

# Alumni Weekend



Commencement at Augustana always coincides with Alumni Weekend, during which the College not only hosts reunion activities for classes celebrating five-year reunions of four decades or more, but also extends special recognition for outstanding service and achievements by alumni and friends of Augustana.

Among those honored during the 2004 Alumni Banquet were: in the photo, seated from left, Franz and Esta Helpenstell (Honorary Alumni); Michelle Tunberg and Sue Donstad '72 Tunberg, who are seated in front of their husbands, Jon '79 and Jeff '72 Tunberg (Distinguished Service); others standing, from left, Tom Weigand '85 (Finest Under Forty); Richard Nyquist '51 (Outstanding Achievement); Howard Braren (Honorary Alumni); and John Stockner '62 (Outstanding Achievement). Not pictured are Wayne Fields '64 (Outstanding Achievement) and Aaron

Kennedy '85 (Finest Under Forty).

The latest additions in the Finest Under Forty category bring to 23 the number of young alumni honored by the award since its inception in 1984. Kennedy and Wiegand join recent laureates Kevin Burns '86 and Jodi Wesemann '88 from 2002, and Ike Brannon '87 and Susan Bolek '92 from 2003. Classmates and college buddies, Kennedy and Weigand were featured in a 2002 *Augustana* magazine article for their roles in creating and building up the national chain of Noodles & Co. restaurants. [On that delectable note, you can learn more about the Tunbergs by referring to the cover story of the Summer 1998 issue, "The Inside Scoop on Whitey's."]

Also honored during the Alumni Banquet were faculty and staff with 25 years of service to Augustana. This year's honorees include Gary Baker, facilities services; Lou Belby, Spanish; Mary Ellen Curnyn,

Red Shoes; Janina Ehrlich, music; S.A. Fenwick, psychology; and Dave Hill, philosophy.

## Lighting the way

As the Class of 2004 entered the rolls of the Augustana Alumni Association, the new graduates heralded their arrival with the announcement of a class gift. To date, 111 pledges totaling \$12,700 have been made to the initiative, which includes two components. First is lighted signage for the College's academic buildings, which will make use of a unified design theme in marking Old Main, Denkmann Memorial Hall, the Science Building and other structures.

The second part of the gift is also illuminating, but more in the sense of shining a well-deserved spotlight. The class intends to create a special scholarship award to recognize leadership on the part of sophomore, junior or senior students in service to both the Augustana and Quad Cities communities. Leaders of the class gift effort—including co-chairs Erin Priestly, Erin Rakoczy and Kelly Sabo—say they were inspired by President Steve Bahls' challenge to students to become engaged in servant-leadership both on- and off-campus.

Pledges toward the class gift are payable over a five-year period, with plans to augment the funds during future reunions. Rakoczy made the announcement of the class gift at Commencement. Priestly will serve as Class Representative.

# Should you read this book? Yes.

When Dr. **Timothy Johnson '58** spoke at Augustana's 1998 Commencement Convocation, he told the graduates to pay attention to their hearts as they went forward with their lives...and with the publication of a new book, he's continuing to follow his own advice. *Finding God in the Questions: A Personal Journey* (InterVarsity, 2004) is the product of a sustained and fruitful conversation between the author's mind and heart. It is also—true to its title—filled with challenging questions.

As a physician, Johnson—who is medical editor for ABC News—might be expected to focus more on providing answers than questions. But he's a graduate of seminary as well as medical school,

and in addition to informing the nation on medical matters, he serves as assisting pastor of a church in the Boston area. This combination of callings results in an engaging writing style. As the *Wall Street Journal* said in its review, Johnson's probing of deep theological questions contains "the sophistication

of thoughts examined with honesty and great thoroughness."

Each section and chapter in the book is built around a question—from "Does God exist?" and "Where do we come from?" to "Who was Jesus?" and "Is God in control?"—and each is filled with pro-

vocative questions designed to stimulate the reader's own journey. While providing perspective on the most widely-held answers to the big questions, such as those on cosmology, Johnson also offers insight into his own personal answers, developed over a lifetime of questioning.

For example, rather than taking the view that every event in our lives is part of a pre-ordained plan, Johnson holds that moments of providence occur in which we have free choice; these choices, and the extent to which they are informed by one's faith, add up over time. As he told graduates six years ago, it was a sequence of such decisions which led him, along with his wife, Nancy, to Indonesia on a medical service mission, where they met and adopted their son, Nolden, in the mid-1960s.

