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## SAVE THE DATE!

**August 11-12, 2007:** RA Reunion Weekend at Augustana celebrating Mark & Brandi's 25 years of service in the Student and Residence Life program. Contact Jo-Anna Larsen, Class of '91, at 780-679-1163 or the Alumni Office at 780-679-1105 or 1-800-590-9992.

**October 19-21, 2007:** Alumni Reunion Weekend, Augustana Campus. Details will be mailed to anniversary year classes (years ending in '02 and '07) and posted on the Alumni website at [www.augustana.ca/alumni/reunion](http://www.augustana.ca/alumni/reunion).

## STAY CONNECTED. KEEP IN TOUCH

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It's easy! Just visit the Alumni website to update your contact information, read and post messages on the guestbook, submit information for Circle Class Notes, and see if any alumni-related events are being planned in your community. If you prefer, you may send your address updates and news by mail to the Alumni Office, 4901-46 Ave, Camrose AB T4V 2R3 or by e-mail to [susan.malone@ualberta.ca](mailto:susan.malone@ualberta.ca).

## GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD!



**Our focus is changing to keep up with the needs of our alumni. What are people doing? What are their lifestyles? What are they looking for from the Alumni Association? What is the best way for us to keep in touch with you?**

This past year we concentrated on connecting with alumni in their communities, an initiative that we will continue and plan to grow. A barbeque was held this summer and last in Calgary, there was an evening gathering in Edmonton, and most recently Dean Dr. Roger Epp and a group from the Camrose campus visited several communities in north eastern Alberta. Edmonton and area alumni were invited to enjoy the Augustana Choir in their Mozart Requiem performances in Edmonton and Camrose in February.

Our goal is to keep connected with you. A survey will be sent out to many alums asking what we can do to communicate more effectively with you and how we can help keep you connected with your fellow alumni. If you receive the survey, please take a minute to complete it, or visit our website or contact the alumni office at any time to share your ideas with us. We are here to help you plan a reunion or gathering in your community or back on campus in Camrose.

The Alumni Office continues to sell frames for Augustana University College degrees. These will continue to be available while quantities last. If you are interested in purchasing a frame, please contact the Alumni Office for details.

Several Alumni Board members attended the Graduands' Banquet and Convocation Ceremonies back in May. I was very proud to induct the 199 members of the Graduating Class of 2006 into the Augustana Alumni Association and to welcome them on your behalf. Twenty-five percent of the class of 2006 graduated with distinction—a fact to which U of A President Indira Samarasekera proudly referred in her convocation address that day.

We look forward to producing two issues of this magazine a year as one means of keeping you informed and in touch. The ever-popular Class Notes section continues to grow and we invite you to submit your news to share in the next issue of Circle.

We are also excited about plans to produce an alumni newsletter that will be distributed on a regular basis by e-mail. This increasingly popular means of communication is preferred by many and will allow news about Augustana, alumni, and events taking place in your communities to be sent in a timely and cost-effective fashion. Please take a moment to let the Alumni Office know your e-mail address if you wish to receive Augustana news this way. Your address will remain confidential and you will be able to unsubscribe from this process any time you wish.

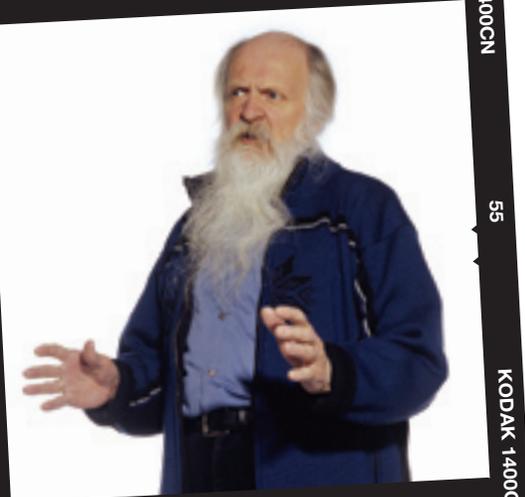
A new event for us this fall was participating in the Parents Orientation on Move In Day in September, providing parents with information, campus tours and reassurance that their children will be fine as Empty Nest Syndrome kicks in! This gave parents something to do while the O-Team transported the belongings of their children—Augustana's first year students—to their dorm rooms.

A letter sent to the grad class of 2006 encouraged our newest alumni to Stay Connected; Keep in Touch with Augustana and with each other. We encourage all alumni to do the same, regardless of when you attended. Send us your news for the class notes. Gather together old friends, dorm mates, or team members for a reunion. We can help make it happen—either in your home town or in Camrose. Any group interested in arranging a reunion—big or small, on campus or off—is encouraged to contact the Alumni Office for assistance and suggestions.

The Alumni Association is made up of generous talented volunteers such as yourselves. To all of our board members, volunteers, and staff—thank you for your time, enthusiasm and support! To all of our alumni—thank you for your continued interest in Augustana. Extra thanks must go out to Susan Malone in the Alumni Office—she is indispensable. Thanks Susan!

We hope to hear from you soon!

**Renae Hewitt**, BA Special '95  
President, Augustana Alumni Association



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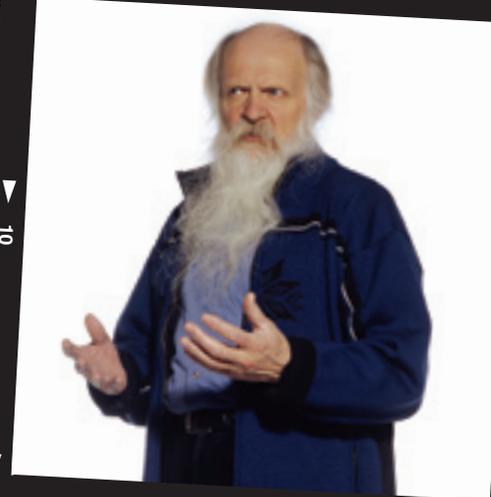
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# DAVID J. GOA RADICAL SON

WRITTEN BY ZANNE CAMERON

David Goa is a natural born philosopher and teacher, a radical son of the Alberta prairie and when he walks the streets, with his pipe at the ready, in the layers of the wind, he can hear the many cadences that connect him to the centre of the cultural text, the voices, the stories, the experiences of the thousands of 'others' who came here to begin again and that have left their pasts behind in the hulls of rusty boats from Asia, barren breadbaskets of Europe, minefields of Serbia, and Sudan, the spent casings of mortar shells on the streets of the middle east, and the list goes on and on of the experiences that led the men and women who settled this last North American frontier, his native Alberta. And in the layers of the wind, always present are the voices of his own parents, Solveig and Finn Goa, Norwegian immigrants, who came to Alberta in search of the promise of a new land.

defined less by landscape, than by conversation; it is the text, the passionate discourse, loaded with religious and political overtones that took place at his parents' kitchen table morning and night that is the landscape of definition for Goa.

"I grew up surrounded by conversation, a context with a variety of texts and I was in the middle of it," remarks Goa. "In my parents' home there were only two things you could talk about; religion and politics." He admits that it was an unusual home, and after a few minutes conversation one recognizes that he may have been an unusual child. Goa was born in the town of Camrose, Alberta and his most vivid memories are of the conversations that were the essence of his daily life.

"I always had a sense that if you weren't interested in talking about religion and politics, and therefore faith and life, church and state, that you were wasting time. My father was a humorous man, but with him one always had the sense that life was short and there were interesting things in life and one ought to be devoted to understanding them."

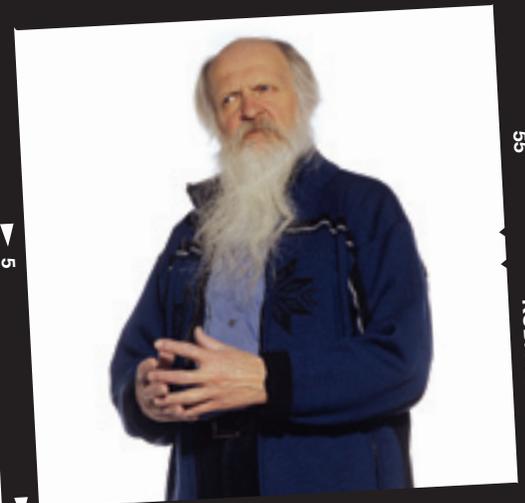
Goa developed the program of cultural studies at the Royal Alberta Museum. It is in that capacity that he spent over thirty years of his life 'paying attention' to the conversations of the new and native citizens of Alberta and to their stories and the religious and cultural context in which they built their lives in Alberta.

Goa's parents were influenced by Pietism, an evangelistic Lutheran religious movement that helped shape the socialist modernization of Norway. "It seems counterintuitive here, but in Europe, socialism rose out of religious movements." As Goa describes it, his parents, who lived a faith anchored in sincerity, simplicity and that embraced a dialogical engagement with religion and politics, learned English in the radical political atmosphere of Tommy Douglas and William Aberhart.

Goa studied history, philosophy and the history of religions in Chicago and has been involved in various research and documentation and communications projects both in Canada and abroad. He teaches often at the University of Alberta Edmonton and Augustana campus. He lectures widely and is the author of numerous books and scholarly articles and is a regular contributor to the media. His work focuses on religious tradition and modern culture, culture and the civil life, and on public institutions in service to cultural communities and modern civil society. He is also the director of the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life at Augustana.

"People think of Camrose as a conservative place, but of course, Camrose, like most of the prairies was a radical place. It was born of radical politics." The passionate conversations of friends and neighbours around the Goa table that went on into the night and early morning fascinated the young Goa. They revolved around important issues of his parents' generation – a generation that had survived the depres-

To ask Goa where he comes from is a question of place, but a place



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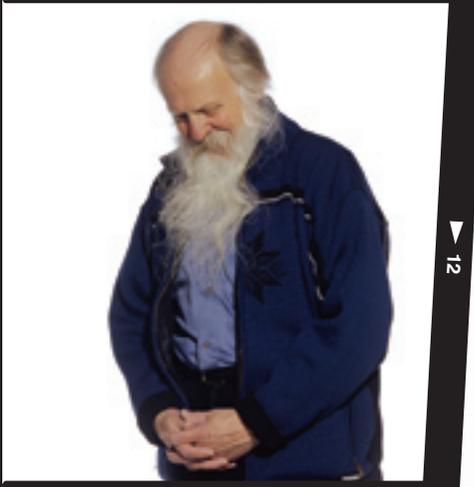
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sion, two world wars, and that was challenged by the rapid shift to a capitalist driven politic. “My father was confessor to ministers as well as people from our church. He loved to engage on the streets with anybody who happened to be interested in serious conversation. These were simply people engaged in important questions.”

Central to these conversations in the Goa household was the landscape of the Bible. “Economic questions were very large in the 1950’s and were part of the church discourse.” For Finn Goa the church was to pay attention to important questions of the day. The issues were argued, the scripture was used to explore them, refine the questions and fierce arguments would take place. “There would be tears, mild anger, but through it all, friendship was maintained,” says Goa.

