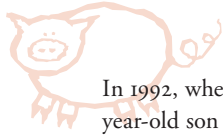




Finding the Perfect Pig

Ossabaw pigs have genes that predispose them to obesity. But if they exercise, they don't become overweight or develop type 2 diabetes and heart disease. Dr. Michael Sturek '79, chair of the Department of Cellular and Integrative Physiology at Indiana University School of Medicine, predicts Ossabaw pigs will provide valuable clues toward preventing cardiovascular disease in people.





In 1992, when Dr. Michael Sturek's three-year-old son was diagnosed with diabetes, Sturek knew cardiovascular disease—a principal problem for diabetics—would be the focus of his research from that day on. He had no clue it would lead him to a desolate island, searching for wild pigs that could hold the key to his research.

Physiologically, pigs are like people. Their coronary circulation system, metabolism and blood lipids are similar to ours. But the wild pigs found on Ossabaw Island off the coast of Georgia are extra special—they're like contemporary people.

Spanish explorers left these pigs on the island about 500 years ago. To survive, the Ossabaw pigs developed genetic traits that enabled them to pig out during the warm months and build up a thick layer of belly fat that they could live off of during winters when the food supply is limited.

Sturek says people also have developed this genotype to survive famine, but in these times of abundant food and little exercise, it can lead to major health problems. This genetic trait in sedentary, obese Ossabaw pigs—and people—can lead to what's called the metabolic syndrome, also known as pre-diabetes. It's characterized by a "beer belly," increased blood glucose, high blood cholesterol and triglycerides, and high blood pressure. Over time, Ossabaw pigs—and people—with this condition are likely to develop type 2 diabetes. And people with excessive obesity and type 2 diabetes are four times more likely to develop heart disease. The same sort of risk factors also apply to the Ossabaws, as their obesity leads to heart disease, but if they remain lean, their coronary arteries remain relatively clean.

Sturek and his colleagues believe that Ossabaws are the perfect laboratory stand-ins for people since the hearts of pigs and humans are nearly identical. "Ossabaw pigs are an excellent animal from which to learn the underlying causes of these diseases and could lead to the development of new therapies to prevent type 2 diabetes and heart disease," he says.

Sturek predicts that:

■ in two to three years, the pigs will provide insights in the use of pancreatic transplants to treat diabetics;

■ in five years, Indiana and Purdue's



This is the Ossabaw's first day back on the treadmill after a stent was placed in a coronary artery. The belt around his chest is a heart monitor. Dr. Michael Sturek and his colleagues will determine whether exercise training can prevent restenosis (renarrowing) of the artery.

Comparative Medicine Program will be studying a pig a day, and researchers will be able to determine which stent prevents certain diseases in coronary arteries;

■ in 10 years, he and his colleagues will have many clues that will lead scientists toward preventing the majority of cardiovascular diseases.

'Let's get these guys'

Sturek had read about Ossabaw pigs in a scientific journal. Then, in the fall of 2001, he heard about the state of Georgia's plan to eradicate the pigs because of their taste for sea turtle eggs, which the state was trying to protect. So, Sturek organized a most unusual rescue expedition.

"Maybe my liberal arts background did make me think open-mindedly about this," Sturek says. "You find some people in science who won't get out of the box... and we really did think out of the box on this one. We just said hey, these pigs are

there. They're what we need. Let's just do this crazy expedition and get these guys."

In one day, Sturek and eight colleagues rounded up and trapped 97 slippery, squealing, wild pigs—with tusks, no less. "They did not want anything to do with us," says Sturek, who was an Academic All-American nose guard on Augustana's football team. "But we wrestled them down, and got a blood sample from each one." The blood sample determined which ones were disease-free and eligible for a new life in Indiana. Of the 97 Ossabaws captured, only 26 made the grade.

Ossabaw Island is a natural wonder with its thick groves of live oaks and palmettos, freshwater swamps and saltwater marshes. Sturek says he'll never forget the experience of confronting the pigs there. "It's an amazing place. I felt like we were standing in Jurassic Park, with the pigs sounding like raptors," he remembers.

Since that day almost five years ago,

Sturek says there's enough data to show that 30 minutes on the treadmill, four days a week, will dramatically reduce a pig's heart disease.

Sturek and his colleagues at Indiana University Medical School have worked with Purdue University scientists to set up the world's only research and large-scale breeding colony of Ossabaw pigs that are certified to express the pre-diabetes genotype and heart disease.

The breeding colony of 150 pigs is housed on the Purdue University campus in West Lafayette, Ind. There the Ossabaws may eat all they want—which they're happy to do. A control group eats a balanced menu with fiber, carbohydrates and protein. They gain weight, but others, whose diet is laced with the high-density trans fats, quickly grow obese.

Every week, usually two Ossabaw pigs make the 70-mile trip from Purdue to Indiana University in a pickup truck with a climate-controlled trailer. Sturek houses 10 pigs at the university's medical center in a kind of intensive-care unit, where the pigs' health is monitored using sophisticated imaging technology.

"Our pig cardiology network is working just wonderfully," Sturek reports. "We have quite definitely shown now that these animals really do mimic humans that develop a kind of pre-diabetes that leads to more coronary vascular disease. And what's amazing is that diabetic

humans have greater difficulties, greater mortality with coronary angioplasty and stent placements, and it turns out these animals also have greater complications—and that's fantastic for our research."

Even when these obese Ossabaws have all the properties of the "pig-out" syndrome, including obesity and heart disease, Sturek says there's enough data to show that 30 minutes on the treadmill, four days a week, will dramatically reduce a pig's heart disease.

Uh, treadmill?

Yes, Sturek's one-of-a-kind facility boasts a treadmill fit for a pig. Originally used at a Shetland pony ranch, the treadmill lets the Ossabaws work out rain or shine—no excuses.

"Pigs teach us how to live. They really do," Sturek says. "Sure, we can come up with drugs to help prevent type 2 diabetes, but the main thing is to stay active and stay lean."

Money in the (piggy) bank

Interest in Ossabaw pigs is on the rise today because of the obesity epidemic in the United States. Since the roundup on the island, the National Institutes of Health has contributed \$1 million or so a year into Sturek's part of the Ossabaw project. Pfizer, Eli Lilly and the American Diabetes Association have underwritten

other aspects of the operation. The state of Indiana has contributed \$2 million.

Sturek reports a relatively new discovery also has been funded for further investigation. Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) is a condition that usually occurs in sedentary, overweight women and may be related to increased insulin production. Obese female Ossabaws are showing a propensity to PCOS.

In addition to the big-picture research on how these animals adapted to their feast and famine environment and mimic people in their propensity to type 2 diabetes, recent evidence shows that a gene mutation may underlie these properties. This one strand of DNA is the same in both humans and pigs, and potentially has the same mutation.

All in the family

Sturek's youngest son, Josh, whose diabetes sparked his father's interest in diabetes-induced coronary artery disease, is now 17. Sturek says his search for answers to help Josh and other diabetics has turned into a family affair. His oldest son Jeff, who graduated from Augustana in 2005, assisted him in one of his Ossabaw research projects. Jeff is now enrolled in the M.D./Ph.D program at the University of Virginia.

When Sturek attended Augustana, he was especially interested in psychology, physical education and biology. In fact, it was an experimental psychology class where "something clicked," and he knew teaching and research would be his career. Augustana is also where Sturek met his wife, Diane Uddenberg '81, an adjunct professor of accounting at Indiana University.

After graduation, Sturek earned a master's in exercise physiology at Purdue, a doctorate in pharmacology at the University of Iowa and a postdoctoral fellowship in membrane physiology at the University of Chicago.

Few pig wrestlers carry those kinds of credentials.

No one said it would be easy. Dr. Michael Sturek (far right) grabs one of 97 wild pigs trapped during a roundup he organized on Ossabaw Island.



Living in a paradoxical light



Composing the score for *after the quake* was a challenge, says koto musician Jeff Wichmann '91. He and his collaborators had to “transpose music of the Beatles, Schubert, Mozart and Debbie Boone, as well as compose a score that involved contemporary stylings with classical western motifs and traditional Japanese music.”

When Jeff Wichmann '91 was introduced to the koto by Augustana koto instructor Dr. Jesse Evans, he didn't see it as many people see it: an ancient Japanese parlor instrument played mainly by women of privilege. He saw an instrument of “limitless creative possibility.” As a theatre, art and Asian studies major, he'd already proven himself a fellow of some imagination. But he never imagined he'd someday combine his knowledge of koto, theatre and Japanese culture in a production at the famous Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago.

The play *after the quake* is director Frank Galati's adaptation of the contemporary Japanese novelist Haruki Murakami's collection of short stories by the same title. Set in modern Tokyo, the five actors play out their roles in relation to each other and as individual parts in the collective psychological response to the devastating Kobe earthquake of 1995. Layered with dream sequences and storytelling, the play relies on rhythm both within the narrative and in the music of a cello, played by Justin McDermott, and the Japanese koto, played by Wichmann.

Wichmann and the cellist are visible on a platform above the stage, dimly lit behind a screen so that only their movements are apparent. The music is integral to the story. It does more than provide background and texture, or signify time's passing. Strummed or plucked or pummeled, depending, the koto illustrates in turn the “honey bear” from a bedtime story and the raucous red district of modern Tokyo; a jaded unloved businessman and happy-go-lucky college pals; pristine focus on a dropping tear, and the roiling horror of an earthquake.



Indeed, “composing the score was a challenge,” says Wichmann. He, McDermott and music director Andre Pluess had to “transpose music of the Beatles, Schubert, Mozart and Debbie Boone, as well as compose a score that involved contemporary stylings with classical western motifs and traditional Japanese music.” He adds, “It's Murakami!”

If it was a challenge, it was handled with the same wild yet serene imagination that made Wichmann see the ancient instrument in a new, paradoxical light: an instrument of old Japan, true, but an instrument that a Midwestern college student of the liberal arts could experiment with and make his own. His gift from his parents when he graduated from Augustana? A koto.

He took that koto with him to Tokyo, where he studied for three years under koto master Kazue Sawai at the Sawai Koto Institute. After earning his advanced koto license, he returned to the States. In Chicago he teaches koto, composes and performs in settings ranging from elementary schools to gigs with his indie rock band, TENKI. He has made three albums with the band, as well as a koto album with his first teacher, Dr. Jesse Evans. Currently he is working on

an album combining koto and trumpet, both played by him. Wichmann and his wife Jeanne-marie Coakley '96—who attended Augustana with Wichmann but returned to graduate a few years later—have a two-year-old son named Charlie. Coakley teaches learning disabled children in the Chicago public schools.