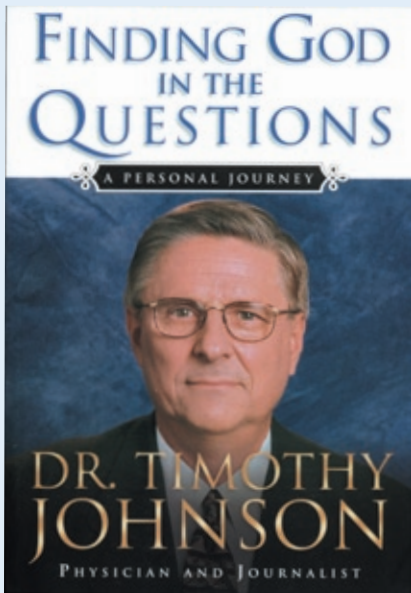
Another series of decisions—this one spread out over five decades—provides a fundamental theme for Johnson's book. Entering his junior year at Augustana, Johnson was asked by the debate coach to join the College's storied team. Unsure of the time commitment, Johnson instead took the coach's back-up suggestion of doing oratory. He then proceeded

to write and memorize a speech about one of his childhood heroes, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, which took him—much to his own surprise—all the way to the 1957 national collegiate championship, which he won.

Johnson has maintained his interest in the life of Schweitzer, which—in addition to the medical work in Africa which helped earn him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952—included a spiritual pursuit of Christology that resulted in Schweitzer's book, *The Quest for the Historical Jesus*. Johnson says Schweitzer's life illustrates his own book's main thesis: "that even in the midst of many difficult intellectual and spiritual questions, it is possible to find enough answers to get on with our spiritual life."

"In my experience, finding God in the questions does not mean finding complete answers," Johnson writes. "In fact, you may discover that along the path of faith, you pick up more questions than you started with. But you might also discover that you need fewer answers, and those you *do* find are enough to live on."

In the book's preface, Johnson notes





that “some who admire my secular achievements will be turned off by this spiritual exploration—and some who admire my spiritual stance will be disappointed in my conclusions.” Interviewed shortly after the book’s release in May, Johnson reported, “So far, all of the responses have been positive, even from agnostic or atheistic friends. I am sure there will be negative reactions from those who think *any* religious faith is intellectually soft and indefensible.”

But at the same time, Johnson concedes those aren’t the people for whom he wrote *Finding God in the Questions*. “Right from the start, I had two groups especially in mind: those turned off by bad intellectual and emotional experiences with the church growing up, and those whose only knowledge of the church comes from media reports suggesting that all the church seems to care about these days are issues like abortion and homosexuality and far-out faith-healing. Part of my reason for writing the book was to give an account of my own faith development, which has always started with the evidence for a Creator God versus a totally accidental universe.”

For all readers, Johnson prescribes healthy doses of further reading and investigation. This includes reading the four Gospels straight through, and with a critical eye for what Jesus is—and is not—talking about. “For me it was a stunning experience...a spiritually ‘eye-opening’ experience,” Johnson says.

# Cardinalia

If you fancy yourself a St. Louis Cardinals fan, there are three women whose stories you ought to get to know. The first is a woman whose name is lost to history, but who gets the credit for the team’s name. In 1899, the St. Louis Perfectos took the field in brand new uniforms boasting brash red trim. Willie McHale, a sportswriter covering opening day, overheard the lady say, “What a lovely shade of cardinal,” and soon began referring to the team by a name which has stood the test of time, perhaps better than “Perfectos” might have done.

The second is Allie May Schmidt, whose church hosted a dinner in February 1922 featuring a speech by Cardinals manager and baseball legend Branch Rickey. Schmidt was in charge of table decorations and—inspired by the sight of cardinals against a snowy background—adorned the white-clothed tables with the simple device of two redbirds at either end of a snippet of brown yarn. Rickey was impressed, and Schmidt’s father—who just happened to be a commercial artist—soon had a new logo to his credit, which has been showing up on Cardinals’ uniforms ever since.

Keeping such stories alive is the job of the third woman, **Paula Stinson** ’75 **Homan**, curator of the St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame Museum. The official repository of more than a century of St. Louis baseball history, the museum is located right next to Busch Stadium.

