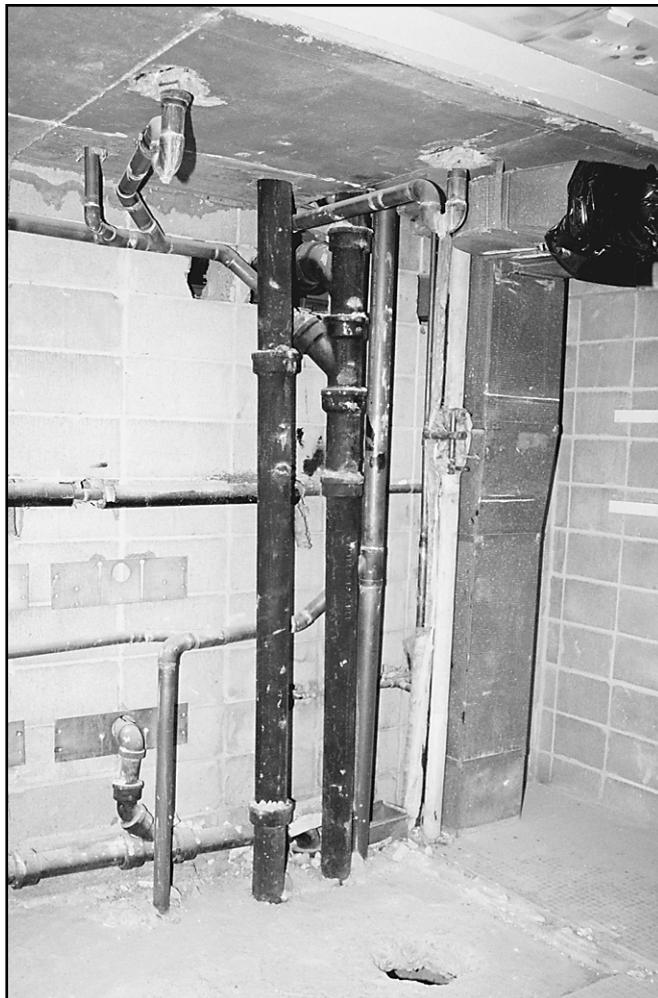
“The old pipes were getting corroded and creating a possible hazard in terms of leaks,” said Blades.

Happening at the same time as the shower room and piping improvements was the replacement of the Central Hoyme boiler, which had been in use since the construction of the dormitory in 1964.

“The boiler has done a good job but has outlived its life expectancy and is no longer very energy efficient,” explained Blades. “We thought we better replace it now than do it in the winter when we would be inconveniencing our students. And you don’t want to see the boiler go down on one of the coldest days of the year.”

The total estimated cost of both the shower room/piping and boiler improvements is just over \$200,000.

In other happenings, Augustana officials have been meeting with contractors in preparation for tenders for new building construction.



Renovations are underway in the shower rooms of Augustana’s Central Hoyme dormitory for first-year students.

Charitable giving by U.S. residents to the Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta

Prior to this summer’s successful merger with the University of Alberta, U.S. residents and those requiring a U.S. tax receipt mailed their gifts to the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church Association) Foundation in Chicago. However, effective July 1, 2004, contributions to the Augustana Faculty will be facilitated via the University of Alberta Foundation USA Inc.

Gifts intended for the benefit of the Augustana Faculty sent to the ELCA post July 1 will be forwarded to the University of Alberta. Augustana, in conjunction with the University of Alberta, has implemented procedures to recognize your donation and forward it to the appropriate recipient, ensuring that our faculty will continue to receive the benefits of your generosity.

We would ask that Augustana Alumni and friends living in the United States, who require a U.S. tax receipt, continue to give to Augustana through the University of Alberta Foundation USA Inc., using the following contact information:

**University of Alberta Foundation USA Inc.
c/o Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C.
Attention: Pam Faulkner
22nd Floor, IBM Plaza
330 North Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611-360**

Please rest assured that any gift intended for Augustana will be directed to Augustana.

Thank you for your continued support of the Augustana Faculty. We are excited about our partnership with the University of Alberta and anticipate that this merger will enhance the programs and services provided to our students, faculty and community.

If you have any questions regarding the merger, your donations, or the University of Alberta, please contact **Ray Hook**, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Augustana Faculty, Camrose, at (780) 679-1183, or toll-free 1-800-590-9992 (extension 1183).

Choir key part of university experience

Evelyn Pfeifer was the sessional instructor and choir director at Augustana University College this past year. She graciously took the time to answer a few questions for the Express.

What influenced your decision to come to Augustana?

