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An electronic newsletter, e-Circle is a more efficient and 'greener' way for Augustana to keep you connected to the campus and your fellow alumni. The e-newsletter will contain much of the same information as the printed Circle magazine: events, stories, reunions & announcements.

E-Circle is not intended to replace the printed version but will instead serve as a supplement. Information that does not always make it into the printed publication will be included in the online newsletter as a way to keep you up to date on the most current information.

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MESSAGES

Message from the Dean



The best month on campus is always September. It's a high-energy time when students arrive, begin to build what are often lifelong friendships, and adjust to the learning culture of a university. Many of you will remember your own first few weeks as students at CLC/Augustana. What made this September especially exciting was the opening of a spectacular, long-awaited

library. With its large information commons, group-study rooms, multi-media centre, stunning architecture and window views of the ravine, the library has quickly become the centre of campus. Students use words like "phenomenal" to describe it. They're absolutely right. By fall 2010, we'll have added more great space in the new Forum for students to gather around fireplaces and tables, discuss ideas and study long into the evening.

It's not just current students, though, who are checking out the library. This fall I've had the chance to show some of you through the building. It's gratifying to see your interest and hear your expressions of pride in your alma mater – even though it's hard for recent graduates not to envy our current students.

While we've got ambitious plans to improve the look of our buildings and grounds, some things remain constant at Augustana. One is a passion for rigorous, top-notch teaching by professors whose commitment to students doesn't end when classes are over for the day or the term. Nowadays that commitment can mean summer research internships, opera workshops, hands-on service-

learning opportunities in the community, as well as international and wilderness experience. The other constant is something I've learned about from alumni; I've started to call it Augustana's "deep culture." Formed over many decades, it continues to shape the holistic way we think about learning and scholarship. It encourages our students to be more than spectators. They take responsibility for their community. They make things happen: a bike co-op, a film series, AIDS awareness and Amnesty International groups. They'd impress you too.

It's true that these are difficult times financially for universities across North America. The University of Alberta, including our campus, is no longer immune from those difficulties. At the same time, our student numbers are up; we've built strong partnerships with the local community around such projects as a planned Performing Arts Centre; we're busy with concerts, lectures and, this fall, a national cross-country running championship; we're close to approval on a first Education program; we've had an unprecedented year of gifts towards scholarships and other initiatives; and, we're just a year away from celebrating a centennial that you'll soon start hearing more about. In other words, we have tremendous momentum we don't want to lose. As we look to our second century, we have a chance to position Augustana as a leader in undergraduate education. To do all that, we'll need your continued involvement.

Sincerely,

Dr. Roger Epp, Dean

Alumni Chair Message



Greetings fellow alumni,

I had the pleasure in 2009 of attending two U of A convocation ceremonies--one in Camrose in the spring and the other in Edmonton in November. After viewing the two ceremonies it became clear to me that despite the difference in size, both ceremonies were very similar. The common factor in the two ceremonies was undoubtedly the excitement and pride in the room. It didn't matter that one was held in the Jubilee Auditorium and the other in the Convocation Centre (aka gymnasium). All the

graduates had spent years endeavoring to complete their programs, and once their participation in the ceremony finished, they wanted to share time with their friends and family. At both ceremonies I witnessed the birth of new alumni and the celebration of newfound friendships.

Over the coming year I hope you all find a way to connect with fellow Augustana alumni.

Thanks,

Steve Hansen '05



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CENTENARY

Augustana will be celebrating 100 years in the 2010/2011 school year. Whether you were here for high school or university, as staff or faculty, we want you to be involved. You represent the history that we are celebrating and we want you to be a part of anticipating the next 100 years.

There are a many ways you can participate:

Do you have any interesting memorabilia (photos, clothing, documents, etc.)? Consider donating or lending it for our displays. Let us know if you would like your

items returned. Following the centenary year, the items will be put into the provincial and university archives.

Do you have any stories about life at Augustana? Send the alumni office your stories about what Augustana or Camrose Lutheran College means to you.

Attend a variety of events, both on and off campus:

On campus, our year will be filled with several events with a centennial flavour.

Off campus, host an alumni event in your home town with the help of the alumni office or attend a Dean's alumni event.

The largest celebration will close our year. It will be a Centenary Homecoming & Convocation with speakers, an alumni choir, family events, a banquet, athletic games, campus tours, convocation celebrations and much more. Alumni, faculty, staff, students & our community are all welcome. We hope to see you there!

Save the date! **June 3 – 5, 2011.**

Stay connected to the centenary website for more information as it becomes available.

www.augustana.ualberta.ca/100/

RIC JOHNSON NEW VICE DEAN FOR AUGUSTANA CAMPUS

BY LECH LINKIEL

Dr. Ric Johnson, the newly appointed vice-dean at the U of A's Augustana campus, is happy to return to a rural, undergraduate, and liberal arts and sciences campus after 23 years at the University of Alberta's School of Business.

"My undergraduate experience was at a school very much this size and in a town very much this size, and I loved it," he says. "I grew up in a farm town near a city the size of Camrose, and I have those kinds of values. I really like that it's focused on undergraduate education. It's one thing we do extremely well."

Dr. Johnson earned his first degree in Psychology and Philosophy at Northwest Nazarene College in 1977. After completing his PhD, his career path took a distinctly research-oriented and urban turn when he accepted a job at the U of A's business school. "I chose to stay at the big university for the resources, and I still like doing research. But here at Augustana there's not that compromise. I still have the resources and I can concentrate on undergraduate education."

Augustana, Johnson argues, holds a unique place at the University of Alberta and among North American universities in general. "As far as I know, it's very unusual for the small liberal arts college to be so valued within the system as Augustana is," says Dr. Johnson. "We get to be a special unit within a bigger community, that also does those other things, and they'll support what we do here. ... The big

universities have resources and they've got access to resources. They can lobby on our behalf and help us get these big projects we need," Dr Johnson says, pointing to the new Augustana Library as an example of a multimillion dollar project the college couldn't afford to construct on its own.

"Sitting on several committees, I've been impressed with how much the university values Augustana, how glad they are to have this jewel. They undertook to merge with Augustana because they understand how special this place is. So they don't want to turn us into something that we're not," Johnson says. "People are here in Camrose because they chose to be, and people in Edmonton know what we're about. They appreciate our particular goals, and they're not ... looking down their noses at us because we're different. They recognize that we're doing something that they want, and they can't do themselves."

Which, according to Dr Johnson, also means that Augustana's spiritual heritage is well understood. "My own belief is that human beings are physical, mental, and spiritual, and I think that it's valuable to keep all three growing. I was very much pleased that the Chaplaincy was protected and that there's a commitment it will be kept – not just here, but thriving."

"If it ever came to the point that they try to turn us into a secular university, I would argue strongly for keeping what we have and adding on, so that we can meet the spiritual needs of people from other faiths."



Having spent over two decades in the Department of Marketing and Economic Analysis at the U of A's School of Business, Dr Johnson brings to his new position at Augustana considerable experience in university administration and governance. Since 1998 he has been Chair of the Department of Marketing, Business Economics and Law.

The combination of his big campus experience and his small campus roots gives Dr. Johnson a unique perspective and ability to understand and be an advocate for Augustana within the U of A system. As he says, "I've been on the big campus for 23 years, it's long enough to learn the language." While committed to Augustana's success, Johnson admits that he is also "committed to the big university system, and I want to help Augustana understand how good it is that they're with us."