Begun as the brainchild of August A. Busch, Jr., the museum evolved from a catch-all compendium of St. Louis sports history to a baseball-only format following a major gift of memorabilia from one of the all-time Cardinal greats, Stan Musial. Fed by numerous contributions from Cardinals players, player families and devoted fans, as well as members of the current ownership group—which includes inveterate collectors Bill DeWitt, Jr., and Bill DeWitt III—the museum has a rich mix of memories not just of the Cardinals, but of the old St. Louis Browns and the St. Louis Stars Negro League team.

Among the first items to greet the visitor’s eye is a parade of National League and World Series pennants that—unlike those with which Cubs fans might be familiar—mostly post-date the cessation of hostilities in the last World War. >





But such treasures as Joe Medwick's Babe Ruth Batting Crown, a jersey worn by Rogers Hornsby, George Sisler's first-baseman's glove, or a ball used by James "Cool Papa" Bell aren't the only one-of-a-kind items which followed an interesting path to the museum. Homan's own journey there began in—of all places—Augustana's Fryxell Geology Museum.

"I was studying art with Ben Jasper during my senior year when Mick Hager [then director of the Fryxell] called needing someone to paint plaster and fiberglass casts of fossils to look like the rock of the matrix in the originals," Homan says. "After that year, he worked on a grant to help keep me working the following year, and then helped me land a job at the Putnam Museum in

Davenport." The extra work was a boon for Homan, who needed employment after her graduation and marriage while her husband, **Michael Homan '76**, completed his studies.

She continued working in museums in the Quad Cities until 1986, when Michael earned a master's in social work and the family moved to Alton, Ill., where Homan worked at a local museum of history and art. She joined the Cardinals museum in 1993, a year after the museum went to the all-baseball format during the centennial of St. Louis's affiliation with the National League in 1992.

The Cardinals Hall of Fame moved to new quarters inside the International Bowling Hall of Fame in 1997. That building is located immediately north-

west of the stadium, and provides a much more amenable and inviting space for the museum's displays—so much so that tours of Busch Stadium actually begin from the museum building.

Her already-considerable skills in museum work helped Homan make up for the fact that she previously hadn't been much of a baseball aficionado. But with the help of consummate Cardinals fan and historian Erv Fischer—not to mention having an office which is all of 20 paces away from the lower deck at Busch Stadium—today you'd be hard-pressed to find many people with a more encyclopedic knowledge of St. Louis baseball than Paula Homan.

The Cardinals are currently anticipating the completion of a new stadium in 2006, after which the foot-print of the current Busch Stadium will be replaced by "Ballpark Village," a planned mixed-use redevelopment which, Homan says, is expected to become the new home of the Hall of Fame Museum. To learn more, you can check the web at [stlcardinals.com](http://stlcardinals.com).

## Road trip

A question about the history of an Augustana fraternity served as the catalyst to melt a great span of miles and years, and bring a group of students to Arizona last fall for a service project. Nick Stafford '04 wanted to learn more about the origins of his Delta Omega Nu fraternity and, with help from the Alumni Office, his search led to a correspondence with the Rev. Dr. Russell Swanson '50. Swanson had been one of a group of students who'd come to Augustana on the G.I. Bill after service in World War II and founded the DONs in 1947.

As the correspondence continued, Stafford sent Swanson his DON pin, so that the latter could give it to his wife, Donna Rein '52 Swanson, for their 50th anniversary. Years earlier, Stafford learned, Swanson had likewise given his own pin to a friend in need. Then last summer, Stafford and fellow DON Phil Christman '05 started kicking around ideas for a service project that could be conducted over Thanksgiving break—preferably, 'someplace warm.'

Swanson, who lives in Sun City West, Ariz., helped spread the word among pastors and congregations in the Grand Canyon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and soon ideas started pouring in from across the Southwest. But in hopes of getting the chance to meet Swanson during the service project, the two settled on Mount of Olives Lutheran Church in Phoenix. Next they approached the Delta Chi Theta sorority to help fill out the ranks, and contributions were solicited to help offset transportation costs.

Then just after fall-term finals, eight DONs and seven Delta Chis set out for Phoenix, where Pastor Janice Meier of Mount of Olives led them in repainting the church's music room, assisting with some major landscaping, and even helping serve a pre-Thanksgiving meal to residents of the church's neighborhood. The group slept in the church and caught showers as they were able at the homes of church members.