Late last April (2003) I received an e-mail from Milton Schlosser wondering if I would be interested in applying for a sessional position in music. Knowing about the fine reputation of Augustana was certainly an influence, and coupled with my strong desire to come back to Alberta led me to apply, and subsequently accept the offer for the year.

How long have you been directing choirs?

Approximately 18 years, some formally and some informally. I have had many church choirs, and I have directed four community choirs in four different places. I have also directed three different college and university choirs.

How important are choirs to an overall university education?

I think they are very important. For music majors, of course, they provide ensemble opportunities, where they can work with others as a team and, even in some instances, develop leadership roles by serving on the choir executive.

In addition, students can be introduced to choral conducting methods. When I taught the introductory (choral conducting) course last semester, students were really amazed with all the work that has to go into knowing the music before they teach it to a choir.

I also think choral singing ties together a lot of



what they learn in other classes. They can apply their sight singing and ear training skills and better understand intervals and choral progressions. They will also have practical examples of the music they study in musicology courses, and will have a better understanding of the historical and social context surrounding the various composers and their music.

What are your thoughts about this year's choir?

They're great. The ones who were here before me have been well trained and the new ones have been able to fit right in. They have been very welcoming and flexible and have been able to work the way I work, which is obviously different than the way Marc (Hafso) worked. This past semester was really very busy, starting with a retreat where we were able to get to work on a few notes and have a good time getting to know each other. We had the opportunity to sing our national anthem at one of our hockey games and at a couple of basketball games, and we participated in two local church worship services.

All the choir members seem to be very open. They feel they can ask questions which, to me, is very impor-

tant. If they don't understand something we have to work it through.

Are the numbers right or would you like to see more?

Well, most choirs are always low on tenors. I have 11 sopranos, 11 altos and nine basses but only six tenors. Ideally I would like to have equal numbers straight across, but realistically, it is more difficult to get tenors and men in general into the choir.

My ideal would be to have a 40-member choir with a few more men.

How much do you expect from the choir?

I have high expectations that when I assign something to be memorized that it is going to be memorized the next time we meet. And as it is important enough for them to know (the music), I will test them by having them sing it as part of an octet.

Sometimes the intensity is a little harder in preparation for spring tour, which is why we have a retreat. In two days we rehearse something like eight hours.

Choir members know when they sign up that they are signing up for the entire year. Unlike other schools we don't have a changeover in January. It is the practice here that once you sign up

you are signing up for the whole year plus the tour.

You're following in the footsteps of some pretty impressive choral directors from the past, including Marc Hafso, Jonathan Mohr and Ed Marken. Does that inspire you or have any influence on how you go about your work?

It does inspire me because the directors who have been here before have always had high standards with regard to the music they have chosen and their choirs have always excelled. There might be a little bit of pressure trying to live up to those standards but I know what I am doing and feel that the choir is working well with the ideas I have.

I have followed a number of long-time, very well known and very successful conductors. In fact, I followed Gordon Hafso when he retired from Concordia University College more than 10 years ago. Following anyone can be difficult because of the change.

Tell us a bit about your background.

Right out of high school I went to Hillcrest Christian College where I was in a three-year diploma program. From there I went to the University of Lethbridge where I received my Bachelor of Music. My Masters work was done at the University of Alberta working with Dr. Leonard Ratzlaff and Dr. Debra Cairns. I am now in the process of finishing my doctoral dissertation, *The Choral Music of Ruth Watkins Henderson*, at the University of Illinois.

In one of the years at the University of Illinois I prepared three large works, virtually by myself, including Verdi's *Requiem* and Bach's *St. John's Passion*.

Fielding a voice for youth at WSIS summit

By Dan Jensen

Alex Fielding proved in 2003 that Augustana University College graduates have what it takes.

Drawing on his liberal arts education at *Alberta's Finest* over the previous four years, Fielding helped to facilitate the participation and involvement of more than 100 youth in the United Nations' World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Geneva, Switzerland, December 10 to 12.

"My job was to work under the WSIS executive secretariat to integrate young people from around the world into the summit itself, not just outside the protest barriers, which is kind of the image we normally get at events like these," said Fielding. "The summit was the first ever global gathering of government leaders, private sector leaders and civil society actors for the purpose of developing a common vision for the information society as it relates to internet governance, harnessing the potential of new digital technology, and bridging the digital divide."

Along with providing logistical support through travel fellowships to the summit and booking accommodation/meeting space, Fielding coordinated a series of workshops, forums, press releases and social activities. He also assisted with the coordination of a series of national information society youth campaigns in five French speaking countries as a way of opening the WSIS summit to those who couldn't get to Geneva, and helped to provide direction for the steering committee of Youth Creating Digital Opportunities (YCDO), a coalition of 20 organizations dedicated to helping youth use Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) for greater sustainable development.