Neil Hepburn

'PHENOMENAL' NEW AUGUSTANA LIBRARY WELCOMES STUDENTS

Resounding applause was the response when Dean Roger Epp asked a large Monday morning crowd of students, faculty, and staff: "So, what do you think of your new library?" It was an enthusiastic launch of a long-awaited facility.

Students who had waited for the first two weeks of the term to get inside the library

used words like "breath-taking" to describe their first reactions to the space – with its large information commons, its group-study rooms, its stunning architecture and inviting window views of the ravine. While students took time to celebrate, they also claimed study tables, signed up for orientation tours and, of course, checked

out books within minutes of the gates opening.

"For some of you, it has been 14 or so days to get into this library," Epp said. "For others of you, it's been four years. And if you talk to your professors, for some of them, it's been decades waiting for this



Neil Hepburn



Neil Hepburn

library. So if you see tears in their eyes, you will understand why. It's great to finally be in a facility that has been imagined and promised for so long."

Joining Epp to welcome students into their new library was Ernie Ingles, Chief Librarian and Vice Provost. "This is a memorable day," he said. "There are a number of people both here and on main campus who worked hard to make this library a reality. The fruit of that is clear today."

The new facility for Augustana students is a proud addition to the U of A's library system, which ranks 12th in North America. "I hope this is a welcome and appropriate space for you," said Ingles.

Ground for the new library was broken in April 2007. A formal opening will await the completion of the second phase of the building, which includes a large student gathering space, in 2010.

The new library houses Augustana's collection of approximately 130,000 individual titles. In addition to being a wireless hotspot, it will provide access to approximately 100 computer stations, a variety of student work spaces, a multi-media room and Writing Centre consultation rooms.





Susan Massitti

AUGUSTANA'S OLYMPIC GAMES

BY LISA FENG

The excitement of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver brings to mind past Olympic athletes who got their start right here at Augustana. Beginning in the 1950s, Augustana has sent a number of Olympic hopefuls to compete against the top athletes in the world. Although Vikings alumni from the early days participated primarily in sports such as ski jumping and Nordic combined, most of the new generation have competed in cross-country skiing and biathlon. These athletes have been drawn from the superb Vikings cross-country ski and biathlon training programs that have developed on our campus since the 1970s, programs that are unique in Canadian post-secondary education. These programs offer student-athletes the opportunity to earn a degree from one of the country's top universities while at the same time benefiting from world-class coaching and a top-notch outdoor training centre just steps from campus.

The architect of Augustana's cross-country and biathlon programs was Outdoor Education professor Garry Gibson. In 1973, with a \$5,000 grant for ski equipment from the Camrose Rotary Club and using the trail system on the ravine property of local farmer Roy Phillips, Professor Gibson was able to start the cross-country ski program at what was then known as Camrose Lutheran College. In these early years, the local Camrose Ski Club had some tremendous athletes, including Claire Rolf and Joan Osness (now Joan Skinstad, Augustana's current cross-country skiing coach). Both of whom were coached in Camrose by Clarence and Irvin Servold, Augustana's first Olympians. Joan would later go on to become a member of both the National Junior cross-country ski team and the National biathlon team. With the strength of Camrose's ski community and Garry's tenacity, CLC's program began to attract skiers, and over time, Garry says, "the program got bigger and bigger and we got

faster and faster.” Speedy cross-country runners were convinced to start skiing, and CLC athletes like Carol Gibson and Ken Rayment started winning at national levels and competing internationally.

In the late 1970s, Garry became interested in the emerging sport of biathlon – a combination of cross-country skiing and target shooting. The sport was popularized by members of the military (it began as an army training exercise). In 1981, Daryl Phillips, a CLC alumnus and member of the Camrose Ski Club, convinced Garry to take his skiers to a combined military-civilian biathlon competition in Wainwright. Garry filled his 15-person van with college athletes and headed east. The trouble was, when the call came to “sight in” their rifles, the CLC team couldn’t comply – they didn’t have rifles (and most athletes had never shot a gun before). Garry convinced the director of the meet to provide the CLC team with both rifles and instruction on how to shoot, which they received while competing. After that, they never looked back: Augustana’s biathlon team was born. Remarkably, that same year, two natural markspersons, Ken Rayment and Susan Stewart (later Massitti) went to the Canadian Championships and won CLC’s



Carol Gibson

first national medals in biathlon. Two-time Olympian biathlete and Augustana alumna Jane Isakson points to Garry’s passionate persistence in building Augustana’s cross-country and biathlon programs when she says, “Any successful program in an institution or community is always a group effort, but there is often one person who is at the heart of it, and Garry Gibson was that key person who made the ski programs at Augustana happen.”

Augustana’s current biathlon coach, Hans Skinstad, also had a significant role in the development of CLC’s biathlon team from 1982 to 1986. Hans was part of the



Ken Rayment

coaching team that brought Augustana’s biathletes from the point of just learning about the sport to attracting and training internationally-ranked competitors. An Olympian himself (he participated in cross-country skiing in the 1976 Winter Games), Hans helped in the development of many of Augustana’s future Olympians, including Carol Gibson, Jane Isakson, and Yvonne Visser. His participation in the Olympics didn’t stop in 1976; after leaving Augustana in 1986, he became the head coach of the Canadian Olympic biathlon team for the 1988 Olympics in Calgary. Augustana was pleased to welcome Hans back as our campus’s head biathlon coach in 2009.

The future of Augustana's storied cross-country ski and biathlon programs is bright. Our biathletes and skiers do here what they can do nowhere else in Canada – continue their university studies while training to be nationally and internationally competitive. The training that our athletes receive continues to be among the finest in Canada. As cross-country coach Joan Skinstad – herself the only female Level 4 cross-country ski coach in Canada – says now, "Both Hans and I have been at the elite level, so we can bring our athletes along quickly." Augustana's cross-country ski and biathlon teams continue their tradition of making us proud.

More Olympic Notes

Susan Massitti (née Stewart), who attended the 1998 Nagano Olympics herself as a speed skater, was the physiotherapist of Kyle Shewfelt, who had earlier won the gold medal in gymnastics in the 2004 Athens Olympics. You may remember that Kyle broke both his legs just 11 months prior to the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. It was Susan, whom he calls his "red-headed guardian angel," who helped speed his recovery after this incident, leading him to reach his goal of returning to the national team prior to the start of the Olympics, although he was unable to make the team's top eight to compete in Beijing.

Geret Coyne attended Augustana during the 1985-1986 academic year and earned a spot on the Canadian biathlon team in the 1987-1988 season. Geret then became the development coach for Biathlon Alberta and subsequently the national junior team.

He is now the head coach of the Canadian biathlon team that competes in this year's Olympics in Vancouver.

Recent graduate **Melanie Schultz** (B.Sc. Environmental Science, 2008), who trained at Augustana under the coaching of Jacqueline Akerman, is a member of the Canadian World Cup biathlon team. She was named an alternate member of the 2010 Canadian Olympic team, and has a great future in the sport.

Do you have any Olympic memories you'd like to share with us? We'd love to hear from you! Drop us a line at 780.679.1105 or alumni@augustana.ca.



Yvonne Visser

Support the next generation of Augustana athletes by participating in our **Adopt a Viking** program. For more information, contact Athletic Director Greg Ryan at 780.679.1564 or greg.ryan@ualberta.ca.

