

'I'm where I'm needed'

To spend time with Dr. Joy Prowell '85 West is to be exhausted, exhilarated, daunted and inspired. And that's the first hour. But as an obstetrician/gynecologist at Roseland Community Hospital, located in a medically underserved neighborhood on Chicago's South Side, Dr. West seems serenely immune to all such extremes, as she confidently navigates each turn a typical day sends her way. On this day, under a sleet-grey sky last December, West deftly indulges an inquisitive visitor from Rock Island between appointments with patients.

In the ideal, an Ob/Gyn meets her patients early in the gestational process, if not before. In reality, West sometimes sees mothers coming up from the Emergency Room in labor, and knows she's the first medical exposure of their pregnancies. During the course of the interview, in fact, undiagnosed twins are delivered at Roseland.

"In general, our patients are healthy when they come in, but there is inadequate pre-natal care, and many patients don't get

an ultrasound prior to delivery," West says. She's found that reprimanding mothers is ineffective, and notes that in cases such as the twins, her focus would be on working with the mother to prepare for a subsequent pregnancy.

"You have to meet your patients where they are. It would be easy for me to say, 'Here's your prescription...now I don't know how you're going to get it filled, but there you go,' or 'I'll refer you to a high-risk specialist at Cook County [Hospital], but I don't know how you're going to get there.' To be effective in this setting, it's all about compassion," West says.

"When I do continuing education with other physicians, we discuss the latest research or technological advances in healthcare, but it all means nothing unless you can listen to your patient and understand what she's saying. You have to be able to communicate in a culturally aware way."

Not that West wouldn't mind having access to all of the latest technology. While as a clinical setting Roseland is immacu-

late, it lags behind in the cutting-edge equipment many other hospitals offer—not surprising, perhaps, when you consider \$11 million of its annual budget is dedicated to making sure uninsured and underinsured Roseland residents have access to appropriate healthcare.

"Sometimes I miss the quality of technology I see elsewhere, but I'm called to a different conception of quality—compas-



Dr. Joy Prowell '85 West brings Letrianna Covington's two-day old son, Earl, Jr., in for a visit with his parents as Earl, Sr., looks on.





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sion based on a relationship with the patient,” West says.

Calling is very much a part of West’s job, which she describes as having as much to do with ministry as it does with medicine. Today, she seems so at ease with her calling that it’s hard to imagine a time when she fought hard to deny it.

“Early in my career, I said, ‘Lord, please don’t send me to Roseland,’” West remem-

bers. “Its physical plant was deteriorating, and it wasn’t known for high quality. And I had a different image of the kind of doc I wanted to be. I thought I wanted to be a ‘Gold Coast’ kind of gynecologist who could recruit only ‘top-notch’ patients.”

But when Roseland approached her, West found she was being led in a different direction. She had grown up in the

Roseland community, went to Elizabeth Seaton High School, and had chosen Augustana “sight-unseen.” West credits people like Betsey Brodahl, Jack Hullett, Carole Brown, and the late biology professor Rick Turnquist with helping her over rough spots while at Augustana, from which she graduated and entered medical school at the University of Iowa.

Reflecting on her own path helped lead her back to Roseland. “Not enough minor-

ity physicians who are from underserved communities are coming back,” she says. “I could be anywhere, but I choose to be here. Our patients deserve the same quality of care here as people in the Gold Coast or North Shore neighborhoods. I’m where I’m needed.”

Leading her interviewer on a tour of the hospital, West stops at the chapel. “I come here a lot,” she says. “I’m put in so many high-risk critical situations because of the types of patients we serve, I need to be here. Before every operation, I pray, ‘Lord work through me.’ And that’s not just in the delivery room. I feel I’m being worked through in a community ministry. People in this community need more than a clinician—someone who’s just going to assist with the delivery. They need a teacher, a counselor.”

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And, in the case of young people, a mentor and role model. West serves as medical director for the hospital's Nandi Teen Clinic, which seeks to reduce the number of sexually-active teens, and thereby the spread of sexually-transmitted diseases and teen pregnancies, while at the same time offering pre-natal care to help lower infant mortality rates among teen mothers. "It's the only clinic of its kind on the South Side," West says. "It's important that when we connect with teens, they see someone who looks like them."

West is a model in other ways as well. When she tells her patients to get more exercise, she does so as an experienced triathlete—currently in training for a 'half Iron-man' consisting of a 2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride, and a run of more than 13 miles. She also has plenty of occasion to model her skills as a mother: she and husband Paul have four daughters—Savannah, 11; Layla, 10; Delia, 7; and Paula, 4.

Despite the many demands of her schedule, West maintains close contact with a core group of fellow Augustana alumni. She has helped form a prayer group with Doralia Burnett '85 Jackson, Dr. Robin Ferguson '85 Woods, Angela Journey '87 and Donna Journey '93 Crook. The women are also assisting in the planning for a special reunion of L.O.V.E. (Ladies of Vital Essence), which will celebrate its 25th anniversary this fall.

Ingvar Wikström checks the bruna bönor being prepared by Shamira, left, a 27-year Wikström's employee.

A taste for

In 1960, on his first day in business as a deli owner, Ingvar Wikström had a problem. It was July 4—"Independence Day...always a big potato salad day," Wikström says—and he had just bought a deli on Touhy Avenue in Chicago from Andy Carlson, on a contract with \$2,000 down.

"The first customer comes in, and I realize I don't have any change. I'd given Andy every cent I had to buy the place, and I can't even make change for this lady. Lucky for me, Andy Carlson was there that morning to help me get started, and he loaned me \$40 to get through the day," Wikström remembers.

Today, Wikström's Delicatessen, now on Clark Street, is an institution within Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood, and its owner is a deeply respected community leader. Much in demand as a caterer and purveyor of Swedish foods and gifts, his customers range from multi-generational neighborhood residents to Swedish royalty. "Queen Silvia came here

two years ago," he says, pointing to one of many celebrity pictures on his wall. "She loved our meatballs," says Wikström, noting that he sells well more than 100,000 of them each Christmas.

Royal customers aside, it's still been a long and remarkable journey for Wikström, from the farm in southern Sweden on which he grew up, to Augustana College in 1948, and through careers as a farmer, a filmmaker, an impresario and a contractor, to name just a few. What's been a constant throughout has been Wikström's innate flair for all things entrepreneurial.

As a teenager not yet old enough to drive, Wikström capitalized on the rural electrification projects that came to his home region in the 1940s by hiring a taxi on a Saturday, then traveling to small towns where he would sell radios he'd packed into the cab. "These farmers would say, 'Radio? What do I need radio for?' But, you see, they used to play old-time music on Swedish radio Saturday nights, and I knew this. So I'd get them to let me just plug it in and suddenly they're hearing accordions playing. Now, they want a radio!"

Wikström earned enough for a year's worth of study at Augustana, where he sang in the Choir under Henry Veld, and met a young professor named Betsey Brodahl who would later organize bus trips from the Quad Cities for people who wanted to do their Christmas shopping at Wikström's Deli.

After Augustana, he went back to



America



Sweden to study agriculture. “But by then I had a taste in my mouth for America,” he says. He sold a thriving farm operation he’d created in order to buy a movie camera and set off to make films. He eventually sold one of these in a deal with the old Swedish-American Line that included some first-class transatlantic tickets. Two of these he would use in 1959 with his newlywed bride, Alfild, for their journey to America. They took a bus to Chicago, where Wikström found work with a Swedish-American who ran a landscaping business. True to form, within two weeks Wikström had his own crew of 20 men working for him.

In the evenings, he worked free of charge at Andy Carlson’s Touhy Avenue deli, learning the business and picking up American recipes to complement the Swedish cooking he’d learned from his

mother. Fifteen years after buying Carlson’s shop, he made the decision to move to Andersonville, which at that time was suffering from an economic downturn. It was a bold move, considering not just the state of the neighborhood, but of the somewhat dilapidated store he was taking over.

In response, Wikström made a couple of decisions whose impact can still be found three decades later. For starters, he offered free coffee and sandwiches for his first three months on Clark. “By the time three months were up, everyone was hooked on the sandwiches,” winks Wikström. He also set about making sure that the sidewalks along Clark Street—both sides—were swept every day, helping to bring back the neighborhood’s pride.

Before he knew it, Wikström was elected head of the local Chamber of

Commerce. Businesses started decorating for the holidays, and a “Taste of Andersonville” was begun that’s since grown into a Midsommarfest attracting 40,000 people each year.

And even though the business is well established, Wikström continues the tradition of offering customers a free cup of coffee. A growing share of his business is now conducted online (www.swedishdeli.com), but people are still willing to travel for hours for this slice of Sweden on Chicago’s North Side. And if you do stop by 5247 North Clark, don’t worry: chances are very good they’ll be able to make change for your purchase.

Class Notes

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1943

Robert Oden has been inducted into the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine Hall of Fame.

1953

Robert Lee Jennings, Univ. of Wisconsin-Whitewater emeritus prof. of music, is founder/dir. of the Whitewater Singers Chamber Choir which, through benefit performances, has helped raise \$91,658 for charitable causes.

1956

Don Berg obtained a grant from the National Safe Boating Council, on behalf of Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 19, Blaine, Wash., for a boating safety program in the San Juan Islands.

The 2005 Daily Bible Reading Guide is the 20th consecutive prepared by **Kenneth L. Peterson** for the Canadian Bible Society.

1958

David Stephenson has been appointed president of The Geological Society of America Foundation.

1959

Barbara Lorenz Curran is dir., compliance and privacy, at Community Hospital of Long Beach (Calif.).

A new CD, *Here I Am, Lord* recorded by **Suzanne Johnson Peterson**, has been released. For more information, send an email to suzjpete@comcast.net.

1960

Loryann Eis is state treasurer for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Luray Swanson Wiberg and her husband, Jim, have retired from the ministry in Vienna, Austria, and have moved to Colorado.

1961

Michael McAllister teaches at the National Univ. of Defense Technology in Changsha, Hunan, China, where he received the Central Government's 2004 National Friendship Award.

1962

Thomas Benson is executive dir. of World Education Corps, New York.

Donald Fuller has retired from Stillman Bank, Oregon, Ill., after 23 years of service.

Grover Hankins is managing partner of the Hankins Law Firm, Houston.

Lane Morgan has retired from WDLM radio station, Coal Valley, after 40 years (31 as station manager).

Terry Shockley has been inducted into the Madison (Wis.) Business Executive Hall of Fame.

1963

Judy Olander Nyberg, recently retired as vice president, publishing, editor-in-chief of Rigby Education, has authored her fourth early childhood education book, *Preschool Literacy Calendar*, (Harcourt Achieve).

1964

Dennis Harper is prof. of pediatrics and education, dir. of developmental and behavioral medicine and has been appointed the clinical dir. of the Center for Disabilities and Development at the Univ. of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Kathleen Stumpf Jongmsa is assoc. prof. of literacy at Zayed Univ., United Arab Emirates. In cooperation with the Abu Dhabi Zone Ministry of Education, she and husband, Gene, help teachers in four elementary schools. Kathleen has co-authored *Educators on the Frontline: Advocacy Strategies for Your Classroom, Your School, and Your Profession* (International Reading Association).

1965

Joy Davis Baker is a psychologist at Big Muddy River Correctional Center, Ina, Ill.

1966

Judith Salmon Kaur received a National Impact Award from the National Indian Health Board. She is dir. of Native American Programs for the Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center in Rochester, Minn., and associate prof. at the Mayo Coll. of Medicine.

1967

Fred Erler has been elected chairman of the board for Packexpo.com, based in Arlington, Va.

1969

Jean Milnarik Turnmire has retired after 35 years of teaching music. She recently achieved national board certification (NBPTS) in music and is now a part-time music consultant at Andrew Jackson Language Academy, Chicago.

Steven Wallace has retired from Dow Chemical.

1970

Steve Durian has retired from the Geneseo (Ill.) School District after 33 years of teaching and working as business manager.

Diane Swenson Ekstrom is an elementary school teacher for Jefferson County Schools, Golden, Colo.

Naomi Hahn has been named the A. Boyd Pixley Prof. of Humanities at Illinois Coll., Jacksonville.

Barbara Jo Morris Lawson is controller and dir. of financial services for the division of parks and outdoor recreation in the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

1971

Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine has been elected a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Linda Macik Fratzke has been appointed administrative manager for the Distance Education Program at Eastern Oregon Univ., LaGrande.

Susan Berg Heeg's book, *Voyage to Victory: The Voice of a Sailor in the Pacific 1943-1945* (River Road Publications), for secondary

school students, is based on letters written during World War II by her father.

Carl Isaacson is associate prof. in communication arts at Bethany Coll., Lindsborg, Kan.

Constance Andrew Kaplan is supervisor of elections for Miami-Dade County, Fla.

Bernal Wagener Koch teaches elementary general music and strings for the Bedford Public School, Temperance, Mich.

Georgia Mihalopoulos Kouris is assistant principal at Challand Middle School in Sterling, Ill.

1972

Jonathan Barnard is the Adam's County State's Attorney in Quincy, Ill.