Fielding's first chance to speak to youth about creating digital opportunities came at Tunisia, Africa, about two months before the WSIS summit at the World Congress on the Digital Divide.

The speech was a warmup to one he delivered to heads of state and thousands of delegates at a WSIS multi-stakeholder event, in which he described youth as one of the most vulnerable and marginalized demographic groups, with unemployment rates that are typically two to three times higher than those of adults. Further, he said that youth lack main stream recognition, main stream support and voice in the decisions that affect them each day, problems that were highlighted at the summit during a Youth Day event.

"Youth Day demonstrated how young people can be and are, catalysts for social change," stated Fielding. "The National Information Society youth campaigns, conceived and implemented by youth, have engaged tens of thousands of young people world-wide in action around the World Summit on the Information Society."

Summing up, he echoed the words of United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan in suggesting young people



Alex Fielding

should be at the forefront of global change and innovation.

"Empowered, they can be key agents for development and peace," he said. "If, however, they (the young people of the world) are left on society's margins, all of us will be impoverished. Let us ensure that all young people have every opportunity to participate fully in the lives of their societies."

Fielding's internship experience with the WSIS summit secretariat was made possible by TakingITGlobal through its first international internship program. In a statement after the summit, TakingITGlobal co-founder Jennifer Corriero said it was no surprise to her the impact Fielding, a Camrose native, managed to have.

"Whether it is leadership in the new economy companies, powering telecom profits or bridging the digital divide, young people is where Information Technology is at today," she explained.

Christine Oldfield, TakingITGlobal development and communications manager was similarly impressed. Because of young Canadians like Alex, she said, youth issues managed to occupy a high place on the summit agenda.

Though he was happy for the UN summit experience, Fielding said the learning curve he had to go through, after spending the previous few months in Mexico as part of Augustana's rural development exchange program was very steep.

"I learned a lot of skills involved in project management and logistics and being in charge of many people, things you don't learn in university. That, however, doesn't mean my education at Augustana wasn't helpful. You may not learn those specific kind of skills but you are educated as a whole person. If, for example, I had gone to a bigger university and been taught political science theory only, I would have been less prepared than I was after attending Augustana, where you learn how to adapt the skills you have to different situations."

In terms of what he was able to take out of the experience, Fielding said he now has greater confidence in himself, not to mention a large number of contacts.

"I feel now I am more confident in going after my goals," he said. "And if I am able to find work in international relations or development, I know I have the skills now to take on a big project."

He isn't quite sure yet whether he will be part of the WSIS summit in Tunisia in 2005.

"There is a chance I will be there because of all the energy we have invested in this area so far."

Fielding attended Augustana from the fall of 1999 to the spring of 2003, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in political studies, music and development studies. He is the son of Alan and Valerie Fielding, of Camrose.

Student Chaplains living out their faith

Augustana's 2003 President's scholarship recipient Diane Carter put her faith into action this past year as one of six Student Chaplains.

"It was the only job on campus that allowed me to work in a student leadership capacity and help my fellow students the way I wanted to be able to help them," said Carter, who has just finished her fourth year in a Bachelor of Arts program. "It's a way to get involved in student life and live out Augustana's motto of being a Christ-like leader servant."

Augustana student chaplains encourage and support other Augustana students in their personal and corporate life of faith in relationship to God and one another. They also work with the University Pastor and the Assistant for Campus Ministry to provide opportunities for the Augustana community to gather for worship, learning, service to others and building community.

One of the best things Carter has found from being a Student Chaplain is getting a truthful answer when she asks others, who know her position, how they are doing.

"Counselling isn't our official role, since the university already has professionals who do that, but we definitely are able to make connections," she said. "Mostly it is a matter of making yourself available through student activities, so if people want to talk about something they know who they can go to."

In addition to helping with chapel preparations, Student Chaplains lead or co-lead a small group for prayer, study, reflection or action. And since Carter's primary interest is social justice, she helped Camrose International Institute put on a film festival.

Carter feels her experience as Student Chaplain will better prepare her incorporate an active spiritual quality into her life once her days at Augustana have come to an end.



Student Chaplains (and others) for 2003-2004 are: (left to right, front) Trish Dandy, Dana Kiemeny, Diane Carter, Thu Nguyen, Shauna Littlefair (left to right, back) Darryl Dewalt (University Cantor), Krista Piebiak, Robyn Simpson Mohr (Assistant for Campus Ministry), Jean-Michel Tetrault, Colin McComb and Sarah Holmes.