Our Olympic Alumni

Alumnus-Athlete	Years at Augustana	Sport	Olympic Year(s)
Clarence Servold	1945 – 1946	Cross-Country Skiing Nordic Combined	Cortina d'Ampezzo 1956 Squaw Valley 1960
Irvin Servold	1951 – 1952	Cross-Country Skiing Nordic Combined	Cortina d'Ampezzo 1956 Squaw Valley 1960
Carol Gibson-Coyne	1981 – 1982	Cross-Country Skiing	Calgary 1988
Glenn Rupertus	1994 – 1995	Biathlon	Calgary 1988 Albertville 1992 Lillehammer 1994
Yvonne Visser	1983 – 1985	Biathlon	Albertville 1992
Jane Isakson	1983 – 1984; 1985 – 1988	Biathlon	Albertville 1992 Lillehammer 1994
Susan (Stewart) Massitti	1981 – 1982	Speed Skating	Nagano 1998
David Leoni	2008 – 2009	Biathlon	Turin 2006

EVENTS



Our inaugural Golden Alumni Brunch was held on Sunday, October 4th, an event for all alumni who graduated over 50 years ago. It was a great success with over 80 people in attendance. The day started with a brunch in our cafeteria, followed by a greeting from our Dean, Dr. Roger Epp in the coffeehouse. Student ambassadors then gave tours of campus taking people all the way up to the fourth floor of Old Main. It was so much fun hearing stories of what student life used to be like. To cap off the afternoon, our library staff gave tours of the new facility.

Our golden alumni have such a rich history and it was great to celebrate them in this way. We were especially honoured to celebrate Elsie Kaser, an alumna from the Class of 1933! We hope to hold our next Golden Alumni Brunch on the first Sunday in October in 2010.

Are you a former student of Camrose Lutheran College class of 1960, 1970, 1985 or 1990?

If you are interested in launching your 50th, 40th, 30th, 25th or 20th reunion, contact us today! Even if you are not personally interested in launching it, maybe you can suggest someone who might be.

On campus, off campus, banquets, luncheons, breakfasts, socials, beer and brats, hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese? Take your pick! This is your event – done your way!

We are in search of at least one facilitator from each class year. Our office can offer support in many different ways: the booking of venues, catering, entertainment, invitation mail-out, and initiating contact between you and your former classmates.

Camrose Family Event – This past July, the alumni office hosted an event complete with a bouncy house, hot dogs, chips, water balloons, bocce ball and a whole lot of fun. The event was open too all alumni in the Camrose area. We had a great day basking in the above 30 degree Celsius weather. Stay tuned for next summer's event.



CLASS OF '59 REUNION

September 19th & 20th, 2009

"We were so very pleased with the way everything went - beyond our wildest expectations!!"

- Fran Reed

BY MYRNA SIMONSON & FRAN REED, CLASS OF 59 CLASS ORGANIZERS

First of all, we met on campus where we had a great brunch in the cafeteria (much different than the meals I recall from our college days!!) We were blessed to have time to laugh and share memories of our days on campus. Seems that spending so much time together in residence years ago still makes for a wonderful camaraderie that is inexplicable - but wonderful!

Excellent campus tours were given - even the phenomenally modern library which just opened that week. It was almost difficult to fathom the changes - few recognizable places - even 'Old Main' had been relocated!

Many of our classmates brought all types of memorabilia, yearbooks, jackets, photo albums, grad pictures, old campus newspapers, etc. There was constant

laughter as people told stories of our teachers - Ed Marken, Gloria Ostrem, Mrs. Hoyme, Miss Rugland and of course, the deans of the dorms - Amy Grue and Mr. and Mrs. Swenson. In our chats, of course, there were stories told of Pastor Lunde and the wisdom he tried to impart.

We later convened at the Norsemen Inn and continued with our reminiscing. The evening was most enjoyable - our guest of honor was our English teacher, Gloria (Ostrem) Sawai (I believe she was a 1948 CLC grad). Dean McMullen was our emcee for the event and he is to be commended for





a superb job - his humor and tact assisted in a fun-filled evening. Several people chose to share more memories - and one we are all likely to remember for some time is the humour and the stories that George Loades shared. (Sadly due to medical problems, George passed away Sept 22nd, 2009). Al and Darlene (Moe) Anderson gave each of us a CD of Al singing gospel songs - which each one of us appreciates.

Our time together ended with a Sunday brunch at the Norsemen Inn Sunday morning. Parting was difficult but all said they had a wonderful time and wish to get together for the 100th anniversary of CLC June 3-5, 2011. Many expressed a wish to make the next reunion of longer duration!

And of course, much of the success was due to Maria Millang and the capable staff in the



Alumni Office - Maria had great suggestions and with her efficiency, the tasks were completed - including all the biographies and the pictures of each classmate - one from the yearbook of 1959 and the other, a recent photo! A truly memorable weekend with more treasured memories!



ATHLETICS ALUMNI WEEKEND

BY JOSH RYAN, AUGUSTANA SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

The Augustana Volleyball, Hockey and Basketball teams played host to their respective alumni in a twist on the annual alumni tournament. Alumni from three sports descended on the campus on October 2nd and 3rd, 2009. About 100 alumni attended the event. Throughout the weekend, the alumni competed in a variety of games, culminating in an exhibition hockey game of current Vikings vs Grant MacEwan. The current Basketball and Volleyball squads played host to their alumni. The men's volleyball team defeated the alumni 3-0 and 3-1. In women's volleyball the current Viking's team split with alumni. On the men's basketball side the current Vikings were beaten by the alumni in both games. In the midst of the alumni event the men's basketball team was also entered into a tournament in Edmonton. In women's basketball action the current Vikings tied and lost by 3 to the alumni. Right from the tip-off, the current Vikings demonstrated the positive benefits of numerous pre-season workouts.

Other than spirited competition, one of the highlights of the weekend was the post game social held courtesy of Kevin Gurr and his staff at Camrose Boston Pizza. Through the generosity of Boston Pizza, alumni were treated to free appetizers. The event was a huge success as more than 100 alumni and friends turned out to take over a large segment of the restaurant for



the evening. The other highlight was the inauguration of the Vikings Alumni room, adjacent to the Hockey Dressing Room in the Encana Arena. "We are sure this will be a gathering point for years to come for Alumni," said Greg Ryan, Director of Athletics

"Alumni Events are always an enjoyable time for former teammates to re-acquaint and share past experiences and stories.... This year, it was especially rewarding to meet Hockey Alumni from the '74-'75 "National Champion" Vikings as they have also taken a leadership role in the development of the Vikings Hockey Alumni Society. Our hope and plan is to re-engage all Vikings Alumni and develop our hockey program into a perennial contender once again. Thanks again for everyone's attendance and support." commented Blaine Gusdal, Head Hockey Coach

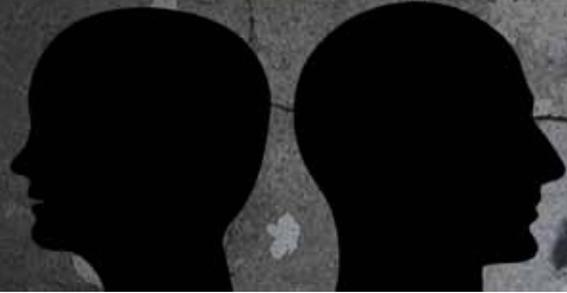
ATHLETICS GOLF TOURNAMENT

BY JOSH RYAN, AUGUSTANA SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

The First Annual Vikings Athletics Golf Tournament was held at the Camrose Golf Club June 26, 2009. The purpose of the tournament, besides having a great day in the sun, was to increase the level of scholarship funding through the Binder Award Fund. Brett Binder was a young athlete playing basketball in the fall of 2008. He fell ill with a rare form of leukemia and passed away in December of that year. His sisters, Karla ('09) and Jessica ('08) both Augustana basketball alumnae, are excited to see a fund in the family name. Their mother, Linda ('76) is also a basketball alumna. The golf tournament featured about 80 alumni and community supporters. Sponsors of the event were Camrose Chrysler, Boston Pizza, I.D. Apparel, Sportfactor, IRIS Eyewear, Martinson Chiropractic, The Camrose Canadian, Scotia Bank, AMA and Panhandle Productions.