Jim Kaisen and **Karen Hindhede '92** adopted a daughter, Abigail Kaisen Hindhede, born on March 15, 2004.

Margaret Marshall Niederer is pastor of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Leonia, N.J.

Mark Schwiebert received Modern Woodmen of America's 2004 Community Service Award, and directed a grant which accompanies the award to Augustana's Lloyd and Olive Schwiebert Fine Arts Scholarship, and to the Friends of the Rock Island Library.

1973

Jan Garrity Gustafson has been nominated to represent Illinois in the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching program. She teaches kindergarten at C.R. Hanna Elementary School, Orion.

Danny Lipes, a chiropractor in Davenport, is also an assoc. prof. at Palmer Coll. of Chiropractic.

1974

Ann Liljengren Cohan is a legal assistant at Bergman Pageler, Seattle.

Dale Lambert is a materials engineer in global supply chain-logistics planning at Caterpillar, Mossville, Ill.

Dennis Pearson works for Tharaldson Energy Group, Moline.

Kathryn Stapleton Renno teaches German at the Bernard Language School, Tucson.

More chiefs to hail

Our last issue included an article—dubbed “Hail to the Chief(s)” in the table of contents—noting those graduates of Augustana who’ve gone on to become leaders of colleges and universities. We were aware of seven such graduates at the time a story by Ann McGlynn ran in the *Quad City Times*, and two more were learned of in time for the magazine’s publication. ¶ Since then, we’ve heard from four *more* such chief executives: the Rev. Dr. Robert Karsten ’52 led Upsala College, then later served as interim

president of Notre Dame College of Ohio; Dr. Charles W. Sorensen ’64 is chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stout; Dr. Albert Karnig ’68 is president of California State University, San Bernardino; and Dr. Donald Madelung ’71 leads the Madison, Wis., campus of Herzing College. ¶ It’s our hope that this list is not yet exhausted. If you know of other graduates who are or were college presidents, please let us know by e-mail at acmks@augustana.edu.

Thomas Styles is a part-time instructor in geology and geography at Illinois Coll., Jacksonville.

Anita Contreras Ward is dir. of the St. Louis Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities.

1975

Brenda Czajka Barnes has been named president and CEO of Sara Lee Corporation

Lon Blaser is medical dir. for Group Health Cooperative, Eau Claire, Wis.

Gary Bordner released his first solo CD, *Trumpet Works*, on the Artega label (see artega.org).

Diane Brugge married Ronald Borcherding on May 1, 2004.

Ann Schinske Hill, music teacher at Prairie Elem. School, has been named teacher of the year by Naperville (Ill.) School District 203.

1976

Karla Close received an Honored Bell Award recognizing her volunteer efforts in Louisville, Ky., where she is a volunteer development specialist for Metro United Way.

Linda Klundt Da Costa is a speech pathologist with Fairfax County (Va.) Public Schools.

Kristin Stapleton Gill is regional adult services manager for the Mayfield (Ohio) regional branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

Blake Harrop is senior assistant attorney general in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Chicago.

Wendy Stone Peterson is a real estate agent with York Simpson Underwood, Raleigh, N.C.

1977

Linda Catanzaro Boberg is administrative assistant for the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life.

Kathryn Meier Lindgren is a paraprofessional with the Crestwood (Ill.) School District.

Carol Van Bogaert Pasker adopted a son, Andrew Frances, born on June 22, 2004 (*Karl*).

Nora Gottschalk Sale is development dir. at Children’s Hospital and Health System Foundation, Milwaukee.

Don Ullmann is dean of students for American Learning Systems, Plantation, Fla.

1978

Barbara Brack married L. Jeffrey Lewis on July 17, 2004.

Kim Bigham Dirck is English and yearbook instructor and Cisco Academy instructor for the West Aurora (Ill.) schools.

Mark Kostka has been appointed manager, John Deere Merchandising, Milan, Ill.

Jeffrey Pohlhammer is senior staff engineer at Philips Medical Systems, Highland Heights, Ohio.

Dianne Witte married Richard Ford on October 24, 2004.

1979

Sheri Russell Conover is a graduate student in music education at Northern Illinois Univ., DeKalb.

Paul Curtis is a high school teacher and science department chair for CUSD #310 in Burlington, Ill.

Pat Fortney is the principal at Lincoln Elem. School, Sterling, Ill.

George Gartelos has been promoted to ass’t. regional manger in charge of snack bar operations for Casey’s General Store, responsible for stores located in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, and Kentucky.

Marie Heimerdinger is a physician at the Veteran’s Administration Center, Freeport, Ill.

Ellen Eliason Kisker is managing partner of Twin Peaks Partners, Longmont, Colo.

Leslie Westa Kolterman is senior dir. of development and alumni affairs at Tufts School of Medicine, Boston.

Matthew Lindquist received the M.S.N. degree from the Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.

Annette Seaberg is honorary consul for Sweden in Illinois by appointment of H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf. She is assistant vice president at Merrill Lynch, Chicago.

Honoring an alchemist

Ruth Evelyn Harris ’38 Katz is, in her own way, an alchemist. Able to bring together artists and thinkers from a variety of backgrounds, and brush them with the Midas touch of her inspiration, Katz has been the quiet muse behind



numerous arts and humanities programs in the Quad Cities community. Last fall, Katz was honored for her efforts with the Studs Terkel Humanities Award, presented by the Illinois Humanities Council.

It would be impossible to factor how many persons have been touched by the programs with which Katz has shared her insight, intellect, and innate ability to make connections. As a recent example, her more than 60 years of involvement

with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra led her to bring together 31 local literary and arts organizations in celebration of the Symphony’s 90th anniversary season.

In addition, Katz has been a leader in the work of Quad City Arts since that organization’s founding in 1988. She has also served on the board of the Rock Island Public Library for more than three decades.

In that latter capacity, she has been the creative force behind the Frieze Lecture Series, which for the past seven years has brought Augustana faculty to the downtown library for public lectures on a dizzying array of subjects. Signs of the considerable number of contributions she has made to her alma mater are evident across campus, from the Tredway Library’s Katz-Harris Room to the sculpture *Freedom* by Karoly Veress, just outside Wallenberg Hall, which was commissioned by Katz and family members Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Zeivel Harris.

Katz’s late husband, Isador, was a member of the Class of 1927. Both he and their son, Martin Katz ’59, were leaders in the debate program at Augustana.

Pictured above: **To note her Studs Terkel Award, Rock Island Mayor Mark Schwiebert ’72 proclaimed last November 17 “Ruth Evelyn Katz Day” in the city.**

Ron Seib is chief financial officer for Klein Financial, Inc., Chaska, Minn.

1980

Steven Hanson is the family law program manager for the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Renee Pippitt Sims is employed in the commercial lending department of First National Bank, Olympia Fields, Ill.

Steven Stime has a law practice in Winfield, Ill.

1981

Michael and **Julia Esters Barber** had a daughter, Ryann Kate, on July 30, 2004 (Atalie, 22, Rachel, 20, Anna, 15, and Grace, 7).

Joy Thorbjornsen Coates is an account executive with Principal Financial Group, Oak Brook, Ill.

Linda DeDoncker married Terry McClain on May 1, 2004. She works in human resources at the Omaha branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

Beth Ann Hauser Peterson is pastor of First Lutheran Church, Hoople, N.D.

1982

Greg Anderson is dir. of Keane Worldzen, Chicago.

Julie DeWane Behler is office manager at Harding Real Estate, Woodstock, Ill.

Barbara Rutherford France is news editor for the *Lassen County Times*, Susanville, Calif.

Christopher Hennessy received the master's degree in political and justice studies from Governors State Univ., Univ. Park, Ill.

Nancy Ireland is an elementary teacher for the Rock Island School District.

David Jones has been promoted to senior vice president, finance, at Grain Processing Corp., Muscatine, Iowa.

Dean Park married Diana Alejos on June 19, 2004.

Sally Winquist Willson is a realtor with RE/MAX Realty Suburban, Shawnee Mission, Kan.

MarySusan Zekich is an electrical engineer at WMA Consulting Engineers, Chicago.

1983

Renee Parchert Alfrey is category manager at Barjan Products, Rock Island.

Lynne Anderson married Timothy Kearns on September 10, 2004.

Henry Hawkins is an investigator with the Federal Public Defenders Office in Sacramento, Calif.

Penny Fox Johnson married Roger Kitchen on May 11, 2004.

Valerie Sims Rucker has been chosen school social worker of the year by the Illinois Assoc. of School Social Workers. Bloom Studio 2B Girl Scout Troop 266, of which Sims-Rucker is troop leader, received a national Colgate Palmolive Community Award.

Joe Spratt graduated from the executive leadership program for Department of Defense employees in Baltimore, Md. He works for the U.S. Security Assistance Command at Ft. Belvoir, Va., as country program manager for Israel.

Peter Yonke is dir., supply chain solutions, at Kuehne & Nagel, Elk Grove Village, Ill.

1984

Karen Dorsey Baran is a business analyst at Spherion, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Lincoln Bode is business development manager at Sandiham Pte Ltd., Singapore.

Kim Brooks is dir. of sales and marketing at Sugar Land (Texas) Marriott Town Square Hotel & Conference Center.

Chris Casey is the owner of Spartacus Logistics, Mokena, Ill.

Jon France was awarded the U.S. Army's Civilian Transportation of the Year award for 2003. He is with the Sierra Army Depot, Herlong, Calif.

Paula Wilson Garner received the master's degree in theology from Zoe Univ. and is now pursuing a doctorate. She is pastor of Shalom Covenant Christian Fellowship, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Ellen Hauser is an ass't. prof. at Carthage Coll., Kenosha, Wis.

Mary Sophia Waggener Hawks is a public health registered nurse for the Knox County (Tenn.) Health Department.

Robin Peterson McLaughlin is mortgage servicing manager at American Bank & Trust Co., Rock Island.

Michael Mellott is general counsel at RRCA Accounts Management, Sterling, Ill.

Rick Milbourn is manager of investor relations at United Technologies Corp., Hartford, Conn.

Marshall Parks is dir. of human resources at the Univ. of Northern Colorado, Greeley.

Donald Pearson is controller at UPM-Kymmene, Inc., Westmont, Ill.

Lisa Jacquin Philibert is Illinois Trinity laboratories manager for Metropolitan Medical Laboratories, Moline.

Julia Poduch is vice president of marketing for Dole Food Company, Pacific Grove, Calif.

George Wenzel is vice president at Capital Group Companies, Los Angeles.

1985

Jedd Anderson is vice president in charge of the environmental resources department for Christopher B. Burke Engineering in Rosemont, Ill.

Susan Birkeneder Braunsky is a speech and language pathologist for West Aurora (Ill.) School District.

John Buric, a partner in a Phoenix, Ariz., law firm, has been reappointed as a Superior Court Judge *Pro Tem*.

Mark Burseth had a son, Teddy, on September 26, 2004 (*Robin*; Matty, 4, Lainey, 3).

Daniel Foss is product manager at Comp-U-Ware.

Prasanna Kolatkar is group leader at Genome Institute of Singapore.

Bill Roderick is a field representative with Modern Woodmen of America, Rock Island.

Gary Steiger, principal at Palatine (Ill.) High School has been named to the alumni wall of achievement at Elk Grove (Ill.) High School.

1986

John Blix is senior manager in marketing at Discover Financial Services.

Tom Dryg is operations manager and chief financial officer of Brand Central Station, Bettendorf.

Dan Gilkison has been named one of *Golf World* magazine's 25 best sales representatives of 2005, after last year being named one of Titleist's sales representatives of the year. He is Titleist's golf ball representative in Southern California.

Deb Hedke Hansen is a drama teacher for Stafford County Schools, Fredericksburg, Va.

Michele Sipolt Kapustka started her own company, SENDaBALL.

Cheryl Wiles Sanders has been awarded the Golden Key International Honor Society excellence in teaching award. She edited a recently published book, *Bullying: Implications for the Classroom*. Cheryl is an associate prof. of psychology at Metropolitan State Coll., Denver.

Michael Stelzer is an associate circuit judge in Missouri's 22nd Judicial Circuit, St. Louis.

Trevor Sunderlage had a son, Andrew, on May 14, 2004 (*Arlene*).

Christine Seaberg Tabaka has been promoted to sterling manager of Discovery Toys and has been named group manager woman of the year for 2003.

1987

Julia Allen is a claims specialist at CNA, Chicago.

Rodney Dole had a son, Lucas, on July 19, 2004 (*Wendy*).

Jill Rednour Guth is development manager at JSM Development, Champaign, Ill.

Linda Bertolozzi Holmberg had a daughter, Erika, on December 26, 2003 (*Gene*; Kimberly, 16, Shannon, 12). Linda is a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch, Davenport.

Thomas Ruiz had a son, Benjamin, on August 22, 2004 (*Kathy*; Ella, 2).

Nancy Nelson Schwarz received the M.B.A. degree in healthcare management from the Univ. of Phoenix. She is dir., quality and risk management, at Kindred Hospital, Tampa, Fla.

Chris Sorensen is a graphic designer at Cosentini Associates, New York.