He would like more opportunities to teach koto to children, he says, and “change the notion that the koto can’t sit alongside Western instruments in rock or jazz bands.” Jeff Wichmann is in a good position to do so—his own experience proves that for a young American, the ancient Japanese koto is not out of reach.

—BETH ROBERTS

NOTE: *The Steppenwolf Theatre’s production of after the quake wrapped up in mid-February, and then hit the road for a series of performances at the Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven, Conn. At the time of this writing, the cast and crew were waiting to hear about a run at the Berkeley Repertory Theater* (www.berkeleyrep.org).

Steppin’ out

Since leaving Augustana, Rachel Sondag '02 has been paying her dues, taking understudy roles for small theatre shows in Chicago. But 2005 may prove to be a turning point as Sondag landed her first commercial and was invited to attend the prestigious School at Steppenwolf, an intensive, 10-week summer training residency for professional actors. Applicants audition against actors from across the country to secure one of 25 spaces in the class.

Already this year, Sondag has co-starred with Jim Belushi in *girl*, 20 with Chicago’s Serendipity Theatre Company. She was Jade, a college freshman referred to counseling after writing a sexually explicit essay. Then she played the reserved governess Jane Fairfax in an adaptation of Jane Austen’s *Emma*. In May at Chicago’s Remy Bumppo thinking theatre, Sondag reigns as one of Louis XIV’s lovers in *Power*, set in 17th century France.

“Rachel is an incredibly gifted performer with a wide emotional range,”

says Jeff Coussens, director of Augustana’s Theatre Arts Program. “She is equally at home performing comedy or dramatic works, and she has a great singing voice as well. I have no doubt that Rachel’s dedication, discipline and versatility will take her very far indeed.”

While in college, Sondag performed in seven mainstage shows, and with Opera@Augustana and the Augustana Choir. “I lived at Bergendoff for four years,” she says. “I miss the fine arts community at the bottom of that hill. It’s much lonelier out here.”

Sondag advises those who dream of an acting career to continue taking classes. “Always be working on something and meeting people,” she says. “As soon as you find people you like to work with, find a way to do something—a staged reading or a weekly reading group. Make your own work for yourself.”

Reading, Sondag adds, is vital. “Not just plays but the news and novels so that when you’re not working, you are filling yourself up.”

One of the most valuable lessons she’s learned since college could apply to anyone, whether auditioning for a play or interviewing for a job:

“As I walk into an audition, it’s hard for me to remember that I’m a collaborator in the process.... I have something to bring that they need: my self, my personality, humor, intelligence,” Sondag says. “Training your brain to override the Pavlovian effects of the audition room—clammy hands, sudden loss of IQ points, nervous tics and fake laughs—is not easy. But they don’t want to see how much you need something; they just want to see you. So own it.”

Rachel Sondag '02 plays a college student with a flair for creative writing in *girl*, 20 with Chicago’s Serendipity Theatre Company.

Theatre alumni share memories

Alpha Psi Omega,

Augustana’s national co-ed theatre fraternity, hosted its first theatre reunion in early May. A reception at Bergendoff’s Larson Hall was followed by a viewing of the college’s spring production of *The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard and *Black Comedy* by Peter Shaffer.

A slideshow of photos from past productions was presented at the pre-play reception. Alumni shared memories and talked with current theatre students about their experiences. For those who missed this reunion but would like to know about possible future gatherings, contact Hannah Kalk '07, Alpha Psi Omega alumni chair, at HannahKalk@augustana.edu or (309) 794-2613.





On Stage with a Writer for Dr. Ann Boaden

She's the Emily Dickinson of lyric poetry and prose, the one who knows the discipline and the direction of new dramatics in writing. She's imagination on the loose, enlivened, enlarged like a family photograph where every means of expression counts, and sent forth into the world of letters. No use to look for her under a heavy stack of books. She's always on the page, making lighter moves you wouldn't even believe. She leaves more unsaid, more suggested, than most of us say aloud. She's best in her silence like the sun rising a line at a time, that ribbon of Truth slanted for striking effect. Listen today to this one who always dwells in Possibility and, living there, opens every room for us inside her writing. Her story is her style and, like this award, selects her own Success.

—DICK STAHL '63

Boaden '67 'opens every room for us'

The word is Dr. Ann Boaden '67 was a "shoo-in" after being nominated by her peers for the Salute to Area Authors Author Achievement Award sponsored by the Friends of Davenport Public Library.

"The award was based on Ann's publications, but there's always a factor of volunteerism and contributions to the community," says Connie Heckert '76, an English instructor at Augustana and a former student of Boaden's. "Ann deserved this award because she has served the community of writers in the Quad Cities for her entire career."

In addition to teaching creative writing and literature at Augustana and in local writing workshops, Boaden has published fiction (short stories) and creative non-fiction. With English Department colleague Dr. Karin Youngberg '58, she has collaborated on two young adult novels. She also writes scripts for plays and musicals in which she performs.

"This award means a lot to me because it comes from a writing community that's vigorous and committed to excellence," Boaden says. "And what's especially pleasing is that it honors Augustana and my mentors there, past and present: Doctors Henriette C.K. Naeseth, Dorothy Parkander and Roald Tweet. I'm very grateful."

Former Quad City Poet Laureate Dick Stahl '63 asked to present the award to Boaden, at which time he read his poem written in her honor. His mention of Emily Dickinson refers to a program about the enigmatic poet that Boaden has performed for Augustana classes and community groups the past several years.

Class Notes

(received as of December 22, 2005)

1957

Thomas Bellows published a monograph, *The Republic of China's Legislative Yuan: A Study of Institutional Evolution*. He is professor of political science at the University of Texas, San Antonio, and editor of the *American Journal of Chinese Studies*.

1960

Richard Hill and **Sandra Gustafson Mapes** were married on September 11, 2005.

1964

Patricia Anderson Hutcheson married William McClane on September 10, 2005.

Arthur Smith, attorney with Husch & Eppenger, St. Louis, Mo., is named in *The Best Lawyers in America*, 12th edition, in the areas of cyber law and information technology law.

1965

Faith Nimrod Sherman has retired as librarian at Mercy College of Health Sciences, Des Moines, Iowa.

1967

Barbara Harmsen Herzog is director of the library at the American School in Mexico City, Mexico.

Judith Anderson Kuhagen has been elected chair of the cataloguing section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. She is at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Kathryn Kuhlen wrote the screenplay for the movie *Soldier of God*, which won Best Feature Film at the 2005 Stratford-Upon-Avon International Digital Film Festival and the Grand

Festival Special Recognition Award at the 2005 Berkeley Video & Film Festival.

1968

Bert Hall is managing partner of Strategic Solutions Partners, Orinda, Calif.

Sherry Esposito Kuehnle has retired from the Groveport Madison (Ohio) School District after 35 years.

Mary Kay Valsoano Roberto is vice president of sales at MetaLINCS, Mountain View, Calif.

1969

Bob Carlstrom is director of Navigant Consulting, Inc., Washington, D.C.

1970

Tim Bridge has retired as global medical director of Chevron, San Francisco, Calif.

Signe Larson Gray is interim minister at Glenwood (Minn.) Lutheran Church.

June Peterson has retired from teaching at Thompson School, Rockford, Ill.

1971

Russ Munch has retired as athletic director of Pontiac (Ill.) High School.

Brad Weir has been named president of Kelso-Burnett Co., Wadsworth, Ill.

Jo Ann Gowing Weir has retired from teaching in Buffalo Grove, Ill.

1972

Lyn Whiting became a member of Actors' Equity Association with recent roles in *Zorba the Greek* and *Johnny Guitar* in Carmel, Calif.

1974

William Bruns is band director for the school district of Cheltenham Township, Wyncote, Pa.

William Gamble is principal at Bradley Bourbonnais (Ill.) High School.

Janet Maul Smith is family and community partnerships manager for Ravalli Head Start, Hamilton, Mont.

1975

Lisa Carlson Goodale has been appointed to the Social Work Licensing and Disciplinary Board of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. She is peer services director for the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, Chicago.

Jan Thomas Kinney is employment and compliance coordinator for AMC Theatres, Lenexa, Kan.

1977

Rocco Carbone was named middle school teacher/coach of the year for Denver Public Schools and Cherry Creek Schools, Denver, Colo.

Jeff Frisch is vice president of investments for Oppenheimer & Co., Chicago.

Rick Kestner is athletic director at Pekin (Ill.) High School.

John Yazbec received the Moline Dispatch/Argus Master Teacher Award in 2005. He is a junior high science teacher at Colona (Ill.) Grade School (grades PK-8).

1978

Paul Dennhardt is professor of theatre at Illinois State University and recently directed a fight scene in *Othello*, performed at the Shakespeare Theatre, Washington, D.C.

Steven Gunderson is director of the water quality control division at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver.

1979

Robyn Samuelson Bentley is a real estate broker at Morgan Lane Real Estate, St. Helena, Calif.

Deb Erhart is director of the Upward Bound Program at Lee High School, working through the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, Houston, Texas.

Becky Broin Ernst married Marvin Vreedenburg on May 28, 2005. She is a student at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

Greg Haynie is vice president-client services for Alta Colleges, Inc., Denver, Colo.

1980

Loran Bohman is a nuclear medicine technologist at TTG Nuclear Solutions, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sandy Meier Jagiello teaches pre-school at Messiah Lutheran Preschool & Daycare, Park Ridge, Ill.

David Westman is executive director for Emergency Nurses Association, Des Plaines, Ill.

1981

Sharon Patterson Becker is a program coordinator at the University of Illinois, Champaign.

Ken Paulus is chief operating officer of Allina Hospitals & Clinics, a nonprofit network operating throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

1982

David Heydenberk is a commercial real estate broker with Corporate Real Estate Consultants, Hinsdale, Ill.

Lance Patton is fiscal director of Project Now, Moline, Ill.

William Schneider is with Monogram Food Solutions, Germantown, Tenn.

Kathy Rettig Spence had a son, Timothy Michal, on June 14, 2005 (*Jason*).

1983

Theresa Christoffersen Dunkin is assistant superintendent for the

Aptakisic-Tripp School District, Illinois.

Paul Karazija is medical director, care management at Medica Healthplans, Minnetonka, Minn.

Terence McHugh is an assistant principal for the Township High School District, Palatine, Ill.

1984

Joseph Curtis is curriculum manager at Genesys Telecommunication Labs, Daly City, Calif.