Next year the Golf Tournament will continue with a goal of filling the field at 120 golfers. Stay tuned for news of the tourney which will take place in September of 2010.

DISSENT



DISSENT THE FOCUS OF INTELLECTUAL DEBATE THIS YEAR AT U OF A'S AUGUSTANA CAMPUS

BY NHIAL TIITMAMER

Dissent is the focus of intellectual debate this academic year at University of Alberta Augustana Campus. Dissent is about opposing an oppressive status quo, and as the academic theme website describes, dissent is "a central and defining feature of intellectual life and is thus closely connected to the university and its processes."

For Rani Palo, a history professor and on the annual theme committee, "'dissent' moves our world forward. Most of the improvements that we recognize have been spurred on and actualized through individual and collective dissenting voices." Indeed, the significance of dissent cannot be underestimated. Today, generations may be living in a much better society than the generations in the past centuries because of dissent.

According to Palo, engagement in positive dissent may help bring to action issues "concerning the environment, poverty,

disease, injustice, the status of women in many, if not most, societies." Some of the landmark historical events which have shaped the way our world is today were helped brought by dissent, and they include, according to Palo, "Emancipation Acts in Britain (1833), the French Empire (1848), and the USA Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln in 1863."

Although dissent has played a beneficial role in human society, it has not all been positive. For example, the invasion of Iraq in 2003 by the Bush Administration is a recent example of a negative dissent, explains Palo.

Asked how human society can engage in a positive dissent, Palo says world leaders should elevate "global dialogue to a higher plane." He said world leaders should set an example and should work "hard to rise above petty politics ... educate and extort their citizens to take action on pressing problems."

Palo says some of the topics speakers will discuss throughout the year include poverty, war & peace, religion, slavery, race relations, music, pop culture, the laboring classes and politics. Palo will also be one of the speakers, discussing "Slavery and the British Empire."

The first off-campus guest speaker was Mrs. Teresa Roane of the US Library of Confederacy. Mrs. Roane spoke on October 1, 2009 about "African American Dissent." The theme will be marked by a number of colloquia and several film shows.

Palo hopes to get "students engaged and fired up." He said many of the guest speakers will visit classes during their times on campus. Two students, Sarah Haywood and Chad Skinner, sit on the annual theme committee this year and they are working hard to present a series of theme related films to students.

ALUMNI PROFILE—AIMEE WOO

BY PAM CHAMBERLAIN



Aimee Woo, BSc Biology '06. When Aimee Woo (BSc '06) came to Canada to study English ten years ago, she never dreamed she'd wind up working in one of the country's most famous and beautiful historic buildings.

Aimee is the manager of the Mountain Gallery in the Banff Springs Hotel, one of the company's three galleries located in Fairmont hotels. Aimee is responsible for organizing and planning everyday events and special openings. She also manages inventory and staff.

The gallery's mission is to support and promote Canadian artists. Aimee says, "I am proud to be part of it and to share my knowledge of Canadian artists with

visitors from around the world." She spends up to a month preparing for each new artist, learning about their art and their biographies. The gallery regularly hosts openings, and Aimee enjoys meeting artists on opening day. "It helps for me to have a personal connection with the artist when I'm talking to clients about art," she explains.

Although meeting artists is a highlight of her job, Aimee says, "The best part is when a client comes back to tell me how much she loves the piece now hanging in her home. It's a great feeling."

Aimee volunteers once a week at the Whyte Museum in Banff. "Volunteering has been more helpful to me than it has to those I volunteer for!" she says. "I've learned a lot, but more important, I've met great people and become part of the Banff community. That helps me feel at home here in Banff, which is hard when I'm so far away from my family and friends in Korea."

Aimee recently received permanent residency in Canada. "Canada feels more like home to me than Korea does now," she says. "Banff is amazing. It's a beautiful place to work and live."

Thinking back, Aimee says, "I wouldn't be here without what I learned at Augustana." Although she enrolled as a biology major, she had always been interested in visual arts and saw plenty of opportunities at Augustana to explore that passion. "I wasn't sure I could do it," she admits. "I was already 25 years old and hadn't taken an art class since I was a child."

She took the plunge and registered in Keith Harder's Drawing II class. "I loved every minute of it," Aimee recalls. "It was the best class I ever took because it opened up a new door for me."

Aimee registered for a concentration in studio art and went on to take painting courses. She received the 2005 Critic's Choice Award for her piece "Eyes," which still hangs in Founders' Hall. "I can't thank Dr. Harder enough," she says. "He helped me believe in myself."

"Augustana gave me the opportunity to explore a passion that has enriched me personally and paved the way for a fabulous career opportunity," Aimee says. "Augustana changed my life."

ALUMNI PROFILE—MATT HEBERT

BY STEWART PREST

Matt Hebert, BA Political Studies '05. It wasn't supposed to be this way. When Matt Hebert first enrolled at Augustana, he wasn't planning on sticking around to finish a degree. "Actually," he says, "I planned to transfer to the University of Alberta after my first year and become a teacher."

He did end up staying, however. By the time he graduated, he had changed his major to political studies, served a term as President of the Students' Association, and found a future in provincial politics. Right now, he's working as a Special Assistant to the Honourable Mary Anne Jablonski, the Alberta Minister of Seniors and Community Supports.

Matt relishes the path he's chosen. "There's a great sense of satisfaction in an environment like this, the opportunity to play a small role in the political process."

Though Matt was always interested in politics, he only decided to stay at Augustana and major in it after a class with Roger Epp in his second semester. "I owe a lot to him. He challenged students to go beyond their usual way of thinking, to look at politics in a more critical manner. There were a number of professors who kept me on my toes, kept me honest, and helped me to become a better and more well-rounded individual."

Matt's lessons weren't limited to the classroom, either. In 2003, he was elected Students' Association President. "Serving as president equipped me with skills related to people management, communication, and decision-making. It wasn't the pinnacle of political power perhaps, but it certainly prepared me for a lot of the work I do now as an assistant to a cabinet minister."

During his term in office, Augustana completed its merger with the University of Alberta, and Matt played an active role in the process. "The provincial government was heavily involved in the merger, and as a result, I was exposed to that process. I was able to see how government business gets done."

Eventually, it also led to his first full-time job in politics. "I had a number of conversations with Leroy Johnson, then MLA for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, during the merger process. Eventually, I convinced him to hire me as a summer student in his constituency office."

In addition to professional connections, Matt made developed lasting friendships with other students at Augustana. "I met a lot of terrific people there, many of whom remain among my best and strongest friends.