1988

David Brozovich has been promoted to assistant vice president of Grundy Bank, Morris, Ill.

Debra Edson married Lou Larson on June 26, 2004.

John Frymire is prof. of history at the Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.

Brian Grimes had a daughter, Nicole Marie, on October 27, 2004 (*Jeanne*; Therese, Kaitlyn).

Kim Howell had a daughter, Jaden Rhianna, on June 29, 2004. Kim is privacy manager at Microsoft, Redmond, Wash.

Craig McLendon has been appointed by Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich to the position of Liaison to the Governor for African-American Affairs.

Juday Paskvan married Philippe Biboum on August 28, 2004. The bride wore Augustana's silver Swedish bridal crown.

1989

Rob Anderson had a daughter, Sophia, on April 3, 2004 (*Farah*).

Lori Corral Bolas had a daughter, Allison, on July 20, 2004 (*Tom*; Jimmy, 3). Lori is media relations manager for the American Medical Association, Chicago.

Kristi Erickson Brogdon had a daughter, Mayah Rose, on February 27, 2004 (*Stephen*; Hannah, 12, Tirzah, 10, and Noah, 4).

William Clark owns Patapsco Advertising, Baltimore.

Laura Baumbach Crumbleholme had a daughter, Madison Ruth, on December 27, 2002 (*Darren*).

Philip Hasz had twins, Sylvia Marie and Cooper Dawson, on December 17, 2003 (*Dawn*).

David Heck married Cynthia Ercoli on April 24, 2004.

Annette Weinberg Kanoy adopted Anna Sofia, born July 7, 2003, and Josiah Andrew, born September 5, 2003 (*Tim*; Caleb, 3, Bethany, 3). Both children arrived from Guatemala on March 18, 2004.

Kenneth Miller graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, and has accepted his first call to Calvary Lutheran Church, Lemmon, S.D.

Andrea Mull had a son, Bohdan Tavish Mull, on September 26, 2003 (*Doug Garletts*).

Stephen Sprouse had a daughter, Eliza Douglas Sprouse, on August 8, 2004 (*Kristin Douglas*).

1990

Scott and Karen Krug '91 Anderson had a daughter, Kristen Blair, on May 9, 2004 (*Caroline*, 3).

Andy Barcus is an IT analyst with MWABank, Rock Island.

Mark and Liesl Kolp Fowler had a daughter, Karin, on November 23, 2004 (Ian, 8, Jackson, 5).

Karen Miksch Klawitter had a daughter, Kimberly Faith, on April 24, 2004 (*Joe*; Joey, 8, Christopher, 6, Katie, 5, Nicholas, 3). Karen and her husband are pediatricians at J & K Pediatrics, McHenry, Ill.

Donald Novelle had a son, Jack, on May 12, 2004 (*Robin*).

Cheryl True has completed family practice residency and has joined Waterford Family Medicine, Davenport, Iowa.

1991

Scott '90 and Karen Krug Anderson had a daughter, Kristen Blair, on May 9, 2004 (*Caroline*, 3).

Carla Arnell had a daughter, Elisabeth, in December 2004 (*Paul Lucas*).

Ben Bergren married Rachel Rochford on June 23, 2004.

Julie Edwards Blume had a son, Kevin Oliver, on January 21, 2004 (*Tim*; Nathan, 5).

April Shields Brady had a daughter, Margaret Grace, on May 11, 2004 (*Shawn*; Patrick, 5, Luke, 4, and Finn, 2).

Holly Partyka Doolittle had a son, Jonah Rolfe, on April 3, 2002. Holly is a therapist in a private practice in San Diego, Calif.

Kristin Everett had a son, Spencer Douglas Hubbard Rhoten, on February 27, 2003 (*Doug Rhoten*; Katharine, 5). Kristin is marketing and communications dir. at Ken Vance Automotive, and adjunct prof. of journalism and communications at the Univ. of Wisconsin, both in Eau Claire.

Tracy Patterson Fausett had a daughter, Sarah Olivia, on July 3, 2004 (*Robert*).

Brian Ferguson received the M.Div. degree from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He has accepted a call as pastor of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Hudson, Wis.

Tracy Harry is sales manager for Medline Industries, Dubuque.

Katy Hulin Hasson is principal of Lombard Middle School, Galesburg.

Matthew Johnson is dir., major gifts, at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago.

Jane Jurgens received the master's degree in educational leadership from Saint Xavier Univ., Chicago. She teaches second grade at Garfield Elem. School, Davenport.

Julie Ruebush Lehman had a daughter, Emerson Ann, on December 10, 2003 (*Blair*).

Keith Manbeck is senior group finance manager for PepsiCo, Chicago.

John (Dave) and Colette Kwak '94 Nelson had a daughter, Alison Rose, on May 6, 2004 (Jack, 2).

Bill Postiglione is marketing manager for Ecolab, Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Alan Rhea had a son, Jack, on January 3, 2004 (*Tricia*).

Joe Schaechter is circulation dir. for the Quad-City Times Strategic Business Unit, Davenport.

Michael Schultz had a daughter, Lindsey, on June 10, 2004 (*Karla*; Adam, 3).

Manuel Candéa Viana is now working as a psychiatric nurse and attending school in Amsterdam.

Kevin Werner is chief financial officer of Veridian Health, Deerfield, Ill.

Rich Young is financial advisor with Young & Associates, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

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Kimberly Huntington Alfano is a physician at Palos Community Hospital, Palos Heights, Ill.

John Asplund is superintendent of the Reed-Custer (Ill.) School District.

Elizabeth Bacon married Bryan Gaedy on July 31, 2004. She is an adjunct prof. in mathematics at Western Wisconsin Technical Coll., LaCrosse, and Winona (Minn.) State Univ.

Yolanda Ooyen Carrasco had a daughter, Emily Marie, on May 21, 2004 (*Robert*; Nicholas, 3, Abigail, 1).

Scott and Jennifer Imhof '95 Christiansen had a son, Emmet Robert, on July 7, 2004.

Michael Doughty had a son, Andrew Michael, on April 17, 2004 (*Tammy*).

Jason Goodall had a daughter, Sophia Jewel, on April 20, 2004 (*Stephanie*; Katie Jo, 4, Emma 2). He is in the U.S. Navy stationed in Rota, Spain.

Paula Beyer Hietpas had a son, Ian, on March 24, 2004 (*Geoffrey*).

Karen Hindhede and Jim Kaisen '72 adopted a daughter, Abigail Kaisen Hindhede, born on March 15, 2004. Karen is a composition instructor at Black Hawk Coll., Moline.

Cori Olberg Hubbard is research and development manager at Surface Guard, Aurora, Ill.

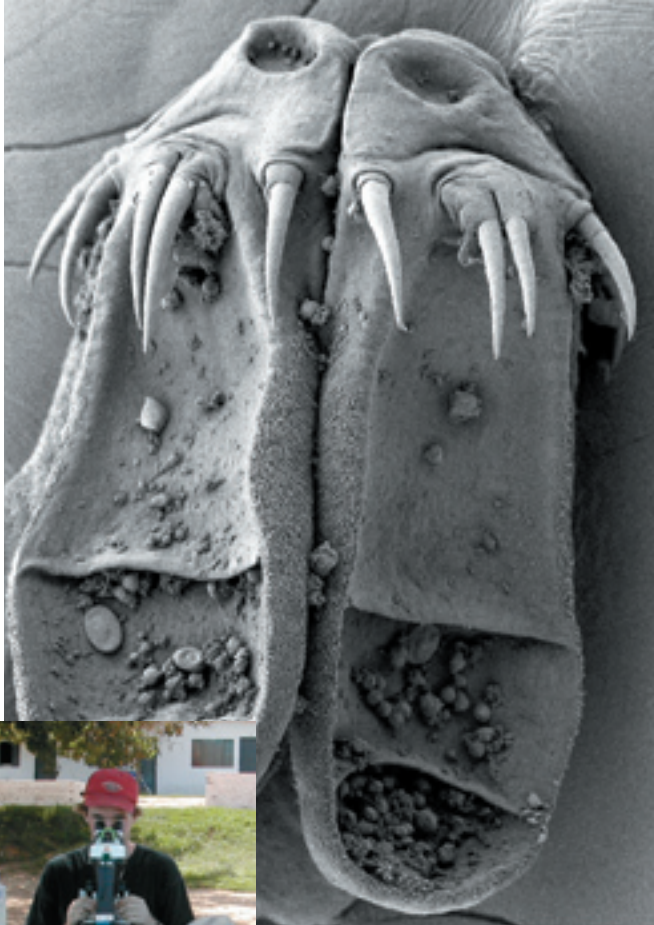
Larry Johnsen is head football coach at Geneseo (Ill.) High School.

Laurie Bounds Keck had a son, Adam Frederick, on April 20, 2004 (*Gary*; Sam, 5, Abby, 3).

Amy Hall Olson had a son, Chad Michael, on May 20, 2004 (*Michael*; Luke, 2).



A 'Majestic' anniversary Alumni and current members of the Majestic Gents marked the 25th anniversary of the MGs' founding at Homecoming. The celebration included a banquet, as well as less formal activities more amenable to the next generation of Vikings—pictured here are Aben Cooper '93 (holding Anna Rowell), Charles Young '92, Sean Price '91, Eric Rowell '93 (Anna's dad and a member of the Development Office at Augustana) and Gerry Jones '91, holding his son, Peyton.



Acanthobothrium larsoni, above and its host, below.
At left: Floria Reyda

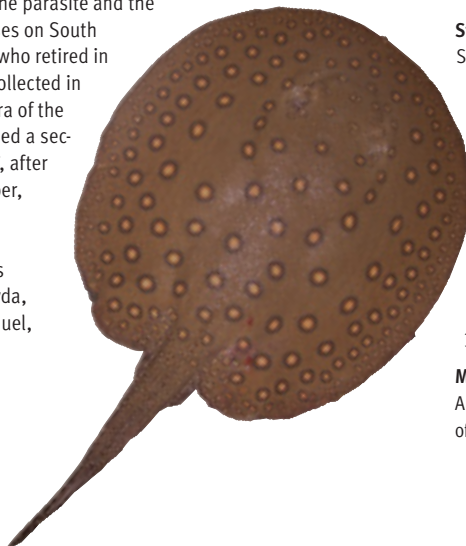
Tale of the tape(worm)

Never let it be said that Florian Reyda '95 doesn't know how to return a favor. Reyda has long credited Dr. Ingemar Larson, professor emeritus of biology, with introducing him to parasitology. Reyda's work has since included the discovery of several new species of tapeworms and other parasites, one of which he has named for his former professor—*Acanthobothrium larsoni*. And his mentor couldn't be more pleased.

Reyda caught the bug for parasitology during his first course in the subject, taught by Larson. He soon scrapped plans to attend medical school in favor of graduate study on the microscopic creatures which pervade practically all living things. His field research takes place in South America, where he works with fishermen to collect freshwater stingrays from local rivers. It's ground Reyda began to cover in 1994, when he took part in Augustana's Latin American term.

Using portable lab equipment, Reyda inspects the rays inside and out for parasites, which are collected and preserved for taxonomic study back in the lab. Such data advance knowledge of species diversity, and may shed light on the evolutionary history of both the parasite and the stingray. Although most of his work focuses on South America, the species named for Larson—who retired in 1996 and still lives in Rock Island—was collected in Borneo by Reyda's advisor, Dr. Janine Caira of the University of Connecticut. Reyda has named a second new species, *Acanthobothrium foulki*, after fellow biologist and DON fraternity member, Michael Foulk '96.

Reyda has been named a Fulbright Scholar and is now working in Brazil. He's joined by his wife Laura Pedersen '97 Reyda, and their children, Sonja, age 2, and Samuel, born January 2.



Melinda Pavek is assistant general services officer with the Department of State, assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Tanja Carlson Rasmusson had a daughter, Katja Elsa Alexandra, on June 8, 2004 (*Henrik*).

Michael '93 and Kate Festge Ricaurte had a daughter, Sonya Michelle, on June 2, 2004 (*Brigitte*, 3).

Paul Schipper is an attending thoracic surgeon and assistant prof. of surgery in the division of cardiothoracic surgery at Oregon Health and Science Univ., Portland.

Emily Scotvold married Richard Dhyanchand on June 21, 2003.

Kerry Stover Seppala had a daughter, Lauren Marita, on July 8, 2004 (*Steven*; *Samuel*, 3). Kerry works as a compensation consultant.

Martha Kretz Smith had a daughter, Bethany Grace, on July 25, 2003 (*Bryan*; *Emily*, 5).

Greg '93 and Martha Keil Stolze had a son, Daniel Paul, on May 27, 2004.

Gregory Waltz had a daughter, Jessa Marie, on February 28, 2004 (*Samantha*).

Libin Wang is transactional risk manager at General Electric, Devon, Pa.

Jim Washburn is facility manager at Car Care Collision Centers, Naperville, Ill.

Kimberly Weiss married Eric Reisenauer on May 22, 2004.

Keith Williams is senior consulting manager at Bearing Point, Inc., Chicago.