A highlight of the trip was being hosted for dinner by the Swansons and fellow alumni the Rev. Dr. Donovan '50 and Dorothy Johnson '53 Palmquist at the Swansons' home. Two Augustana Choir members on the trip, Becca Caliendo and A.J. Dela Cruz, both '05, got to swap notes with Dr. Palmquist, who'd sung with Augustana Choir founder Henry Veld. Sadly, Dr. Palmquist—who had been head of the Augustana Heritage Association—passed away in May [see *Deaths*].



**Founders' Day.** Russell Swanson '50, center, surrounded by members of the DON fraternity he helped found. Standing, from left: Zach Wood '06, Sean Murphy '05, Nick Stafford '04, Nick Heiser '05, Phil Christman '05; kneeling: Clay Hill '05, A.J. Dela Cruz '05 and Tim Muehler '04.

## Class Notes

(received as of May 31, 2004)

### 1947

The mayor of Jamestown, N.Y., honored **Gerald Heglund** on his 85th birthday by proclaiming it Gerald Heglund Day.

### 1952

**Alice Marie Erickson** married Paul Olsen on Nov. 29, 2003.

### 1953

**Don Bronkema** has been recognized for superior contributions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C.

### 1954

**Miriam Anderson Johnson's** book, *Building a Child's Library*, has been published by Paulist Press.

### 1959

**Bill Culbertson**, emeritus professor at Ohio State Univ., received the 2004 Industrial Polymer Scientist Award from the American Chemical Society.

### 1961

**Barb Gustafson Anderson** was named 2003 Woman of the Year by the Mendota Business and Professional Women's Club.

### 1963

**Jerry Norsman** is president of the Nordic Company, Madison, Wis.

**Carol Stoj Tempel** is principal at Academic Magnet High School, Charleston, S.C., and serves as a principal investigator for two National Science Foundation grants.

**Charles Wilt** was a national rider in last fall's Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride.

### 1964

**Ruth Anne Erickson Hartman** received the distinguished service award from the Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges.

**William Kempiners**, executive director of the Illinois Health Care Association, has been elected vice president of the board of directors for the American Lung Association of Illinois-Iowa.

**Carol March Lieber** earned a master's in special education from the Univ. of Phoenix, Ariz.

**Roy Puccini** married Kimberly Kosiek on May 23.

### 1966

**Barbara Lundblad** received an honorary D.Div. degree from the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago.

### 1967

**Ann Zellmer Anderson** received the M.Div. degree from Gettysburg (Pa.) Seminary.

**Fred Erler** serves on the board of directors of Monitoring Technology Corp.

**Ken Kuehnle** has authored a three-volume treatise on Ohio Real Estate Law, published by West Publishing Co.

### 1968

**Gordon Nelson** is an attorney in the legal research department of LexisNexis.

### 1969

**Douglas Anderson** is director of the Office of Dispute Resolution, Colorado Springs, Colo., and is in private practice as a mediator.

**Dawn Piotter Hass** is staff chaplain for the neonatal intensive care and transplant units at Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

**Henry Schwabauer** is vice president-commercial lending at Community Bank Oak Park River Forest (Ill.).

## 1971

**Jeanette Miller** married Richard Green on April 5, 2003 and has moved to Auckland, New Zealand after many years in New York City.

**Bonnie Swarbrick Morehouse** is education and public use director at Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona.

**Gail Butler Olson** is a journalist with Pro Media, Inc., Minneapolis.

**Eric Tibbetts** is manager of the logistics department of Roquette America in Keokuk, Iowa.

**Brad Weir** has been named executive vice president and chief operating officer for Kelso-Burnett Co.

## 1972

**Charlie Ackers** is administrator of The Elms, a nursing home in Macomb, Ill.

**Marvin Bergeson**, president of Tanana Valley Medical Clinic, Fairbanks, Alaska, is listed in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who in America*.

**Michael Green** is president of the American School Band Directors Association.

**Thomas Johnson** is president of Groundwater Resources Assoc. of California.

**Bryant Julstrom** had a daughter, Caroline, on Nov. 24, 2003 (*Anne*; Marie, 6; Clifford, 2).

**Elizabeth Bergstrom Selander** is director of gifted education for Batavia (Ill.) Public Schools.

## 1973

**Julio Garcia** is the Federal Aviation Administration's regional manager of security for California, Nevada, Arizona, and the Pacific Rim.