Jan Hoffmann Garland teaches fifth grade at Walcott (Iowa) Elementary School.

Cheryl Hansen has a new CD entitled *iworship (instrumental piano for times of worship)*. She is associate pastor at iWorshipCenter.org and a registered nurse at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, Ill.

Elizabeth Markwald Johnson is program director, Rehab Center for Baptist Health System, San Antonio, Texas.

Cheryl Pivar is with Memorial Healthcare System and a graduate student at the University of Phoenix, Ariz. She is on the advisory board of *Nurses World* magazine.

Debbie Schluter Rollick is corporate events director for the American Heart Association, Southfield, Mich.

Julia Tollenauer Evans is principal at Riverdale Elementary School, Port Byron, Ill.

1985

Mark Anderson is vice president, sales and marketing, at EDG Systems, Atlanta, Ga.

Deanna Call Chew is senior commercial underwriter at Safeco Business Insurance, Phoenix, Ariz.

Christopher Downs is a technical writer at Microsoft, Redmond, Wash.

Tim Hessing is an information technology architect with IBM, Bloomington, Ill.

Ramona Schabel Kitching adopted a daughter, Maya Katherine, on June 7, 2005 (*Jim*; Marcus, 4).

Kathryn Anderson Osbourne is a speech pathologist at Procare 3, Omaha, Neb.

Kay Marie Pitstick Philon is an associate attorney with the law firm of Rammelkamp Bradney, Jacksonville, Ill.

Gary Tofano is director of sales at Worldspan, Acworth, Ga.

Laura Winton is a Ph.D. student in theatre at the University of Minnesota.

1986

Ike Brannon has joined the staff of U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch as chief economic advisor.

Jeffrey Cottingham married Denise Brownlow on August 20, 2005.

Phil Hodgkinson is vice president of property management for McWhinney Enterprises, Loveland, Colo.

Diane Unger Hulan is an instructor for the Broward County (Fla.) School Board.

Mike Plichta works for the U.S. Department of Justice, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Kimberly Giegerich Roessler is the children's librarian at Wauconda (Ill.) Area Library.

John VanSanten is senior vice president for Wellspring Valuation, Chicago.

1987

Kerstin Krippner Cathcart is senior planner for the City of Forest Grove, Ore.

Edward and **Karyn Kerr Elsbury** had a daughter, Amelia Anne, on July 1, 2005 (*Brittany*, 9).

Martin Olsen is a senior exploration geophysicist for Aspect Energy Hungary and is relocating to Budapest.

Jim Porter is vice president, finance and chief financial officer of Riverview Hospital, Noblesville, Ind. He has

earned fellow status in the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

Jennifer Thurber is project manager at Experian, Schaumburg, Ill.

Eric Weems is director of financial aid at Loyola University, Chicago.

1988

Ronald Beltz is deployed as chaplain for 2nd Squadron 6th Cavalry, Longbow Apache Attack Helicopters, Bagram, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 6. He received the Bronze Star Medal during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Suzanne Keane married Keith Corbin on April 23, 2005.

Anne Henry Lawless had a daughter, Grace Alexandra, on September 27, 2005 (*Stephen*; Sam, 7, Jack, 6, Emma, 1).

Bob Russell is a systems engineer with Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Michael Saturnia is vice president of strategic accounts at Kodak, Atlanta, Ga.

Tyrone Singleton is a personal trainer at Fitness Formula, Chicago.

Brian Wegley is principal of Glenbrook South High School, Glenview, Ill.

Brett Williams is president/owner of Element Worx, Oak Park, Ill.

1989

Kavork Hagopian had a daughter, Sosi Yeraz, on May 20, 2005 (*Nairy*; Haig, 2).

Paul Keser received the master's degree in network security from Capitol College, Laurel, Md., and is now a senior network security engineer at Stanford (Calif.) University.

Kimberly Munro is human resources director at the Olympia Resort & Conference Center, Oconomowoc, Wis.

Kathy Zagzebski is president and executive director of the National Marine Life Center, Buzzards Bay, Mass.

1990

Kimberly Ortinau Frazier had a son, Gabriel, on August 19, 2005 (*Wade*).

Julie Holmstrom Frerichs had a daughter, Melina Su, on June 23, 2005 (*Clint*; Lela, 2, Grant, 1).

George Gray is a sales representative with Tiger Direct Corporate Sales, Raleigh, N.C.

Rob Hastings had a daughter, Grace Marie, on February 10, 2004 (*Jennifer*).

Sheli Hicks is a lymphedema therapist at Pacific Physical Therapy, Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Annette Speckhart Kurtzweil is reinsurance program manager at GE Insurance Solutions, Ashland, Va.

M.B. Kwasek is an English professor at Black Hawk College, Moline, Ill.

Kurt Richards is production planner lead at Uponor Wirsbo, Apple Valley, Minn.

Kristen Langner Weslock has opened her own optometric practice in Roselle, Ill.

1991

Robert Affrunti is owner of Affrunti Limo, Manhattan, Ill.

Matthew Brooke received the master's degree in education from American Intercontinental University. He received the National Security Agency Award, a Meritorious Service Medal and a Joint Service Commendation Medal for his military services. He is now Chief, Army Technical Control and Analysis Element in Fort Meade, Md.

Dorie Dettmann won first place in figure skating in the 2005 State Games of America, Colorado Springs, Colo.

She is a price unit associate at K-Mart, Davenport, Iowa.

Annette Kuhel married Burnett Seabrook on August 13, 2005.

Cathy Lindquist is chief financial officer for Added Value in London.

Kelly Polender Miller had sons, Gavin, on June 10, 2004 and Jack, on August 7, 2005 (*Adam*; Nicholas, 3).

Bruce Rundman is a middle school guidance counselor and varsity boys basketball coach for the Baraga (Mich.) Area Schools.

Bradley Swanson is principal of Libertyville (Ill.) High School.

Troy Tady is supervisor for the community information center in King County, Wash.

Tracy Ware is senior media representative at Screenvision Direct, Chicago.

Kevin Werner had a son, Christian William, on April 22, 2005 (*Margaret*). Kevin is vice president of US Finance, Harris Bank, Chicago.

1992

Greg Alderman is a sales consultant with State Farm Insurance, Bloomington, Ill.

Jeremy Barnhart had a son, Tanner Lee, on September 28, 2005 (*Lisa*; Luke, 5, Cooper, 2). Jeremy is managing director of RSM McGladrey's audit and consulting departments, Phoenix, Ariz.

Jennifer Baumann Barry had a son, John Matthew, on October 12, 2005 (*Thomas*; Kate, 3).

Rachel Zimmerman Gustafson had a son, Luke Craig, on December 27, 2005 (*Bill*; Grace, 2).

Kevin and Michelle Knott Harvey had a daughter, Carolyn Anna, on March 1, 2005 (Josh, 10, Allison, 7, and Christina, 2).

Matthew Heidenreiter is market growth and development consultant at Wells Fargo Financial Acceptance, Chester, Pa.

Heidi Hausermann is a board-certified embryologist, andrologist and embryology laboratory director at Sher Institute, Laguna Niguel, Calif.

Kenneth '95 and Melissa Williams Johnson had a son, Rhys Kenneth, on December 6, 2005.

Darla Hagberg Jones had a daughter, Isabella, on September 15, 2005 (*Chad*; Angela, 2).

For the love of art

Debbe Hurt '74 Johnson believes art transforms lives. She's dedicated more than 30 years to the arts both as an art history major during her years at Augustana and currently as an elementary art teacher at Kildeer School District in Long Grove, Ill. It's not surprising that she's also deeply involved in an innovative program called Jump-Start Art.



Debbe Hurt '74 Johnson (with and without hat)

Jump-Start Art works with both private and public agencies in the Chicago area to find families that would benefit from owning a piece of original art, especially those who are moving into a home of their own for the first time.

"Art can make a difference in people's lives," Johnson says. "My mother purchased a painting around the time of my birth. The painting, always in our home, caused me to think, dream and aspire. Today it hangs in my foyer. Through life's many changes, the painting remains."

The idea behind Jump-Start Art developed in 2004 after Johnson and a friend attended the opening of Millennium Park in downtown Chicago. The park's breathtaking plaza, with its 50-foot glass-block towers and reflective chrome sculpture that provides reflections of visitors and the cityscape at every

angle, drew people together for a shared experience in a common place. "Witnessing this joyful exchange between people experiencing art gave my friend the idea of giving art away," Johnson says.

The organization's latest private art show was at the Northwestern Settlement House in Chicago. The director of the Settlement House chose 20 families whose children were involved in a reading program to be the first recipients at Jump-Start Art's premier gallery opening. At the end of the night, each family left with a piece of art for their home.

"The exchange was very positive," Johnson says. "The evening was a special event, especially with the children there." In addition to helping coordinate the event, she painted a watercolor to donate to the cause.

Jump-Start Art's next projects include providing art for a 94-unit single-room home for the homeless in Chicago.

Those interested in donating artwork may contact Johnson at Debbe24@comcast.net.

Wendy Rock Kelley is assistant director of human resources at Augustana College.

Natalie Kessler married Dave Dunn on December 3, 2005.

Jeff Lindmark is assistant football coach, offensive coordinator at Augustana College.

Steve and Kelly Bishop '93 Picton had a daughter, Anna Susan, on April 7, 2005 (Zachary, 4).

Paul Sanburg married Kristine Panopio on July 9, 2005.

Ander Smith is corporate counsel at Ringland-Johnson Construction Co., Rockford, Ill.

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Suzanne Fleming Arensdorf had a son, Zachary James, on June 1, 2005 (*James*).

William Dahlberg and Mary Beth Larson were married on June 26, 2005.

Jenifer Buckman Fauser had a daughter, Jaden Sue, on September 22, 2005 (*Matt*).

Scott Frisina is a special education teacher for the Decatur (Ill.) Public Schools.

Todd Gieseke is program evaluator for the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago.

Jill Skluzacek Gollwitzer had a daughter, Sophie Jaclyn, on December 15, 2004 (*Jim*).

Julie Wilde Harrison had twins, Ava Charlotte and Liam Edgar, on October 14, 2005 (*Brad*).

Aaron and Michelle Geiman Hayes had a son, Elijah John, on July 15, 2005 (Caleb, 6, Benjamin, 5).

Jennifer Cornelia May is benefits and HRIS specialist at the Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul.

Steve '92 and Kelly Bishop Picton had a daughter, Anna Susan, on April 7, 2005 (Zachary, 4).

Michael Porter has been promoted to branch manager and assistant vice president at Eureka Savings Bank, Peru, Ill.