Melissa Anderson Wong had a son, Craig Albert, on April 4, 2004 (*Robert*; *Erica*, 2).

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Brooke Fearn Adams is prepress production supervisor for the *Orlando* (Fla.) *Sentinel*.

Arne Brage received the M.B.A. degree from Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill. He is first vice president, treasury services, at JP Morgan Chase, Chicago.

Steve Cornwell had a daughter, Julianna, on September 12, 2004 (*Pam*).

Deborah Crocker Davison had a son, Ethan Dwight, on September 1, 2004 (*Kevin*; *Nathaniel*, 2).

Anne Humphrey Delmenico had a daughter, Fiona Katherine, on July 10, 2004 (*Ian*).

Matthew and Lisa Kahler Doman had a son, Jacob Ryan, on July 19, 2004 (*Ethan*, 3).

Michelle Easton married Mark Williams, on August 28, 2004. She is owner and president of Uptown Brokerage, Minneapolis, Minn.

Donald and Amy Elsner Erickson had a daughter, Ella Victoria, on December 5, 2003.

Lisa Marlice Forney is senior application programmer at Pekin Insurance, Pekin, Ill.

Jennifer Hocker Kruchten had a son, Michael Alexander, on September 10, 2004.

Ann Marquart is assistant prof. of psychology at Mercy Coll. of Health Sciences, Des Moines.

Suzanne Wonser Marra had a son, Christopher Samuel, on June 24, 2004 (*David*; *Peter*, 4).

Paula Anderson McCormick is an independent Herbalife distributor in the Quad Cities.

Jennifer Benson O'Reilly had a daughter, Grace Lynn, on September 29, 2004 (*Tom*).

Jeffrey and Krista Sommerschild '95 Peterson had a son, David Neal, on December 7, 2004 (*Joshua*, 2).

Michael and Kate Festge '92 Ricaurte had a daughter, Sonya Michelle, on June 2, 2004 (*Brigitte*, 3).

Edward Rydwelski had a son, Charles Bruno, on May 20, 2004 (*Jennifer*).

Scott Schinschke is a private practice physician at Riverview Osteopathic Clinic, Appleton, Wis.

Greg and Martha Keil '92 Stolze had a son, Daniel Paul, on May 27, 2004.

Jennifer Jolas Wolf had a daughter, Kara Elise, on April 2, 2004 (*Andrew*; *Samuel*, 2).

Mark Ziolo is an associate prof. at Ohio State Univ., Columbus.

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Joe Adolf is regional sales manager for Sallie Mae, Reston, Va.

Michelle Falk Arndt had a son, Dylan, on July 22, 2004 (*Allen*; *Emily*, 4).

Jennifer Pheiffer Blohm is vice president, major gifts and endowment, for the United Way of the Quad Cities Area.

Jim Carlson had a daughter, Lauren Grace, on March 6, 2003 (*Tracy*). Jim is assistant dir., Education and Evaluation Center, and lecturer in the Physician Assistant Department at Rosalind Franklin Univ., North Chicago.

Holly Houtakker Chance is branch manager of Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corp., Houston.

Lynn Chindlund is a legal assistant for Warren W. Mark, P.C., Chicago.

Andrew '95 and Kara Turner Clark had a daughter, Lauren Riley, on October 28, 2004.

Clayton Corless had a daughter, Kaia Grace, on April 29, 2004 (*Sheila*).

Scott and Nancy Ropinske '96 Frech had a daughter, Morgan Dale, on February 22, 2004.

Whitney Sears Goldner is an endocrinologist at the Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha.

Peter and Kendra Prosser Hall had a daughter, Grace Olivia, on June 13, 2003. Kendra is a pediatrician practicing in Gilbert, Ariz.

Patrick Hughes had a daughter, Mary Kate, on March 2, 2004 (*Jennifer*).

Kathy Lambert Jacocks had a daughter, Natalie Marie, on June 12, 2003 (*Barry*; Haleigh, 4).

Rick and Stacey Smith Kelley had a daughter, Campbell Marie, on February 12, 2004 (Lindsey, 7, Delaney, 3).

Geoffrey Martin is a paramedic with American Medical Response, San Diego, Calif.

Lynda Maxwell teaches at Thomas Jefferson School, Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Erin Reade Murphy has been named corporate marketing manager at Stanley Consultants, Inc., Muscatine, Iowa.

Laura Nash married Kenneth Fields on November 6, 2004. Laura received the J.D. degree from Georgetown Univ. Law School, Washington, D.C. and is now a tax attorney-advisor with the Internal Revenue Service.

Rachel Nation married Brandon Standorf on September 5, 2004.

John (Dave) '91 and Colette Kwak Nelson had a daughter, Alison Rose, on May 6, 2004 (Jack, 2).

Erin White Newman had a daughter, Patricia Elizabeth, on November 8, 2004 (*Christopher*).

Brad Opfer is a high school math and business teacher at Antwerp (Belgium) International School.

Heidi Rolander Peterson had a son, Soren Ki, on January 23, 2004 (*John*).

Orjan Pettersson married Zafindrapizakala Ramiarantsoa on April 11, 2003.

Paula White Prock had a daughter, Megan, on April 19, 2004 (*Robert*).

Jen Britt Rakestraw is executive dir. of The Orpheum Theatre, Galesburg.

John Reimers is a systems tester at Lipper, Denver, Colo.

Eric Schmitz teaches fourth grade for the Boise (Idaho) School District.

Eric Sextonson had a daughter, Samantha Ann, on March 10, 2004. Eric is product support engineer with Ringwood Environmental, Bedford Park, Ill.

Joel Southern is assistant prof. of chemistry and assistant baseball coach at Western New England Coll., Springfield, Mass. He is also head coach of the Holyoke (Mass.) Giants in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, an NCAA sponsored summer league.

Jay '95 and Tricia Pfaff Swanstrom had a son, Elijah Louis, on May 13, 2004 (Cole, 3).

Craig Thomsen had a son, Cole Matthew, on June 12, 2004 (*Janet*).

Karen Wenig Williams had a son, Garrett Alexander, on September 21, 2004 (*Charles*).

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Amber Bauer received the master's degree in counseling psychology from Loyola Univ., Chicago, where she is currently a doctoral candidate.

Kimberly Wallace Becker had a daughter, Lena Mae, on July 17, 2003 (*John*).

Karla Loken Bohm had twin sons, Nicholas and Jackson, in February 2003 (*Martin*). Karla is an obstetrician/gynecologist practicing at OB/GYN Associates, Wausau, Wis.

Scott '92 and Jennifer Imhof Christiansen had a son, Emmet Robert, on July 7, 2004.

Andrew and Kara Turner '94 Clark had a daughter, Lauren Riley, on October 28, 2004.

Canon Crawford is electronic resources librarian at Marylhurst (Ore.) Univ.

Dawn Del Carlo is assistant prof. at the Univ. of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

Joe and Janette DeGrazio Gleason had a daughter, Jianna Marie, on July 3, 2004.

Neil Gustafson is development coordinator for San Miguel Partners, Tubac, Ariz.

Caryn Carstens Haberkorn had a son, Lincoln James, on October 20, 2004 (*Matthew*).

Jenna Bonie Haglund had a son, Anders Karl, on October 2, 2004 (*Karl*). Jenna is a crisis intervention counselor for BHR, St. Louis.

Daniel Henning is manager, financial reporting, at Equity Residential, Chicago.

Anthony and Mary Wiorkowski '97 Lavorato had a son, Anthony Paul, on June 9, 2004 (Mary Elizabeth, 2). Anthony teaches math and coaches varsity boys basketball at Maine South High School, Park Ridge, Ill.

Janelle Netz teaches music for Will County School District, Lockport, Ill.

Melisa Ellis Oblander had a daughter, Madeline Rose, on April 20, 2004 (*Chad*). Melisa received a clinical doctorate in audiology from the Univ. of Florida.

Jeffrey '93 and Krista Sommerschild Peterson had a son, David Neal, on December 7, 2004 (Joshua, 2).

Soren Peterson married Marcela Amorozo on January 31, 2004. He is an anthropology graduate student at the Univ. of Denver.

Heath Picken is a project engineer with Black & Veatch Corp., Minneapolis.

Ed Renner is a partner at Nery & Muriel, Chicago.

Kristina Olson Sjogren is an early literacy specialist for the Harlem School District, Machesney Park, Ill.

Jay and Tricia Pfaff '94 Swanstrom had a son, Elijah Louis, on May 13, 2004 (Cole, 3).

Rachel Knapp Viel had a daughter, Maya Lou, on May 31, 2004 (*Adam*).

Amy Lundquist Wilkins is a psychiatric specialist at MetLife Disability, Mt. Prospect, Ill.

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Jessica Spicer Banaszek had a daughter, Ella Joy, on August 18, 2003 (*Matthew*; Ava, 3).

Shawn Blobaum has been promoted to vice president of operations for Bruce Harris & Associates, Batavia, Ill.

Jessica Gagliardi Currier had a son, Noah Michael, on May 23, 2003.

Meghan Hesler Enright had a daughter, Madeline Page, on July 1, 2004 (*Jamie*; Olivia, 4). Meghan is a purchasing agent for Tri-City Electric Co., Davenport.

Scott '94 and Nancy Ropinske Frech had a daughter, Morgan Dale, on February 22, 2004.

Kara Foehrkolb Godwin is a graduate student in education and social policy at Northwestern Univ., Evanston.

Andrea Haney is a contract specialist at the Rock Island Arsenal, HQ AFSC.

Vicki Powell Heskett teaches sixth grade social studies at Smart Intermediate School, Davenport.

April Holschen married William Hayes on July 31, 2004.

Matt Howard has been promoted to audit senior manager of Deloitte Quad-Cities.

Sara Hutchcroft married Matthew Brown on June 12, 2004. Sara is a graduate student at Western Illinois Univ., Macomb.

Melissa Matthei Kaempf had a son, Ethan Charles, on July 14, 2004 (*Steve*).

Kisa Magnuson received the J.D. degree from Florida State Univ., Tallahassee. She is now an assistant state's attorney in Hillsborough County, Fla.

Amy Graves Merz had a daughter, Sylvia Rae, on August 24, 2004 (*Daniel*).

Lynnea Nielsen married Brian Gassman on September 11, 2004.

Jennifer Horejs O'Gara had a son, Colin Michael, on March 1, 2004 (*Patrick*; Timothy, 3).

William Phelps is assistant dir.-writing center at the Univ. of Illinois, Chicago.

Kimberly Porch married Eric Fetes on December 18, 2003.

Jennifer Geye Powers teaches at Lincoln Alternative School, Corona, Calif.

Amy Sylvia Richardson had a daughter, Kylee Lyn, on June 11, 2004 (*Kyle*).

Stacey Seyller Sherman is a manager at Plante & Moran, Elgin, Ill.

Jeff Small is web developer at Calamos Investments, Naperville, Ill.

Mark Smith teaches mathematics for the Maine Township School District in Park Ridge, Ill.

Kristine Tovarek married Sean Schelfout on July 24, 2004. She is employed at Alexian Brothers Medical Center.

Julie Sifuentes Venisnik had a son, John Heriberto, on August 23, 2004 (*Brad*).

Valerie Reichardt Watson had a daughter, Zoey Ann, on August 6, 2004 (*Ryan*; Molly, Ian).

Jennifer Hammer Webb had a daughter, Siena Carol, on August 3, 2003 (*Steve*).

Elizabeth Omeara Weisse received the master's degree in educational leadership from Aurora (Ill.) Univ. She teaches second grade for the West Aurora School District.

Lena Yarger married Edward Verkuilen on June 26, 2004.

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James '00 and Audrey Wheeler Adamson had a daughter, Victoria April, on August 14, 2004.

Sarah Shoesmith Berke received the Ph.D. degree in neuroscience from the Univ. of Iowa.

Davin Bodtker works for Visa USA as an analyst in dispute resolution.

Matthew Brandenburg teaches science at Streator (Ill.) Township High School.

Jennifer Carlson received the J.D. degree from Northwestern Univ. School of Law, Chicago. She is now an attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Chicago.

Carrie Cheshareck teaches French at Minooka (Ill.) Community High School.

Wendy Curtis married Robert Hopp on May 22, 2004.

Bryan Esenberg is assistant dir., trade and investment promotion, with the Japan External Trade Organization, Chicago.

Lesli Evenson married Christopher Callahan on August 7, 2004.

Suzanne Jobin Farrell is vice president at JPMorgan Securities, Chicago.

Heather Laity Flynn is a physical therapist with Medical Spine Care, Freeport, Ill.

Kaia Holmer Gale is shelter manager of the Cedar Valley (Iowa) Humane Society.

Lynn Johnson Gripp had a son, Andrew John, on April 2, 2003 (*John*). Lynn is human resources representative at Deere & Co., Moline, Ill.

Scott Hicks married **Darci Hudders '99** on May 8, 2004.

The Girl in the Mirror, the latest film by **Kjell Hilding**, began screening in the Chicago area in December.

Karen Sullivan James is senior planner for the Village of Oswego, Illinois.

Anthony '95 and Mary Wiorkowski Lavorato had a son, Anthony Paul, on June 9, 2004 (Mary Elizabeth, 2).