Changes to Campus Ministry

By Dittmar Mundel

The completed merger creating the Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta, based on the principles passed at the National Convention of the ELCIC last year, has opened new opportunities for academic and pastoral ministry that acknowledges and respects our Lutheran heritage. Since you, our alumni and supporters, no longer have to fund buildings and repay accumulated debt, we can now focus on new or revitalized ministries at Augustana.

In a ground-breaking approach that is part of the legal framework of the merger agreement, a cost-sharing arrangement between the University of Alberta and the Church has been worked out for a full-time chaplaincy at Augustana. The Lutheran chaplain will plan creative and diverse ecumenical worship at Augustana, as well as provide counselling and teach up to one course in Religious Studies per term. Two thirds of the chaplain's salary will come from the Augustana Faculty on an ongoing basis, and the rest will come from supporters and donors like yourselves, and the Lutheran church. The Faculty expects to develop the endowment that funds this third of the salary within three to five years. The full-time chaplaincy will help to assure that while Augustana Faculty is a

non-sectarian institution, it is a place where spirit matters.

The totally new initiative at Augustana that came out of the merger negotiations is the establishment of a Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life, which we hope to be able to name after Chester Ronning, who embodied such a publicly engaged faith. The Centre is proposed "to facilitate interdisciplinary research, critical teaching, ethical reflection, and public programming on a range of issues in which religious communities, practices and ideas are directly implicated, or on which thoughtful religious perspectives might be brought to bear." This Centre will allow us to engage an audience beyond the walls of the campus, having a regional or even national scope. The director will be a faculty member who will complement the Religious Studies offerings. To offer colloquia, workshops on and off campus (e.g. on faith, food and farming during the current farm crisis), we will need your support as well – both in terms of utilizing this unique resource as well as in terms of creating a strong endowment for ongoing programming.

Dittmar Mundel has been a Lutheran pastor for the past 34 years. He has also been a Professor of Religious Studies at Augustana for 24 years.

Men's running team wins national title

On November 8, 2003, the Augustana University College's six-member men's cross country running team coached by Gerhard Lotz, won a national championship.

Competing on an eight kilometre course at the CCAA Cross Country Running Championship hosted by St. Clair College in Windsor, Ontario, Carl Skinstad, Jamie Masters, Joel Purkei, Scott VanderMeer, Menno Boelman and David Ball easily outdistanced runners from Lethbridge Community College and Sir Sanford Fleming College, of Peterborough, Ontario.

Skinstad and Masters picked up individual silver and bronze medals, respectively, while Purkei, VanderMeer, Boelman and Ball placed in the top third of the field.

Skinstad, Purkei and Masters also led the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) to a gold medal in the championship.

The lone member of the Augustana women's cross country team to attend

the CCAA championship, also performed well. Marcia Birkigt helped the ACAC team win a gold medal in the women's championship by posting a personal best time and placing fifth oververall in the 5 km race.

Birkigt, Skinstad and Masters were also named to the All-Tournament Team, the equivalent of All Canadians in other sports.

Success at the Canadian championships topped off a very successful year for Augustana cross country teams which included several grand prix races at different Alberta colleges, culminating in the ACAC championships which were held October 25, at Augustana.

At the ACAC event the Augustana women's cross country team finished a strong fourth in what was widely regarded as one of the best and deepest field of female runners in the conference for years.

The Augustana men's team finished first in the field of 12, earned sev-

eral individual awards, and the opportunity to compete at the national championship a week later.

In unveiling the CCAA championship banner, Yvonne Becker, chairperson of physical education at Augustana, said the victory was the product of a total team effort by the cross country program.

"I think all of the individuals on the team would agree that this has been a great team effort," she said. "Certainly there are groups of people who have won various things along the way, but it takes the entire group of people to be able to accomplish what they have."

Augustana interim president Ted Langford also offered his appreciation to the cross country team.

"It is amazing," he said, "what can be done in a small institution with multi-talented, multi-faceted individuals. The degree to which you give all of us at Augustana bragging rights is wonderful."

Biennial Viking Cup tournament was cultural feast

With teams from the United States, Finland, Norway, Germany, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and, of course, Augustana, the 2004 Viking Cup in Camrose Dec. 26 to Jan. 4 had a true international flavour

The Cup was the first for the teams from Norway, Switzerland and Germany which according to team officials seemed satisfied with what they accomplished. For the Swiss team, in particular, it provided a good barometer of how far the sport has progressed in that country over the last 10 years.

"It is a big step for us and a big step for the players," said Swiss coach Alex Reinhard. "If we had (an invitation) again, it would be great for us because it is a perfect step with the mixture of teams. They have Canadian and American teams, as well as European teams, so we can look at all times how we are doing on the European side as well as on the North American side.