"There's a unique culture on campus. If



you don't want to get lost in shuffle, I think Augustana is a great environment to start off with. You feel like you're a part of an integrated community, with the ability to contribute meaningfully. You make some great friends, and have the opportunity to discover who and where you are in the world."

"If I had left after first year, I wouldn't be the person I am today. I wouldn't have had the same opportunities and experiences, and perhaps wouldn't be working in the field of politics, which is where I want to be."

No, it wasn't supposed to be this way, and Matt couldn't be happier.



GIVING IN ACTION AT AUGUSTANA CAMPUS

Anjah Howard, an Augustana grad with a BA in English and a minor in political studies, has been Manager of Planning and Development for Camrose County for five years. She oversees all land development and rezoning in the County, and is responsible for the long-term planning documents as well.

Outside of work commitments, Anjah participates actively in the Rotary Club of Camrose and serves as a trustee of the Camrose Public Library, participating on both the policy development and technology committees.

Anjah's commitment to her community does not stop there. Upon learning her former professor, Bayard Reesor would be honoured in his retirement with the establishment of a scholarship endowment in his name at Augustana, she immediately

responded to the invitation with a multi-year gift pledge to help build the endowment and to say thank you for the support she received as a student.

"I benefited from the available endowments when I attended Augustana, and my experience there provided me a strong foundation for my personal and work life. I want to help provide the same opportunities for future students."

How Anjah's Gift Pledge works

Quite simply, a pledge is a promise to donate into the future a specific amount of money over a specified period of time. Anjah has made a pledge to support the endowment for the Professor Bayard Reesor Political Studies Entrance Scholarship - through affordable monthly instalments.

THE AUGUSTANA ALUMNI ENTRANCE AWARD ENDOWMENT

In the fall of 2007 the Augustana Alumni Office and Augustana Alumni Advisory Committee began work on a new award to attract students to the Augustana Campus experience. The resulting \$1,000 award – **The Augustana Alumni Entrance Award** – will be presented to one student each year. The eligible student will be entering the first year of an undergraduate degree program at Augustana Faculty and **MUST** be a descendant of an Augustana/Camrose Lutheran College alumna/us. Selection will be based on Grade 11 and/or Grade 12 final marks.

You, our alumni, have been very generous in your support of our students.

Continue the tradition of AUC/CLC grads...

We need your help...

In order to support an award of this size in perpetuity, we need to build an endowment of over \$20,000. If you wish to help support the growth of this endowment please give our Development Office a call.

Help us spread the word...

If you have children or grandchildren who are applying for this first year of study at Augustana or are considering the U of A, Augustana as their faculty of choice in the future, please ensure they are aware of this award.

We can't thank you enough!

DID YOU KNOW...

The Professor Bayard Reesor Scholarship and the Augustana Alumni Entrance Award are two of the many awards that comprise our extensive Community Awards Program at Augustana. This unique program was established in 1973 to assist in making post-secondary studies possible for students with limited resources and to attract students to the then Camrose Lutheran College.

The initial committee, comprising of community members and College officials, was charged with the responsibility of recruiting gifts from the business community to fund the awards. Working with the community, the Committee promoted two award funds – the *Current Scholarship Fund*, now called **Annual Giving** and the *Scholarship Foundation* which held the **Community Scholarship Fund** and **Associated Endowments**. The program met with great success in its early years and that success continues today – several awards established in those first years are celebrating over 36 years of commitment to post-secondary education!

And the need to support student success continues today...

Annual Awards receive funding each year from committed individuals, businesses and organizations who have pledged to support an award they have created. The commitment is usually in the yearly amount of the award to the student. In 2009, approximately \$80,000 was received in this way, funding over 80 awards to over 90 students.



The Community Scholarship Endowment Fund grows each year as many annual donors direct 10% of their yearly gift to this fund. Today, the principal in this fund totals over \$166,000 and the interest generated is invested in numerous awards on an annual basis.

Associated Endowments are established for many reasons – for example, to ensure the annual funding to an existing award, to recognize a loved one or to create a living legacy - in perpetuity. The fund itself is invested and the principal never touched, only the earned interest is spent.

In 2009, the interest earned from the Community Scholarship Endowment Fund and Associated Endowments allowed us to fund awards totalling over \$90,000 for more than 90 students.

The Awards program today continues to reflect the vision and goals of the founding members. It is administered through the

Development Office at Augustana Campus in partnership with the Student Awards Office on the University's North Campus. We continue to invite interested individuals, businesses and community organizations to invest in our students.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all our Community Awards Program donors – past, present, and future for your vision and commitment to fostering the education of our students and allowing them to focus on their studies to achieve their educational goals.

Interested in establishing an award? Need more information?

Please contact:
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GETTING THE WORD OUT!

BY **LISA FENG** (B.A. SOCIOLOGY '01) AUGUSTANA ADMISSIONS COUNSELLOR

Fall is a busy time for those of us in the Prospective Student Office. As one of four Augustana recruiters, I spent the past several months travelling to communities big and small throughout western Canada to speak to high school students about why they should consider our campus. It's been fun connecting with students who may soon be a part of our community, and to let them know about all the opportunities they will have access to as Augustana students: unique courses they can take, the great friends they will meet in residence, international travel options, hands-on learning experiences, our impressive fine arts and athletic traditions – and much, much more!

Many of you reading this will know of a student – maybe a friend of yours, a

nephew or a niece, or your own daughter or son – who is thinking about where to go for postsecondary studies. I hope you will encourage them to consider Augustana as a place where they can get a world-class education from one of the top Canadian universities in a smaller, friendly, community-oriented setting. Below, you will find some information on the programs we offer, as well as our admission requirements and awards. If you have any questions – or if you would like us to forward you (or your student) a package of information – don't hesitate to get in touch with us in the Prospective Student Office. You can reach us any time at 1.800.661.8714 or admissions@augustana.ca.



Admission Requirements

High school students must present five Grade 12 subjects: English, 3 more academic subjects, and a fifth subject. The academic subjects required will vary depending on the major.

70% average guarantees admission

Students transferring in from another post-secondary institution with 24 or more credits must present a minimum 2.0 AGPA, plus all required high school subjects or equivalent.

Awards

Augustana offers one of the most

generous financial assistance programs in Western Canada, giving over \$300,000 in scholarships every year for excellence in academics, athletics, the fine arts, and leadership. Approximately 35% of Augustana students receive scholarships or awards in any given year. Our students are also eligible to receive scholarships and bursaries through the University of Alberta Student Awards program, which offers over \$25 million dollars to undergraduate students each year.

Each year, Augustana's Alumni Association offers one \$1,000 entrance award to a student who is a descendent of an Augustana alumna/alumnus. The recipient

of this yearly award is selected on the basis of their academic standing.

For more information on the awards available to Augustana students for academics, athletics, fine arts, and leadership, please visit our website: <http://www.augustana.ualberta.ca/admissions/info/afa/>.

How to Apply

Interested students should submit an application to the University of Alberta, selecting "Augustana Campus" as their choice of Faculty. The online application can be found at www.registrar.ualberta.ca/apply.