Sandy Malesky is a G.I.S. specialist for the City of Westminster, Colo.

Amy McCabe married Christopher Conner on May 23, 2004. Amy is a researcher/statistician in the office of educational innovation and evaluation at Kansas State Univ., Manhattan.

Matthew McGivern is area manager for Michael C. Fina Corporate Sales, New York.

Ryan Moeller is sales manager at Optima Technologies, Chicago.

Heidi Kein Morgan is a scientist at Pfizer, Chesterfield, Mo.

Lindsay Morgan married Ryan Tracy on August 22, 2004.

Garret and Sara Stodden '98 Pasowicz had a daughter, Gwendalyn, on April 20, 2004.

Jacquelyn Pinnell is an associate at Quarles and Brady, Chicago.

Kristin Schaefer married **Dustin Mazanowski '99** on October 23, 2004.

Wayne Sutton is a doctoral student in higher education administration at the Univ. of Illinois, Champaign.

Allison Walis married Erin David Rakickas on May 29, 2004. She received the master's



Amy Martin

degree in music education from VanderCook Coll. of Music, Chicago. She is dir. of bands at Meridian Middle School, Buffalo Grove, Ill.

Carrie Wallace is an attorney for Time Warner Telecom, Denver.

Lauren Webb is a middle school special education teacher for the El Segundo (Calif.) Unified School District. She is a graduate student in speech pathology at California State Univ., Northridge.

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Rebecca Ahlstrand is a design consultant with Kacey Fine Furniture, Denver.

Aly Nugnis Allemeier had a daughter, Evelyn Claire, on July 29, 2004 (*Laddie*).

Angie Bardoel married Tony Spaulding on May 29, 2004. Angie is a speech language pathologist at Kewanee (Ill.) Hospital.

Zack Bartels graduated from Nova Southeastern Univ. School of Optometry and is now an optometrist at Eye Surgeons Associates, Rock Island.

Brooks Beckhorn is associate project manager for Hospira, Inc., Lake Forest, Ill.

Ilona Czarnecka and Paul Ylinen were married on August 21, 2004.

Kelly Doonan teaches seventh and eighth grade science for the Chicago Public Schools.

Lisa Foster is the design center manager with Kimball Hill Homes, Sacramento, Calif.

Melissa Freidhof is chief executive officer of Ross' Restaurant, Bettendorf, Iowa.

Tui Linthakhan Harned had a daughter, Madeleine Jade, on August 7, 2004 (*Aaron*). Tui is a quality control lab technician at Anderson Packaging, Rockford, Ill.

Brian Hooper married Maren Loken on June 26, 2004.

Kristin Kite married John Coleman on August 14, 2004.

Pamela Anderson Kurtz had a daughter, Melanie Nicole, on July 13, 2004 (*Joe*).

James Mahlo is an attorney with Schuyler, Roche & Zwirner, Chicago.

Kristy Sartwell Mahlo is an account executive with Lifetime Television, Chicago.

Amy Boostrom Martin had a daughter, Hannah, on October 16, 2004 (*Chris*; Christopher, 2).

Eileen McMahon completed the doctorate in clinical physical therapy at the Univ. of Miami.

Garret '97 and Sara Stodden Pasowicz had a daughter, Gwendalyn, on April 20, 2004.

Lauren Whalley Potoky is custom print manager at Citibank, The Student Loan Corporation, Pittsford, N.Y.

Eric Rupp is a casualty claim analyst at American Family Insurance, Vernon Hills, Ill.

Lisa Porter Shissler is an online account executive for the *Peoria Journal Star*.

Kris and Amy Poplawski Smith had a daughter, Abby Katherine, on July 24, 2004.

Toby Speechley is perioperative products and services sales representative at Cardinal Health, Waukegan, Ill.

Christina Rexroth Spindel received the master's degree in special education from Western Illinois Univ., Macomb.

Sarah Stienbarger is a lieutenant in the Public Health Service and works as a clinical optometrist at the Quentin N. Burdick Indian Hospital in Belcourt, N.D.

Marc Strobbe married Abby Cowan '99 on May 27, 2003.

Chris and Jami Weinstein Timmons had a daughter, Paige Celeste, on October 20, 2003 (Peyton, 1).

Margo Umans received the master's degree from Roosevelt Univ., Chicago.

Gretchen Myhre Weber earned National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She teaches at Horace Mann School in Rock Island.

Theodore Wiebel is an accounting manager at US Foodservice, Menomonee Falls, Wis.

Derek Wiewel received the M.B.A. degree from North Central Coll., Naperville, Ill.



Folk singer goes high-tech

Folk musician **Amy Martin '95** may be rooted in Missoula, Montana, but anyone from Milan to Maui can listen to her songs and download them from her Web site, www.amymartin.org.

According to Martin, only a handful of independent musicians are currently making their catalogs available one song at a time, and although it was an expensive venture to set up, it's necessary for long-term viability. That's Amy Martin, the businesswoman, talking...the same entrepreneur who last summer launched her own label, Raven's Wing Records.

"I'll always be independent," she says, "and having my own record label was a conscious commitment to doing it my way. I'm probably resigning myself to a smaller sphere of listeners, but I will have control, and I have a lot of music to get out."

The Iowa native says she's sick of plastic pop songs and thinks a lot of other people are too. "We need songs that reflect the depth and complexity of our experiences," Martin says. "We need music that speaks to our roots, not just our surfaces."

"To me, folk music is music that has an address and a hometown; it comes from somewhere, and it knows it. It speaks to its own time, knows its history, has hopes for the future. It has dirt under its fingernails and lines around its eyes. It hasn't had the crankiness washed out of it."

Martin's latest album, *Deliverance*, is her fifth in five years.

Cara Zagars married Vince Anderson on May 21, 2004. Cara is bank supervisor and financial analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

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Alexander Alonso married Lynessa Morrts on December 20, 2003. Alex is a resident physician at OSF St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, Ill.

Melissa Fryer Anderson is employee relations specialist at Learning Resources, Vernon Hills, Ill.

Jeff Andrews is a math instructor at Parkland Coll., Champaign, Ill.

Michele Aurand is an admissions counselor at Western Illinois Univ., Macomb.

Affaan Bangash is a resident in osteopathic medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Chicago.

Cassie Black is a school psychologist for the Northern Suburban Special Education District, Highland Park, Ill.

Wesley Boyer and Dana Hileman were married in May 2003. Wesley is a police officer and Dana is a pediatric physical therapist.

Lisa De Peder Cavaliere had a son, Emorico Henry "Ricky" on September 3, 2004 (*Rick*).

David Clayton is a graduate student/research assistant at the Univ. of Southern California.

Abby Cowan married **Marc Strobbe '98** on May 27, 2003. Abby received the D.V.M.

degree from the Univ. of Illinois, and is now a veterinarian at Dixon (Ill.) Veterinary Hospital.

Lindsay Davis and Michael Kendrick were married on May 11, 2002.

Nikolas Diemer received the doctor of optometry degree from Illinois Coll. of Optometry, Chicago.

Tania Egan married Scott Giorgis on June 12, 2004. Tania is a speech language therapist at the Rochester (N.Y.) Hearing and Speech Center.

Andreas Engel married Johanna Palka on October 9, 2004.

Mike Erlandson married **Kristine Mace '00** on June 5, 2004.

Nathan '00 and Sara Kruse Fierce had a daughter, Cecelia, on June 10, 2004 (Samuel, 8, Cedric, 3).

Cara Fiorello married **Christopher Sweet '01** on May 1, 2004.

Anjanette Wright Garza received the master's degree in education from the Univ. of Phoenix.

Katie Gibson is a project specialist senior at Experian, Schaumburg, Ill.

Julie Giovenco married Matt Stott on August 7, 2004.

Charles Haben married **Heather Wright '00** on November 20, 2004.

Amanda Haggard is an associate financial planner at Personal Financial Planning, Deerfield, Ill.

Sarah Kretzschmar Hamel had a son, Jason Paul, on November 14, 2004 (*Aaron*).

Suzanne Hamon received the master of science degree in pure math from the Univ. of Iowa.

Wendy Anderson Hess is controller at Lewis Univ., Romeoville, Ill.

Jonathan Howell has been promoted to human resources manager for the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the Univ. of Illinois, Champaign.

Darci Hudders married **Scott Hicks '97** on May 8, 2004.

Tony James is a firefighter-paramedic for the Lisle Woodridge (Ill.) Fire Protection District.

Jen Rydelski Jardeleza had a son, Joseph Kyan, on April 30, 2004 (*Tim*).

Jen is an emergency department nurse at Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, Md.

Beth Joslyn married Rob Szpoko on October 9, 2004. She received the master's degree in library science from Chicago State Univ. and is now library resource center dir. for the Lansing (Ill.) School District.

Amy Kieffer teaches English at Warren Township High School, Gurnee, Ill.

Mary Klimowski married Brian Bosak on August 7, 2004.

Heather Kline is a microbiological laboratory technician for USDA-ARS-NCAUR-MGB, Peoria, Ill.

Vickie Kosek married Gregory Ochocinski on September 18, 2004.

Erika Krouth married **Mark Behrens '01** on October 25, 2003.

Aaron and Jennifer Markwald LaCroix had a son, William Paul, on October 9, 2004. Aaron is a product design engineer for Deublin Co., Waukegan, Ill.

Mark and Tracey Machala Lau had a daughter, Skya Olivia, on November 4, 2003. Tracey is a title I math teacher at Franklin Middle School, Wheaton, Ill.

Roberto Leone received the M.B.A. degree from the Univ. of Iowa.

Dustin Mazanowski married **Kristin Schaefer '97** on October 23, 2004.

Emily Landon Mawdsley is a resident physician in internal medicine at the Univ. of Chicago.

Kirk Mefford had a daughter, Liliana Mary, on May 23, 2004 (*Lindsay*).

William Miller is an attorney with Bradshaw, Fowler, Proctor & Fairgrove, Des Moines.

Allison Moe is assistant principal and athletic dir. at Jay Stream Middle School, Carol Stream, Ill.

Petra Morash married Karl Craddock on July 24, 2004. She is a reading resource teacher for the Community Consolidated School District, Elk Grove Village, Ill., and attends Roosevelt Univ.

Mark Norman and Brea Schaefer were married on June 5, 2004. Brea is a leasing consultant with Equity Residential, Lisle; Mark is a senior compliance examiner for NASD, Chicago.

Christy Shanks Oliphant received the M.D. degree from Southern Illinois Univ. School of Medicine, Springfield. She is a pediatrics resident at the Univ. of Illinois Coll. of Medicine and St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

Dawn Foster Pokorny is a speech-language pathologist for the Benjamin School District, West Chicago.

Sanela Puskar received the doctor of optometry degree from the Illinois Coll. of Optometry, Chicago.

Anthony Ranvestel had a daughter, Raya Marie, on August 24, 2004 (*Sarah*). He is young adult pastor at the Vineyard Church, Urbana, Ill.

Ryan Reade is middle school physical education/health teacher and head football coach with the Riverdale School District.

Marilee Reu is the media relations coordinator for the American Academy of Neurology.

Kelly Roliardi is assistant dir., alumni relations, at DePaul Univ., Chicago.

Brad Roth attends the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Keelin Schaffrath is ITAM Coordinator in the State of Texas Adjutant General's Department, Austin, Texas.

Sheetal Shah is senior pharmaceutical representative with GlaxoSmithKline, Chicago.

Carrie DeBlecout Simkus is a postdoctoral research fellow in the department of biochemistry and molecular biology at Georgetown Univ. Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

Michael Stecher has been promoted to specialty sales representative with Forest Pharmaceuticals, Chicago.

Erin Sterling teaches for the East Maine School District, Des Plaines, Ill.

Chad Stewart received the doctorate of dental medicine from Southern Illinois Univ., Edwardsville. His dental practice is in St. Louis.

Jennifer Swanson passed the CPA exam and is currently working as a senior financial

reporting analyst at Universal Technical Institute, Phoenix, Ariz.

Joseph Tolnai is a quality assurance analyst with the *Chicago Tribune*.

Eric and Julie Ranschau Turley had a son, Alex Duncan, on February 1, 2004.

Cindy Wyffels Van Damme had a son, Noah Edward, on August 25, 2004 (*Tracy*).

Patrick Wade is senior principal network engineer at Sevenspace, Inc., Oak Brook, Ill.

Jessica Waytenick is marketing assistant for the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau, Davenport.

Kelly Engelbrecht Wendt had a daughter, Adeline Lucille, on June 13, 2004 (*Travis*).

Jeremy Wilgus teaches English at Reitaku Junior High School, Kashiwa, Chiba, Japan.

Kevin Wojtkiewicz received the master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Western Illinois Univ., Macomb. He teaches science for the Bettendorf (Iowa) Community School District.

2000

James and Audrey Wheeler '97 Adamson had a daughter, Victoria April, on August 14, 2004.

Osa Arnold is teaching in Japan through the JET program.

Amy Birr completed her degree from the Illinois Coll. of Optometry, Chicago, and is now an optometrist with Tom Sowash, O.D. & Associates, Mesa, Ariz.