The Viking Cup was also a valuable experience for teams in terms of the life experience they gained from staying with local host families.

"The boys are having a very nice time in Camrose and are being treated like kings," said Jan Hexeberg, manag-



Team Finland poses after beating the United States to win the Viking Cup.

er of the Norwegian team before a Dec. 30 game. "Their real dream day came yesterday when they had the chance to attend an NHL game in Edmonton."

The tournament was won by Team Finland, which posted an 8 to 2 victory over the United States junior selects.

Viking Cup coordinator Verlyn Olson said he was very happy with the

way the tournament turned out, despite some of the lopsided scores.

"We always say it is much more than just a hockey tournament and we measure success not only by what the scoreboard says but also by the experience people have – it was just an outstanding experience for the Norwegian team and our Norwegian billeters."

Family connections with Augustana

By Gordon Hendrickson

Both of my grandfathers, Gunnar Hendrickson and Peter Bersvend (P.B.) Anderson, together with his father, the Rev. Bersvend Anderson, attended the organizational meeting of Camrose Lutheran College in 1910. P.B. Anderson was secretary of the Board for 13 years. His son, Palmer, who served as a missionary in China for 40 years, was in the first graduating class in 1912.

My father, George, graduated from high school at the college in 1914 and from commercial in 1915. My mother, Magda, born in 1899 in a log cabin in Bardo, North West Territories, took her grade 10 at CLC in 1915-16. She reported an escapade as a 15-year-old of climbing the fire escape to 'nigger heaven' and clambering from the railing to carve her initials on the flagpole. She returned to board at the College for four months in 1919 while attending Normal School.

My sister Doris and I were born on a farm near Armena. In 1928 our family moved to my uncle's farm at Bardo, Alberta. Mother's father was the administrator of his brother's estate, and it was from these funds that a loan of \$3000 was made to the College for a new heating system and hardwood floors. At the initiative of my grandfather, the drive to reduce the debt was accomplished, and the note was burned at the Silver Anniversary of the College, June 27, 1936.

Mother was much involved with the Bardo congregation as organist, choir leader, and as president of the Women's Missionary Federation for Camrose Circuit (1926 to 1934). In 1940, as president of the WMF in Canada, she was asked to prepare an article on Canada for the U.S. women's magazine, which became the seed for the book, *Pioneer Days* in Bardo, Alberta. She prepared WMF radio broadcasts, served as editor of the WMF page in *The Shepherd*, and was very active in the WCTU. In 1978 she received the CLC Distinguished Alumni Award.

My brother James and sisters Mary and Joyce were born at Bardo. We all took our schooling at the rural Bardo school and then finished high school at CLC. I graduated from CLC in 1943 and from the U of S and Seminary in Saskatoon in May 1949. I married Grace Rawling of Saskatoon and retired in 1991 to Starbuck, MB, after serving 42 years in rural parishes.

My sister Doris graduated from CLC in 1946, and received her BA from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, in 1949. She worked in USA for the Farm Bureau Service Company as the TV personality 'Fay Baker'. She returned to Canada and taught Home Economics for a total of 24 years. She married Philip Anderson, and resides in Camrose. Their elder son, Duke, attended College 1974-1975.

My brother James graduated from College in 1950. He received a BEd degree from the U of A (1958) and an MA and PhD (1965) from the University of Oregon. He served 13 years on the Board of Regents of CLC and received the Distinguished Alumni Award. He married Sonja Gotaas of



Pictured left to right: George and Magda Hendrickson, Joyce, Mary, James, Doris and Gordon (children from the youngest to the oldest). The Hendricksons have had a long history at Augustana.

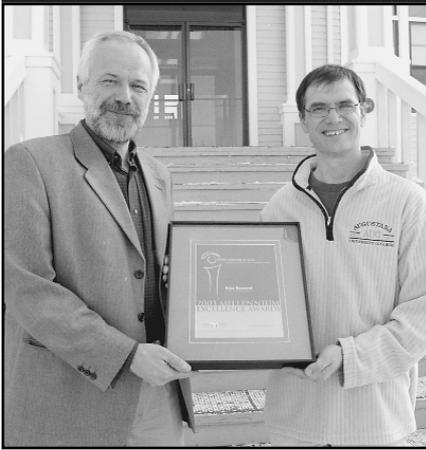
Camrose, who was valedictorian for the class of 1954. She got her BEd (1958) from the U of A and MS from Oregon in 1964. She served 12 years on the Board of Regents, including 4 years as chairperson, and received the Lois Aspenes Alumni Service award. Three of their four children attended College: Joy graduated with honours in the first class to receive degrees from CLC in 1984; David attended from 1983 to 1985, before transferring to the U of A; and Mary graduated, with honours, from Augustana with a BA in music in 1991.