Our Programs

Bachelor of Arts

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computing Science
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Global & Development Studies
- History
- Mathematics & Physics
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Philosophy & Religion
- Physical Education (Kinesiology & Sport Studies)
- Physical Education (Outdoor Education)
- Political Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology

Bachelor of Management in Business Economics

Bachelor of Music

- Piano
- Voice
- Comprehensive
- Musical Arts

Bachelor of Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computing Science
- Environmental Science
- Mathematics & Physics
- Physical Education (Kinesiology & Sport Studies)

- Physical Education (Outdoor Education)
- Psychology

Optional Minors

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Computing Science
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Studies
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Interdisciplinary Studies – Canadian Studies, Crime and Community, Development Studies, Women's Studies
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Political Studies

- Psychology
- Religion
- Scandinavian Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish

Pre-Professional Studies

Students can take the pre-professional courses they need to apply to:

- Commerce
- Chiropractics
- Dental Hygiene
- Dentistry
- Education (Elementary)
- Education (Secondary)
- Journalism
- Law
- Library Science
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Medicine
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Social Work
- Veterinary Medicine





AUGUSTANA PROVIDES A WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED

BY KARA BLIZZARD

Chelsea Halvorson is a fourth year Global and Development Studies (GDS) major at Augustana, with a minor in Outdoor Education. Augustana promotes learning both within and outside of the classroom and Chelsea shows her leadership skills through involvement in several of these types of opportunities.

Many of her activities are course-related. In the fall of 2009, Chelsea went to Mexico on the Puebla-Alberta Community Service Exchange (PACSE). She lived with a host family in Mexico and worked at the local clinic where she made presentations about nutrition to local mothers. For the Alberta part of the exchange, Chelsea lived in Tofield and worked at Busy B, a non-profit organization that supports the community by operating second-hand retail and recycling stores. Augustana's exchange programs allow students to get hands-on experience learning about other countries and helping the people who live there,

and in many cases these opportunities influence career choices. Chelsea said, "PACSE is what made my ultimate decision to switch my major from Outdoor Ed to GDS, which I hadn't even considered before as an option."

Augustana also has several student clubs, which help support causes and build community. In her second year, Chelsea was the president of Augustana Against AIDS (AAA), a club that raises funds and awareness about the disease. During that year, Chelsea and AAA's other members hosted the African Children's Choir. The event packed Augustana's gym, and attendees donated about \$12 000 to the choir.

Another area in which Chelsea has been involved is Chaplaincy. In addition to organizing chapel services, campus chaplains hold events that bring Augustana students together. Chelsea described Chaplaincy as "a way of feeling at home on

campus. It was fun being a leader in that circle, and it was very encouraging to think that there were other people interested in the same things that I was."

This semester, Chelsea continues to be involved in organizations on campus. She is a coordinator for the Bike Share, a new initiative that allows students to borrow bikes so they can get around Camrose in a convenient, sustainable way. She also manages the Climbing Wall, and is currently the fourth-year representative for the Augustana Students' Association.

Like many students at Augustana, Chelsea enjoys helping people and participating in the campus community. She said, "I think this school is very unique in that it makes a big effort to get people moving and thinking in a different way." Augustana students have the opportunity to learn as part of a community, whether it is through club membership, chaplaincy, exchanges, or courses.

CLASS NOTES

1930's

Myrtle (McGillivray) Stanger '31 recently wrote that she is now 96 years of age. She graduated from Camrose Lutheran College in 1931. Myrtle says she has had a long relationship with CLC! Mr. Ronning and Miss Martinson were teaching then. She tells us that her three children also attended CLC. She regrettably could not attend our Golden Alumni Brunch held in October. We wish you well Myrtle and hope your husband recovers from his surgery.

1940's

Audrey Ronning Topping received two honorary doctorate degrees in 2009. She now has five honorary degrees. On May 21, 2009 she received an honorary degree of Doctor of Arts, Honoris Causa from Adelphi University in Garden City New York USA. On June 10th, 2009 she received an honorary Doctor of Letter, Honoris Causa, from Wilfred Laurier University in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Her first Doctor of Arts was received from Rider College in Cambridge, Mass in 1983. She has also received two honorary professorships: 2007 Southwest University, Chongqing, China and in 2008 from Yunnan Normal University in Kunming, Yunnan, China.

1950's

Vi (Batke) Madison '55 received the Barb Tarbox Awards of Excellence in Tobacco Reduction. This award is for being an anti-smoking advocate.

1970's

Harvey Bargholz '70 informs us he and his wife have 5 daughters and 5 grandchildren. They live at Brownfield, AB where Harvey is the Principal at the Brownfield Community School. His wife is self-employed as a house painter. Recently the "Bargholz Family" (2 generations) was recognized for fifty years of volunteer service with Environment Canada. hbargholz@xplornet.com

Dr. Darryl Schultz '74 has been elected President of the Alberta Dental College which is the governing body for dentists in Alberta.

Judith (Brausen) Sommer '74 is the new principal at Jack Stuart School in Camrose, AB.

Rodney Lee '75 currently Deputy Superintendent of Peace Wapiti School Division and starting his 32nd year in public education, has been married 28 years to the same lovely woman, 4 horses, 4 cats, no kids. You can contact Rodney at rodneylee@pwsd76.ab.ca

Carol (Yamabe) Breitreutz '77 was a part of the Inside Educations' Energy and the Environment Education Institute. Twenty-five teachers from across Alberta attended. There were approximately 40 speakers from 35 different industry, government, and non-profit organizations. They came together to help teachers learn more about energy in Alberta. (Camrose Booster July 28, 2009)

Peter Bowal '77 was recently appointed to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada for a three-year term in the Calgary office. (Taken from U of A Alumni in the News - Oct 2009).

Susan (Tainsh) Yackulic '78 and her husband, Peter, recently returned from their holiday in Australia and New Zealand. In October Susan participated in the World Masters Games in Sydney, Australia and placed 5th in the 10km road race, 8km cross country run and won a Bronze medal in the 1/2 marathon. A week later she competed in the World ITU Long Course Triathlon and placed 12.

Audrey Lett '79 celebrated her 80th birthday! Congratulations.

James Mayer '80 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Camrose Composite High School. The Wall of Fame ceremony was held on November 20th, 2009. Best Wishes James!

1980's

Bob Allen '82 says, "Hello All! Time has passed quickly since the days of CLC and Odin! I look back on my time very fondly and have many great memories of people and events. I have not visited the campus since I left, but it is great to see the progress that is occurring in the news. Since leaving CLC, I completed my B. Ed at the University of Alberta and headed off to the classroom for a number of years. During this time I married a nurse, Cammie Allen, and we have two children - Delanie and Kylie. Both are still in school and doing very well. I moved into school based leadership in 1993 and served in this capacity until 2005. In the fall of 2005 I was hired as the Deputy Superintendent of Buffalo Trail Public Schools. I then began my M. Ed through the University of Calgary and convoked in June of 2008. I recently was appointed Chief Superintendent and CEO of Buffalo Trail Public Schools. It seems like only yesterday we were under Mrs. M's watchful eye in the cafeteria. I remember fondly the great lessons taught by "Gibber" and the late night b-ball games at the gym! I have lost contact with most from the CLC days. I would sure like to hear from some of those bottom floor "Odinites". (Steve, Chris, Grant, Arno, Ken, Bruce... too many to mention)."