The Bible was read every day at the Goa table, and young David was encouraged to study it. “It was a household in which the scriptures were very lively. The stories of Joseph, Sarah, Abraham, and Rebecca and Isaac were common fare. I knew these women and men as well as my neighbours. I’ve often felt that I grew up like a Jew without a synagogue. My parents had a love for the church but were always rather critical of its dysfunction.”

Goa says he learned to listen from his mother and talk from his father. “I used to feign sickness, so I could stay home and sit on the kitchen counter and listen to my mother’s conversations with her neighbours.” Goa describes his mother as a natural born psychologist, who was always able to talk to her coffee klatch regardless of who among them wasn’t talking to another.

Goa, who was raised to believe that life was lived with intention and with devotion, and within a lively text where faith and life were not separate entities, was ready when he was asked to develop the program of cultural studies at the museum. “It happened almost by accident but it was an opportunity that I was quite prepared to seize.”

“Having grown up in a world of text and conversation it was natural for

me to go into communities to seek out devout people, people who had been shaped by their living tradition, people who had an active cultural memory. It was natural for me to want to talk to people who cared about their historical experience and to enter into conversation with them about how they understood, about who they were, where they were. Isn’t that the great Canadian question? Where is here?”

Goa, truly the son of both his mother and father, intuitively understood that to understand involves opening up one’s own world to another and quotes Martin Buber, “The dialogical moment is not a moment where periphery meets periphery. It’s a moment where centre meets centre.”

He took his recorder and his notes into the field and began seeking out the texts of others in order to begin to enter into the various cultural understandings and texts of Alberta.

“So much of our study of anthropology and religion has a pretext of objectification, a pretext to neutrality. I didn’t believe that. I knew that the best conversations came out of commitment on both sides. So for me the ‘other’ was never somebody to be afraid of. They were always somebody whose face invited me to a great mystery.”

“I see museums as public universities. At least they have the capacity for that.” Goa’s teaching, his scholarship, and his engagement with the popular press are all part of his vocation to engage in an active public dialogue, to increase our understanding and to add depth to what he sees as an increasingly glib society.

His years of talking with ‘the other’, the Doukhobors, Sikhs, Hindus, Muslims and Jews, have had a profound effect on Goa.

“Alberta is one of the most pluralistic places in the world. It has been from the beginning of settlement. We forget that – and that it’s a late settlement. So, what we have in Alberta are communities of people who have either the memory or who are the children of those who are the bearers of the memory, of much of the trauma of the 20th century.

Yet these people through the use of their living traditions, often religious and often by tapping their cultural memory, have been able to put the world back together, to resurrect.”

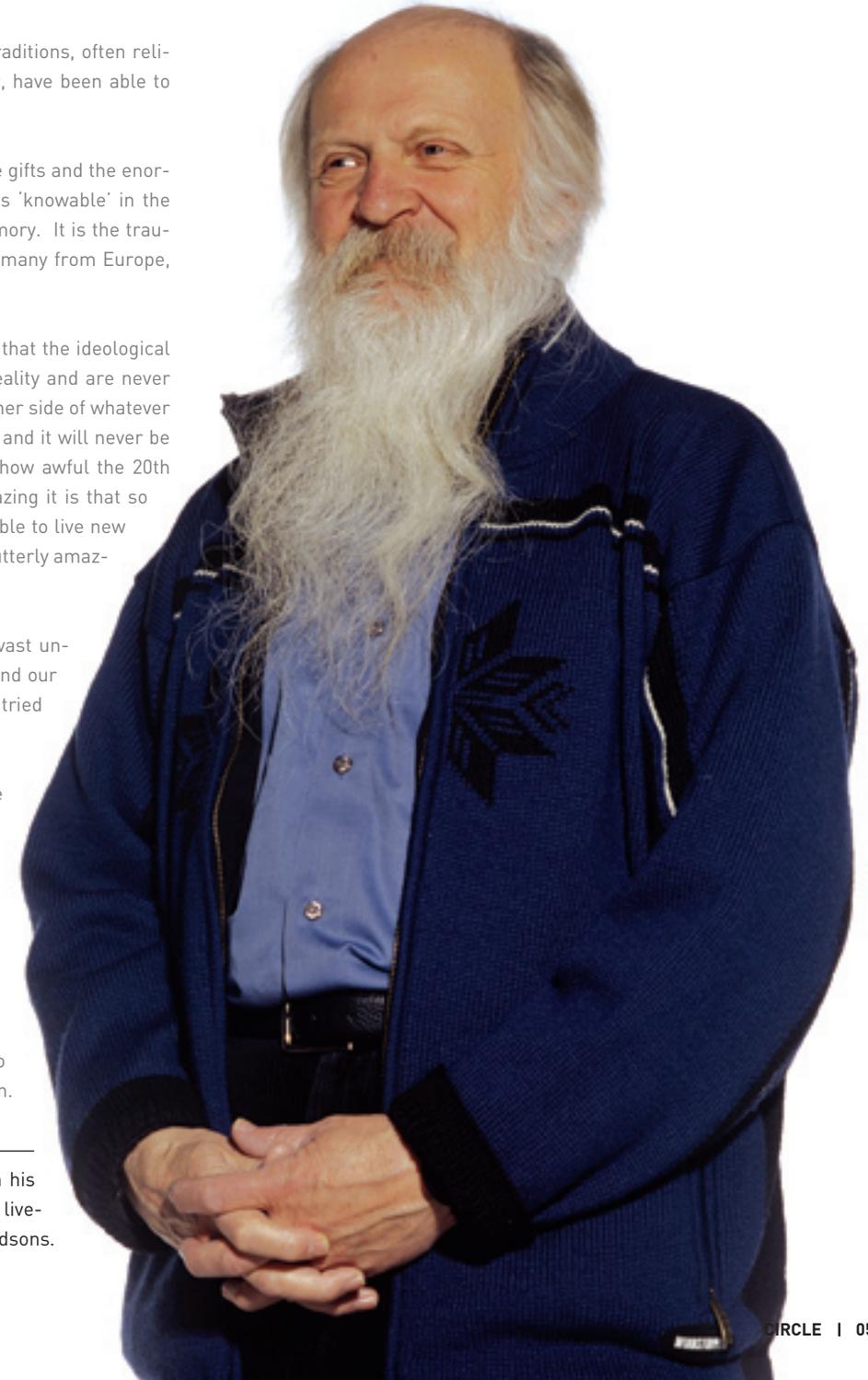
“I’ve paid attention to that – both sides of that. The gifts and the enormous struggle.” Goa remarks that Alberta is thus ‘knowable’ in the 20th century, the bloodiest century in human memory. It is the traumas of this last century that have spewed out so many from Europe, from Asia, and from Africa.

“You can’t do much of this work without realizing that the ideological perspectives that people have always touch on reality and are never enough. You may speak with someone from the other side of whatever that terror of history is and they also will be right and it will never be enough. The strongest impression is a sense of how awful the 20th century has been for so many and then how amazing it is that so many people in this part of the world have been able to live new lives again. That these people can walk upright is utterly amazing and Alberta is full of them.”

Goa defines Alberta in part as a land that holds vast unexpressed grief “that our writers, and our poets and our universities have not yet paid attention to. I have tried to do that.”

Taking the helm of the Chester Ronning Centre has brought David back to the streets of Camrose where the conversations that shaped his vocation sound in his memory. In his parents’ promised land, and through teaching and through the work of the centre and on the streets of Camrose and across Alberta, Goa will continue to engage interested people in dialogue about important issues. He will meet them with his intellect, and with commitment. He will meet them from his centre to theirs. He will meet them with passion and devotion. He will pay attention. **C**

David Goa is married and lives in Edmonton with his wife Anna, and, spends as much time as possible in lively discourse with his granddaughter and twin grandsons.



SUSAN MALONE

## CAMROSE BOUND

When Susan Meldrum met Arnold Malone, then Member of Parliament for the Crowfoot, Alberta constituency, she was an administrative assistant in Joe Clark's parliamentary office in Ottawa. "I volunteered to help Mr. Clark's leadership campaign and so, I called Arnold to see if he would contribute. He asked me if I would discuss it over lunch." The rest, as they say, is history. The lunch was in spring, and in November of the same year they were married.

WRITTEN BY ZANNE CAMERON

It is a little outside the margins for an Ottawa raised daughter of a civil servant to 'head west' with a baby on the way to run a U-pick mixed berry farm in the middle of rural Alberta, but Susan Malone has absolutely no regrets.

Running the farm with a new baby in tow, while Arnold tended to his constituency was no small task, and for some could have proven to be a bit much. Susan embraced the community, who embraced her in return. Her baby was an icebreaker at the local Safeway, and also, Susan met lots of Alberta residents through attending functions with her husband. It wasn't long before Susan was an active volunteer as well as helping run the farm and raising their son, Mike. "You know, if someone says there isn't anything to do in Camrose, they just aren't looking."

But it was the farming experience that essentially taught Susan to wholeheartedly respect her new community. "I love Alberta and Camrose," she says. "I had never lived in the west and when I came out here it was, in a way, a big adventure. I was not disappointed. I am so fortunate to have the opportunity to witness firsthand the courage, skill and determination of those who grow the food we eat. I wish more people who grew up in a large city could live in a rural community, even for just a little while."

Arnold and Susan sold their farm in '99 and Susan worked for LeRoy Johnson, MLA for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, before taking on her current responsibilities as Alumni Coordinator for Augustana Campus. "Ever since I arrived in Camrose in 1984 I've felt that having this university in our community is a privilege and a gift, so when an opportunity presented itself to work at Augustana, I jumped at it." Susan took on her duties in 2002, and is now taking on responsibilities as Special Event coordinator also.

Alumni relations is a job that Susan loves. "You get to hear wonderful stories from fifty and sixty years ago, and hear about the impact that Augustana has had on people's lives." The stories have similarities,

but the faces and the achievements and the times do change. Susan admits to getting a bit teary eyed at convocation each spring watching the new alumni stepping out into the world with their lives unfolding before them.

Susan has never looked back since coming to Camrose over twenty years ago with her husband Arnold. Home for her is very definitely Camrose, Alberta.