Deborah Bliss is a graduate student in sociology and women's studies at Northern Illinois Univ., DeKalb.

Megan Brandt received the master's degree in social work from Washington Univ., St. Louis. She is a school based therapist with Vera French Community Mental Health Center, Davenport.

Jeremy Bratt is a legislative assistant for U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Brock married **Jennifer Neuherz '01** on December 27, 2003.

Rhonda Brown married Chad Sowards on June 5, 2004.

Christopher Buchach received the M.D. degree from the Univ. of Iowa Coll. of Medicine, Iowa City. He is now a resident in radiology at the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Area Medical Center.

Roger Bussan had a daughter, Katherine Elyse, on April 7, 2004 (*Margaret*).

David Butts teaches in the mathematics department at Loyola Academy, Wilmette, Ill.

Carolyn Carter received the master's degree in educational administration from Governor's State Univ., Univ. Park, Ill.

Ryan Casey is the St. Edward's Hall dir. at St. Mary's/Univ. of Minnesota, Winona.

Jason Clark received the M.D. degree from the Univ. of Iowa Coll. of Medicine, Iowa City. He is now an orthopaedic surgery resident at Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Fla.

Nikki Cross is a lender representative for GB Home Equity, St. Louis.

Kristine Dechter received the M.Ed. degree in school psychology from Loyola Univ., Chicago.

Julie Ebert received the doctor of optometry degree from Ohio State Univ., Columbus. She is an optometrist at Medford (Wis.) Eye Clinic.

Nathan and Sara Kruse '99 Fierce had a daughter, Cecelia, on June 10, 2004 (Samuel, 8, Cedric, 3).

Nicole Pehle Gant is a web content specialist at Modern Woodmen of America, Rock Island.

Erin Rathke Hemminger had a daughter, Alexis Genevieve, on May 5, 2004 (*Thomas*).

Greg Janicki married Jane Battern on May 1, 2004. Greg is a physical therapist at SportsMed/Wheaton Orthopaedics, Carol Stream, Ill.

Linnae Johnson is a quality technician at Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago.

Misty Johnson married Steve Meinig on September 18, 2004.

Rebecca Ahlgren Knox had a daughter, Addison Ruth, on December 8, 2003 (*Kevin*).

Jordan Lauhon is a graduate assistant at the Center for Latin American Studies, Indiana Univ., Bloomington.

Brad Lott had a daughter, Olivia Paige, on June 21, 2004 (*Joy*).

Kristine Mace married **Mike Erlandson '99** on June 5, 2004. She received the M.D. degree from Southern Illinois Univ. School of Medicine, Springfield, and is now an internal medicine resident at the Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha.

Karen Malone married Miguel Gonzalez on August 2, 2003. Her private practice for children, Central Reading and Speech Clinic, is in Long Grove, Ill.

Michael Marquess is an assistant county attorney for Marshall County, Iowa.

Jennifer VanSickle Matsui received the M.B.A. degree in international marketing and finance from DePaul Univ., Chicago. She and her husband, Atsushi, spent four months traveling through 13 countries in Asia.

Craig Mawdsley is a physical therapist in Chicago.

Noelle Midlock is a speech-language pathologist for the Wheaton (Ill.) School District.

Kristin Mulconrey Miller received the doctor of dental medicine degree from Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale. She practices dentistry in Columbia, Ill.

Todd Mueller married **Cindy Chinlund '01** on September 25, 2004.

Sheryl Neese is a senior associate at Discover Financial Services, Riverwoods, Ill.

Kristi Nelsen is a physical therapist at Performing Arts Physical Therapy & Pilates Studio of Los Angeles in West Hollywood.

Julia O'Donnell is dir. of publications for the American Association of Law Libraries, Chicago.

Mindy Thornton Olson is program analyst for the Department of Defense at the Rock Island Arsenal.

Brian and Amy Caudle '02 Oster had a son, Isaac Brian, on June 12, 2004.

Lindsay Patterson married Karl Pennings on July 3, 2004.

Brandi Phernetton married Chad Smith on September 4, 2004. She received the doctor of chiropractic degree from Logan Coll. and started a practice with her husband in Oakdale, Minn.

Nick Popoli married Jennifer Doleva on August 22, 2004. Nick has been promoted to district sales manager for Cape Cod and Rhode Island at Toyota Motor Sales, Mansfield, Mass.

Derek Port has been promoted to head athletic trainer and adjunct faculty at Campbellsville (Ky.) Univ.

Michelle Schultz married Chris George on July 18, 2003.

Megan Schwartz is a K-5 reading teacher in Weston, Fla.

Abby Hodge Stickell is an NAT bench tech at the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, Davenport.

Stephen Stumpf has been promoted to GAIN project coordinator of training and development at Chestnut Health Systems, Bloomington, Ill.

Cheryl Sula is an inside sales representative at Motorola, Schaumburg, Ill.

Kate VanKerrebroeck married Kevin Reed on September 11, 2004.

Heather Wright married **Charles Haben '99** on November 20, 2004.

Augustana calling



Kevin Wright is at NCI as a health science analyst in the office of science planning and assessment.

Kim Wyma received the master's degree in elementary education from St. Xavier Univ., Chicago.

2001

Natalie Groot Assell is a school psychologist for the Arlington Heights (Ill.) School District.

Mark Behrens married **Erika Krouth '99** on October 25, 2003.

John and Jennifer Roderick Bigler had a son, Jack Roderick, on June 13, 2004 (Erin, 1).

Robert Budach received the master's degree in leadership from North Central Coll., Naperville, Ill., and currently works for the Japan Exchange & Teaching (JET) Program.

Maggie Capettini received the master's degree in teaching from Dominican Univ., River Forest, Ill. She teaches art at Old Orchard Junior High School, Skokie, Ill.

Mark Carter received the J.D. degree from Loyola Univ. School of Law, Chicago.

Cindy Chinlund married **Todd Mueller '00** on September 25, 2004.

Michael Cripe is owner/manager of Whitmore Ace Hardware, Manteno, Ill.

Jessica Crompton is an engineer with Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, Ill.

Nancy Rundquist Deaton is a graduate student at the Univ. of Illinois, Champaign.

Twanna Rayborn Edwards is a personal lines supervisor at State Farm Insurance, Bloomington, Ill.

Erica Fleck is an audiologist at MicroTech, Plymouth, Minn.

Melissa French works for Deloitte & Touche, Boston.

Linda Gabreleski married Jason Breitenstein on September 11, 2004. She received the doctor of chiropractic degree from National Univ. of Health Sciences.

Gina Gallo is an environmental risk reviewer with Bank One Corporation, Chicago.

Elizabeth Potter Isaak had a son, Nicholas Herman, on October 6, 2004 (*Craig*).

Kerry Johnson is catering coordinator at the Drake Hotel, Chicago.

Sarah Kivisto is a graduate student in social work at the Univ. of Iowa.

Emily Klehm married Bryan Gruszka on July 31, 2004.

Evan Kuchar is a teaching assistant and experimental music studio assistant at the Univ. of Iowa.

Angela Granet Lynch is a speech language pathologist for the Riverdale School District, Port Byron, Ill.

Katie Malone is a loan officer at Primary Residential Mortgage, Baltimore.

Janel Matousek received the master's degree in speech pathology from Northern Arizona Univ., Flagstaff.

Todd Mollan received the J.D. degree from DePaul Univ. Law School, Chicago.

Nicole Nelson is a physician assistant in Lone Tree, Colo.

Jennifer Neuherz married **Andrew Brock '00** on December 27, 2003.

Lisa Nold received the master's degree in education from the Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham. She is now a certified athletic trainer at HealthSouth, Birmingham.

Stacey Payne is a research associate at Children's Memorial Research Center, Chicago.

Matthew Quinones married **Gwendolyn Illing '03** on October 23, 2004.

Norman Ralph is a surveillance investigator at the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Shannon Ratliff married **Brandon Wold '02** on July 17, 2004.

Erin Roerkohl Roth teaches third grade for North Boone School District, Poplar Grove, Ill.

Kim Sinnott teaches at Maine Township High School, Des Plaines, Ill.

Brad Slupianek is a social science teacher and coach at LaSalle-Peru (Ill.) Township High School.

Jennifer King Sondgeroth is a speech-language pathologist at Mississippi Bend AEA, Bettendorf, Iowa.

Nathan Sondgeroth received the J.D. degree from the Univ. of Iowa. His is an attorney with Hopkins & Huebner, Davenport.

Stephen Spieth and Jessica Wermers were married on October 11, 2003. Stephen is a unit supervisor and therapist at a residential treatment center in Streamwood, Ill.; Jessica is a therapist at the Burnham (Ill.) Group Home.

Laura Sprague is a project dir. at Ipsos-Insight, Chicago.

Christopher Sweet married **Cara Fiorello '99** on May 1, 2004.

Amy Tirnenstein married Brad Buerck on December 27, 2003. Amy is a retirement plan specialist with TPA Services, Aurora, Colo.

If you get a call from one of the students who take part in the AugieConnect program, you might want to strike up a conversation. Chances are, you'll find something in common with the person on the other end of the line.

Jenna Danielson '07 had a chance to speak with the charter president of her Delta Chi sorority. And Jill Bazan, also a sophomore, was able to chat with a snowbound alum last winter who was acquainted with someone from her hometown of Yorkville, Illinois.

While the purpose of the program is to generate gifts for the Augustana Fund—which helps fill the substantial gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating each Augustana student—the AugieConnect program also offers an opportunity to swap stories with a current student.

"We encourage alumni to share Augustana memories, as well as recent news in their lives, when our students call," says Patty Besch '78 Huff, who coordinates the program in the Development Office. She says nearly two-dozen students make calls on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, in which they contact both alumni and parents to update records, share campus news and request gifts for the Augustana Fund.

And if you've joined the "Do Not Call" registry, please don't be upset with the student calling. He or she isn't privy to that information, since the national list is not extended to non-profit organizations.

Kelly Vipond is a speech-language pathologist with the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County, Naperville, Ill.

Jennifer Walsh received the master's degree in education and leadership from St. Xavier Univ., Chicago.

Anne Williams received the master's degree in theology from Iliff School of Theology and is now minister of education at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline, Ill.

Brent Wilson received the master of music degree from Boston Univ., and is now manager of production and performance at the university's School of Music.

2002

Carrie Armentrout married James Lundgren on May 1, 2004.

Todd Baldwin married **Emily Malinsky '04** on June 25, 2004.

Jenna Benz-Dean married Rob McCarthy on July 24, 2004. She attends the Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison.

John Berek is an associate scientist at Abbott Laboratories, Irving, Texas.

Elizabeth Melnyk Bunchman received the master's degree in biology from Southern Illinois Univ., Edwardsville.

Amanda Cole is a pediatric registered nurse at Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

Jeffrey Coulter has been promoted to front end advisor at the corporate headquarters of Menards, Eau Claire, Wis.

Kashaundra Gaston is a legal assistant in the law offices of Tracie R. Porter, Chicago.

Corinne Gorskey is a culinary arts student at Johnson and Wales Univ., Providence, R.I.

Kate Grafelman is a case manager with Family Resources, Davenport.

April Schaefer Hama teaches math (grades 7-12) for the Burlington (Iowa) Catholic Schools.

Ryan Hancock is a mental health associate at Methodist Medical Center, Peoria.

Maximilian Hecht married Courtney Rae on May 29, 2004. He serves in the U.S. Army Reserves and attends the Univ. of Illinois Coll. of Medicine, Peoria.

Kathy Hitz married Robert Collins on August 7, 2004. She is a band dir. in Harvard, Ill.

Gennifer Jackson received the master's degree in journalism from Columbia Coll., Chicago.

Phil Kiraly is superintendent of recreation for the Norridge (Ill.) Park District.

Liz Koch received the master's degree in Latin American studies from the Univ. of Arizona.

Carrie Kokoska had a son, Ethan, in September 2003 (*Scott*).

Patricia Krolik attends massage therapy school in Davenport.

Stephanie Landis married Jan Lehrmann on August 2, 2003.

Justin List received the M.Div. degree from Yale Univ. Divinity School. He is a 2004-2005 fellow at the Institute of Ethics of the American Medical Association, Chicago.



They say it takes a while for Swedes to warm up. Jason Williams toured the Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences, where he bumped into this bust of 18th-century botanist—and national hero—Carl von Linné.

A Nobel night

Research into the potential ramifications of an invasive species of zooplankton helped earn **Jason Williams '04** an unforgettable experience at December's Nobel Prize ceremonies in Stockholm.

Williams won the Glenn T. Seaborg Nobel Travel Award from the Swedish Council of America, which earned him a spot at the Stockholm International Youth Science Seminar (SIYSS), held each year in conjunction with the Nobel ceremonies. He becomes the fifth Augustana graduate to win the award since Ellen Eliason '79 Kisker was honored following her senior year.

After a full week of extensive touring, meeting Nobel laureates and sharing their work with participating scholars from around the globe, the 21 young scholars from 16 nations donned tuxes and ball gowns for the big night. Williams says they knew they were in for a special treat when a flotilla of limousines rolled up to their youth hostel.