Jim Ryan had a daughter, Molly Grace, on June 2, 2005 (*Nancy*; Daniel, 3, Genevieve, 1).

Jon Selbyg, lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, has been transferred to Italy to be an aviation optometrist and

department head at Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Sicily.

Kari Arndt Shoemaker had triplets on July 29, 2005; sons, Charlie and Tommy, and daughter, Sidney (*Michael*).

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Amy Benson Aluyi is retention supervisor, program business, at Pearl & Associates, Peoria Heights, Ill.

Lynn Chindlund married Erik Huntoon on October 1, 2005.

Forrest Clingerman received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He is now assistant professor of religion at Ohio Northern University, Ada.

Nicole Kottke Collingbourne had a daughter, Grace Ann, on October 13, 2005 (*William*). Nicole is office manager of V3 Companies of Illinois, Elgin.

Wendy Hilton Morrow had a son, Joshua David, on December 19, 2005 (*Jay*; Matthew, 3).

Örjan Pettersson had a son, Vilgot Ture Mahery, on September 22, 2005 (*Piza*).

Rakesh and Rachel Laferriere '95 Subramanian had a son, Dylan, on February 11, 2005 (Katreena, 4).

David Victorson had a son, Emmett Oskar, on October 4, 2005 (*Gretchen*). David is research assistant professor in the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Evanston (Ill.) Northwestern Healthcare/Northwestern University Medical School.

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John Adduci had a son, Patrick, on February 11, 2004 (*Molly*).

Jamie Baker attends Claremont (Calif.) Graduate University.

Adam Boardman received the master's degree in public administration from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

Kristina Hansen Boardman is an officer with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Madison.

Mark and Debbie Mack '96 Crabtree had a daughter, Madelyne Mary, on April 3, 2005.

Ted Dobbels married **Deidre Erlenborn '98** on July 16, 2005.

Jen Doonan is customer service manager for UnumProvident, Baltimore, Md.

Andrew Furgason is a psychotherapist at Southpark Psychology, Moline, Ill.

Christopher and Kara Foehrkolb '96 Godwin had a daughter, Rosemary Marlene, on November 2, 2005.

Kimberly Nordstrom Goodley had a daughter, Olivia Grace, on September 23, 2005 (*Christopher*; Michaela, 7). Kimberly is a global performance management organizational analyst at Deere & Co., Moline.

Tim Hoftender is director of business development at Point Builders, Davenport, Iowa.

Kenneth and Melissa Williams '92 Johnson had a son, Rhys Kenneth, on December 6, 2005.

Katharine Ross Keune had a son, Logan James, on July 4, 2005 (*Jeff*). Katharine has been promoted to training and communication project manager at Ohio State University, Columbus.

Karla Loveall had a son, Owen Loveall Shi, on July 14, 2005 (*Wenhua Shi*).

Michael Mosner is market manager for Western Industries, Milwaukee, Wis.

Dominic '96 and Stephanie Carr Pasquini had sons, Colton, on March 26, 2004, and Alexander, on December 12, 2005.

Rachel Peltonen married William Deniger III on September 24, 2005. She is an administrative assistant at ACS Government Solutions, Dallas, Texas.

Gwendolyn Snyder is a fellow in international emergency medicine at the University of Rochester (N.Y.) Medical Center.

Rakesh '94 and Rachel Laferriere Subramanian had a son, Dylan, on February 11, 2005 (Katreena, 4).

Elin Bleyer Ulrich is a research chemist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Kelly Kaul Wells had a son, Aiden John, on October 30, 2004 (Madeleine, 6, Mercedes, 5).

Amy Lundquist Wilkins is Alzheimer's coordinator at Alden Park Strathmoor, Rockford, Ill.

Jeannine Young had a son, John Steven Sober, on July 24, 2005.

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Azeemuddin Ahmed is clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City.

Paul Bachtold is principal-U.S. compliance manager for Barclays Global

Investors, San Francisco, Calif.

Tobias Brushammar received the master's degree in computer science from Linkapings Universitet, Sweden, and is now a vice president for Citigroup Corporate and Investment Bank, New York.

Mark '95 and Debbie Mack Crabtree had a daughter, Madelyne Mary, on April 3, 2005.

Brent Ericson married Jennifer English on July 2, 2005.

Christopher '95 and Kara Foehrkolb Godwin had a daughter, Rosemary Marlene, on November 2, 2005. Kara received the master's degree in education from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., where she is now program associate for graduate student development.

Jenny Grube is business development manager at Management Consulting Group, London.

Matt Gullickson is an orthopedic surgeon at Carolina Musculoskeletal Institute, Aiken, S.C.

Gregory and Whitney Schenkel Johnson had a daughter, Reese Courtney, in April 2005. Gregory has been promoted to vice president in the accounting operations business unit of The Northern Trust Co., Chicago.

Sue Minihan Kowan had a son, Jacob Donnelly, on January 3, 2005 (*Aaron*).

Mark Lemcke is field sales representative at Springs Window Fashions, Middleton, Wis.

Patrick Lowthian had a daughter, Amelia, on October 18, 2005 (*Marcy*). Patrick serves as chaplain in the U.S. Army at Fort Carson, Colo.

Jennifer Heidenreich McCabe is a pediatric speech pathologist.

Dominic and Stephanie Carr '95 Pasquini had sons, Colton, on March 26, 2004, and Alexander, on December 12, 2005.

Douglas Raiser is an Illinois State trooper, Elgin, Ill.

Dave and Michelle Scariano Schomas had a daughter, Kate, on November 5, 2004 (Drew, 3).

Todd Shores has been promoted to controller at Frontier Natural Brands, Norway, Iowa.

Jeff Small received the M.B.A. degree from Elmhurst (Ill.) College.

Rob and Traci Rockwell Torbert had a daughter, Dannon Isabell, on November 1, 2005.

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Ryan Brodin is pastor of St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Fridley, Minn.

Carrie Cheshareck married **Patrick Worrall '99** on July 15, 2005.

Jonathan '99 and Elisa Larche Ciesla had a daughter, Emma Jasmine, on October 14, 2004.

Eric Dean married **Yvonne Gagliano '98** on July 30, 2005.

Anne Jaeckel Hauser is band director for Aurora (Ill.) Christian Schools.

Saskia Walter Kewley had a daughter, Adelae Renee, on August 30, 2005 (*Sean*).

Elizabeth Loveall married Steve Greenup on May 14, 2005. She received the master's degree in library and information science from Dominican University, and is now a reference librarian at Wauconda (Ill.) Area Library.

Meg Grim Loven is a Stampin' Up demonstrator in Mahomet, Ill.

Eric Mattson is multi-media sales representative for Baxter Bulletin, Mountain Home, Ark.

Kristin Schaefer Mazanowski is a business education teacher for the Maine Township High School District, Park Ridge, Ill.

Jennifer Sherlock is a graduate program specialist at Concordia University, River Forest, Ill.

Marcy Sylvester has been promoted to associate dean of academics at Rockford (Ill.) Business College.

Sydney Deckro Tiria had a daughter, Vienna Deckro, on December 7, 2005 (*Alex*). Sydney received the Ed.S. degree in educational administration from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

Lauren Webb married Kristopher Lyman on November 4, 2005.

Heather Olson Whitman received the master's degree in school library media studies from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. She is now a library media specialist for Davenport (Iowa) Community Schools.

Erica Wilhelmsen married Ryan Burkett on August 26, 2005.

Michelle Sargent Williams had a son, Carsen Dane, on March 15, 2005 (*Scott*).

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Jenny Orh Afable is a database analyst at Arc Worldwide, Chicago.

Raminder "Joe" Ahluwalia received the M.D. degree from New York Medical College and is now a first-year resident in the Quad Cities Genesis Family Practice Residency Program.

Zack Bartels married **Britt Peterson '00** on September 17, 2005.

Dusty Behringer married Beth Boss on December 17, 2005. He teaches sixth grade and coaches football, basketball and track for the Sandwich (Ill.) School District.

Andrew Bollman is assistant state's attorney in the Lee County (Ill.) State's Attorney's Office, Dixon.

Elizabeth Bertelsen Dornbush received the master's degree in industrial relations from Iowa State University, Ames. She is human resource administrator at Carboline Company, Green Bay, Wis.

Matthew Dornbush received the Ph.D. degree in ecology and evolutionary biology from Iowa State University, Ames. He is assistant professor of biology at University of Wisconsin, Green Bay.

Jennifer Dziadyk married Scott Fulton on April 24, 2004. She is a research specialist II at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston.

Deidre Erlenborn married **Ted Dobbels '95** on July 16, 2005.

Yvonne Gagliano married **Eric Dean '97** on July 30, 2005.

Ashley Borah Gleason is a physical therapist at the Department of Health & Environmental Control, Charleston, S.C.

Jennifer Gruening received the master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Matt Hantz had a daughter, Aubrey Jane, on December 30, 2005 (*Carrie*; Riley, 13, Travis, 2).

Jerry Hendrix is in the U.S. Army and has been deployed to Bosnia for the next two years.

Janice Herdklotz married Ken Fosse on September 24, 2005.

Cindy Hill is director of rehabilitation services at Therapeak, Coal Valley, Ill.

Russell Lemmon is a family practice physician with the U.S. Air Force, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

Loraine Pelayo Levins had a son, Aidan Patrick, on August 2, 2005 (*Brian*). Loraine is an engineer at Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Ill.

Grace Miller married Anthony Fontana on October 1, 2005.

Lindsay Rape is a marine habitat restoration specialist at NOAA Fisheries-Pacific Islands Regional Office, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Joel and Sarah Bengtson Schiltz had a son, Parker Joel, on October 9, 2005.

Danielle Welker married Will Powers on December 17, 2004.

Derek and Brenda Buckman Wiewel had a daughter, Taylor Buckman, on July 3, 2005. Derek was promoted to buyer in the lawn and garden division of Ace Hardware, Oak Brook, Ill.

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Eric Anderson is tri-county regional collection facility manager for Western Illinois Regional Council, Western

CAROLYN KRUEGER '07



Making connections

Strengthening ties with alumni and students is one of the goals of the college's strategic plan. It can happen as the result of a carefully designed plan, or sometimes it just happens....

Last fall, *Augustana College Magazine's* cover story told how Dr. Jon Ryder '93—dentist, teacher, photographer—is using his talents to help the people of Cambodia, one of the most impoverished regions of our world. When members of Augustana's Student Photo Bureau invited Ryder to present a photography workshop for them in January, he accepted without hesitation. When Ryder became aware of the group's need for camera equipment, he donated professional-quality lenses he was planning to replace.