Michael Kwan '84 finished studying at CLC in 1984 and transferred to U of A.. After that Michael went back to Hong Kong and started teaching at a high school. Michael writes, "I guess I missed a lot of the old residence halls and the good food from the cafeteria. The classrooms were great too. Most of all, I missed the staff - Mark and Brenda from the residence halls, Mrs. M from the cafeteria. The good old phrase, 'Can I have your ID card, Michael?' - Though Mrs. M knew who you were. The first snow fight, the first food fight and many good old memories that I could remember." If there are any alumni coming to Hong Kong, Michael will be glad to meet them and show them around. michaelnzcecl@yahoo.com.hk

Heather (Rude) Broughton '85 was elected as Chair of the Agriculture and Food Council of Alberta (AFC) which operated a number of targeted programs and initiatives, and is increasingly viewed by industry partners as a catalyst for policy discussions on important issues and trends affecting the sector. (Camrose Booster July 28, 2009)

1990's

Ryan '90 and Tanya (Cripps) Duckworth '90 welcomed their first child, Brett Mather Duckworth on February 14th, 2009. They

currently reside in Brooks, AB and Ryan teaches junior high at Alcoma School in Rainier, AB. He is also busy completing his Masters in Educational Leadership.

Tina Myles '90 received the Best Store Manager Athena Award which recognizes and supports developing women leaders. Tina is Manager at Penningtons in Camrose. Congratulations Tina!

Dr. Christoph Weder '90 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Camrose Composite High School. The Wall of Fame ceremony was held on November 20th, 2009. Congratulations Christoph!

Dennis William Hall '92 writes, "Employment: Acting Senior Field Services Officer, First Nations Relations Treaty 7, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development - Calgary, Alberta. After three different jobs (Credit Officer, Business Development Officer, and Funding Services Officer) in six locations (Edmonton, Fort Qu' Appelle, Kelowna, Calgary, Fredericton, and Amherst) in five different provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia) - I've finally settled in Calgary. Status is single, mobile, and willingness to travel. Just drop a line as I turned 40 on June 28th, 2009. dwh007@shaw.ca"

Dawn (Woytowich) Carlsen '92 and husband Steve have a new daughter Sydney Anne-Marie, born on June 19th, 2009. Congratulations!

Bekki (Meek) MacMillan '94 and husband Kevin adopted their second son, Alexander, a wonderful brother for William. Congratulations!

Nicole (Blatz) Maneschyn '94 and husband Kevin have a baby girl named Juliana Marijke, born on April 22nd, 2009. Congratulations!

Sandra (De Vries) '95 and Jeff Fowler have a new daughter Juliana Marlene born on October 10th, 2009. A new little sister for Mina. Congratulations!

Lorena (Buchholz) Sosnowski '96 and husband have a new daughter Lily born on July 15th, 2009. Congratulations!

Erin (Braunberger) Choponis '97 was married in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 30th, 2009 to her best friend and wonderful husband Cory Choponis. They celebrated the day with their children Matt and Morgan along with many other friends and family.

Vaughn Roste '97 resigned his position at Andrew College in South Georgia in order to pursue doctoral studies in Choral Conducting. He was accepted at three schools, but elected to attend Louisiana State

University in Baton Rouge in part due to their generous financial offer. He's teaching one class there as part of his assistantship (Music Appreciation) and looking forward to this next step in his education.

Catherine (Berg) Johnson '97 and husband Neil Johnson have a new daughter Aurora James Johnson born on June 8, 2009. Congratulations!

Jan Stepan '98 and wife Vendula have a new son, Filip Stepan born on August 9th, 2009. Congratulations!

Jane (Snyder) Derry '99 "Hi Friends, I attended Augustana in 1997-1999. Thank you, Pastor Lyle Mackenzie, Robyn, and all my professors of Religious Studies, Sterling and Dittmar and - can you believe one other name has slipped my mind! I loved being at Augustana. My husband and I were married on September, 2008, at the Aerie Resort on Vancouver Island. Thank you for all your counsel." www.ahomeaway.org

Neil Boelman '99 and Angela (Ponto) Boelman were married on August 8th, 2009 at Messiah Lutheran Church. Congratulations!

Brendan Lundy '99 won Regina's Queen City Marathon. Congratulations!

Shawneen (Dallyn) Walker '99 and Dustin Walker were married on September 12th, 2009 in Saskatchewan. Best wishes!

2000's

Jason Peterson '00 and Teri Lindquist '99 welcomed a little girl, Ezri Alex Peterson, into the world on June 21st, 2009. Teri has just completed her Masters of Education in Teacher Librarianship at the University of British Columbia in the Spring and Jason continues to work on his PhD in Behavioral Ecology at Simon Fraser. They are residing in Calgary and are enjoying being back in Alberta.

Dr. Erik Saude '00 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Camrose Composite High School. The Wall of Fame ceremony was held on November 20th, 2009. All the best and congratulations!

Morgan (Lawrence) Saunders '00 writes that after spending nearly eight years in Fort McMurray, Morgan is now living in Spruce Grove with her two sons- Kaine (7) and Marshall (4). She hopes to return to the U of A within the next year to complete her Bachelor of Education.

Shauna (Ulmer) Zeldenrust '00 and husband Martijn, along with big brother Joel welcomed a new member to their family on Halloween in 2008, Chesney Tiemen. Congratulations!

Sonya Eagles-Dill '00 with a BA in Music and went on to earn an M.Mus at U of A in Vocal Performance, graduating in 2003. On January 7th, 2009 my husband Kevin Dill and I were happy to bring our daughter, Clare Elsa Dill, into the world. We currently reside in Meadville, PA where my husband is the Music Director at First Presbyterian Church.

Scott Vandermeer '00 and Holly (Nusse) Vandermeer '04 were married May 2nd, 2009 and reside in Canmore, AB. Congratulations!

Robyn (Calon) Foss '00, Nolan Foss, and brother Connor welcomed baby brother Charles Kenedy Foss on September 24th, 2009. Congratulations!

Heather (Harburn) Bartling '01 – Heather and husband Aaron welcomed a baby girl Kaia Bennett to their family on December 22nd, 2008. Proud big brother Barrett will turn 3 on August 15th, 2009.

Carley (Humber) Flaws '01 and husband Jerry along with daughter Meghan (now 2) moved to Strathmore AB last June. Jerry is

now teaching in Chestermere and Carley is working as a registered nurse in the emergency room at Strathmore Hospital.

Alexander Fielding '03 tells us that he is working at The Hague at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) with the defense team for General Momcilo Perisic, Chief of Staff of the Yugoslav Army from 1993-1998 who is being tried for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Hans Olson '03 had his short film "Where Credit Is Due" shown at the Global Visions Film Festival in Edmonton on November 5-9, 2009. This film was commissioned by Sahakarini. Hans is currently studying at the Canadian Film Centre in Toronto. (Camrose Booster October 27th, 2009)

Matthew Gusel '04 along with friends began cycling from Edmonton to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala to raise money for a free clinic that serves the area. (Camrose Canadian July 9th, 2009)

Rebekah (Halushka) Burnstad '04 and husband Joshua have a new son Kai Joshua Burnstad born on September 1st, 2009. Best wishes to you!

Nicole (Reimer) Fry '05 married Jeff Fry in July '05, had a son in '05 and a daughter in '09.

Emilijana (Plancak) Nakonechny '05 and husband Andrew were married on June 27th, 2009 and are now living in Whitecourt, AB. In September Emilijana begin her new job as a band teacher at St. Josephs School in Whitecourt.

Erik Olson '05 was awarded the Fred Sherratt Award, given to post-secondary students with Canadian music excellence and leadership. Erik received \$3,500, a trip to Toronto and an educational day at MuchMusic and CHUM Radio. Congratulations Erik. (Taken from Camrose Booster June 16th, 2009 and Camrose Canadian July 2nd, 2009)

Tara (Shologan) Wenstob '05 married Doug Wenstob on July 4th, 2009. They are living outside of Camrose in the Gladstone area.