**Claris Hyett** received a master's in project management from City Univ., Bellevue, Wash.

**Lynne Heinze Lockrey** is a fine arts teacher at St. Andrew Catholic School, Coral Springs, Fla.

## 1974

**Dale Haake** won two prestigious prizes for his poems, *The Windmill of LaGalea* and *Reflections of Black Hawk on Rock River*.

**Kimberly Hyre Kolze** is assistant principal at Lake Zurich (Ill.) High School.

**Mitch LaCosse** is marketing administrator at Senior Health Division, Clearwater, Fla.

**Janet Norquist-Gonzalez**, a graduate student at Lehman College, West Bronx, N.Y., won an honorable mention award in the annual map design competition of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping.

**Rebecca Oehlerking** married Michael Jenkins on April 3. Rebecca is the vocal music teacher at Foothill High School, Palo Cedro, Calif.

**Mike Tracey**, athletic director at United Township High School in East Moline, has been elected to the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

**Mark Williams**, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Youngstown, Ohio, serves as a member of the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission of Northeast Ohio and as a member of the review board of the Youngstown Diocese of the Catholic Church.

## 1975

**Brenda Czajka Barnes** has been appointed president and chief operating officer of the Sara Lee Corporation, Chicago.

**Al Bowman** has been named 17th president of Illinois State Univ., Normal.

**Robert Hoffman** has been appointed chief of the rheumatology and immunology division at the Univ. of Miami (Fla.)/Jackson Memorial Hospital/Miami VA Medical Center.

**Jill Fischer Carter**, who teaches at Pekin (Ill.) Community High School, received the 2003 Illinois Science Teachers Association/ExxonMobil Exemplary Science Teacher Award, and is one of three Illinois finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

## 1976

**Karla Close** is organizing and leading an ongoing drama ministry at First Baptist Church, New Albany, Indiana. She is employed by Metro United Way, Louisville, Ky.

## 1977

**Donald Berg** has been promoted to president at Brown-Forman Spirits Americas, Louisville, Ky.

**Jeffery Buchman** is a senior research chemist at Noveon, Inc., Brecksville, Ohio.

**John Pouk** is now senior vice president of global sales and international operations for Stratagene.

**Marcia Soenksen Reints** is clinical reimbursement specialist with Coram Healthcare.

**Sue Anderson Swedo** is chief, developmental psychopathology and prevention research branch of the National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Md.

## 1978

**Debra Farney Anderson** received the Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching in 2003.

**Lynn Armstrong** married John Biggs on Oct. 4, 2003.

**Karla Williams** is president and chief executive officer of StrategyWise.

## 1979

**Kathleen Dempsey Boyle** is senior attorney-development at General Growth Properties, Chicago.

**Steven Duensing** is president/chief executive officer of Duensing Chiropractic, Goodlettsville, Tenn.

**Wil Hester** had a daughter, Jada, in Dec. 2002 (*Sherry*; Catherine-Claire, 7;

## A Fulbright follow-up

When **Ann Arnold '69 Burbridge** traveled to Japan last year as part of a remarkable program of cultural and educational exchange, she hadn't expected that part of what she'd leave behind were some of her own preconceptions. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government's Fulbright Program and its far-reaching impact on post-World War II Japan, that nation's government offered a select group of U.S. educators the chance to visit Japan to hear from past Fulbright recipients and visit schools which are now in the midst of sweeping nationwide reforms.

Burbridge, administrator for secondary choral and elementary music in the San

Antonio (Tex.) Independent School District, was one of 200 educators from across the U.S. chosen to participate in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. As part of her three-week stay, she met with numerous Japanese artists, authors and high-ranking government officials, many of whom are among the 6,000 Japanese citizens who have studied in the U.S. during the past half-century under the auspices of the Fulbright Program.

"Our most fun day was a visit to Daiichi Elementary School in Shimbara, where the kids treated us like movie stars," says Burbridge of the second phase of her trip, which brought her group to Nagasaki Prefecture for visits to several primary and secondary schools. "When we walked into the auditorium, a music teacher played the theme to the Mickey Mouse Club as we entered. We spent the day

giving autographs and having English 'conversations' such as, 'hello,' 'how are you,' and 'how old are you,'" she says.