My sister Mary was CLC class valedictorian in 1952. She won a five-year scholarship to the U of A, where she was recognized for 'exceptional achievement and leadership in Women's Athletics.' She went on to earn an MA and PhD in medical sociology from Ohio State University in 1965. At the time of her death in 1969, she was on staff at the U of A and recognized for arranging the first national joint workshop of Sociologists and Medical practitioners in Canada. Our family established the Hendrickson Memorial Library Fund in her honour at CLC.

Sister Joyce graduated from CLC in 1956 as salutatorian. After receiving her BEd (1961) from U of A, she earned her MA at the University of Oregon in 1967. After a two-year term in Lahr, Germany, she continued as a counsellor in Edmonton. She is now retired and living in Edmonton.

Our son Ron graduated from Grade 12 in 1968, completed Junior College courses in 1974, and graduated with a BEd from the U of A in 1976. His wife, Arlene (Daly), graduated in 1974. Our daughter Becki attended CLC and graduated from Grade 12 in 1975 before earning her R.N. at U of A in 1977.

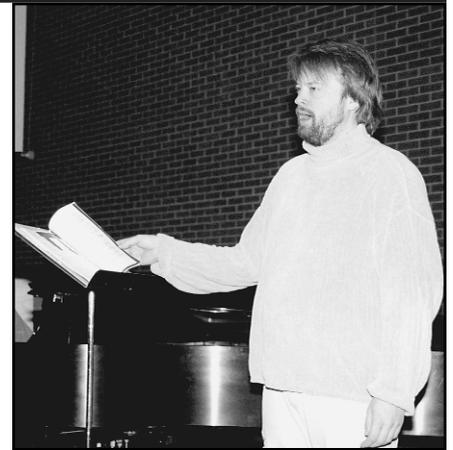
In 1989, Ron and Arlene accepted, on behalf of my parents, the 'Ole' award in recognition of the family's contribution to CLC over the years. And in 2004, Ron's daughter, Krysta, will be a second-year student at Augustana, which makes her a sixth generation of our family to have direct connections with the College.



Dr. Roger Epp presented a Canadian Millennium Excellence Award to Brian Rozmahel.



Norwegian Ambassador to Canada Ingvard Havnen was at Augustana for the 2003 Norway Seminar.



Nathan Berg was a Distinguished Artist in Residence in the early part of February.

News from around the Augustana campus

Internationally acclaimed opera singer, 2004 Grammy award nominee and Juno-award winning recording artist Nathan Berg spent a week on campus in February as part of a Distinguished Artist in Residence program. Berg conducted private lessons with the Bachelor of Music vocal performance students, and gave a lecture on the topic of personal motivation and the preservation of integrity in the performance world. He also spent an evening giving tips to students on how to technically and artistically enhance the presentations on which they were currently working.

The Distinguished Artist in Residence program culminated with a recital in the Faith and Life Centre featuring Berg, Kathleen Corcoran, Milton Schlosser, Maya Rathnavalu, Sangkor and members of the Camrose and District Boys and Girls Club.

The annual Rocky Road Ice Cream Fantasy put on by Augustana students raised \$1,000 for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Battle River. The event attracted more than 600 community youth, whose parents, grandparents or guardians paid two dollars apiece so they could enjoy games and crafts and eat all the ice cream their little stomachs could handle.

Dr. Odd Lovoll, Professor Emeritus of History at Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, presented a lecture on Minnesota's Bardo Norwegians as part of a Modern Vikings Lecture Series in March. In his talk, Lovoll discussed the

migration from Minnesota to the prairie provinces of Canada around 1900. His main focus was the migration first from southern Norway to Bardue, then to Minnesota, and from there to Alberta.

Dr. Lovoll is one of the foremost experts in Norwegian immigration to America.

Dr. John Hoddinott, Professor of Biology at the University of Alberta, gave a lecture at Augustana in March on the topic of Science as a Liberal Art.

Augustana professor and administrator Milton Schlosser and University of Alberta professor Tanya Prochazka launched their new CD recording *Bohemian Woods* with a brief recital in the Faith and Life Centre chapel February 27. Proceeds from the sale of the CD, which features the works of Czech classical composers Antonin Dvorak, Leos Janacek and Bohuslav Martinu will support Augustana's keyboard area through capital purchases, the funding of guest artists and master-class musicals, and other keyboard-related projects.