Susan Malone wants alumni to know that they are welcome on campus anytime. She also wants them to know that the Alumni Office is ready and waiting to help them organize a reunion of their own, anytime, anywhere – either on campus or in their own community. "There are so many reasons to get together or to be a part of the action on campus. It could be athletics, or music, your first year dorm mates, the year you graduated, or where you live now that connects you to each other or to us. Whatever the reason, I'm here to help you reconnect with old friends, or get together with other alumni living where you do. Just give me a call and together we'll make it happen." **C**

#### Ten ways for alumni to participate and stay connected on and off campus:

- 1) Cheer on the Vikings at their home and road games
- 2) Attend fine arts performances
- 3) Keep your contact information up to date with the Alumni Office
- 4) Volunteer to help at Augustana events
- 5) Organize an event of your own in your community
- 6) Meet the Dean, Roger Epp and find out what's happening on campus
- 7) Become a mentor for a student or a recent grad
- 8) Deliver a seminar on a particular skill or expertise
- 9) Become a contact for high school students who are considering attending Augustana
- 10) Visit and post a message on the alumni website guestbook

# PASTOR KAREL LUNDE A GENTLE GIANT

WRITTEN BY ZANNE CAMERON

He was an old fashioned coach, his former football players and wrestlers will tell you. Marks had to be maintained and practice had to be attended or you were done as a player for Pastor Lunde and the Camrose Lutheran College Vikings.

Lunde came to the college in the late fifties as a Pastor, teacher of religious studies, and a background in football. He played at the Iowa Lutheran College in the 1930's. Lunde was an excellent teacher, but what stands out in the collective memory of CLC lore is his passion for coaching. "He was a quiet giant who desired to help boys grow into good men through the sport of football," says Garry Gibson, (Gibber) another Augustana Athletics icon.

Lunde began coaching with a roster of players who, for the most part, had never played the game before. According to the archives the early years were a struggle on the scoreboard, but never with the fans. Coaches of the CLC's rival teams were impressed with the play and sportsmanship of Lunde's players.

In the 60's the CLC Vikings became the team to beat in the East Central Alberta region. They took the Central Alberta regional Football Championship four years in a row, from '61-'64, and again in '66. The addition of university players to the team in '67 eliminated them from regional playoff eligibility and from '68 onward participation in the East Central league dropped off. Football's heyday at Augustana ended in 1972.

During those years, the Vikings football club under the leadership of Pastor Karel Lunde was everything a football team was ever meant to be. Gridiron playmaking and grueling drills were simply the tools used to draw out the qualities of a leader: grit, determination, commitment, and the knowledge that Viking players never ever quit on the game, on each other, or on themselves.

During the glory years on Saturday game nights the Camrose shops closed down and the stadium stands filled to capacity with 'Townies' and regional fans, and when the big lights shone on the field young boys played like men.

Wynn McLean played for the CLC Vikings from '64 through '67. As a townie from Camrose, he wanted nothing more than to play for Pastor Lunde and the Vikings. If he wanted to play for the CLC team, his father told him he'd have to earn his own tuition. Wynn worked summers and earned the \$360 he'd have to lay down to earn a spot as a CLC student, and a chance to try out for the Vikings football team.

"He was a gentle giant," remembers McLean. "He believed in discipline on and off the field and instilled a sense of team over the individual. He had a way of drawing out leadership skills in us."

McLean remembers the pressure of playing on game night, of being a teenager and playing in front of a packed stadium of noisy fans and knowing that half the town knew his name because he played football. "We all learned how to be effective under pressure, and we developed confidence," says McLean. He recalls that Lunde's players were taught how to take a risk, to never be afraid of making a mistake or to step up first.

"He took young boys and made them into men." McLean remembers Lunde as a man who was able to bring his values of faith on and off the field without being overtly religious. He was a role model and was able

to walk the walk of a good man, which meant more to his young players than perhaps he ever knew.

"One of the things that Pastor Lunde taught us over and above everything else was to never give up," says McLean who now is the general manager of the Camrose Regional Exhibition. "I do not regret one second of my time as a player for the CLC Vikings. Football made a huge difference to me and outside of my own father, Pastor Lunde had the greatest impact on my life."

The bonds of friendship among players have lasted over fifty years. At last year's homecoming at Augustana campus Pastor Lunde's former athletes gathered to celebrate their memories of 'Coach.' "It was a privilege to play with these people," says McLean who helped to organize the reunion.

In that one weekend Lunde's players stepped up as they were taught to do and raised over \$14 thousand dollars to establish an enduring endowment in their beloved coach's name. The award will go to a student who demonstrates leadership and perseverance in athletics.

McLean and his teammates hope that this award will help future Augustana athletes grow to be leaders in their communities.

To contribute to the Pastor Karel Lunde Memorial Endowment, contact the Augustana Development Office at: 780-679-1558. [C](#)

For more information about how to make a legacy or estate gift, please contact the Development Office, Augustana Campus.

I would like more information on creating a legacy gift such as the Pastor Karel Lunde Award.

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DEAN ROGER EPP

# THROWING OPEN THE DOORS

WRITTEN BY AUGUSTANA STAFF WRITER

After an international search the Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta has hired its first Dean. The person selected was not a surprise, but rather a validation of the values of an institution that had managed to keep its integrity and purpose through some very difficult times. That person is Roger Epp.

DEAN ROGER EPP

**E**pp came to Augustana (then Camrose Lutheran University College) in 1990 to teach Political Studies. Academic positions were rare at the time. The position was not the kind he had been trained to expect, but he appreciated the chance to return to western Canada and was impressed from the start by the quality of his new colleagues.

“In terms of the depth of involvement with students, finding a research profile that was at home here, and shaping a program and a whole institution, Augustana offered real rewards. It was a very creative place. It asked the people who came here to buy into the importance of what we were doing.”

Epp threw himself into campus and community life, and into the building of a degree program in Political Studies whose graduates have distinguished themselves in academic, professional and other career paths. He received Augustana’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 2001. By then he had also shifted the focus of his research to issues related to rural community survival and the political economy of agriculture. His recent work includes the co-edited book *Writing Off the Rural West* (University of Alberta Press, 2001), and the documentary, “The Canadian Clearances,” for CBC Radio’s “Ideas.” He is a frequent speaker and media commentator on rural issues. In the past half-dozen years, he estimates he has given well over 100 talks and interviews to audiences across Canada.

“My experience at Augustana has helped teach me how, as a scholar, I can live out a sense of obligation to the public good and to real places – in this case, the rural communities from which I and many of my students come,” Epp says. “Though it is more common, at least in Western Canada, for university campuses to be located in major cities, I have learned to see Augustana’s location not as a handicap or an excuse to be second-rate, but as a chance to develop a distinctive voice on issues of great importance.”

Epp was appointed interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs and

Academic Dean in July 2003, at the start of transfer negotiations with the University, and became Acting Dean of the new U of A campus a year later.

“It has been very rewarding to have spent three years working on a complex merger and transition project, and to position this place effectively within the University,” he says. “This has been a time for the whole community to find itself again, and it is really rewarding to see long-time colleagues shine.”

In the past two years, prospects have indeed turned around. A long-awaited library is now in the final design stages. New tenure-track professors have been hired in all departments, increasing the ranks from 47 to 58. Opportunities for research funding have expanded. The Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life has been established. A full-scale academic planning exercise has been initiated

**“It’s a high priority for me to connect with our alumni,” says Epp. “Without fail, I come away from every gathering impressed by the people I meet and humbled by what they say about their experience at Augustana.”**

to renew and strengthen Augustana’s curriculum, student experience and scholarly culture – inspired by the President Indra Samarasekera’s vision document, *Dare to Discover*. An innovative after-degree Nursing program began this spring. Augustana is an active partner with city and county governments in building

a new Regional Sport Development Centre, and also with East Central Health and the University’s health sciences faculties on a range of planned rural and small-city health initiatives.

Epp wants to draw more people to campus. “We will work to throw the doors open and welcome people. This is a place that they can come to for concerts, lectures, plays, seminars, sports and more. I hope that what I can say five years from now is that no one will call Augustana a well-kept secret.”

The most important relationships, however, will continue to be those built with students and alumni. Augustana continues to embody the ideals of a liberal education in its mission and in the life of the campus. It promises students a transforming education. “We want to change your life,” says Epp, who has more than a tinge of regret about leav-

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## SCOTT HECKBERT

## A DIFFERENT WORLD

WRITTEN BY KYLE HARLAND

Scott Heckbert uses simulation to solve long-term sustainability issues down under.



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I remember the days when I would sit at my computer and play Sim City until two o'clock in the morning. I'd get lost in my little world of video-gaming, building highways, houses, and the occasional city park for my very own virtual dwelling. My parents would mock me for pouring so much of my time into something so useless as constructing a city that existed only on my computer's hard drive, and told me that there were much better things for me to do with my time. If only I had known that there was a job market for creating computer simulated environments much like Sim City, I could have saved myself many video game lectures by telling my parents that I was simply exploring career options.

I found out that such a career existed when I spoke to Scott Heckbert, an environmental studies graduate of Augustana who currently works in this field in Australia at the CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization). Of course, there are a few major differences between Scott and your average Sim City player. I mean, I con-

sider myself to be quite well versed in the techniques of Sim City, but after talking to Scott about his job, I know I couldn't survive it for ten minutes.

"It's really quite a unique organization," says Scott of the CSIRO. In fact, there's no such organization of the same magnitude in Canada. The CSIRO employs over 6000 people, about half of who hold a PhD. Scott works in the Sustainable Ecosystems division of the CSIRO doing what's called agent-based modeling. This involves studying environmental and human systems, and simulating different variables in a computer model to find out the long-term effects certain decisions will have on the environment. Currently he is investigating water conditions of the Great Barrier Reef. To assess future environmental concerns, Scott comes up with computer models that generate both human and environmental activity, from agricultural runoff to tourism operations to regional water paths. Another main area of his work is in urban development. For instance, if a city planner wants to know where it's best to build a highway,

Scott can simulate the long-term effects and determine what choice might be best with his agent-based modeling. Not only is Scott's work important because it helps sustain a healthy environment, it is also important because a large portion of the economy in his area of Australia is primary industry, which relies on the environment. Scott is very instrumental in helping these industries by consulting workers like farmers on what is best for the environment, and in turn, the economy.

A graduate of Augustana in 1999, Scott says that he uses the ideas and knowledge that he learned at Augustana on a daily basis: "Today's research environment is asking for people with a multidisciplinary background, which Augustana was very instrumental in giving me. I think it was important to get a broad education, because I find that I use more of the broad education now than any one field." When I asked him about people that had an important influence on him, he listed a small army of Augustana professors; it seemed as though every teacher he took a

class from had a significant impact. He also appreciated how available the professors were to students, which was very important in facilitating his learning.

Apart from the broad education that Scott received at Augustana, he thoroughly enjoyed the community Augustana created. He credits Mark Chytracek, the Director of Student and Residence services, for creating community that is unique to Augustana. Scott was no stranger to this community when he was a student: he was a DJ at the radio station, the Canadian representative on the International Students' Union, a residence assistant, and a drummer who often played with the Augustana Choir and the Community Band. The social aspects of these groups were important to Scott, and through the International Students' Union, he met his best friend Ghassan.