"When we pulled up to City Hall, the doors were opened for us and we stepped out to find hundreds of people. Flash bulbs popped as we walked up the steps—of course no one knew who we were, but we certainly looked important!" Williams says.

"The Nobel Banquet, which followed the ceremonies, was spectacular. I can't imagine how much money my body ingested that night." (To get an idea, you can see a 15-minute video at nobelprize.org.) After dinner in the ornate Blå Hallen, he thought things couldn't possibly get better. But they did. Next up was the Nobel Nightcap, open only to Nobel laureates, their guests, 200 Swedish college students chosen by lottery, and the SIYSS participants.

"It was as if they took the Science Building—only much bigger—and gave every room a theme. There was a disco room, a casino room, a swing band room, a smoking room with free cigars, a lounge singer room, a traditional Swedish dancing room, a glögg room, a gingerbread room, a forest room, a pyrotechnics room, a room with a pond and a guy wearing only a leaf playing the violin. We were all there until 6 a.m., meeting Swedish college students, congratulating the laureates, and just trying to take in the whole surreal experience."

Williams is now back in the real world, which means graduate school at SUNY-Syracuse, where he's continuing his study of zooplankton.

Adam Michels is a speech-language pathologist at Lakewood Creek Elem. School, Montgomery, Ill.

Kristin Miller is human resource recruiter at Fairfield Resorts, Hazleton, Pa.

Anthony Navarro completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Kevin O'Rourke and Susan Struck were married on July 2, 2004.

Brian '00 and Amy Caudle Oster had a son, Isaac Brian, on June 12, 2004.

Patricia Pashazadeh is dir. of admissions for the Career Education Corporation, Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Amanda Read is an IT deployment analyst at Country Insurance and Financial Services, Bloomington, Ill.

Caroline Skaggs Sallee is a graduate student at the Univ. of Michigan.

Craig Smith is an environmental scientist at Seneca, Bettendorf, Iowa.

Heide Westblade received the master's degree in social work from the Univ. of Illinois, Champaign.

Joel Wietfeldt is a student at Southern Illinois Univ. School of Medicine, Carbondale.

Carolyn Wilson received the master's degree from Stanford Univ. She teaches ninth grade English at Hillsdale High School, San Francisco.

Brandon Wold married **Shannon Ratliff '01** on July 17, 2004.

Michelle Wombold married William Meuer on July 16, 2004.

Erin Young married Michael Stoneking on June 19, 2004. Erin is a medical student at the Univ. of Illinois, Chicago.

2003

Wendy Legler Anderson is an operations analyst at Baxter, Deerfield, Ill.

Kami Batterton teaches first grade for the Pekin (Ill.) School District.

Jeremy Blair married **Abigail Brekke '04** on November 13, 2004.

Traci Brooks is employed by LifeWorks NW, Portland, Ore.

Kyle Carlsson married Sarah Weed on July 24, 2004.

Jason Charlton and Julie Miller were married on April 24, 2004. Jason is employed by American Intercontinental Univ., Hoffman Estates, Ill.; Julie is employed by First Health Corp., Downers Grove.

Missy Dappen is an occupational therapy student at Washington Univ., St. Louis.

Marianne Froehlich married Chris Neidhart on September 4, 2004.

Abby Gilliam works in audit services at Deloitte & Touche, Davenport.

Mikhail Giza is an administrative program specialist for the U.S. Army Field Support Command, Rock Island.

David Gonzalez is a substance abuse counselor at Human Skills and Resources, Tulsa, Okla.

Lucas Goucher is commercial loan officer at American Bank and Trust Co., Elburn, Ill.

Kristina Hanson attends Marquette Univ. Law School, Milwaukee.

Gwendolyn Illing married **Matthew Quinones '01** on October 23, 2004.

Rebecca Ince teaches eighth grade English for the Sherrard (Ill.) School District.

Meghan Keefe married Jeff Nygren on August 14, 2004.

Sarah Laughlin is a commercial debt specialist at TBF Financial, Deerfield, Ill.

Abbi Leman is a copy editor with *The Wall Street Transcript*, New York.

Beth Lentz received the master's degree in Latin American Studies from George Washington Univ. and now serves as a Peace Corps volunteer in San Juan Cotzal, Guatemala.

Lindsay MacLennan works for General Motors as an area sales manager.

Alexander Maidak and Sarah O'Hern were married on June 11, 2004. Alexander is an infrastructure analyst at Deere & Co., Moline.

Emily Meadows is float coordinator at REM Wisconsin, Janesville.

Blair Mott is an accountant with Manning & Company, Denver.

Austin Morgan married **Rebecca Schubkegel '04** on May 1, 2004.

Peter Nemeč was a summer intern in Brussels, Belgium, in the Cabinet of the President of the EU Committee of the Regions.

Heather Pilcher married Joshua Stocking on October 16, 2004. She is sales coordinator for Holiday Inn, Bettendorf, Iowa.

Heather Polito married Andrew Gail on June 5, 2004.

Zak Protzman is business development manager at Office Max Corp., DePere, Wis.

Joshua Raabe is a graduate student at the Univ. of Wisconsin, Stevens Point.

Michelle Rambo married Donald Harrison on May 21, 2004.

Mary Rudakas is internet services coordinator at RGC Communications, Roselle, Ill.

Heather Rusch is assistant dir. of alumni relations at Augustana.

Pamela Smith teaches fifth grade at Centennial Christian School, Seoul, Korea.

Sara Smith is human resources administrator for Crate & Barrel, Naperville, Ill.

Jennifer Stieve works for the Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, St. Paul.

Amy Tatro teaches Spanish at Joliet West (Ill.) High School.

Jordana Taylor received the master's degree in teaching (museum education) from George Washington Univ., Washington, D.C. She is program coordinator, professional development opportunities for teachers, at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Elena Terronez is a member service representative at Deere Harvester Credit Union, Moline.

Holli Trimble is evidence custodian for U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Memphis.

Stephanie Tromblee married Richard Lindquist on September 25, 2004. She is a voice teacher at Minooka (Ill.) High School.

Kristen Vogel is a graduate student in genetic counseling at the Univ. of Pittsburgh.

Margot Wallace is acquisitions editor at Publications International, Lincolnwood, Ill.

Elizabeth Weber is a support and training specialist in the ITS department at Augustana.

Jason Wroble teaches high school social studies and coaches fresh-soph boys basketball for the Chadwick-Milledgeville (Ill.) School District.

2004

Jon Aagaard is employed at Claymore Securities, Wheaton, Ill.

Waseemuddin Ahmed attends the Univ. of Iowa Coll. of Medicine, Iowa City.

Stephanie Allewalt serves in AmeriCorps as a neighborhood planner in Baltimore.

Tamara Arntzen is a graduate student at the Univ. of Denver.

Leslie Austin teaches in the Osceola County School System, Kissimmee, Fla.

Paul Bailie attends the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Anthony Barnhart is a visiting research specialist at the Univ. of Illinois, Chicago.

Michael Bartlett is a computer analyst at ProLink Services, Vienna, Va.

Randall Bill attends the Univ. of Illinois, Champaign.

David Blair is an auditor with McGladrey & Pullen, Davenport.

Tracey Bohn is a graduate student at Barry Univ., Miami Shores, Fla.

Jeffrey Boyer teaches math and coaches at Rochelle (Ill.) Township High School.

Abigail Brekke married **Jeremy Blair '03** on November 13, 2004. She is a general music teacher for the Skokie/Morton Grove (Ill.) School District.

Genis Bullock is an outdoor educator at White Pines Ranch, Oregon, Ill.

Meredith Burge attends Southern Illinois Univ. School of Medicine, Springfield.

Beth Burzynski is assistant dir. of admissions at Northern Illinois Univ., DeKalb.

Jeffrey Buth is a graduate student at the Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Anne Cameron attends Denver Career Coll.

Brook Carlson attends Black Hawk Coll. and is employed at Kohl's, Moline.

Kristen Cerone teaches for the Wheaton (Ill.) School District.

David Cihak is a graduate student at Northern Illinois Univ., DeKalb.

Christopher Coon attends Drake Univ. Law School, Des Moines.

Bruce Cross is a listed error specialist-operations at A.G. Edwards & Sons, St. Louis.

Sarah Cunningham is a graduate student in speech pathology at Northern Illinois Univ., DeKalb.

Shay Cunningham is a graduate student at Loyola Univ., Chicago.

John Curiale and Nicole Imm were married on June 19, 2004.

Jennifer Curtis is an associate auditor at Liberty Mutual Insurance, Wichita, Kan.

Jodie Daley is a LOMA analyst at Michael Baker Engineering, Lakewood, Colo.

Timothy Diehl is an account representative at Canon, Downers Grove, Ill.

Callyn Dittmar attends Palmer Coll. of Chiropractic, Davenport.

Ethan Douglass is a financial associate for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Downers Grove, Ill.

Justin Duff is the web department head at PMT Advertising, Frankfort, Ill.

Heather Dvorak is a marketing associate for the Institute of Earth Sciences and Technology, Rolling Meadows, Ill.

Anna Eaton is a speech pathology student at Rush Univ., Chicago.

Mary Eisemann attends the Univ. of Illinois, Champaign.

Alice Reid Elder is a choir dir. at Still Middle School, Aurora, Ill.

Justin Elder is an intern with Young Life, Naperville, Ill.

Stacie Engstrom attends Illinois Coll. of Optometry, Chicago.

Erin Falb is a deputy with the McHenry County Sheriff's Department, Woodstock, Ill.

Lauren Farley is an elementary school teacher at the Center for InterAmerican Studies, Cuenca, Ecuador.

Karen Flint is an admissions counselor at Augustana.

Andrew Frye and Jennifer Andras were married on June 12, 2004. Andrew is a financial analyst at Country Bank, Aledo, Ill.

Janine Gajewski is a staff accountant at Golub and Company, Chicago.

Manda Geerts is a graduate student at Eastern Illinois Univ., Charleston.

Jennifer Geighes is a graduate student at Aurora (Ill.) Univ.

Jill Granet has been accepted as a trumpet player with the U.S. Army Bands and is enrolled at the Armed Forces School of Music, Norfolk, Va. Upon completion of her studies, she will be stationed with an Army Band in Germany.

Laura Guderyahn attends Ball State Univ., Muncie, Ind.

Megan Haggard is a management trainee at Farmer's National Bank, Prophetstown, Ill.

Megan Halpin is a sales representative at Canon Business Solutions, Chicago.

Jonathan Hand is assets protection team leader for the Target Corp., Bloomington, Ill.

Emily Hanger teaches K-12 vocal music for the Cambridge (Ill.) School District.

Megan Hansen is assistant manager at Ann Taylor Loft, Algonquin, Ill.

Lindsay Harden is a marketing assistant at O'Keefe Henry Direct, Highland Park, Ill.

L'Erin Harmon attends Indiana Univ., Bloomington.

Julie Haronik is information technology manager at Blackhawk State Bank, Milan.

Alexandra Harrison is district executive with the Boy Scouts of America, Davenport.

Jessica Harrison is an assistant residence hall dir. at the Univ. of Texas, Arlington.

Scott Heisel is an associate editor for *Alternative Press Magazine*, Cleveland.

Allison Hengesh is an instructional assistant in special education at Glenbard West High School, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Patrick Hinsberger is an accountant in financial reporting at Equity Residential, Chicago.

Amber Hoffmann is a naturalist/instructor with the YMCA of Greater New York, Huguenot.

Edward Holub attends the Univ. of Illinois Coll. of Veterinary Medicine, Champaign.

Christopher Hoy is a physical therapy student at Washington Univ., St. Louis.

Sarah Humbert is a graduate student in physical therapy at the Univ. of Iowa.

Lauren Ireland attends the Univ. of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

Aaron James attends Yale Divinity School.

Nina Jansson is a teaching assistant at the Moog Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis.

Christopher Johnson married Dayna Smoljo on October 30, 2004. He is a software engineer at Medremote, Inc., Westmont, Ill.

Mary Ella Kenefake attends Chicago Medical School, North Chicago.

Aaron Kivisto is a graduate student at Illinois State Univ., Normal.

Anne Kotleba is a volunteer with AmeriCorps in Sacramento, Calif.

Kristin Krueger teaches seventh and eighth grade Spanish at St. James, Arlington Heights, Ill.

Jennifer Lazarz is a graduate student in music at the Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Joshua Lee is a dental assistant for **Dr. Glen Emler '77** in Rock Island.

Brett Lewis is senior investment assistant for Bank of Montreal/Harris Bank, Chicago.

Barbara Link is a financial lender/credit manager for Wells Fargo Financial, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Anne Livengood teaches Spanish for the Woodland Middle School District, Gurnee, Ill.

Woody Loverude is a graduate student in the creative writing program at New York Univ.

Rachel Lux is a graduate student in journalism at Boston Univ.

Kevin Mahoney attends Washington Univ., St. Louis.

Kristin Maki is risk management analyst at Wells Fargo Financial, Des Moines.