Augustana's drama department presented a documentary-style play entitled *The Laramie Project* at the Theatre Centre in March. The play, which was directed by Kevin Sutley, focused on the thoughts and feelings of the people of Laramie, Wisconsin, after the brutal murder of a gay college student.

Student Brian Rozmahel received a \$5,000 Canadian Millennium Excellence Award from the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation in recognition of leadership, community involvement, innovation and academic achievement. Rozmahel is currently involved in an Interdisciplinary Studies program, working toward a Bachelor of Arts. He has been active with the community youth group in his home town of Viking for the past 23 years.

As part of the award, Rozmahel and other laureates from across Canada were invited to a two-day conference in Ottawa which featured a number of high profile speakers.

In recognition of the financial hardship, stress and uncertainty being experienced across the prairies as a result of the BSE crisis, Augustana established a bursary fund to support affected students who plan to begin or continue their studies in 2004-2005. Augustana allocated more than \$30,000 to be dispersed from this fund, and is committed to supplementing that amount through donations.

Augustana Scandinavian Studies professor Dr. Ingrid Urberg was an organizer of the 2003 Norway Seminar, an annual meeting of North American teachers and researchers of Norwegian language, literature, history and culture.

2000s

Carley Flaws, nee **Humber** (2001), met husband **Jerry** while attending the University of Alberta, where she is currently in the nursing after-degree program.

Kristi St Cyr, nee **Hall**, and **David St Cyr**, both of the Class of 2003, were married in May, 2003. They live and work in Edmonton. Kristi is a youth worker for the WINGS of Providence Society.

1990s

Jackie-Lynne Dobinson, nee **Kromm** (1999) is attending the veterinary program at the University of Saskatchewan.

Joanne Lynne Pearce (1999) is living and teaching in Jiangsu Province, China. You can check Jo's website, where she shares her overseas experiences: www3.telus.net/public/anna22/.

Marie LeBlanc, nee **Campbell** (1999) wed **Richard** on June 28, 2003.

Rania Page, nee **Nader** (1998) married husband **Don** in July, 2002, and is living and working in Edson, Alberta.

Robyn Derdall, nee **McDonald** (1997) is living in Calgary where she works for Chevron Texaco. Her husband, **James**, works for IBM. They celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in Maui in 2003.

Robyn Lee Manderscheid, nee **Davio** (1997) and **Eric Manderscheid** (1995) were married in May, 2003, in Honolulu.

Vaughn Roste (1997) has published his first book, *The Xenophobes' Guide to the Canadians*. A brief look into the characteristics and mannerisms that distinguish Canadians from other nationalities, it is available from Ovalbooks.com, or at amazon.ca.

Jason Hebert (1995) lives and works in Calgary as a home care professional. He is very involved with the Calgary Power Hockey League (CPHL), which provides an adaptive hockey program to persons who require the use of an electric wheelchair. Jason created a new form of adaptive hockey stick for players, and was the first coach from the CPHL to

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lead a team to a Canadian national championship victory in 2000. He would like to hear from former classmates: jasonhebert@shaw.ca.

Sue Lagore, nee **Strosberg** (1995) and **Dave** are happy to announce the birth of their son, Michael, on January 13, 2004.

Jackie Lepard (1995) has been working as manager of eight senior services offices with the Ministry of Alberta Seniors for eight years. She lives on an acreage outside Stony Plain and would love to hear from old friends and dorm mates.

Kelly Maguire (1995) has had her own business offering health, wellness and support services for the last four years. Kelly lives in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Arlene Davis (1994) graduated from the University of Alberta in June, 2003, with an MBA.

Julene Isaac, **Leslie Dahlman**, nee **Haag**, **Susan Munro** and husband **Shinji** and **Karen Yarrow**, friends from the Class of 1994, enjoyed a reunion in May, 2003.

Alissa Salava, nee **Vanderleeden** (1994), is very happily married to **Luke**. After working in Idaho in Christian radio ministry, they moved to Kona, Hawaii, where they now reside.

Pam Chamberlain (1992) graduated from the University of Alberta with a MA in English in June, 2003. Pam sends a "hello" and "thank you" to favourite profs Ed Friesen and Don Myrehaug.

1980s

Shawna Horning, nee **Reynolds** (1989) and **Wayne**, married for four years, are busy with their two sons, Connor and Spencer. Shawna has been teaching senior English at a secondary school in Lake Country, B.C., near Kelowna.

Karin Reynolds, nee **Lefsrud** (1988), lives in Edmonton with husband **Ian**. Both Karin and Ian are lawyers, although Karin is currently at home with their three children: Gunnar, Paityn and Finn. Karin would love to hear from her CLC friends at ikreynolds@shaw.ca.