Scott went on to receive a Masters of Environmental Economics from the University of Alberta, and shortly after found a job in Townsville, Australia. "Australia is a to-

tally different world. The furthest you could get from Canada in terms of the natural environment." Despite the different environment, Scott has adapted well in his field, and has just started a PhD at the University of Melbourne in civil engineering. This program will extend Scott's current skills involved in creating computer models to simulate environments. According to his eight-year-old daughter Ashley, who made sure to put in her two cents at her dad's interview, "He can do anything with computers." So I'm sure he'll complete his PhD without too much difficulty. Along with Ashley, Scott lives with his partner, Lisha, who manages tourism for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. After being peppered with questions about his career, his accomplishments, and his goals, when asked what he was most proud of, he didn't hesitate: "I'm proud of my family, my daughter Ashley." **C**

Kyle Harland, 2006 Augustana Alumnus is currently taking a Masters of Journalism at UBC.

# ERIK SAUDE

## CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH, MULTI-DISCIPLINE INTERESTS

WRITTEN BY LISA GUNDERSON

It's not every PhD candidate who gets to run their own laboratory. Even rarer is the grad student with an all-access pass to a lab that includes a 2-of-a-kind robot, a -80 degrees Celsius freezer, and their very own nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer. Erik Saude is such a student. The Camrose-raised Augustana alumnus (BSc 2000) is currently the only graduate student undertaking research in the National High Field Nuclear Magnet Resonance Centre (NANUC) at the University of Alberta.

**N**ANUC houses two of the most powerful nuclear magnetic resonance machines in the world. NMR technology enables U of A scientists to pinpoint the molecular structure of biochemical compounds at an extremely sophisticated level. The NMR machines look something like shiny silver kegs, attached to the floor and walls by thick cables that deliver the immense amount of cryogenics (liquid helium and nitrogen) needed to ensure super-conductivity of the magnet. The 800 Megahertz spectrometer is the pride and joy of the Centre; it is one of only a handful of such spectrometers worldwide. For his research, Erik uses its twin, a more user-friendly 600 Megahertz machine. The use of this technology has exciting implications for researchers in such diverse disciplines as biochemistry, physiology, immunology, and medicine.

While Saude's PhD is in Biochemistry, his research interests combine all of the above. Saude uses his in-depth knowledge of the biochemical makeup of bodily systems to look deeply at the physiological and immunological implications of NMR research for medical diagnoses and prognosis, particularly focusing on the lung diseases asthma and cystic fibrosis (CF). He researches the possible biochemical link between the lungs and urine, a non-invasive biofluid. This has important implications for an easier and more accurate diagnosis of pulmonary diseases. The alternative means for diagnosis – collecting blood or sputum from patients or taking a chest x-ray – are more difficult methods, both for doctors and patients. Saude comments that by using NMR technology to make an exact diagnosis, patients will benefit: "If we can [make a diagnosis] on a biochemical basis, through urine, then it's a lot easier [for the clinicians and patients alike]. The patient can pee in a cup, and I can tell you what's going on [at a biochemical and physiological level]. And the nice thing is that we can tailor the medicine to the individual. And we can save a lot of money, save a lot of time, save a lot of lives."

Saude's interdisciplinary focus has gone beyond his personal research interests. He was one of the driving forces behind the creation of the Medical Resonance Diagnostic Centre (MRDC) at the U of A. The Centre's main goal is to develop the use of NMR to quickly and precisely diagnose a growing number of diseases, and its members include many top researchers and administrators from Medicine, Pharmacol-

ogy, and Pulmonology. Being a central member in such a diverse and distinguished group has challenged Erik to use his skills not only as a researcher, but as an administrator, politician, and leader. Saude credits his ability to take on several roles at once to both his parents, who encouraged him to follow a wide range of interests, as well as the four years he spent at Augustana. "In your undergrad, it's really important to have a broad understanding of multiple disciplines, and that's where Augustana does excel," he says. "You can see, I'm taking that now into the [biochemistry] field."

Erik's ability to participate in a myriad of interests transcends his academic work. While at Augustana, he was a member of Residence Life, living on campus for all four years of university. He sang with the Augustana Choir, and also participated on the Provincial and Junior National luge team, winning the silver medal in North American championships. "I guess I've done this my whole life – in music, whether it's singing or trumpet or piano and excelling in all of them, then doing it again in athletics and academia... I've always really enjoyed having a wide variety of ranges, getting as much out of life as I possibly can."

He has continued this path as a graduate student, captaining a baseball team in the summer and getting involved on the U of A track and field team. He has also taken an interest in graduate student politics, becoming a graduate student representative on the General Faculties Council, the Faculty of Graduate Student Research, and the Academic Planning Committee. As well, for the last two years he has been the Vice Chair for the Alberta Graduate Council, working with government and university officials to improve the graduate experience in Alberta.

These days, Saude is hard at work in the last stages of his PhD. He plans to complete his doctorate in August. Following this, he says, "I'll take the next year to maybe travel, walk the earth a bit. Then it's another four years in Medicine." Currently he's debating between the medical schools at Harvard, John Hopkins, and the University of Alberta, although he's leaning towards staying at the U of A so that he can continue with his NMR research instead of having to start from scratch. It seems clear that at this point, no matter what path Erik chooses, his future in science, medicine, and the world is bright. **C**

# NURSING AFTER DEGREE BEGINS

A 23-month applied science Nursing After Degree is now available to rural Alberta students at Augustana campus. The program, delivered by the U of A Faculty of Nursing, is tailored to rural community needs and incorporates practicum courses delivered in area hospitals.

WRITTEN BY ZANNE CAMERON

**T**he first cohort of eight students in the new Faculty of Nursing After-Degree Program at the Augustana campus began their studies in May. "It's a tremendous opportunity for these students to enrich their nursing practice," said Nursing Faculty Project Coordinator, Deirdre Jackman. Jackman has had the opportunity of practicing in rural environments and noted that the program had tremendous potential for the region. Jackman commented on the collaboration between East Central Health, Augustana Faculty, and the regional hospitals which made the program go from a concept to a deliverable reality in a very short period of time.

The program is a 23 month applied science degree delivered by the Nursing Faculty at the Augustana Campus, with practicum courses delivered at the Camrose St. Mary's Hospital, and in the Wetaskiwin Hospital and Care Centre. Students have come from neighboring and local regions such as Calgary, St. Albert, and Valleyview, and from as far away as Singapore.

Malcolm Kirkland, Vice President of East

Central Health remarked that the program provides an important part of the health care cycle and vision of East Central Health. "Our philosophy is a 'grow your own' philosophy of health care." The vision is to provide training in rural settings to people who are from a rural setting, and who will eventually be providing care to rural residents. "This is the tip of the iceberg," says Kirkland of the potential benefit that will be brought to the region from the nursing program and similar initiatives that arise from the memorandum of understanding between the U of A Augustana campus, the health authority, and the Alberta government.

East Central Health Operations Coordinator, Tammy Syrnyk says that the program is the first of its kind in the province and will enable rural communities to tap the pool of people and resources that would normally not be able to go to a large urban centre to take a similar program. Syrnyk notes that the nursing shortage is global, not just rural. "It is an excellent career that provides both financial rewards and personal fulfillment."

Students taking their practicum at St. Mary's

Hospital in Camrose will find themselves in a multifaceted environment, where their experience will run the gamut from obstetrics, to acute care and emergency, surgery and palliative care. "They will come out from the program with a well rounded knowledge," remarks Director of Nursing at St. Mary's, Cherylyn Antymniuk. "Our nurses really enjoy teaching. We want to make this a really positive experience for everyone. The students will provide exposure to fresh ideas and new perspectives, and it will give the students the opportunity to benefit from the knowledge and experience of our nurses. Plus it opens the door for appointments at St. Mary's and gives everyone the chance to find the right fit."

The combination of a good paying job, plus personal fulfillment and global potential is a definite draw for top tier students. Diane Carter, Augustana Faculty alumna graduated with a degree in Global and Development Studies in 2004. She was a Presidential Scholarship recipient, graduating with top honours and also received an Alberta Centennial Medal for recognition of her service to the community. She was selected as a Ca-

nadian youth representative at the recent UN Conference on Kyoto and climate change in Montreal. Carter has worked a few summers with the government and had experience on the policy side of political studies, but has chosen nursing as her preferred path. She also spent a term working in rural communities and in Mexico with Augustana's Rural Development Exchange Program. "What is most rewarding for me is to devote my energy at the community level working directly with people." She sees herself practicing in northern communities, or perhaps in international settings. Carter who hails from Valleyview also notes that there are plenty of opportunities for her to work in her home community once she has completed the degree. "Nursing gives me a concrete skill set that I can share with my community and with the world at large." Maya Rathnavalu, Camrose resident and fellow Augustana student, echoes the sentiments of Carter saying simply that "nursing is a career of the heart."

Carol Hoi arrived from Singapore just four days before the program got underway. Hoi received an Education degree from the University of Victoria in 1994, and has been

teaching in Singapore for the last decade. She was familiar with Canada, and chose this program for the rural perspective and because it was offered as an after-degree option. "When I was young, I had two ambitions; to be a teacher and to be a nurse. I have fulfilled my first ambition. Now it is time for me to embark on my second focus. It offers balance between rural and urban nursing. It is good to have a choice."

Augustana Campus Dean, Roger Epp was present at the reception to see the first student cohort off to a good start. He commented that the program is concrete evidence of Augustana's mandate to serve the East Central and Camrose region. "This program provides an excellent opportunity for Augustana's students, and for people in the community."

Seventeen new students began classes in the fall session in September. For more information about the After Degree Nursing Program at Augustana Campus in Camrose go to: [www.nursing.ualberta.ca](http://www.nursing.ualberta.ca)

ERIN THOMPSON

## GOALS SET AND OPTIONS OPEN

The interdisciplinary focus of Erin Thompson's environmental science degree allowed the folk singer and top honours recipient at Augustana Faculty to explore strengths beyond the scope of the sciences. After graduation, Thompson finds herself ready to spread her wings to find new opportunities abroad.

WRITTEN BY ZANNE CAMERON

There is a Gordon Lightfoot song about living in the country in which the lyrics go 'I like that country smile of the little girls and boys, they remind me of a child that I knew and a big harvest moon that shon' by supertime in the dusty afternoon.' It's a favourite of Erin Thompson's.

Erin is an environmental science major, folk singer and a bit of an adventurer, who has strong connections to her home place in Rosalind Alberta and who convocated from Augustana Faculty in May. She is this year's Augustana Medallist, the inaugural recipient of Augustana Faculty's award for top academic distinction. She graduates with a near perfect 4.0 average, accumulated over four years.

It is obvious that Erin is bright, but what is equally striking about this ingenuous young woman with a 3.98 academic record, is how well rounded she is. "When I came to Augustana I was registered in general studies, thinking I would transfer in two years into a veterinary program." In her first year she discovered a passion for environmental science. "I took a course from Glen, (Professor Glen Hvenegaard, Director of the Environmental Science program) and it was so interesting, so I took some more and those were the classes that I looked forward to. I found I have an affinity for nature. The environment is something I can feel passionate about, and a field where I can make a difference."