Emily Malinsky married **Todd Baldwin '02** on June 25, 2004. Emily teaches English at St. Charles (Ill.) North High School.

Jennifer Mendenhall attends Rush Univ., Chicago.

Adam Miller is a corporate finance analyst at Affiliated Computer Services, Dallas.

Melinda Miller is a marketing assistant at Prudential Financial, Naperville, Ill.

Samuel Mills attends the Illinois Institute of Art, Chicago.

Kristin Missavage is a design assistant at Centex Homes, Elgin, Ill., and is on the Chicago LuvaBulls squad.

Stacey Muren is a business analyst with Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Ryan Murphy attends Marquette Univ. Dental School, Milwaukee.

Lucas Murray is a human resource analyst with Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Lindsay Naumes is a business analyst with Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Kimberly Nelson teaches fifth grade at St. Paul's Elem. School, Davenport.

Jillian Ostrowski teaches fourth grade at Westchester (Ill.) Intermediate School.

Jennifer Smith Paul is a contract specialist at the Rock Island Arsenal.

Jill Pearson married Matthew Walsh on December 27, 2003.

Elizabeth Pepke is manager of Walgreen's, Cary, Ill.

Erin Perenchio attends National Louis Univ., Evanston, Ill.

Angela Peters is a graduate student in speech pathology at Eastern Illinois Univ., Charleston.

Charles Peters teaches general music at Northern Granville Middle School, Oxford, N.C.

Eva Peterson is a planner with the City of Davenport.

Jessica Petkus is a language arts teacher at Kaneland Middle School, Maple Park, Ill.

Jennifer Petrie attends Palmer Coll., Davenport.

Kendra Petrie is a graduate student in speech pathology at Northern Illinois Univ., DeKalb, Ill.

Jacob Piehl attends Northwestern School of Law, Portland, Ore.

Laura Pilato is territory sales and marketing associate at G & K Services, Davenport.

Allison Pippen is a leasing consultant with Lincoln Properties, Bolingbrook, Ill.

Maria Quintero married Brian Peterson on May 29, 2004.

Erin Rakoczy is staff accountant and financial analyst for Sherman Health Systems/Accountemps, Elgin, Ill.

Daniel Raupp is a manager trainee at Wells Fargo Financial, Moline.

Stephanie Rednour is employed in accounts payable at the Springfield Armory, Geneseo, Ill.

Sara Rerucha teaches at Holy Trinity School, Westmont, Ill.

Scott Rice is prevention and education specialist for Friends of Battered Women and Their Children, Chicago.

Tina Rivera is an Americorps volunteer working at the Center for Urban School Improvement, Chicago.

Ryan Ruud is a credit analyst at MB Financial, Chicago.

Kelly Sabo attends Capital Univ. Law School, Columbus, Ohio.

Megan Santee is a special project representative at Label Master, Chicago.

Kelly Sarlina is a graduate student in speech pathology at the Univ. of Wisconsin, Stevens Point.

Corrie Schlottman is employed by Presulti Laboratories, Arlington Heights, Ill.

Rebecca Schubkegel married **Austin Morgan '03** on May 1, 2004.

Christina Seaba is an analyst at ConocoPhillips, Bartlesville, Okla.

Julia Selzer is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Pfizer, Bloomington, Ill.

Natalie Shafer is a campus ministry intern with Campus Crusade for Christ, Indianapolis, Ind.

Braxton Showalter is a graduate student at the Indiana Univ. Kelley School of Business, Bloomington.

Matthew Simcock is a business analyst with Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Cheryl Sinibaldo married Michael Fundakowski on September 5, 2004.

Allison Skorich is resource management technician with the Forest Preserve District of Will County, Joliet, Ill.

Eric Slattery is an information technology specialist with the U.S. Army Research, Development & Engineering Command, Rock Island.

Jennifer Sloggett attends Illinois Coll. of Optometry, Chicago.

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Deaths

(notice received as of Dec. 15, 2004)

Margaret Klouser '26 Aultman on November 26, 2004.

Clarence H. Nelson '32 on February 9, 2004.

Betty Stengel '32 Scherer on August 16, 2004.

Abbott W. LaGrelus '33 on August 13, 2004.

Carolyn Soderstrom Leland Miller '33 on November 29, 2004.

Leone Stokes '34 Stamer on July 22, 2004. Her husband, Edward, survives her.

Bernice Case '36 Hammer in December 2003.

E. Lucile Zwicker '36 Nightingale on November 5, 2004. Survivors include her husband, Raymond '38.

Edward C. Schoede '36 on July 30, 2004. Among survivors is his wife, Louise.

June Johnson '37 Guettel on June 6, 2004. Her husband, Charles, survives her.

James V. Montgomery '37 on June 23, 2004. His wife, Mildred, survives him.

Edward A. Moe '38 on July 11, 2004. Survivors include his son, David Moe '69.

Charlotte J. Odman '38 on September 14, 2004.

Lyman W. Johnson '39 on August 23, 2004.

David L. Vikner '39 on April 22, 2003. His wife, Ann, survives him.

Oscar Gustafson '41 on October 19, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Helen Horberg '39 Gustafson.

Ethel Pearson '42 Anderson on October 31, 2004.

Dorothy M. Milton '42 on November 13, 2004. Survivors include her brother, John Milton '52.

Jesse K. Wheeler, Jr., husband of Virginia "Penny" Penniston '43 Wheeler, on November 12, 2004.

Christena Lindborg '44 Schlundt on September 22, 2004. Her husband, Howard, survives her.

Kenneth R. Johnson '45 on August 1, 2004. His wife, Barbara, survives him.

Allan O. Pfnister '45 on October 13, 2004. His wife, Helen, survives him.

Marilynn Somerson '46 Ekdahl on July 25, 2004.

R. Vernon Pearson '46 on September 1, 2004.

Lyndon Murk '47 on October 3, 2004.

Alex Pesses '48 on September 14, 2004.

Laverne W. Johnson '49 in December 2003.

Mary Moorehead Olson '49 on July 9, 2004. Survivors include her husband, Joseph.

Dorothy "D.A." Koch '50 Bjornson on October 10, 2004 (see *In memoriam*).

Elbert Smick '50 on December 3, 2004.

Mallie M. Williams '50 on June 10, 2004. His wife, Lorraine, survives him.

Stina Berglund '50 Wimmer on October 23, 2004. She is survived by her husband, George Wimmer '50.

Dorothy Basala '51 Frazier on November 9, 2004.

Eugene Chinal, husband of Joan Winters '52 Chinal, on December 6, 2004.

Robert L. Nelson '51 on September 4, 2004. Survivors include his wife, Patience.

David W. Swanson '52 on July 18, 2004. Among survivors is his wife, Lois Rasmussen '53 Swanson; sister, Ruth Swanson '39 Farley; and brother, Alan Swanson '56.

Howard J. Hunter '53 in August 2004.

Curt E. Ostrom '53 on October 30, 2004. His wife, Carol, survives him.

Joann Dierksen '54 Martin on July 11, 2004. Survivors include her husband, Donald.

Phyllis I. Pearson '54 on June 3, 2004.

Donald J. McNeil '55 on July 19, 2004. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Bennett '54 McNeil.

Dean Wessel, husband of Katherine Ettla '55 Wessel, on August 16, 2004.

Burton D. Strand '58 on August 1, 2004. Among survivors is his wife, Beverly; son, Paul Strand '79; and daughter, Christine Strand '82 Nurmi.

Elizabeth Lindholm Betts '60 on July 10, 2004. Her husband, Wally, survives her.

Carolyn Ekdahl Wylie '60 on November 13, 2004. Her husband, Deane, survives her.

Maynard W. Linn, Jr. '62 on September 24, 2004. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Turnquist '63 Linn, and sister, Carolyn Linn '59 Blight.

Ralph W. Hansen, husband of Alvina Meyer '65 Hansen, on October 19, 2004. (see *In Memoriam*).

Clifford F. Lundeen '65 on December 5, 2004. His wife, Margie, survives him.

Mildred Kalas '65 Schmidt on October 27, 2004. She is survived by her husband, Ervin.

David L. Peterson '66 on August 27, 2004. Survivors include his son, Soren '95.

Jill Riverdahl '70 Brown on September 6, 2004. Survivors include her husband, Joel, former music department instructor, and daughter, Erika '06.

Leslee Carlson '70 LaMere on October 10, 2002.

Linda M. Ingelson '72 on June 17, 2004. She is survived by her sister, Jeannine Ingelson '76.

Murugesu Pillai, husband of Mary Levine '72 Pillai, on August 11, 2004.

Karen Pritz '73 on October 15, 2004. She is survived by her husband, Jayaram Seshadri.

Judy Staubach '74 Deisenroth on September 26, 2004. Her husband, John, survives her.

Robin C. Hoffmann '75 on August 1, 2004.

Randy R. Ziegenhorn '79 on October 22, 2004. Among survivors is his wife, Diane Machatka '79.

John M. Birrell '85 on December 10, 2004. His wife, Ann, survives him.

Jason S. Garrett '02 on July 5, 2004. His father, Dr. Jack Garrett, is associate prof. of education at Augustana. Survivors include his sister, Ali Garrett '04.

In memoriam

As this issue of *Augustana Magazine* goes to press, we have learned of the death of the Rev. Richard Swanson, college chaplain emeritus. Richard Swanson, age 72, died Thursday, March 10, at Trinity Medical Center – West in Rock Island. Alumni and other friends of Augustana are invited to share their memories of "Swanie" through the Augustana website at www.augustana.edu/richardswanson.

D.A. Bjornson, 75

Dorothy Ann "D.A." Koch '50 Bjornson already had a place in Augustana history before joining the faculty in 1961 as a part-time instructor of speech. In 1950, she became the first woman ever to reach the final round of the National Debate Tournament. She and teammate Charles Lindberg '50 came in second that year, in a championship decision that can still start a debate today.

From 1971 to 1979, she served as registrar of the College, and continued teaching until her retirement in 1985. This year, the Augustana Debate Union renamed the top speaker award for its annual tournament in Bjornson's honor. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion. Survivors include her son Chris '78, daughter-in-law Laura Beckman '79 Bjornson, granddaughters Marie '06 and Marta, and sister Ruth Koch '46 Aurelius.

Zilpha Colee, 96

By all accounts, Zilpha Colee was more than able to hold her own among such legendary figures of the postwar English Department as Henriette Naeseth and Traugott Richter. Before coming to Augustana in 1948, she had worked as a schoolteacher, principal and professor in communities in Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri. She retired in 1972, and later made her home in Colorado.

The daughter of one of Colee's closest friends—and a namesake—Zilpha Grooms considered Colee her aunt. She reports Colee sometimes found the Swedes with whom she worked to be a bit stuffy, but held her time at Augustana to have been deeply rewarding. "The feeling was mutual. "She was sometimes the jester of the department, and sometimes its conscience, but we were always better for her being here," says Dr. Don Erickson, professor of English.

Ralph Waldo Hansen, 76

After his ordination in 1951, Ralph Waldo Hansen served churches in California and Iowa before returning to school in 1958 to earn a Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. He came to Augustana in 1961, and was named chair of the Psychology Department in 1964. He organized the Student Counseling Service at Augustana, saw the creation of the Hansen Scholarship in 1986, and became the first holder of the College's Violet Jaeke Professorship in Family Life. He retired in 1993.

Hansen is survived by his wife Alvina Meyer '65 Hansen, who was a longtime leader of Augustana's Red Shoes Pre-Kindergarten program and remains active in early childhood education with the Quad Cities' public television station. Other survivors include children Richard Hansen '71, Gail Hansen '73 Gahn, David Hansen '75, Dennis Hansen '77 and Thea Hansen '88.

Elisabeth Nations, 83

Born in Germany in 1921 and educated at the University of Berlin, Elisabeth Schmidt Nations came to this country in the 1950s and continued her studies at the University of California at Berkeley. She joined the Augustana faculty in 1961, and retired in 1989.

In addition to her work in Augustana's German Department, Nations was instrumental in efforts which led to the establishment of the College's Women's and Gender Studies Program. A longtime member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Nations was twice honored by the local AAUW chapter with the creation of educational grants in her honor. She was preceded in death by her husband, William, and by a sister, Kate Vrooman, who had also made her home in Rock Island.

Final shot



Before iPods... Who needs a stereo, when you've got a piano *and* a euphonium in your room? This shot was taken in the (old) Old Main, which housed students as well as classrooms between 1875 and 1935. The picture was given to Augustana by the late Elmer Petersen '17, at left. It's now part of an online repository of historic images being compiled by Augustana, Davenport's Putnam Museum, the Rock Island Historical Society, and three area public libraries. Visit www.umvphotoarchive.org to view the collection and learn more about the program, which is supported by grants from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust and the State Library of Illinois.



About last time...

Although alumni of various vintages submitted correct identities for many of our mystery mugshots, no one scored 100%. The answers:
1. Dora Rose, 2. Timothy Johnson, 3. Daniel Tsui, 4. Paula Homan,
5. Arthur Puotinen, 6. Seng Rimpakone, 7. Jack Hullett, 8. Al
Bowman, 9. Dorothy Parkander, 10. Tom Benson.