Charles Young (1988) currently lives in Edmonton, where he works with Alberta Agriculture. "Hello to everyone from my old CLC days."

Anne Blackburn, nee **Rempel** (1986) is an instructor and program coordinator at Olds College. Congratulations to Anne on receiving the Ian Hall Outstanding Faculty Award.

Donna Langlands, nee **Mychaluk** (1982) and husband, **David**, are parents of four children. They reside in Surrey, British Columbia. In June, 2002, Donna earned her CMA designation.

Elnora Pittman, nee **Knoch** (1985) married **Pierre** in 1987 and lives in Calgary with their two children. A singer/songwriter of contemporary Christian CDs, Elnora was the 2001 Covenant Award nominee for best pop album from the Canadian Gospel Music Association.

1970s

Mershad Dastouri (1978) is currently working at the Fantasyland Hotel in West Edmonton Mall. He is the divorced father of three children, Cyrus, Serenna and Darius.

Rob Litke (1973) has been married to wife **Cindy** for 25 years. Daughter Becki just finished her BSc Biology at the University of British Columbia, son Tony has completed his last year Fisheries and Aquaculture BSc at Malaspina College, in Nanaimo, and daughter Ana will be going into Grade 6 in the fall. As a resident of Tsawwassen, Rob invites former classmates to give him a call on their way to the ferries.

Leah Ziegler, nee **McIntosh** (1970) moved from British Columbia to Nova Scotia in 2002 to work in Operations Control for Air Canada Jazz. She would love to hear from 1968 to 1970 classmates to catch up! You can e-mail her at redgoldleah@yahoo.ca.

1960s

Judi Wodja, nee **Richardson** (1967) has lived in Edmonton for 34 years. She has been married to **Ed** for 32 years and has two grown daughters. Judi is a design consultant with In-Home Designs.

Lucille Loov, nee **Stewart** (1966) remarried in March of 2002 to husband **Verner**. She has two daughters, four grandchildren, and is self-employed.

Wes Anderson (1964) has been coordinating the international events at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., for 22 years. Wes and wife **Nancy** live in Seattle, Washington.

Mark Spence-Vinge (1963) lives in Baker Lake, Nunavut, where he works as a counselor, and his wife, **Bonnie**, works in the education field. Mark would enjoy hearing from former classmates: mspencevinge@yahoo.ca.

Crystal Paulson, nee **Loken** (1963) is married to a professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. She would enjoy hearing from college friends: liliansgirl@yahoo.com.

Faye Martin (1961) is married with two children and three stepchildren, and lives in Minoka, Ontario. Faye, who received her BA from the University of Alberta, MSW from the University of Toronto, and PhD from the University of Bristol, is Executive Director of Family Services of Haliburton County, Children's Mental Health Agency.

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1950s

Joan Schoonveld, nee **Petersen** (1958), recently moved back to Colorado after three years in Salem, Oregon, to be grandma to a new grandbaby and be close to family, friends and sunshine. She holds an academic enrollment position at the National Technological University.

Doug Peterson (1957) obtained his CA designation in 1962 and recently retired as a partner of Peterson Walker Chartered Accountants. In 2003, Doug was presented with the Distinguished Service Award from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta. He has been a member of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief board of directors since 1995 and served as Alberta representative of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Eugene Bergh (1951) and his wife, **Joyclyn**, nee **Myrehaug** (1953), retired in 2001. They have three children and seven grandchildren. They would enjoy hearing from alumni who attended CLC with them: eobergh@cable-lynx.net.

1930s

Myrtle Stanger, nee **McGillivray** (1931) and her husband, **Al**, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last year. They still live on their farm west of Drumheller. Myrtle, who was a teacher from 1932 to 1938, celebrated her 90th birthday in April, 2003. All four of their children attended CLC.

In Memoriam

- Morley Akst (1959), October, 2003.
- Sylvia (Jornlin) Christenson (1937), June, 2004.
- Janet Derald (1996), July, 2003.
- Rev. Dr. Richard Husfloen (former Augustana President), October, 2003.
- Lawrence Lachman (1959), February, 2004.
- Pastor Lawrence Likness (1947), July, 2003.
- Melvin Losing (1963), November, 2003.
- Edwin F. Marken (Professor Emeritus), September, 2003.
- Gertie (Bergseth) Mohr (1926), August, 2003.
- Norma (Olsen) Olson (1947), September, 2003.
- Arthur Ospeth (1943), December, 2002.
- Stella (Hafso) Tolmie (1942), May, 2004.

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A photo, taken by Jun Mah, of Augustana staff, May 2004.

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