Since then her academic curiosity and Augustana's liberal arts environment have allowed Erin to study the environment through many perspectives; biology, religion and ecology, environmental economics, as well as Augustana's signature outdoor pursuits course, which is a requirement of the environmental science program.

"Outdoor pursuits was life-changing for me," says Erin. "It's way more than a hiking course. It's really about leadership and personal development. It was an amazing experience. I learned so much about myself and about other people."

Erin rounded out her scholastic activities with Shakespeare, and also by participating in Augustana's women's chorus, Sangkor. Erin also sings with two friends in a contemporary and traditional folk and rock trio. Gordon Lightfoot's "Brave Mountaineers" is one of her favourite songs. "It's not very well known, but when I sing that song, it feels like home," she says.

Erin remarks that she values the interdisciplinary focus of her education and notes that the world can't be looked at only through a scientific lens. "It's scary to look at things from different perspectives sometimes, but it's necessary. There is an openness to a liberal arts education that you can't get elsewhere. I have come out of Augustana a whole person, not just someone with a degree. I think I am very well prepared for my life."

Erin has a desire to see more of the world before she begins a career in her field. "I would like to work as an environmental interpreter, and perhaps do some environmental writing. If I can connect someone who is five or six to the environment, then maybe when they are in their twenties, they can make a difference too." It is important to Erin to actively connect people to the environment and ways of sustainable living. "To me finding work is not such a terrifying prospect. There are so many things I could do."

Down the road, Erin thinks she will pursue a Masters Degree. "Maybe I could come back and teach at Augustana," she says. **C**

## OLLIE'S BRIDGE

# MEMORIES - A FOND FAREWELL

Last issue we printed an article about Ollie's Bridge – aka, Ollie's Crossing. We received many wonderful memories from our readers, and are unable to print them all. Below are a few reminiscences of the bridge. New construction on a land crossing has begun, and it should be completed by this autumn. Let us know your ideas about what to do with Ollie's bridge, and please feel free to share your memories. Augustana will be beginning circulation of an electronic newsletter and we can print your memories there!

You have requested alumni write to you with their memories of the bridge and I wish to do just that.

I returned to Augustana my second year as a first year RA. The campus is quite empty during those first few days when RAs and staff are present but the majority of students haven't returned. I assume that others still frequent the campus during the less crowded summer months as my friend and fellow RA, James Avery, and I were doing a decade ago. When attempting to cross the bridge late one evening, we were faced with a potentially stinky dilemma because it was already providing passage to another AUC resident - a skunk.

We attempted to scare him off the bridge by throwing rocks his way-but our aim was bad and we only proceeded to convince him to further cross the bridge.

As he wandered his way slowly across, we decided it was best to go wait our turn at another place on campus.

I never heard or saw anything about that skunk on campus again that year and assume he just decided it was too crowded once all the students returned.

Thanks Professor Olson for building a bridge that lasted many memories, many conversations and many users.

**Susan Medland Moore, BSc at AUC 1991-1994**

I have two memories of "Ollie's Bridge," both of which involve Joseph Dwana.

He first arrived from Africa, shortly after Christmas to -30ish weather that stayed around until late in February. Like a caterpillar, he hid in his cocoon: as many clothes and blankets as he could cover himself with, and a dorm room with the temperature as high as he was allowed to have it. He only ventured out, darting to and from his classes and for a bite to eat.

It was early in spring, with the sun shining and the prototypical blue Alberta sky, when I saw him almost skipping across the bridge wearing shorts, with not a shiver on or in him. We both laughed. For all us North American types were still wearing tops, with long sleeves, and jeans.

Another time, we stopped on the edge of the bridge, and had a conversation about how North Americans and Africans differ in how they say hi to someone they meet as they are walking along.

In his country people engage in what amounts to roughly five minutes of genuine discussion, that has a pattern and structure to it. One part of it involves saying each other's names. Apparently, in his country, people are named such that one can know, by just hearing the name, whether the person was born within or outside of his country.

In North America, as our lifestyles become more sped up, our conversations often become very artificial. That is, if we say anything, it is often out and finished so it does not interfere with getting to one's destination. More and more, we find ourselves in a hurry to get to nowhere fast!

The College in Camrose was more conducive to the five-minute conversation. That is, it was always a place that was more personable and friendly, and, yes, unique. "Ollie's Bridge" was a very special part of that experience!

To Mark Chytracek, it, too, makes my heart ache, to think the bridge is being taken down. And to Jon Chytracek, I, too, hope the new buildings are not too super modern. "Ollie's Bridge" was and is just right!

**Doug Fenske, AUC 1983-1986**



My name is Selma Gqwede (Sam) - Class of 1992- from Namibia. I was very happy to see Ollie's bridge again. It brought back all the good memories of Augustana University College. I lived on campus for three years. I arrived in Augustana in 1987, December. I used the bridge everyday to go to class, cafeteria, town, etc. It is a beautiful bridge indeed! I felt bad to think of the bridge being taken down. I hope the planning will leave something that will reflect Augustana's Ollie's Bridge (as part of history).

I would like to thank the University of Alberta Augustana Faculty Alumni Magazine for bringing in again a few pictures of our old professors at Augustana University College, such as Dr. Gibber (Gibson), Prof. Olson. I would like to see Rev. Dr. Dittmar Mündel and Prof. Yvonne Becker.

**Selma Gqwede (Sam)**

# ANDY PREST HIS WIT DEVISES; HIS PEN WRITES

Augustana Alumnus Andy Prest at the University of British Columbia

WRITTEN BY LINDSAY J. HARTMAN

**A**ndy Prest has his sights set on a career in journalism. “With a father as an English professor, I guess it’s no shock that I am pursuing a writing career,” comments Andy Prest.

An Augustana graduate, Prest was the proud and humble recipient of the prestigious Governor General’s medal. “I felt very honoured to get it. I graduated with some really smart people who are doing amazing things these days.” It was a positive note on which Prest was able to continue his pursuit of academia.

Andy Prest earned a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and English from Augustana, back when it was still known as Augustana University College. He says that during his time at Augustana, he learned to think critically. He is continuing his education at the University of British Columbia, pursuing a Master’s Degree in Journalism. After completing his Master’s in Journalism, Prest may advance even further in his academic career. He considers a Doctorate as a possibility: “I like school— it’s a nice vacation from life. I think that some day I will go after a Human Kinetics PhD and learn more about sports media.”

With the broad academic and career options Prest had before him after his undergraduate degree, how did he narrow the scope to a focus on journalism? Apparently, Augustana’s own Prof. Stacy Lorenz had an influence on Prest; as Prest notes, “Stacy Lorenz really helped spark my curiosity towards sports media.” Of course, his father, English professor Dr. Harry Prest, had an influence as well. Andy Prest refers to his father as his first and greatest writing coach.

Prest’s pursuit of sports journalism looks promising. Prest had a freelance feature story in the February 11th edition of the Vancouver Sun. It was featured on the front page of the Arts and Life section of the paper. It is interesting to note that the article began as an assignment for one of his writing classes. It was titled “Our Million Dollar Baby,” which was appropriate, as the article focused on a female boxer at a local boxing

club in the Vancouver area. It also discussed several important issues regarding boxing’s past, present and future.

The article was demonstrative of Prest’s desire to synthesize his love of writing and his love of sports: “I always loved sports and as I went through school I developed a love of writing. When I chose journalism, I was thinking about how I could combine those two loves into a sportswriting dream job.” Although sports journalism is an area of major interest for Prest, he is not going to become pigeon holed in sportswriting. He notes that he has developed interest in many areas of writing. In fact, Prest covered the recent election and found many parallels between election and sport coverage. With sharp wit, Prest comments that “covering an election race is a lot like covering sports, except the deadlines aren’t as tough.”

With great potential in the field of journalism, Prest has indefinite career goals. After completing his academic career, Prest would like to publish some books and perhaps one day cover the Olympics for *Sports Illustrated*. However, Prest’s current focus is his education.

Prest’s advice for any Augustana undergraduates considering a career in journalism is to consume a lot of media. Another suggestion for aspiring journalists is to be very well-organized. “Journalism is more science than art, so if you can catch onto the techniques people use, you can put your own personal stamp on old journalistic formulas.”

Prest is a notable graduate of Augustana. Although he has completed his time at Augustana, and is now on to bigger and better things in Vancouver, Prest has a lasting appreciation for Augustana.

“People who work and learn with [Augustana] graduates soon learn that you don’t have to come from a big place to have big ideas,” says Prest, and he is proof of that. **C**

## 2006 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD** - (awarded to an alumnus/a in recognition of outstanding achievement in one’s vocation and service to community, church and alma mater; and by exemplifying the ideals of Augustana)

**Jack Howell**, Class of ‘67, who retired May 30, 2006 after almost 36 years as the voice of “Call of the Land,” an Alberta Agriculture radio program broadcast five days a week on CKUA and more than 20 commercial radio stations throughout the province with a daily audience of more than 110,000 rural Albertans.

**LOIS ASPENES AWARD** - (awarded to an alumnus/a in recognition of significant contributions to the Alumni Association or to the life of Augustana)

**Luther Haave**, Class of ‘64, former member of the Augustana University College Board of Regents and current member of the CLC Corporation board.

**CITATION AWARD** - (awarded to a non alumnus/a in recognition of significant contribution to the life of Augustana)

**Ted Langford**, Interim President, Augustana University College, 2003-04.

**HONOURED PROFESSOR AWARD** - (awarded in recognition of 25 years of dedicated teaching and service at Augustana)

**Dr. Judith O. Spencer**, Professor of French.

**AWARDS WERE PRESENTED AT THE REUNION WEEKEND DINNER IN CAMROSE ON OCTOBER 21, 2006.**

## UPDATE ON ROBERT OPP

Last issue we printed an article about Robert Opp, BA ‘94 who participated in Augustana’s first Rural Development Exchange Program in Ghana. This was a fundamental life-changing experience for the young student from Claresholm, Alberta. It set him on a path of international service in several countries in Latin America and Africa, including war-torn Angola. Rob is now in Rome where he is Chief of Policy and Administration within the Executive Director’s Office of the United Nation’s World Food Programme, the largest humanitarian agency in the world.

In recognition of his accomplishments so early in his career, the University of Alberta Alumni Association presented an Alumni Horizon Award to Rob this September. To read more about Rob’s work, go to <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/alumni> and click on the link to the story, Feeding a Passion to Help.

## DEAN ROGER EPP THROWING OPEN THE DOORS

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ing most of his teaching duties behind. “We will continue to model these things on our campus, and invite faculty and students, as our mission statement says, to be more than spectators or strangers.”

In the past two years, Epp has made a point of visiting Augustana graduates when he travels to communities outside of Camrose. He wants to do more of it.