Michael Benusic '06 participated in the Great Lakes 2,000 km Otesha Tour in September and October. They cycled with 16 fellow team-members and conducted theatre based performances and workshops, aimed to encourage conscious environmentalism. (Taken from Camrose Canadian July 16th, 2009)

Natasha (Benusic) Harty '06 married Justin Harty on August 8th, 2009. Best Wishes!

Nicole Hornett '06 and partner Shane welcomed their first child, Blake Everett Parker, born on August 29th, 2009 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton.

Michael Lapierre '04 and Monique Paulhus-Lapierre '06 were wed August 8th, 2009 in Cold Lake. Congratulations!

Earl Zimmer '06 became a Geophysical Technician for an environmental company based out of Calgary after graduating from SAIT Polytechnic in the spring of this year with a diploma in Exploration Information Technology. He is also a cross country running coach for SAIT.

Jesse Lalonde '02 and Angela (McCarty) Lalonde '06 were married this summer on August 8th, 2009. It was a beautiful wedding that was all outside at Jesse's parent's acreage in Spiritwood, SK. It was not the kind of Saskatchewan wedding that you are thinking. There was a handmade path through the forest into a clearing, with wooden arches, delicious vegetarian potluck food, live music, a campfire, tenting, and many other lovely Augustana

graduates. So that's what's new with two former Augustana students. It is a true story about how two lovebirds found each other.

Caylin Humphrey '07 is going back to school at Concordia to get her after degree in Education

Neil Ruel '06 and Eva (Wurtz) Ruel '07 – Eva attended Augustana for two and a half years and husband, Neil Ruel, attended Augustana for two years. Neil went on to graduate from NAIT with a diploma in Chemical Engineering Technology in spring 2008. Currently, Eva is in the Education program at the U of A main campus. Neil and Eva were married on Saturday, July 25th, 2009. All the best!

Nansee (Cowan) Hughes '07 played two parts in a presentation of Puccini's opera *Il Tabarro* held August 13th and 15th on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, with the Edmonton Queen riverboat serving as the backdrop for this classic story. This was produced by Mercury Opera, a non-traditional company created by artistic director Darcia Parada. [Camrose Booster August 18th, 2009]

Rachael (Chordash) Young '07 and husband Graham Young have a new son Shane Alexander born on June 16, 2009. Enjoy your new son!

Megan (Bernes) Hodges '07 and Jeremy Hodges '07 were married on August 15th, 2009. Congratulations! Megan is completing her Masters in Physical Therapy and Jeremy is finishing his After Degree in Education at the University of Alberta and will both be finished in December.

Alicia Baier '08 has been awarded a CIHR CGS (Canadian graduate scholarship) for this current year of school. Alicia works in Dr. Gary Eitzen's lab, which is part of the Department of Cell Biology in Medical Sciences, here at the U of A. Her project predominantly attends to questions of immunological and cell biology nature, while utilizing techniques in molecular biology and biochemistry. The eventual potential implications of this research are very exciting as mast cell degranulation is the central event in histamine release; and the subsequent aftermath of allergic response seen to occur in asthma, allergies and anaphalaxis.

Alana (Prevost) Kornik '08 married Jason Kornik on September 19th, 2009 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Camrose. Congratulations!

Karen (Elliott) Bernes '09 and Matthew Bernes '04 were recently married on August 15th, 2008 in Camrose, AB.

Andraea Sartison '09 is working full time at the West End Cultural Centre, a community centre/live music venue in Winnipeg, MB. Andraea tells us that she gets to go to all kinds of free concerts and meet great Canadian and international musicians. She is also teaching drama part time at Manitoba Theatre for Young People. Andraea has a variety of side projects including being the drama director for the next Lutheran & Anglican youth gathering in London, ON and directing a multi-disciplinary performance in Nunavut next summer. Since graduating Andraea has produced her own show "Just One Spark" (featuring current Augustana student David Arial) at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival and represented Alberta in PEI at the Canada Summer Games as a resident artist.

Find a Former Classmate

Occasionally alumni contact us to ask if we can help them get in touch with a former classmate or long lost friend from their days at Augustana. Keeping your contact information up to date can help us help you to reconnect. Rest assured that we do not give out this information without first obtaining your permission.

IN MEMORIAM

- 1934 Florence (Magneson) Olson of Camrose, AB on December 26, 2008
- 1934 Helen (Hutchinson) Sanders of Camrose, AB in March, 2009
- 1935 Bergit Woodcraft of Vancouver, BC on June 20, 2008
- 1936 Lloyd Franklin Lindberg of Edmonton, AB on October 14, 2008
- 1939 Arne Olson of Calgary, AB on December 2, 2008
- 1940 Mary (Wholey) Bell of Edmonton, AB on October 15, 2008
- 1944 Wilma (Nergaard) Lee of Camrose, AB on February 13, 2009
- 1944 Eunice (Sandboe) Gregory of Camrose, AB on May 22, 2009
- 1945 Leila (Jornlin) Grue of Sherwood Park, AB on December 24, 2008
- 1946 Janet (Church) Monson of Sexsmith, AB on June 9, 2009
- 1948 David Leboe of Chilliwack, BC on November 7, 2008
- 1949 Mary Ellen (Brown) Kemper of Langhorne, PA on January 3, 2009
- 1949 Ralph McPhedran of Red Deer, AB on June 9, 2008
- 1949 Bernice (Fenske) Luce of Red Deer, AB on November 13, 2008
- 1951 William Olson of Qualicum Beach, BC on September 7, 2007
- 1952 Keith Mathison of Qualicum Beach, BC on May 25, 2008.
- 1957 Elaine (Brekke) Sloane of Kelowna, BC on August 16, 2007
- 1958 Stan Hagen of Comox, BC on January 20, 2009
- 1959 George Loades of Calgary, AB on September 22, 2009
- 1963 Norma (Huseby) Murdoch of Edmonton, AB on December 20, 2008
- 1970 Merrill Stavne of Camrose, AB on February 28, 2009
- 1974 Donald Skretting of Grande Prairie, AB on October 22, 2009
- 1985 Helen (Greiner) Schnepf of Calgary, AB on February 25, 2008
- Edgar Kvemshagen of Camrose, AB on May 13, 2009 (Former Board of Regents)
- Asgeir Ingibergsson of Camrose, AB on November 18, 2009 (Head librarian from 1978 to 1993)

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Nordlys Film & Arts Festival – February 26-27, 2010
Spring Soiree, Report to the Community – April 27, 2010
U of A Alumni Weekend – September 23-26, 2010
Golden Alumni Brunch – October 3, 2010
Centenary Homecoming Celebration – June 3 -5, 2011

**For more information on these events and others
check out the website or contact the Alumni Office.**

NEWS OF NORWAY

On a recent trip to Ottawa, Dean Roger Epp and Bonita Anderson, Director of Development, met with Her Excellency Else Berit Eikeland, Ambassador of the Norwegian Embassy. Augustana has deep Norwegian roots and staying connected to those roots is important to us. The informal meeting included a conversation around ways our campus can contribute to the Norwegian culture here in Canada.

One of the ways in which you can stay connected is through subscription to the 'News of Norway' magazine. You can subscribe to their paper or online magazine by submitting your address to subscription@norway.org.