As different as Burbridge had expected to find things in Japan, she was struck by similarities. "The children there were every bit as exciting and buoyant as you'd find in any American elementary school." She was also somewhat surprised to learn that Japanese schools—like some in this country—still have considerable technological needs. "The schools we visited were low-tech compared with what I'm used to," she says. "There were few computers in the elementary schools, and only one high school math class we visited had computers—one for every two students."

While staying in elegant hotels and being treated to Kabuki and Kuogen performances during her time in Tokyo, Burbridge also lived with a Japanese family for her week in Shimbara. "The Nakamuras treated me as if I were one of their family, except the mother was afraid to let me see the room her two boys shared because she was afraid it would be too messy." No worries, there: Burbridge has two sons of her own—now grown—in addition to her daughter, **Capt. Britt Burbridge '93**, who's now serving with the U.S. Air Force in Alabama.





Alexis, 4). Wil is account representative with G.E. Water Technologies, South Holland, Ill.

**Christopher Johnson** is key account manager at ConAgra Foods, Omaha.

**Kimberly Rostello** adopted Avery, who was born Oct. 31, 2003 (Madison, 3). Kimberly works at the Univ. of Illinois-Chicago Recreation Center.

## 1980

**Jeff Coussens** and **Heather McCarty** '93 had a daughter, Ava Lucille, on March 3 (Emily).

**Laurie Glick Knapp** is development director for Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences, Peoria.

**Ed Kozlow** is business development manager for Vantage Group.

**Susan Theus**, senior care manager for Magellan Behavioral Health, breeds, trains and shows international champion working Australian shepherds.

## 1981

**Nancy Hennenfent Cruse** had a son, Charles Matthew, on Jan. 21 (*Tom*; Alexandra, 14; Brandon, 13; Kendra, 11; Michaela, 5).

**Charles Murphy** teaches physics at Bainbridge High School, Bainbridge Island, Wash.

**Kyle Pasewark** married **Suzanne Bradbeer** '84 on May 15.

**Jeffrey Wasson** is program manager—air quality at the University of Iowa Hygienic Lab, Iowa City.

## 1982

**Julie Bunderson** married John Hodgson on Aug. 2, 2003.

**Erin Alles Kingshill** had a son, Kevin Charles, on March 13, 2003 (*Ken*; Kalvin, 2). Erin is manager, global scientific communications at Eli Lilly and Co., Indianapolis.

**Millicent Knight**, an optometrist at North Shore Eye Center, Evanston, has been honored by 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc., for her significant contributions to youth.

**Valerie Pracht O'Sullivan** is senior research scientist with Pierce Biotechnology, Rockford.

**Christie Ratch** married Larry Burton on Aug. 31, 2002.

**Jeffrey Wilson** had a son, Gabriel Edward, on April 17, 2003 (*Pam*; Grace, 7, Gloria, 4).

## 1983

**Gary Bitter** adopted a 17-month-old daughter, Hope Mei-Shan, in February (*Robin*).

**Charles Koelbel** served as program chair for the Supercomputing 2003 Conference in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Tom Leach** is vice president-development for the Tribune Company, Chicago.

**George Tamvakis** had a daughter, Kristy, on Feb. 26 (*Georgette*; Mark, 6; Alyssa, 4).

**Geralyn Kale Tracey** has been inducted into the Hall of Fame at Alleman High School, Rock Island.

**Craig Waetke** received the M.Div. degree from Dubuque (Iowa) Theological Seminary. He now serves as pastor at Beverly (N.J.) Presbyterian Church.

**John Wylie**, professor and technical director in the Conservatory of Theatre Arts in Webster Univ.'s Leigh Gerdine College of Fine Arts, St. Louis, received one of the 2004 William T. Kemper Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

## 1984

**Jeff Anderson** has been named city planner for Moline.

**Ellen Odom Bemis** is director of finance and administration for the Thatcher Corporation, Addison, Ill.

**Suzanne Bradbeer** married Kyle Pasewark '81 on May 15.

**Julia Tollenauer Evans** is principal at Andalusia (Ill.) Elementary School.

**Kent Gladish** is marketing director for the Tooling and Manufacturing Association, Chicago.

**Laura Nelson** is a labor and employment specialist with the State of Colorado, Denver.

**Cheryl Pivar** is on the board of directors for a new magazine, *NursesWorld*. Her first article was published in Sept. 2003.