“It’s a high priority for me to connect with our alumni,” he says. “Without fail, I come away from every gathering impressed by the people I meet and humbled by what they say about their experience at Augustana. It validates what we do, though in ways I’d never want to take for granted. So it’s important for alumni, who know and value us, to be our best advocates, our best recruiters, and our best critics. I want to take Augustana to them whenever I can.”

With a five-year mandate ahead of him, Epp is looking to the future, a new context for Augustana, but still within an historical sensibility. It is not lost on him that the end of his term coincides with Augustana’s centennial. “It is a privilege to embark on the leadership of Augustana within sight of the horizon of a second century here. I want that milestone to be a focus for the whole campus and for alumni, as we celebrate and renew a place in ways that serve the next generation of students and make its graduates proud.” **C**

# AUGUSTANA CLASS NOTES

**1939 Berdie Fowler (Anderson)** was invested into the Alberta Order of Excellence, the highest honour the Province of Alberta can bestow on a citizen, in a formal ceremony in Edmonton in October 2006. The news release accompanying the announcement states that Bertha (Berdie) Fowler “has spent her life as a dedicated community leader and volunteer. She is co-founder and editor of the award-winning Camrose Booster weekly publication, was the first woman to be appointed to the Board of the Alberta Opportunity Company and the Alberta Apprenticeship Board, and was the first in Alberta and one of the first two women in Canada to be elected President of a Chamber of Commerce. She is the founding member of many community organizations, including the Camrose Women’s Shelter and the Camrose Children’s Centre.” The object of the Order is to accord recognition to those persons who have rendered service of the greatest distinction and of singular excellence for or on behalf of the residents of Alberta.

## 1940s

**’45 Craig W. Norstrom**, MD, MS, FACS, recently published his autobiography, *Up From Fabyan, Alberta*. Dr. Norstrom writes of the challenges he faced and the successes he achieved in a life dedicated to caring for his family and excelling as a neurosurgeon. An early chapter describes his grade 12 year at Camrose Lutheran College where, he writes, “Unfortunately I majored in hockey and ‘minored’ in academics!” Now retired from his medical practice, Dr. Norstrom and his wife, Jacqueline, reside in Kerrville, TX.

## 1950s

**’52 Irvin Servold and Eleanor (Vekved)**, ’55 celebrated their 50th

wedding anniversary in November 2005.

**’55 Vi Madison (Batke)** and husband Rod celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October 2005.

## 1960s

**’66 Daniel Johnson and Diane (Persson) Johnson** write that it is almost 40 years since they graduated from grade 12 at CLC! They live in Houston, TX and would love to hear from classmates at persjohn@houston.rr.com.

**’67 Jack Howell** has retired after 36 years of hosting the radio program “Call of the Land,” a show produced by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development that provides

agriculture news and information to more than 110,000 Albertans a day. Taking taking up Jack’s microphone is Lynn Reesor, Class of ’85, who has been a radio broadcaster for almost two decades, the last 10 years as agriculture director on CFCW radio. Best wishes to Jack as he retires and to Lynn as the new voice of “Call of the Land.”

**’69 Norm Storch** was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Alberta Research Council, a not-for-profit corporation wholly owned by the province of Alberta that delivers innovative science and technology solutions to meet the priorities of industry and government in Alberta and beyond. Norm operates a mixed farm in the Garden Plain District in central Alberta. He is a recipient of the Alberta Green Team Award for Environmental Stewardship and the Farm Gateway Environmental Action Award.

## 1970s

**’70 Doug Lyseng** retired this summer after 36 years of teaching, 35 of which were at Hay Lakes School in Hay Lakes, AB. Congratulations, Doug, on your long and successful career in education.

**’73 Carvel Skaret**, phys ed teacher at Jack Stuart School in Camrose, AB, recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the Health and Physical Education Council of the Alberta Teachers’ Association. This award is for distinguished service to physical and/or health education in Alberta through leadership.

**’77 Richard Aistrope** has two happy pieces of news to share. In November 2005 he married Ivy Zabala and in June 2006 he was appointed to the position of Assistant Principal at Monte Vista High School in Danville, CA. Richard and Ivy reside in Santa Rosa, CA.

**’77 Wendy Isaac (Connor)** recently moved from to Phoenix, AZ to Charlotte, NC where Wendy is Regional Manager at First Trust Bank. You can contact her at gwisaac@bellsouth.net.

## 1980s

**’80 Ron Lindsay**, ’82 BEd (University of Alberta) is principal of Blessed Sacrament Outreach School at Wainwright, AB, one of ten schools featured in Maclean’s magazine’s second annual Canada’s Best Schools survey in August 2005.

**’80 Sherry Knutsvig** is a recent inductee to the Camrose Lions Club Sports Hall of Fame. Over the years Sherry, who was Camrose Lutheran College Female Athlete of the Year in 1980, has received numerous medals and awards at the provincial and national levels in recognition of her achievements in basketball, fastball, soccer, broomball and baseball.

**’81 Martin Bauer** writes that since graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the U of A in 1986, he has spent 19 years in the automotive financing industry. He is now with Chrysler Financial and has been living in Windsor, ON for

the last two years with his wife of 20 years and their 16 year old son.

**’82 Dag Fjeld**, PhD is teaching in the department of Silviculture at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Umeå, Sweden.

**’82 Heather Hudson**, MBA, was married in July 2005 and lives in Calgary where she is an investment executive with ScotiaMcLeod. Heather writes that she was “horrified to realize that next year would be the 25th anniversary of Grade 12 graduation from Camrose Lutheran College and felt it was time to reconnect.” Reconnect with Heather at heather.hudson@shaw.ca.

**’84 Brad Dowell** has been teaching at Olds College for over 8 years. He recently received his Master’s degree in Ag Economics at the University of Guelph and is currently enrolled in Level 1 of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) program.

**’84 Michael Shiu Hin Kwan** is living in Hong Kong and says hi to anyone that he knew. “Twenty two years and I still miss the school. I want to visit and take a few pictures!”

**’84 Merlee Severson (Tylosky)**, husband Kendall and daughter Robin welcomed triplets to their family in December 2005—two little girls, Randi and Jamie, and son Levi.

**’84 Mike Wisla** has recently completed his Master of Arts in Education from the University of Phoenix - Vancouver Campus. Mike is currently teaching physical educa-

tion at Ashcroft Secondary School. **Heather Wisla (Moll) ’84**, works as a Community Coordinator for the Ashcroft- Cache Creek region for Thompson Rivers University.

**’86 Caroline Schmidt-Bellach (Schmidt)** is currently teaching at the United Nations International School in Hanoi, Vietnam. Caroline has two sons, Lucas and Thomas.

**’88 Karin Reynolds (Lefsrud)**, BA, ’92 LLB (U of A), and husband Ian live in Edmonton with their daughter Paityn, and sons Gunnar, Finn and Leif. Ian and Karin are both lawyers, and Karin is currently at home their four children. You can contact Karin at ikreynolds@shaw.ca.

**’88 Janet Mirtle-Stroman (Mirtle)** says “Hi to anyone from Anderson Hall ’84-85, Ronning ’85-’86, or anyone else who might remember me from the good old CLC days.” Janet is living in Kingston, ON with her husband Patrick and three young children, Felicity, Liam and Clara. She would love to hear from “anyone who remembers me, (hopefully in a good way!) to see what anyone is up to these days.”

**’89 Darren Fleischhacker**, BA, ’00 BEd (U of A), received an Alberta Education’s 2006 SMARTer Kids Innovative Use of Technology Award. Darren is a teacher at William E. Hay Composite High School in Stettler, AB.

**’89 Tim Taylor** is currently enrolled in the University of Calgary’s BSW program at the Social Work Faculty in Edmonton. He is single with two

children, Kjell and Riannon. When Tim read about the giant snowball on the bridge in the previous issue of Circle he wrote to tell us that he was the one who started it and that “it grew to be a huge community effort. Way to go school spirit! Too bad it was gone in the morning!”

## 1990s

**’90 Tammy Lang (Johnston)** and husband Brent are parents to twin boys Porter and Benjamin born in April 2006. The Johnston family are living in Killam, AB.

**’90 David Pinkoski**, BA, graduated with a BScN from the U of A in 2004. Married in 2005, David and his wife live in Red Deer with their son, Joshua who was born in July 2006.

**’90 Christoph Weder**, who attended Augustana in 1989/90, and his wife, Erika, are owners of Spirit View Ranching in Rycroft, AB and the recipients of the 2006 Alberta/Northwest Territories Outstanding Young Farmers of the Year Award. This award recognizes the progress they have made in their agriculture career, environmental and safety practices, crop and livestock production history, financial and management practices and contributions to the well-being of their community, province and nation. Christoph completed his PhD in Animal Science at the U of A this June. He and Erika are parents of two young sons, Pascal and Nero. More information about the Weders and Spirit View Ranching is available at www.spiritviewranch.com.

**’91 Jonathan Hawkins**, BA, ’93 MA (University of Victoria), and Michelle Kennedy, ’97 BA, ’02 MA (University of Alberta), were married in July 2005 in the Chapel at Augustana. Michelle is a sessional instructor at Augustana in voice and music theory and Jonathan is Assistant Registrar of Augustana Faculty.

**’91 Arlene Simmons**, BA, has been teaching English in China with her granddaughter.

**’91 Shannon Stolee (Zech)**, BA, and Jon Stolee, ’97 BA Special, are new parents of a baby boy born in June, 2006. The Stolee family lives in Camrose.

**’92 Colleen Carey (Schmidt)** and Sean Carey welcomed the birth of their second daughter in October 2005. The Carey family is living in Camrose.

**’92 Pam Chamberlain**, BA Special, is this year’s recipient of the Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize for her Essay “North of the River,” a reflection about the place where she grew up, Tulliby Lake, and the changes that it has undergone. Pam, who is a sessional instructor in Augustana’s English department, received this award at the Alberta Book Awards banquet in Calgary in May. Congratulations, Pam!

**’92 Patrick Chung** writes from Kowloon, Hong Kong that after completing his first year of university at Augustana, he moved to Ottawa where he received his BA in Economics at Carleton University in 1994. He

returned to Hong Kong where he worked for several sizeable shipping companies for accountability of sales and marketing functions. Patrick, who is currently employed as Assistant Sales Manager for a Japanese based freight forwarding company, reports that he is still not married, lives with two dogs whom he treats like daughters, and is preparing to do part-time MBA studies in Hong Kong this year.

**'92 Jackie Lepard**, BA, moved from Alberta Senior Services to Alberta Children Services in May 2006 to serve as Manager of the Youth in Transition program. Jackie is responsible for the provincial coordination of programs and services for at-risk youth aged 12-24 receiving support from the provincial government who require assistance as they prepare to move from school to other forms of education or the workforce.