Around Valentines Day, Student Photo Bureau members sponsored a sale of their original photos to raise additional funds for their equipment needs. They also decided to contribute a portion of their profits to The Life and Hope Association assistance program for children, based at Wat Damnak Pagoda in Siem Reap, Cambodia—a program Ryder helped organize and one that remains close to his heart. He now chairs the association's board.

Regardless of how they transpire, Augustana alumni and students can make connections that reach around the world.

Dr. Jon Ryder '93, chair of The Life and Hope Association Board

Illinois University, and Americorps, Macomb.

Janet Blubaugh is sales assistant at Technology Solutions Group, Wheaton, Ill.

Lyle Burgoon received the Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology from Michigan State University, East Lansing, where he is now a visiting research associate in the department of biochemistry and molecular biology.

Jonathan and Elisa Larche '97 Ciesla had a daughter, Emma Jasmine, on October 14, 2004.

Stephanie Foster is treasury inspector general for tax administration, Denver, Colo.

Alex '00 and Jaime Hohenstein Gagamov had a son, Jack, on July 21, 2005.

Meghan Kelly married **Luke Cooley '00** on September 4, 2005. She is assistant director of admissions at Augustana College.

Aina Gutierrez and Douglas Sondgeroth were married on September 24, 2005.

Rhonda Johnson married Todd Bussell on August 20, 2005.

Teri Kestner is a high school special education teacher for the Central Community School District, Camp Point, Ill.

Nicolle Lande married Christopher Morrison on August 20, 2005. She practices psychiatry at Psychiatric Recovery, St. Paul, Minn.

Chris and Penny Nelson '00 Meskan had a daughter, Olivia Mae, on April 21, 2005.

Steven Oh and Krystal Sriner were married on August 6, 2005.

Tricia Keefe Phelan had a daughter, Kendall Jean, on May 6, 2005 (*Brian*).

Megan Bloom Rice had a daughter, Clara Frances, on June 6, 2005 (*Robert*; Emily, 2). Megan is a captain in the United State Marine Corps, Quantico, Va.

Erin Sterling married Mark Centanni on July 9, 2005.

Chad Stewart married Melanie Vadnal on August 6, 2005.

Jennifer Madsen Traversa is in customer relations-statewide programs at Riverside Publishing Co., Itasca, Ill.

Victoria Van Kirk received the master's degree in English studies from Illinois

State University, Normal. She is facilities residence director in the office of housing services at DePaul University, Chicago.

Patrick Worrall married **Carrie Cheshareck '97** on July 15, 2005.

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Jennifer Altheide is a booker/researcher for the Fox News Channel, New York.

Nathan Ament had a son, Noah Christian, on December 11, 2005 (*Jaimie*).

Zubair Ansari had a daughter, Hafsa Fatima, on February 25, 2004 (*Rubina*). Zubair received the master's degree in health care administration from the University of St. Francis, Joliet, Ill. He is registration manager at BJC Healthcare, St. Louis, Mo., and serves as a board member of the National Association of Healthcare Access Management.

Elizabeth Gleich Arp is a physical therapy graduate student at St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.

Laila Baghdadi is a pastry cook at the Ritz Carlton, Chicago.

Renee Bailey married Brad Hodges on April 9, 2005.

Joy Muskovin Bauman is gifted program coordinator/teacher for Washington Elementary School, Belvidere, Ill.

Chris Bender and Kelley Burke were married on August 27, 2005. Chris is a second-year medical student at Rush University; Kelley is associate attorney with Chapman and Cutler, Chicago.

Carianne Bruner and Shannon Pace were married in October 2005.

Wesley Calvert married Brandy Barnes on July 9, 2005. He is an assistant professor of mathematics at Murray (Ky.) State University.

Anders Carlson married Kelley Lake in January 2005.

Carolyn Carter married Rick Arnold on November 19, 2005.

Valerie Christoffersen married Ben Copeland on July 9, 2005.

Brian Clark is a portfolio analyst with 40/86 Advisors, Inc., Carmel, Ind.

Luke Cooley married **Meghan Kelly '99** on September 4, 2005.

Mitzila "Monica" Donner teaches for the Union (N.J.) Board of Education.

Keri Droege married **Jeffrey Bass '01** on September 10, 2005.



From left, Dr. Robert Tallitsch, Amy Slawter '01, Michael Krzyzaniak '01 and Dr. Kevin Strang '84.

A different kind of family reunion

Dr. Kevin Strang '84 teaches physiology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. He was honored last May when members of the school's Class of 2005 selected him to be one of two investiture marshals for their graduation ceremony. As the students crossed the stage, Strang helped place hoods on their shoulders to symbolize their graduation from medical school.

Two 2001 Augustana graduates, Michael Krzyzaniak and Amy Slawter, were among those on stage that day. So was Augustana's Dr. Robert Tallitsch. Each pre-med student was encouraged to ask one individual who played an influential role in the student's personal and academic life to participate in the ceremony. Both Krzyzaniak and Slawter asked Tallitsch to accompany them as their degrees were conferred.

"Mike and Amy were excellent students during their time here at Augustana, and they remain close friends of mine," says Tallitsch, a professor of biology. "Both will be excellent physicians, and their request that I participate in the hooding ceremony was one of the biggest highlights of my academic career thus far. Any honor that comes directly from a student is the best a professor can receive."

Strang describes what followed the ceremony as similar to three generations reminiscing at a family reunion. "As the four of us posed for a photo on the steps of Memorial Union that day, I was bursting with gratitude for the Augustana education and mentors like Bob Tallitsch that made my success possible, and full of pride to have shared in helping Amy and Mike along their career paths," Strang says.

Strang feels eternally indebted to the three Ts of Augustana's Biology Department (Tallitsch, Ralph Troll and Rick Turnquist) who inspired him in the early 1980s to pursue a college teaching career. Today Strang and Tallitsch's relationship is more reciprocal. For example, Strang helped set up research experiences for Augustana students in Madison, and Tallitsch reviewed a physiology text Strang co-authored.

"Continuing to receive the help and support of a favorite college professor more than 20 years after graduation simply amazes me," Strang says. "It's a major tribute to Augustana in particular, and the liberal arts college tradition in general."

Sarah Johnson Ewing had a son, Carter Ryan, on March 1, 2005 (*Ron*; Mason, 3).

Kelli Freidhof and **Nathaniel Koschmann** were married on May 21, 2005. Kelli received the master's degree in human resources/industrial relations from the University of Illinois. She is now a human resources partner at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Alex and **Jaime Hohenstein '99 Gagamov** had a son, Jack, on July 21, 2005.

Joe and **Keri Kraps Kelly** had a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, on August 5, 2005. Joe and Keri are both physical therapists at North River Physical Therapy, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Kala Franck Koehler teaches art at Bennett (Iowa) Grade School.

Craig Legel is associate pastor at Real Hope Community Church, Lake Mills, Wis.

Sarah Mason married Curtis Butterfield on November 5, 2005.

Chris '99 and **Penny Nelson Meskan** had a daughter, Olivia Mae, on April 21, 2005.

Brent Motl is senior property accountant at Hometown America, Chicago.

Melissa Muehler is office manager at Southern Illinois Chiropractic Center.

Donald Otterness married **Babette Eames '02** on October 1, 2005.

Sythera Pride Paulus had a daughter, Mia Gabriella, on March 21, 2005 (*John*).

Britt Peterson married **Zack Bartels '98** on September 17, 2005.

Kate VanKerbroeck Reed received the master's degree in counselor education from Western Illinois University-Quad Cities. She is a counselor at Prophetstown (Ill.) Elementary School.

Andrea Sadlonova received the Ph.D. degree in pathology from the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

Rob Swartzloff received the master's degree in music education from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Pamela Wehrheim married Aaron Podolner on July 2, 2005. She received the master's degree in school counseling from Northeastern Illinois University and is now a guidance counselor at Carl Sandburg High School, Orland Park, Ill.

Kevin Wright married Sasha Fureman on July 2, 2005.

Kimberly Wyma married Andrew Admire on July 29, 2005.

Abby Yanz married Sean McFadden on December 31, 2004. She received the master's degree in language and literacy from Roosevelt University, Chicago, and now teaches in St. Charles, Ill.

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Jeffrey Bass married **Keri Droegmiller '00** on September 10, 2005.

Amy Calderone is sports reporter/anchor for Cal-Hi Sports Bay Area, San Jose, Calif.

Kelly Carlson married Christopher Dials in September 2005.

Steve Christensen is communications manager at Loyola University, Chicago.

Sean Connell married Sarah Martin on October 1, 2005.

Shannon Ogren Cox is an environmental planner for URS Corporation, Morrisville, N.C.

Jamey Eklund received the M.D. degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago, and is now a transitional year intern at Michigan State University/Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies.

Jennifer Fransen received the J.D. degree from the University of Dayton. She is an associate attorney with Kim MacCloskey & Associates, Rockford, Ill.

Gina Gallo is senior construction administration officer at Builders Bank, Chicago.

David Griffiths married Cindy Gerardi on September 10, 2005.

Derek Hattermann is foreman at Green View Landscape Co., Dunlap, Ill.

Chris Hayden received the master's degree in athletic administration from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He is an operations intern for the Houston (Texas) Bowl Foundation.

Zachary Larson had a son, Noah Benjamin, on July 17, 2005 (*Kristin*).

Jessica Frank Leichenring had a son, Casey Charles, on August 12, 2005 (*Jesse*; Nate, 3).

Anne Madura married **Jim Earel '02** on October 22, 2005.

Megan Miller married Christopher Reis on October 8, 2005.

Lisa Nold is an athletic trainer at Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers, Algonquin, Ill.

Megan McDougall Pecson is marketing with Dowler-Gruman Architects, Mountain View, Calif.

Amy Case Retherford had a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, on March 1, 2005 (*Brandon*).

Nathan and **Jennifer King Sondgeroth** had a son, Ryan Paul, on December 29, 2005.

Kelly Vipond married **Eric Ertmoed '03** on October 29, 2005.

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Darcy Ahrens is a speech-language pathologist at Genesis Rehabilitation Services, Toledo, Ohio.

The amazing adventures of Tim Young and Spider-Hag



Those who knew Tim Young '87 at Augustana won't be surprised to learn he's lived in Japan for 17 years. What might be an eye-opener is the extent to which he's gone multimedia, with a website, podcast, comic strip, newspaper column and two books.