## 1985

**Theresa Albrecht** married James Talmon on April 4.

**Julie Tegtmeyer Morrison** received the M.B.A. degree from St. Ambrose Univ., Davenport.

## Keeping up with the Carlsons

Considering he's had three books published in the past year, it's a wonder Dr. **Allan Carlson** '71 found time to jot a few lines about some Augustana graduates on whom he keeps close tabs.

His spouse, **Elizabeth Belin** '71 **Carlson** is a museum educator for the Jane Collaborative. The "Jane" in question is a recently-discovered 65 million year-old tyrannosaurid at the Burpee Museum of Natural History in Rockford, Ill. Virtual visitors can track the unfolding research being conducted into the fossils on the web at <burpee.org>.

Their son, **Anders Carlson** '00, spent the summer studying the Laurentian Icesheet in northern Canada as part of his doctoral program at Oregon State University in glacial geology and paleoclimate change. Their daughter, **Sarah-Eva Carlson** '03 is now studying international security at Scotland's University of St. Andrews, where she is also an intern at the university's Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence.

For his part, Allan Carlson is president of the Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society, a Rockford-based think-tank. His most recent books include *The New Agrarian Mind* (Transaction-Rutgers University, 2004), *Society, Family, Person: The American School of Alternative Sociology* (in Russian, from the Department of Sociology, Moscow Lomonosov State University, 2003), and *The 'American Way'* (ISI Books, 2003).

**Joy Prowell West** is a physician at Roseland Hospital, Chicago.

## 1986

**Terri Becker** manages the operations analysis group within Sprint LTD Consumer Solutions, Overland Park, Kan.

**Kevin Burns** is director of development and alumni relations at Midwestern Univ., Downers Grove, Ill.

**Lynne Garrett Cornett** had a son, Joshua Ryan, on Oct. 22, 2003 (*Ralph*; Benjamin, 2).

**Scott Davis** had a son, Matthew Scott, on Nov. 15, 2003 (*Susanne*).

**Ron and Kristina Lindquist** '88 **Guastaferrri** had a daughter, Isabella Grace, on Jan. 29 (Sophie, 2).

**Philip Hodgkinson** is vice president, asset management, at The Mills Corporation, Arlington, Va.

**Steven Lund** was a Fulbright lecturer this past year at Presov Univ. in Slovakia.

**Craig Nielsen** has been named chief executive officer of Nielsen-Massey Vanillas, Inc., Waukegan, Ill.

**Martha Begerman Offutt** married Peter Gruber on Jan. 3.

**Shelly Porter Patterson** teaches English and sociology at Rich Central High School, Olympia Fields, Ill.

**John Tabaka** is senior pastor for First English Lutheran Church in White-water, Wis.

## 1987

**Alecia Jackson Barnes** is office manager for Day Nursery Association, Indianapolis.

**Christopher Breen** is a statistician at Eli Lilly, Indianapolis.

**Kevin Cmiel** is a marketing manager with Steris Corporation, Cleveland.

**Ty and Doreen Genin Covey** had a son, Thomas Tyson, on Feb. 11 (Zoe, 5; Phoebe, 3).

**William Hughes** served as the Navy medical liaison officer at U.S. Central Command Forward Headquarters, Joint Operations Center, in Doha, Qatar.

**Wesley Lane** is a receiving technician for Tootsie Roll Industries.

**Jennifer Jaskowiak Mancha** had a daughter, Joann Patience, on Dec. 11, 2003 (*Ernest*).

**Clive Phinn** is senior underwriting audit consultant with Zurich North America.

**Joe Pirc** is director-retail channel marketing at Tetra Pak, Inc., Salinas, Calif.

**Jennifer Thurber** is senior project consultant at Transunion.

**Kristin Burke Winter** had a son, Daniel Craig, on Feb. 4, 2004 (*Roland*; Karina, Karl and Alex).

## 1988

**Ronald Beltz** and **Rebecca Kammerer** '89 had a son, Christopher Asher, on Jan. 13, 2003. Ronald had been serving as a chaplain for the U.S. Army in Iraq.

**Craig Dickman** is an oracle database administrator with EDS, Plano, Texas.



Suzanne Bradbeer '84 and Kyle Pasewark '81

## The magazine as match-maker?

We know (and like to say) that *Augustana* continues to have an impact on the lives of its graduates long after they leave the Mississippi's rocky shore. Now we can say that *Augustana* (the magazine) does, too.