**'92 Connie Nand**, BA, is a senior English teacher at Bashaw School.

**'92 Dawn Woytowich**, BA, and Steve Carlsen were married in April 2005. They reside in Camrose, AB.

**'93 Devona Gibson (Carl)**, BA, '95 MSc (University of Alberta), and husband Paul, welcomed a son in August 2005.

**'93 Vance Koberstein** earned a Business Administration Diploma from Mount Royal College in Calgary and his Bachelor of Management degree from University of Lethbridge. In September 2005 Vance started as

a Work Experience Coordinator for the Bachelor of Applied Financial Services Degree program at Mount Royal College. As coordinator he helps students prepare for their work terms, markets the program to potential employers, and is a liaison between faculty, employers and students. Vance reports he is still single and would love to hear from "anyone I spent time with at Augustana – it was truly a memorable time in my life." Contact Vance at vek\_ca@yahoo.ca.

**'94 Greg Boos** and wife Tracey announce the birth of a son in Grande Prairie, AB in November 2005.

**'94 Vernon Saddleback**, BA, is an instructor at Maskwachees Cultural College at Hobbema, AB.

**'94 Richard Verhaeghe**, BA Special, is a lawyer in the firm of Gawlinski Parkatti Verhaeghe. Richard, Mayor of Athabasca as of the last election, writes that being mayor is "a lotta work but pretty cool." Contact Richard at gpvlaw@telus.net or www.gpvlaw.com.

**'94 Jennifer Wushke**, BA, received a BA in Conflict Resolution Studies from the University of Winnipeg in 2001. Since October 2001 she has been teaching English as a second language at Focus International in Calgary, AB. Prior to teaching at Focus she taught in Korea and Ghana.

**'95 Cynthia Katchur (Semeniuk)**, BA, and husband Lee announce the birth of a son in July 2005.

**'95 Gaylene Smith (Brisbois)**, BA, and husband Les celebrated the birth of their second son, Greyden, in July 2005.

**'96 Joanna Begg (Walters)**, BA, and husband Mike live in Regina, SK with their baby daughter, Ella Marie. Joanna invites any of her classmates to reach her at joannabegg@accesscomm.ca.

**'96 Clayton Bergquist**, BA left his job at Rosebud Theatre in January 2005 and moved to Kananaskis for eight months to work at a resort hotel. He is now completing his MBA degree at the University of Guelph in Ontario. You can contact him at clayquist@hotmail.com.

**'96 Le Farris (Duong)** and husband Jason proudly announce the birth of son Matthew.

**'96 Trevor Sanders**, BA, received his BMus from the University of Alberta and was the first guitarist to graduate from the U of A's Masters of Applied Music (Guitar) program. He is a recipient of the Harriet Snowball Winspear Graduate Fellowship for the Performing Arts, the inaugural Alberta Baroque Ensemble Scholarship, and an Alberta Heritage Fund Graduate Student Scholarship.

Trevor, who actively performs in and around Edmonton in both solo and accompaniment situations, has been heard on CBC Radio Two and accompanied the University of Alberta Madrigal Singers on the 2000 ARIA award winning CD, Balulalow. A performer in many Edmonton concert series, Trevor returned to Augustana

Campus in January to perform in a recital with violinist Frank Ho.

**'96 Christopher Sherbanuk**, BA, and Anita of Camrose, AB welcomed a son in February 2006.

**'96 Cristin Smith (Reilly)**, BA Special, and husband Rob welcomed a new addition to their family, Meghan Elisabeth Reilly Smith, in February 2006. Cristin writes that they are now blessed with two beautiful and healthy daughters.

**'96 Jyl Stinson (Stanford)**, BA, shares the news that she was married in 2001 and is now a busy mother of daughter Lauryn, born in 2003 and son Eric, born in 2004.

**'97 Paul Brownell**, BA, writes that in May 2003 he completed his MA degree in Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies at Naropa University in Boulder, CO. He is now a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Asian Studies at The Australian National University, Canberra, ACT, Australia, researching in the field of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist philosophy and Tibetan language.

**'97 Shane Cross**, BA, and Lara Wil-lows, '99 BA Special, were married in Hawaii in 2003. They live in Red Deer and are parents to son Taye. After working as a Liaison Officer at Augustana, Shane attended Winnipeg University for Athletic Therapy where he played basketball as a Wesmen. He currently works with the City of Red Deer as a Program Coordinator and recently started a First Aid Training and Supply Company. Lara received a Master's

degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Loma Linda University's Lacombe campus.

**'97 Carmen Hrynevich (Wolanuk)**, BA, reports that she has been "driving school bus for the last 4 years and has been busy on the farm. We have quite the cattle "operation" going on. My husband works for a company out of Lloydminster. And oh yeah - raising a teenage son is quite challenging these days!!!!"

**'97 Cori Kay**, BA, is still enjoying life on the west coast where she is a grade two/three teacher. Cori would love to hear from "anyone who remembers me" at sunnyflower@shaw.ca

**'97 Jennifer Kirkelund (Lyons)**, BA, writes that she is currently employed as a Career Counsellor at Brooks Composite High School in Brooks, AB. Jennifer has been married for eight years and is the mother of two daughters.

**'97 Aaron Knight** attended Queen's University where he earned three degrees: a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Physical and Health Education, and a Bachelor of Education. After playing professional hockey in Holland and Belgium, Aaron taught in Thailand for a year followed by three years of teaching in New Zealand. He is now Director of the Boys Dorm and Director of Sports at Sedbergh School in the UK.

**'97 Margaret Koizumi Propp**, BA, attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, SK and was

ordained in August 2005. Margaret is now serving as pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Davidson and Skudeness, in Loreburn, SK.

**'97 Prasanna Parajuli** attended Augustana for only two semesters, but he writes that "the happy two semesters that I spent in Augustana will always remain in my memories as some of the most cherished days of my life. If I ever get a chance, I would love to come back and visit you, Augustana." After leaving Augustana, Prasanna continued his studies in North Carolina until 2000 when he returned home to Kathmandu, Nepal. Prasanna, his wife and young daughter now live in Biratnagar, Nepal where he owns a medical transcription company.

**'97 Vaughn Roste**, BA Special, is in his second year as Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Andrew College, a small residential college in Cuthbert, Georgia. He reports that he is happy to no longer be the only music faculty at a college, thrilled to be conducting the Choraliers, a 30+ member choir, and honoured to be entrusted with a well-supported program as old as the 150+ years institution itself. Each member of the choir is given a scholarship averaging \$2,500 US, which represents strong administrative support for the choral program. Vaughn writes that he consciously models his ideals on the training he received at Augustana under Joy Berg and Marc Hafso in the Augustana Choir and encore – "I could not have asked to have better mentors."

**'98 Kristopher McBurney**, BA, is teaching junior high math, info technology and outdoor education at Viking School in Viking, AB. Kris is also coaching the basketball and track teams.

**'98 Laura McFarlane (Johnson)**, BSc, and Travis, BA, wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Callie, in May 2006, a sister for their three year old son, Roddy.

**'98 Rania Page (Nader)**, BA Special, has been working as an addictions counsellor for several years. Rania lives in Red Deer with her husband Don and invites "any of you that remember me" to contact her at rania\_page@yahoo.ca

**'98 Kristy Riegel (Knutson)**, BSc writes that she is married to Robert, is a teacher, and is the mother of two young children, Faith (age four) and Theodore (age two). The Riegel family has an interesting year ahead—they leave in November for a year in Nepal. You can contact Kristy at rkfrriegel@hotmail.com

**'98 SerenaRae Stein (Bernhard)**, BA Special, and Douglas Stein, BA, welcomed their first child, EmmaRae Ashley, in November 2005. Doug is still working for Corrections and is an on-call fireman. SerenaRae is on maternity leave from her teaching position at Millwoods Christian School in Edmonton. You can drop them a line at stein23@shaw.ca

**'98 Michael Steeves**, BSc, and wife Michelle found their year-long stay in Kamifurano, Japan, to be so

rewarding that they returned in September 2005 so Mike could work for another year as an English teacher. This time, however, they were accompanied by infant daughter Alexia whose arrival in Kamifurano was eagerly anticipated by residents of the town. Mike and Michelle's biggest realization since beginning this experience is that while people may have different cultures and lifestyles, no matter where you go their thoughts and feelings are the same.

**'99 Richard Bruneau**, BSc, is living in Ottawa where he is finishing his Master's degree in International Affairs at the Norman Paterson School at Carleton University and working part time at Foreign Affairs Canada in the Space Security project and at the Canadian Centre for Treaty Compliance.

**'99 Mark Capps**, BSc (aka Scarecrow) is now working as News Director for 850 CKBA Cat Country in Athabasca.

**'99 Avalee Harlton**, BA Special, is living in Toronto where she is working in the area of web content management and creation. Avalee would love to hear from folks from 'way back when and invites you to track her down at avaleeh@yahoo.ca or www.avalulubelle.com

**'99 Erik Johnson** graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree with special training in research from the University of Alberta in June 2005. Dr. Johnson is doing his residency at the U of A Hospital in Edmonton, AB.

'99 **Kurtis Kruse**, BSc, obtained his law degree from Dalhousie University. He now practices law as an associate at Parlee McLaws LLP in Edmonton in the areas of insurance defence, employment law and commercial litigation.

'99 **Lanette Prediger** is doing her residency in family medicine at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary after receiving a medical degree from the University of Calgary. Lanette was married to Alex Morris in July 2005.

'99 **Christina Rohrer**, BA, writes from Switzerland, "My partner and I have a self-sustainable organic farm in the Swiss alps. In the winter we're both ski instructors in Lenzerheide, Switzerland. I have found my passion and am happy. Even though many people wonder what use my degree is to me, Augustana made me the person I am today and I am grateful for that." You can contact Christina at diekleine@berlin.com

'99 **Shelley Sheets (Delwisch)**, BA, and husband David welcomed a new daughter in July 2005.

'99 **Duncan Miano Wambugu**, BA, is a lecturer in the Department of Music and Dance at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya. Duncan also serves as guest conductor of the Nairobi Orchestra.

'99 **Wendy Warkus**, BA, and Doug Borgstrom were married in Camrose, August 2005.

## 2000s

'00 **Deb Bergstrom**, BSc, is a third year medical resident in Internal Medicine at Memorial University in St John's, NF.

'00 **Ryan Duckworth**, BA and Tanya Cripps, BA celebrated their first wedding anniversary in August. They live in Brooks, AB where Ryan is manager of an oilfield safety company and Tanya works as a graphic artist.

'00 **Sonya Eagles-Dill**, BA, '05 MMus (University of Alberta), was married to Kevin in May 2005. Sonya is a private voice instructor and member of ProCoro Canada.

'00 **Megan Ellsworth**, BA, and Adam Jackson were married in Burlington, ON in July 2004 and reside in Swift Current, SK. Megan is completing a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Counselling.

'00 **Melissa Gagne (Lehoux)** graduated from the U of A with a BA in English in 2003. Melissa and husband Trevor were married in July 2004 and live and work in Edmonton, AB.