Young had long wanted to visit Japan when he took part in Augustana's East Asian term as a student. Such programs are often life-changing, and Young's experience is a good example. He moved to Japan two years after graduation to teach English, and he is now publications coordinator for University of Maryland University College Asia on a U.S. air base.

His website, globalcomics.net, is devoted to comics—primarily his own strip, called "The Crazy Spider-Hag." The main character is a little old lady who, after being bitten by a radioactive spider, is suddenly able to crawl up walls, swing from fishnets and make really bad puns. A podcast called Deconstructing Comics is also featured on the website.

Comics have intrigued Young most of his life. He says he'll never forget the encouragement he received from Dr. Karin Youngberg, Conrad Bergendoff Professor of Humanities, during his senior year at Augustana.

"I had a directed study with her that focused primarily on the works of Lewis Carroll, but bled into children's literature in general," Young says. "The subject of my comics came up, so I showed her some. That directed study is one of my fondest memories of Augustana."

Young continues to teach English to students ranging in age from adolescents to retirees. This is where his idea for his newspaper feature *Machigai* (Japanese for "mistake") was born. Young writes about common mistakes made by Japanese speakers of English, explaining why they're wrong and providing the correct expressions.

Machigai has enjoyed such popularity that a book of Young's columns will be published later this year. Previously he published a book entitled *Nihonjin no Eigo imachigai* (Mistakes Japanese Make in Spoken English).

Carrie Alexander married Jeremy Albritton on June 18, 2005. She is a graduate assistant at Idaho State University, Pocatello.

James Baldwin is senior auditor at Selden Fox, Ltd., Oak Brook, Ill.

John Berek married **Jessica Harrison '04** on June 19, 2005.

Amy Berry married Matt King on June 3, 2005. She is a staff accountant with Ogilvy & Mather, Chicago.

Erik Boehmke received the master's degree in music from Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He is professor of music at Lincoln (Ill.) College.

Andrew Boster is vice president of Anderson, Crenshaw & Associates, Dallas, Texas.

Jenna Braun is an academic advisor for the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Louisville, Ky.

Nicole Brooks married Wes Dyke on July 31, 2005. She teaches English for Johnston County Schools, Clayton, N.C.

Ryan Buck had a daughter, Jenna Christine, on June 21, 2005 (*Kari*). Ryan teaches math and coaches football at Wethersfield High School, Kewanee, Ill.

Gabriela Buenrostro and **Anthony Meenan** were married in December 2, 2005. Gabriela is an auditor in Germany with the U.S. Army Audit Agency; Anthony is a systems analyst with the Tank Automotive and Armaments Command.

Mark Catlett received the M.F.A. degree in musical theatre from the University of Central Florida. He is an actor at Seaside Music Theatre, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Babette Eames married **Donald Otterness '00** on October 1, 2005.

Jim Earel married **Anne Madura '01** on October 22, 2005. He is a research assistant II at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Dan Fogerty and **Jonni Lund** were married on September 25, 2004.

Kashaundra Gaston passed the Illinois State Bar and is now an associate attorney with the law offices of Tracie R. Porter, Chicago.

Brian Gerken married **Megan Kitson '03** on July 16, 2005.

Melissa Haring is quality specialist for the clinical laboratory at Mayo Foundation-St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn.

Jana Houle received the master's degree in speech-language pathology from the University of Nevada, Reno. She is a speech therapist at Baylor Institute of Rehabilitation, Dallas, Texas.

Holly Johnson married Jimmy Pettersson on May 28, 2005. She works for the International English School, Gävle, Sweden.

Phil Kiraly is the assistant to the village manager for the Village of Deerfield, Ill.

Paul Linden received the master's degree in sport administration from the University of Miami (Fla.). He is business development manager for IMG-Miami.

Caroline Meinike is a social worker for the Elgin (Ill.) School District.

Kristin Miller married Darin Damstra on August 13, 2005.

Lindsay Olson married Jeff Mulligan on September 24, 2005.

Lynn Palmgren received the J.D. degree from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. She is an assistant attorney general in Springfield, Ill.

Amanda Read is a deployment analyst at Integrity Technology Solutions, Bloomington, Ill.

Shannon Everett Schroeder teaches English for the Crystal Lake (Ill.) School District.

Ginger Joseph Seidensticker is manager of business development for The Migala Report, Chicago.

Nathan Smith received the master's degree in geoscience from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He works at the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, and is a Ph.D. student at the University of Chicago.

Michelle Snyder married William Roth on July 2, 2005.

Terrence Walters is senior auditor at Ernst & Young, Chicago.

Kristin Wolschlag married Douglas Chang on September 24, 2005. She received the doctorate of chiropractic from Palmer College, Davenport, Iowa, and now practices in Lisle, Ill.

Beth Woodworth is manager of technical services for CEAT at the University of Illinois, Champaign.

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Dana Anton is manager of Atlas Advancement, Falls Church, Va.

Brooke Baier married Aaron Bass on July 2, 2005. She teaches second grade for the Hinsdale (Ill.) School District.

Greg Ball is a district executive for the Boy Scouts of America, Illowa Council, Davenport, Iowa.

Justin Betzelberger teaches for the Los Angeles (Calif.) Unified School District.

Kate Bicego married Emi Fukuda on February 14, 2005.

Elizabeth Blazeovich received the master's degree in historic preservation planning from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. She is an advocacy associate for the Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia (Pa.)

Josalyn Claussen is a tour dispatcher for Cruise Ship Excursions, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Bryan Cobert had a daughter, Lillian Olivia, on September 19, 2004 (*Katherine*). Bryan is a business systems analyst at Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Robin Douglas received the master's of health science degree in infectious disease epidemiology from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Baltimore, Md. She is a research associate/medical case manager at Heartland Alliance, Chicago.

Eric Ertmoed married **Kelly Vipond '01** on October 29, 2005. He received the master's degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, and joined Management Partners as a management analyst.

Erin Fiene and **Jason Pedersen** were married on August 6, 2005. Erin is a business teacher at Hononegah High School, Rockton, Ill.; Jason received the master's degree in teaching from National Louis University, Evanston, Ill., and teaches for the Harvard (Ill.) School District.

Eric Fistler is a pastoral intern at John Knox Presbyterian Church, Florissant, Mo.

Jessica Gackowski married Andy Nall on October 1, 2005. She teaches Spanish for the Elmhurst (Ill.) Public Schools.

Laura Hart received the master's degree in communication sciences and disorders from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Kate Hooper received the master's degree in communication sciences and disorders from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Rebecca Huberts is enterprise project management analyst at Kraft Foods, Northfield, Ill.

Ami Hurd is a cancer research trainee award fellow at the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Md.

Leesa Jackson received the master's degree in interior design from Illinois State University, and is now an interior designer at Knillan's Furniture, Davenport, Iowa.

Jessica Kopp Johanningmeier received the master's degree in educational measurement and statistics from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. She is a quantitative reasoning consultant at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Megan Kitson married **Brian Gerken '02** on July 16, 2005.

Leah Krentz is recruiting coordinator for Citadel Investment Group, Chicago.

Abbi Leman is a communication coordinator at Vera Institute of Justice, New York, N.Y.

Morgan Mertes is student accounts coordinator at Argosy University, Chicago.

Jillian Michael received the master's degree in elementary education from Aurora (Ill.) University. She is a kindergarten teacher in Sugar Grove, Ill.

Angelique Hedman Minett had a son, Kaelan Rayne, on October 22, 2005 (*Kyle*).

Mike Patterson teaches business education at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Flossmoor, Ill.

Jake Polancich married **Laura Pilato '04** on November 5, 2005.

Jared Robinson is a collection specialist at Genesis Health System, Davenport, Iowa.

Helen Ruane married Reed McDaniel on July 22, 2005.

Nicole Stites is a Biowatch epidemiologist with the Chicago Department of Public Health.

Adam Sulouff works for the Department of Defense in the Security Assistance Management Directorate as a logistics management specialist for TACOM, Rock Island.

Douglas Swanson married **Jaclyn Swan '04** on July 2, 2005.



Amanda Tiffany '04 visits a village in Namibia, Africa, while on a fellowship with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

African trip changes grad's direction

A little more than a year after she graduated from Augustana, Amanda Tiffany '04 found herself in Francistown, Botswana, training staff and providing technical support for an HIV/AIDS clinical trial organized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This is what can happen when a professor—Dr. Dara Wegman-Geedey in this case—encourages a student to think creatively to realize her path in life.

Tiffany came to Augustana from Durand, Ill., a town of 1,100, to major in pre-medicine/biology and Spanish. She gradually became disillusioned with the medical field because she found that “due to HMOs and insurance companies, you aren’t able to help the people who need it the most.” Wegman-Geedey encouraged her to look into public health, a field that provides opportunities to help others and conduct lab work, both of which fit Tiffany’s interests. She encouraged Tiffany to apply for a post-graduation Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) Fellowship through the Association for Public Health Laboratories (APHL), which placed her in the HIV and Retrovirology Branch of the Atlanta-based CDC.

“I had already been accepted into graduate school but I couldn’t pass up this opportunity!” Tiffany says. Only 34 EID fellowships are awarded each year, and many of them go to those with a doctorate or medical degree.

At the CDC, Tiffany is developing and validating assays to detect new viruses that her lab has recently discovered. She is also characterizing new variants of simian (non-human) retroviruses identified by domestic and international surveillance to detect the emergence of additional retroviruses. When she isn’t in the lab, she finds herself at her desk authoring manuscripts about her various projects to be submitted to journals.

She enjoys the work, but after her field experience in Botswana last summer, she realized she does not want to be in a lab the rest of her life.

Working with people in developing countries—that’s where Tiffany sees herself now. And without Dr. Dara Wegman-Geedey and her CDC experience, Tiffany might never have discovered her true vocation.

“Dara is very enthusiastic and wants you to learn; she will take the time to help you if you don’t understand,” Tiffany says. “Because Augustana is not so research-focused, the professors have more time to spend with students. You have the classroom teacher relationship, but you also have an invaluable mentor. I don’t think I would have gotten that at a bigger school.”

As for her future, Tiffany says she’s definitely headed to graduate school this September to begin studying for a master’s in public health or a doctorate in epidemiology, both of which “travel well,” she says. Eventually working as an epidemiologist with the World Health Organization is her dream.

So that’s the plan right now...unless, of course, the CDC extends her fellowship again for a return trip to Africa.

Cory Tillman is a programmer analyst at ManTech Systems Engineering Corp., Panama City Beach, Fla.