'00 **Gordon Hatch**, BA, is now a Crown Prosecutor in the Criminal Justice department of Alberta Justice in Peace River, AB. Gordon writes that some of his daily experiences in Northern Alberta communities take him back to his time in the Rural Development Exchange Program and he would like to re-establish contact with other past members of RDX.

'00 **Corinna Kavgadoulis (Norman)**,

BA Special, and husband Stavros welcomed a baby boy to their family in December 2005.

'00 **Al Lechelt**, BA, and wife Jennifer are parents of a baby boy born in October 2005.

'00 **Rob Lee-Nichols**, BA, returned to Augustana as our first visiting scholar and PhD-in-residence while working on his PhD in Political Philosophy at the University of Toronto. After graduating with a Political Science and Philosophy degree from Augustana, Rob worked as a Parliamentary Intern for a year and with the Métis Nation of Alberta. After completing a Master's degree in International Political Thought at the University of Wales Aberystwyth, Rob spent a year teaching English in Mexico. He was one of two western Candians to receive the Trudeau Scholarship in 2003.

'00 **Amanda Stuhl**, BSc, went on to receive an Applied Bachelor of Conservation Enforcement Degree at Lethbridge Community College. After working as a Conservation Officer for Alberta Fisheries and Wildlife in Hinton and Wetaskiwin, Amanda moved to Calgary to assume the position she currently holds as a Special Constable with the City of Calgary Bylaw Enforcement Division.

'00 **Rob Wiesner**, BA Special, sends greeting to all AUC'ers! Rob, who was ordained in July 2005, lives in Kitchener and is pastor at St. James Lutheran Church in Mannheim, ON just outside of Waterloo. "Peace to all" from Rev Rob!

'01 **Deanna Didriksen (Clark)**, BA, and husband Nils, BSc, are parents of a baby boy born in November 2005.

'01 **Philip Dua**, BSc and wife Agnes are very proud new parents of a baby boy, Philip Ivan, born in Camrose in July 2006.

'01 **Aaron Martz**, BA, is teaching Grade 5 language arts and social studies at Forestburg School.

'01 **Angela Nelson**, BA, has moved back to Canada from Germany and is currently working on her MBA in Arts and Media Administration at the Schulich School of Business (York University) in Toronto. Angela writes, "It's a crazy amount of work, but good fun. I'd love to hear from all of you!" alnelson@canada.com

'01 **Lisa Reinsch-Johnson**, BA, and Ken Johnson, '02 BSc, are parents to 3 boys, Zander and Gavin born February 2004 and Emanuel born February 2006.

'01 **Helen Rodin (Hedeman)**, BA, and husband Michael welcomed a son in July 2005.

'01 **Brandon Shippelt**, BA Special, writes "HI EVERYONE! Hard to think it's been 5 years since I graduated. I have been keeping track of the changes at Augustana, it's great to hear that it hasn't lost any of its charm. I am living in Edmonton and have just completed my training with the Edmonton Police Service. I have recently been in touch with some old friends from Augustana, Curt and

Liss, and recall how much I enjoyed my time in University. If anyone wants to get in touch drop me a line, bshippelt@hotmail.com The best to the guys from 2nd East, may the tradition live on!!"

'01 **Kirsti Skinstad-Luz**, BA, and Robert Luz are parents of a son born in October, 2005.

'02 **Laura Agrey (Olson)**, BA, and husband Andrew, '01 BA, are proud parents of a baby boy, Joshua, born in March, 2006.

'02 **Kyle Hart** studied for two years at Augustana, graduated from film school, and is now in Vancouver where he is writing screenplays and directing films. You can contact Kyle at kyledhart@hotmail.com

'02 **Matthew Lyseng**, BA, has returned to his studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, SK after interning at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Etobicoke, ON. Matt and his wife, Prema Samuel Lyseng are parents of a baby boy, Sebastian.

'02 **Cody McCarroll**, BA Special, and Trina Pederson were married in July 2005. They are residing in Edmonton where Cody is a PhD student in English at the U of A.

'02 **Pam Moskie**, BA, is a Registered Yoga Teacher and the owner of SHINE Centre for Yoga & Wholistic Education in Camrose, AB. For information about SHINE, e-mail Pam at info@shinecentre.com

'02 **Tim Siemens**, BA, and Angie Nibourg, '01 BA, '02 BMus, were married July 2005 in Stettler, AB in front of family, friends and many Augustana alumni.

'03 **Allan Breitkreuz**, BA, and Jodi Lindsay were married in September 2005 in the Chapel at Augustana. Allan and Jodi are living in Camrose.

'03 **Derek Kilbourn**, BSc, and Sarah Holmes, '04 BA, were married in 2004 and are living in Wainwright, AB. Both are employed in the newspaper business, Derek as Associate Editor for Star News Inc.

which publishes the three community newspapers in Wainwright and Sarah as Customer Service Manager for Star Press which counts amongst its many clients Augustana's The Daglightale. Sarah is also a member of the local volunteer fire department. Derek writes that they love seeing The Dag come through their doors every month as it does a wonderful job of keeping them up to date on their favourite home.

'03 **Davin Martinson**, BSc, and Erin Hinchliff, '04 BSc, are happy to announce their engagement. Erin is entering her final year in the Dental Hygiene program at U of A. Davin, who earned his Doctorate of Chiropractic from Parker Chiropractic College in Dallas, Texas, is opening a chiropractic practice in Camrose this fall. He and Erin will be married next summer and will reside in Camrose.

'03 **Lisa Prediger**, BA, graduated from Concordia University in Edmonton with a BED in 2005. Lisa

is employed by the East Central Catholic School Division.

'03 **Daniel Scheuerman**, BSc, and wife Lisa (Sarver), who attended Augustana from 1999-2002, were married in May 2005. They live in Wainwright, AB.

'03 **Kristi St Cyr (Hall)**, BA, and David, BA Special, moved to St Albert, AB and enjoy living in a smaller community. Kristi would really like to hear from Stephanie and Christin from her freshman year! kristi\_stcyr@hotmail.com

'04 **Jena Friedrich (Johnsen)**, BA, and Brent are parents of a baby boy born in September 2005.

'04 **Lacy Lansing**, BA, is in her third year of study in the Bachelor of Applied Interior Design program at Mount Royal College in Calgary.

'05 **Shane Christiansen**, BA, and Kimberly Morris were married in the Augustana Chapel in October 2005. They are residing in Edmonton.

'05 **Ryan Koehli** graduated from the RCMP Academy in Regina in July 2006. Const. Koehli is stationed in Grande Prairie, AB.

'05 **Anna Volk (Oberg)**, BMgt, was married to Brad in October 2005 and is living in Forestburg, AB. Anna is on staff at the East Central Alberta Community Futures Development Corporation which offers business training, counselling and financing for those who are interested in starting a small business within the East

Central Alberta region.

'05 **Carlye Windsor**, BA, is thrilled to report that she has been cast in the lead female role in Neil LaBute's play *Fat Pig*, a story about how society treats a romance between a young single man and his "larger size" girlfriend. *Fat Pig* will be performed at Edmonton's Northern Light Theatre April 26-May 7, 2007. Carlye recently moved to Fort McMurray where she is working in a management role for a construction company.

'06 **Angela Chappell**, BMus, Amanda Clark, BMus, and Trish Dandy, '05 BMus, left for Bupyeong, Korea (one hour west of Seoul) on August 25. This musical trio is teaching English to students in kindergarten through junior high.

'06 **Michelle Solomon**, BA, and Camden Robinson, BA, wish to announce their marriage in July 2006.

'06 **Kelly Visser**, BA, and Heath Klein, '04, BA Special, were married on June 3, just one week after Kelly's graduation from Augustana! They are living in Edmonton where Kelly is attending the Faculty of Education at Concordia University College this fall. You can keep in touch with Kelly at ksklein06@hotmail.com.

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## IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we report the passing of the following alumni:

- '26 Clara Nepstad (Jerstad) of Hythe, AB in February 2006
  - '28 Bernice Olson of Camrose, AB in July 2005
  - '29 Arnold Hoveland of Camrose, AB in November 2004
  - '30 Nellie Hoveland (Fjeldheim) of Camrose, AB in April 2006
  - '31 Clara Beyerstein (Arneberg) of Vernon, BC in May 2005
  - '34 Kenneth Sorgen of Camrose, AB in January 2003
  - '35 Arne Johnson of Camrose, AB in January 2006
  - '37 Howard Church of Camrose, AB in November 2005
  - '41 Irene Francoeur (Huseby) of Camrose, AB in December 2005
  - '41 Margaret Louise McQuillan (Ness) of Edmonton, AB in December 2005
  - '43 Alice Reiter (Cull) of Lacombe, AB in June 2006
  - '44 Jean Marie Burris (Peterson) of Vancouver, BC in September 2005
  - '44 Evelyn Guthrie (Westvick) of Edmonton, AB in September 2006
  - '44 Alton Ronning of Camrose, AB in April 2006
  - '45 Donald Gilbert Cornfield of Kelowna, BC in May 2005
  - '47 Irvin Milton Besler of Calgary, AB in August 2002
  - '47 Dorothy Blades (Moorby) of Rocky Mountain House, AB in June 2006
  - '47 Pastor Hans Nordmark of Bend, Oregon in May 2006
  - '48 Jean Purcell of Provost, AB in September 2005
  - '48 Hilton Howard Rix of Edmonton, AB in June 2005
  - '49 Fern Lillian Holland (McGinnis) of Edmonton, AB in November 2005
  - '51 Eugene "Gene" Bergh of Camrose, AB in June 2006
  - '54 Stanley Rasmussen of Camrose, AB in March 2006
  - '55 Marie Majocho (Evenson) of Calgary, AB in March 2006
  - '57 Delores Jeanette Bratrud (Osness) of Camrose, AB in November 2005
  - '57 Mary Ann Zeluf (Tofte) of Bentley, AB in August 2006
  - '58 Elaine Masters (Hoveland) of Edmond, Oklahoma in June 1996
  - '58 Robert Paulgaard of Camrose, AB in September 2005
  - '60 Dianne Johnson (Olson) of Camrose, AB in September 2006
  - '62 John Arthur Marken of St. Albert, AB in November 2005
  - '63 John Meredith Haynes of Wetaskiwin, AB in January 2005
  - '64 Wayne Reginald Hall of Saskatoon, SK in December 2005
  - '76 Randall Lorne Baker of New Market, ON in September 2005
  - '77 Cheryl Lee Querengesser of Edmonton, AB in June 2006
  - '92 Tracey Lynn Riemer of Edmonton, AB in November 2005
  - '94 Scott Stover, BA, of Daysland, AB in July 2005
  - '99 Marlene Wyness, BA, of Wetaskiwin, AB in March 2006
- Glen Lett of Camrose, AB in March 2006. Mr. Lett taught Education Administration at Augustana through the 1970's.