Chris Werner is minister of music at Bettendorf (Iowa) Presbyterian Church.

Leslie Whalen is a school social worker for NDSEC, Roselle, Ill.

2004

Jon Aagaard is regional vice president at Claymore Securities, Lisle, Ill.

Stephanie Allewalt is a teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Lauren Anders serves as a Peace Corps volunteer in Potolo, Bolivia.

Adam Bain is a loan officer at Blackhawk State Bank, Milan, Ill.

Katie Bohr is assistant branch manager at Hertz Local Edition, Glenview, Ill.

Michael Carlson is a graduate student in the field of environmental coastal management at Duke University, Durham, N.C.

David Cihak received the master’s degree in accountancy from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, and is now a staff auditor at Ernst & Young, Chicago.

Christopher Coon and **Elizabeth Yemm** were married on August 5, 2005.

Brad Cosentino is a graduate student in ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Illinois, Champaign.

Jodie Daley is a FEMA flood boundary analyst for Michael Baker Jr. Engineering, Lakewood, Colo.

Justin Duff and **Katie Pertl** were married on June 25, 2005.

Alison Fleming is human resources assistant for the City of Moline, Ill.

Jennifer Gattone is an account executive at the *Chicago Tribune*, Oak Brook, Ill.

Jill Granet married Azariah King on December 30, 2005. The bride wore Augustana’s silver Swedish bridal crown.

Megan Halpin is a direct hire consultant for Smart Resources, Chicago.

Emily Hanger teaches elementary music for the Bettendorf (Iowa) School District.

Justin Hansen is a children’s advocate for Task Force on Family Violence, Milwaukee, Wis.

Lerin Harmon received the master’s degree in public health from Indiana University, Bloomington. She is now attending the university’s School of Optometry.

Jessica Harrison married **John Berek '02** on June 19, 2005.

Woody Loverude works for New York University, Community Word Project, and Oscar Wilde Bookshop, New York.

Jennifer McCalester married Aaron Conner on October 9, 2004.

Laura Pilato married **Jake Polancich '03** on November 5, 2005.

Tracey Power is merchandising coordinator and assistant ticket director for the Schaumburg Flyers.

Erin Rakoczy is a financial analyst for Career Education Group, Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Sara Rerucha teaches eighth-grade language arts at Heritage Middle School, Brookfield, Ill.

Braxton Showalter is an auditor at Deloitte & Touche, Parsippany, N.J.

Erin Storc works for the State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck.

Jaclyn Swan married **Douglas Swanson '03** on July 2, 2005. She teaches mathematics at Sherrard (Ill.) Junior/Senior High School.

Shannon Tarkowski is a sales assistant at Lifetime Television, Chicago.

Christopher Thomas married **Erika Brown '06** on November 26, 2005.

David Thornblad is a graduate student at the University of Miami, Fla.

Jacob VandeMoortel is an intern at Seyfarth Shaw, Chicago.

2005

Greg Aagaard is regional sales associate at Claymore Securities, Lisle, Ill.

Lynn Aavang teaches Spanish at Hieneman Middle School, Huntley, Ill.

Jorge Acosta is a multicultural recruitment admissions counselor at Augustana College.

Charlie Appleton is a contractor at the Rock Island Arsenal.

Stephanie Arazo teaches at Central China Normal University, Wuhan.

Dawn Bachewicz is a first-grade bilingual teacher for the Carpentersville (Ill.) School District.

Mihailo Backovic is a graduate student at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Leann Barber is the assistant coach for volleyball and softball and an office assistant in the athletic department at Augustana College.

Brent Behrens is a singer with The Nova Singers, Galesburg, Ill.

Mary Beth Belmonte teaches for the Chicago Public Schools.

Kara Benning is a student at Kirksville (Mo.) College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Matt Blankenship serves in the U.S. Army.

Beaumont Biagi is a sales representative at American Marketing and Publishing, DeKalb, Ill.

Eric Boster is manager at Orthopaedic Specialists Sports Complex, Davenport, Iowa.

Alana Boyd is a graduate student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Alecia Buescher is assistant manager at Walgreen's, Indianapolis, Ind.

Angie Bukowski is a staff member at the Handicapped Development Center, Davenport, Iowa.

Amanda Burgeson is interpark coordinator for the Arlington Heights (Ill.) Park District.

Lisa Carlson is a public health student at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

Laura Carter is inside sales representative at Quill Corp., Lincolnshire, Ill.

John Chisholm teaches social studies for the Community High School District, West Chicago.

Phil Christman is a business analyst at State Farm Insurance, Bloomington, Ill.

Kevin Connolly is a regional associate at Claymore Securities, Lisle, Ill.

Julie Cornyn is a sales associate at Riddles Jewelry, Moline, Ill.

Alex Corson is an accountant with Deere & Co., Moline, Ill.

Andrew Davis serves in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Megan Davison teaches kindergarten at Calusa Park Elementary School, Naples, Fla.

Christina Dellana is a geologist/environmental consultant with Bradburne, Briller and Johnson Environmental Consulting, Chicago.

Jennifer Dinges is a junior market analyst at Vance Publishing, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Candice DiTola is a credit analyst at MB Financial Bank, Rosemont, Ill.

Elliott Dungan teaches biology at Prairie Ridge High School, Andalusia, Ill.

Rachel Easley serves with Americorps as a Nahant Marsh assistant naturalist in Davenport, Iowa.

Andy Eckardt and **Kristen Pence** were married on June 25, 2005. Andy is music director of bands (grades 5-12) for the Kewanee (Ill.) School District.

Hillary Fedirka teaches music at Willow Bend Elementary School, Palatine, Ill.

Holly Free married Stephen Sallows on August 6, 2005.

Michael Fusco is a contract specialist at the Rock Island Arsenal.

Jennifer Gallens is a customer service representative at David's Bridal, Davenport, Iowa.

William Graham works at First American Bank, Chicago.

Lilia Grubisz teaches English at Central China Normal University, Wuhan.

Katharine Grunde is an eye technician at Midwest Retina Consultants, Arlington Heights, Ill.

Jenny Harmatys teaches science at Prairie Ridge High School, Crystal Lake, Ill.

Bailey Herrmann teaches English at Sycamore (Ill.) High School.

Nick Heiser is a financial advisor at American Express Financial Advisors, Davenport, Iowa.

Alexis Higginbotham serves with Americorps Project Yes, Chicago.

Clay Hill is a benefit analyst at Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Jessica Hurlbut teaches math at Dixon (Ill.) High School.

Sean Jamieson is an AMC fellow with the Department of the Army and Texas A&M University, Texarkana.

Ben Johannsen is assistant manager at Sherwin Williams, Springfield, Ill.

Jennie Johnson is a periodicals assistant in Oesterle Library at North Central College, Naperville.

Maharah Jones is a substitute teacher for the Moline (Ill.) School District.

Cheryl Kaelin is a benefits analyst at Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Dana Kau is a sales representative for YellowBook USA, Lisle, Ill.

Kerri Keafer is a math teacher with Teach for America, New York, N.Y.

Micah Kelsey is a corporate finance/product supply analyst at Kimberly-Clark, Marinette, Wis.

Michelle Kilberg teaches at The Wheatlands Elementary School, Aurora, Ill.

Jodi Knussman is a residential counselor at Family Resources, Peoria, Ill., and a graduate student at Bradley University.

Seth Korver works at Cinnamin Ridge Farms, Donahue, Iowa.

Anne Krumtinger is a business analyst at Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Denise Kurasz is a student at Midwestern University College of Pharmacy, Downers Grove, Ill.

Angela Kuster is a cost analyst at John Deere Harvester Works, East Moline, Ill.

Amanda Lake is orchestra director and general music teacher at Huntley Middle School and Malta Grade School, DeKalb, Ill.

Madushi Lansakara is a tsunami information assistant with the International Organization for Migration, Sri Lanka.

Jennifer Larson is a sales support specialist at Pierce Biotechnology, Rockford, Ill.

Nicole LaVarier teaches biology and Spanish at Amboy (Ill.) High School.

Hilary Leng is in management at First American Title Insurance Co., Warrenville, Ill.

Krista Lio is retail manager at Walgreen's, Carol Stream, Ill.

Kim Martin is a middle school language arts teacher at Prairie Hill School, South Beloit, Ill.

Joseph Marusarz is assistant manager at Sherwin Williams, Aurora, Ill.

Rachel Matyas is a graduate student at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

Shawn McDowell is an outside sales representative for Waste Management, Downers Grove, Ill.

Jennifer McGuire is an accounting clerk at THE National Bank, Bettendorf, Iowa.

Alison McCann is a staff accountant at Jenner & Block, Chicago.

Alison McLean serves with AmeriCorps as a corps team member in Charleston, S.C.

Molly McMillan is an occupational therapy student at Midwestern University, Downers Grove, Ill.

Scott McNeese teaches physics at Kane-land High School, Maple Park, Ill.

Joyce Meier teaches seventh-grade math at Prairie Grove Jr. High, Crystal Lake, Ill.

Jill Moth teaches music (K-5) at Rochelle (Ill.) Elementary School.

Beth Muehlfelder is a business analyst at Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Hayley Nelson attends the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago.

Ryan Novak is a credit analyst at MB Financial, Rosemont, Ill.

Courtney Palmer teaches kindergarten at Banner Elementary School, Dunlap, Ill.

Eve Palmer serves with AmeriCorps as a Vista volunteer in Danville, Ky.

Brad Palmgren is an alert analyst at Deere & Co., Moline, Ill.

Ammon Paquette teaches math at St. Johnsbury (Utah) Academy.

David Pearson is a programmer/analyst at HNI Corporation, Muscatine, Iowa.

Chris Pelczarski is a counselor at Lutheran Bible Camp, McLeod, Mont.

Nicholas Peters is a graduate student at St. Louis (Mo.) University.

Kristin Petty married Andrew Nelson on July 30, 2005. She teaches kindergarten at Costa Catholic School, Galesburg, Ill.

Natalie Polich is an account manager at The Sedona Group, Moline, Ill.

Michael Ponsetto is an environmental scientist at Seneca Environmental, Bettendorf, Iowa.

Adam Ramos is a manager at Enterprise, Chicago.

Randa Reeverts teaches English in Costa Rica.

Cindy Richard serves with AmeriCorps at the Red Cross, Moline, Ill.

Renae Riley is a paralegal at Azulay, Horn & Seiden, Chicago.

Colleen Rook is an in-house cargo management representative for Expeditors International/Kohl's

An easy way to help fellow Vikings

The Augustana Career Center has a wonderful opportunity for you to assist current students and other alumni.

AlumNet is a database of alumni who are willing to share information on such topics as their career path, job responsibilities, organization or industry, graduate school or the community in which they live. We invite you to join more than 1,200 alumni who already serve as networking contacts for students and alumni as they explore career options and search for internships and full-time positions. In an age where most jobs are found through “who you know,” AlumNet gives our students and alumni a competitive edge.

To join AlumNet, contact Jana Klauke at caklauke@augustana.edu to receive a username and password. Then visit the website: <http://www.augustana.edu/alumni/career/index.php> and enter your career-related information. Once you are entered in AlumNet, you may soon begin hearing from students and alumni.

KRISTI GIMMEL BECKER
Director of the Career Center

Department Stores, Menomonee Falls, Wis.

Lydia Ruelas is associate director for field operations at The National Hispanic Institute, Maxwell, Texas.

Jonathon Schlagheck is a financial advisor with Waddell & Reed, Davenport, Iowa.

Natalie Schneider teaches English at Bell School, Szczecin, Poland.

Flannery Scott teaches English at Central China Normal University, Wuhan.

Michael Skelton is a designer and project manager at Heritage Landscape Design, Moline, Ill.

Shannon Soger teaches fourth grade for the South Berwyn School District, Berwyn, Ill.

Tim Stablein is in management with Walgreen's in the Chicago area.

Jacquelyn Sticca teaches first grade at Fiske Elementary School, Chicago.

Hope Taber works at St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, Ill.

Ashley Toppert is a mortuary science student at Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, Ill.

Carol Uluocha married Cyril Ayangbile on July 23, 2005. She is a project manager at Uluocha Enterprises, Plainfield, Ill.

Katie Vegter is a physical science teacher and volleyball coach at Willowbrook High School, Villa Park, Ill.

Kathryn Villagomez is a junior geologist at Delta Environmental Consultants, Naperville, Ill.

Kristina Wallig is a case manager for Samaritan Outreach, Wilmington, Del.

Erin Welsh is a recruiter at Aerotek, Oak Brook, Ill.

Robin Weseloh is a fifth-grade orchestra teacher for the Naperville (Ill.) School District.

Anne White is director of youth and family ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, Mo.

Robert Williams is a financial aid advisor with AIU Online, Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Jared Winqvist teaches science at West Chicago (Ill.) Community High School.

Jill Witmer is a business development and human resources assistant at Integrated Project Management, Burr Ridge, Ill.

Nick Yazbec is an inside sales representative at Follett Library Resources, McHenry, Ill.

Deaths

(notices received as of December 31, 2005)

Herbert H. Graening '24 on December 18, 2005.

Dorothy Williamson Wangelin '27 on August 12, 2005.

Emelyn “Lyn” Gustason Boehlke '30 on December 23, 2005.

Mildred Nelson '30 Grimes on September 5, 2005. Survivors include her daughter, Susan Grimes '65 Sherwin.

J. William Maucker '33 on July 5, 2005. Among survivors is his wife, Doreen, and brother, Robert Maucker '36.

Frances Minard '35 Shumate on December 8, 2005.

Wilma Stotmeister '35 Weber on July 26, 2005.

Iva Espel '36 Hawkins on December 27, 2005.

D. Jack Cook '37 on August 15, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Marion McCauley '39 Cook.

John Hanna, husband of Ruth Robinson '39 Hanna, on December 31, 2004.

Luella Hallberg '40 on October 8, 2005.

C. Robert Youngquist '40 on April 10, 2005.

Paul Elmquist '42 on July 16, 2005. His wife, Ann, survives him.

Mary Jane Smith '43 on October 29, 2005.

Constant R. Johnson '44 on October 15, 2005. His son, Mark D. Johnson '76, survives him.

Dorothy Simpson '45 Peterson on October 8, 2005. Survivors include her husband, Ordell '41, and son, Thomas '71.

June E. Rosencrantz '45 on December 29, 2005.

Juliamarie Andreen '46 Grilly on November 29, 2005. Her husband, Edward, survives her.

Gertrude Ruymann Moeller '46 on August 12, 2005.

Gerald C.E. Heglund '47 on December 30, 2005.

Stanton Jensen, husband of Peggy Dahlberg '47 Jensen, on February 20, 2005. His son, Kurt '78, also survives him.

Darrell V. Boostrom '48 on June 28, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, and daughter, Diane Maisenbach-Boostrom '77.

Barbara J. Bognar '49 on November 6, 2005.

Calvin D. Bredberg '49 on September 30, 2005. His wife, Kathryn, survives him.

Arthur J. Cordell '49 on September 29, 2005.

Robert L. Maurus '49 on October 14, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Simonne; son, Jeff Maurus '69; and daughter, Regina Maurus '78 Bergstrom.

Arthur V. Rostron '49 on December 12, 2005. Among survivors is his wife, Lenore Ferguson '41 Rostron.

Margery Rowe '50 Benson on October 8, 2005.

Ray H. Jacobson '50 on November 6, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Jeannine, and daughter, Jan Jacobson '73 Abraham.

Henry E. Palm '50 on August 22, 2005. Among survivors is his son, David '71.

Russell H. Anderson '51 on October 30, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Kathy.

James C. Beardsley '51 on December 12, 2004.

Lavern L. Mueller '51 on August 15, 2005. His wife, Shirley, survives him.

Harry R. Carlson '52 on November 6, 2005. Among survivors is his wife, Lois Carlson '55 Carlson.

Janet Olson '52 Lundeen on November 24, 2005. Survivors include her son, Bruce Lundeen '82.

Ellen Helli '52 Scheiber on May 25, 2005.

Hazel Morgan Roe '53 on April 10, 2005. Survivors include her daughter, Phyllis Roe '61 Marshall.

Dorothy “Lee” Carlson '54 Smith on July 17, 2005. Her husband, Charles, survives her.

Donald L. Crosby '56 on September 27, 2005. His survivors include his wife, Dot, and daughter, Dawn Crosby '83 Gentry.

Allan A. Andresen '56 on October 4, 2005. His wife, Rose Taylor '58 Andresen, survives him.

Myrtle Emma Doubet '57 Godsil on June 3, 2005.

Merrill W. Roscoe '58 on August 26, 2005. Among survivors is his wife, Ann Anderson '58 Roscoe.

Kenneth R. Peterson '64 on June 30, 2005.

James Schmeltzer '64 on July 20, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Sharon Werner '65 Schmeltzer.

Dale R. Johnson '65 on September 21, 2005. His wife, Janet Olson '71 Johnson, survives him.

Larry Nash, husband of Marjorie Nelson '65 Nash, on October 4, 2005.

SueAnn Newton '67 Hillman on July 14, 2005. Among survivors is her husband, Douglas '65.

Gretchen Arp '68 Mathur on April 27, 2005.

George Boudi Jr. '72 on July 22, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Debra.

Richard L. Strauss '74 on November 2, 2005. His wife, Jan, survives him.

Robert B. Olson '81 on May 5, 2005.

Laurie Stapleton '87 Lanza on August 27, 2005.

Aaron P. Smith '02 on October 14, 2005.

Alumni to-do list

For more information on these items, visit <http://augustana.edu>
or call (309) 794-7477, unless otherwise noted.

Around the world

Alumni travel tours to Florence and Tuscany • June 4-9 and June 10-15.

Alumni River Cruise Along the Danube • June 3-9, 2007.

On the diamond

In Chicago on August 16, alumni are invited to a **pre-game gathering** from 5 to 7 p.m. at Punchinello's (corner of 31st and Wells) before the Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City Royals game. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. For more information on alumni events, visit www.augustana.edu/alumni or contact Heather Rusch '03, assistant director of alumni relations, at (800) 798-8100 ext. 7474.

On campus

Family Weekend • "Sweet Home Augustana" is September 29-October 1.

Homecoming is October 13-15, with special events for the classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996 and 2001.

At the museum

Exhibition "Dualities At and Beyond Augustana," opens September 2, Augustana College Art Museum

On stage

United States Air Force Band with the Singing Sergeants • October 24 at 7 p.m., Centennial Hall

Augustana Symphony Orchestra • October 28 at 8 p.m., Centennial Hall

Augustana Jazz Ensemble • November 3 at 8 p.m., Centennial Hall

Three Choirs Concert: Augustana Women's Ensemble, Augustana Collegiate Chorale and the Jenny Lind Vocal Ensemble • November 4 at 4 p.m., Centennial Hall

Augustana Choir Concert • November 11 at 8 p.m., location TBA

Augustana Concert Band • November 11 at 4 p.m., Centennial Hall

Augustana Symphonic Band Concert • November 11 at 8 p.m., Centennial Hall

2006-07

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Term

Classes begin—September 5

Classes end—November 10

Final exams—November 13-16

Winter Term

Classes begin—November 27

Christmas recess—December 23-January 7

Classes end—February 16

Final exams—February 19-22

Spring Term

Classes begin—March 5

Easter recess—April 6-9

Classes end—May 11

Final exams—May 14-17

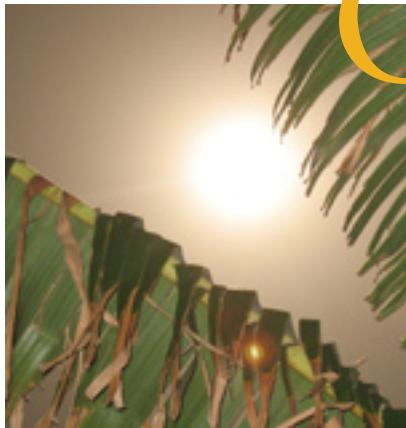
Baccalaureate service—May 20

147th annual convocation—May 20



Students race their somewhat seaworthy crafts in a recent Cardboard Boat Regatta, always a popular event during the annual Homecoming Festival.

Final shot(s)



*Right place,
right time*

One of the many highlights for Augustana students and faculty who spent spring term in Ghana was a chance to see the first solar eclipse in West Africa in 47 years. Augustana Student Photo Bureau member Carolyn Krueger '07 e-mailed dozens of images to campus during the group's three-month visit, including these photos from the solar show on the morning of March 29. The students wore "solar shades" (paper-rimmed glasses with dark plastic lenses) to protect their eyes while viewing the solar eclipse in Accra. It plunged the capital city into daytime darkness for about three minutes. "I will never forget the sound that rose from the city of Accra as it was covered by the moon's shadow," Krueger says. "It was as amazing as the eclipse itself.... everyone everywhere, including our Augie group, started shouting and laughing and screaming when it got so dark."