The *New York Times* found fit to print the news of this publication's role in the romance of **Suzanne Bradbeer '84** and **Kyle Pasewark '81** as part of its Sunday, May 16, 2004 edition's "Style" section, in the form of a ten-paragraph announcement of their wedding.

An article in the Winter, 2002, edition about Bradbeer, a playwright in New York, managed to catch Pasewark's eye as he was skimming his copy of the magazine. An attorney with the New York firm of Debevoise and Plimpton LLP, Pasewark earned his law degree at Yale after ten years as a professor with a Ph.D. in Christian theology from Chicago. He also happens to be a lover of theatre, and learning of a fellow graduate from his alma mater who writes plays prompted him to try and get in touch.

When Pasewark called with an invitation to coffee, Bradbeer says she wasn't sure if what was to follow would count as a date or an ad-hoc alumni gathering. After discovering they both attended the same church—Fifth Avenue Presbyterian in New York—they decided to meet at worship. Bradbeer says in hindsight it wasn't the most conducive setting for their first encounter, since shortly after meeting they had to refrain from chatting until after the service ended.

As the *New York Times* article concluded its description of the first meeting, "There was plenty of talk afterward, however. First there was lunch, and after lunch, coffee, and after coffee, dinner. The meeting between *Augustana* graduates was a date after all, confirmed with a 'smooch' 14 hours after it began, Bradbeer recalled."

In a subsequent interview, Bradbeer says the Cupid's credit actually goes to **Jennifer Bevington '84**, a classmate whose world travels with husband **Eric Seyfarth '84** were included in the Winter, 2001, issue of *Augustana*. That story prompted a call from Bradbeer to Bevington, who in turn encouraged Bradbeer to share news of her writing career with the College magazine. That, then, sparked the chain of events leading to the May wedding in New York, which included a Celtic blessing read by Bradbeer's mother, **Wilma Youngert '49 Bradbeer**.

**Tracy Fryburger** is a horticulturist for the City of Cincinnati Parks.

**Ron '86 and Kristina Lindquist Guastaferrri** had a daughter, Isabella Grace, on Jan. 29 (Sophie, 2).

**John Keller IV** had a son, John David V, on Oct. 3, 2003 (*Jessica*; David, 8; Carter, 6; Matthew, 6).

**Anne Henry Lawless** had a daughter, Emma Violet, on March 17 (*Stephen*; Sam, 5; Jack, 4).

**Valerie Tatlock Lee** had a daughter, Meredith Rhys, on Oct. 21, 2003 (*Michael*; Samantha, 5; Mitchell, 2).

**Larry Ooi** is senior vice president of Salem Five Bank in Massachusetts.

**Michael '90 and Cindy Blue Savely** had a son, Andrew, on June 5, 2003 (Hannah, 2).

**Tyrone Singleton** is regional group exercise manager at X-Sport Fitness, Chicago.

**Cara Currier** is the women's athletic director at the Univ. of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill.

**Amy Lauth Danielsen** had a daughter, Emily Ingrid on April 23, 2003 (*Peder*).

**Jamie Deffenbaugh** had a son, Peter James, on Feb. 10, 2003 (*Jackie*).

**Julie Holmstrom Frerichs** had a son, Grant William, on Jan. 16 (*Clint*; Lela, 1).

**Jennifer Jones Hale** had a son, Charles Hoyt, on Feb. 28, 2003 (*Garrett*; Jack, 4, Kate, 3).

**Ramon Key** is music department chair and director of bands for the Chicago Board of Education.

**Lori Kraft** married Bill Shores on March 27. Lori is an ESL instructor at the Univ. of Illinois, Chicago.

**Gwyndlyn Dorman Krause** had a son, Jens William, on Sep. 18, 2003 (*Steven*).

**Jennifer Randazzo Main** had a son, George, on March 15 (*George*).

**Cherrilyn Poe Mayfield** serves on the board of directors of Lincoln Land Community College Foundation, Springfield, Ill.

**Sherri Cathcart Moorhusen** had a son, James, on June 16, 2003.

**Gregory Noth** received a master's in computer programming from Northern Illinois Univ.

**Frank Novak** has been appointed director of the Ela Area (Ill.) Public Library.

**Donald Novelle** married Robin Oelkers on July 19, 2003.

**David Patterson** had a son, Zachary Blaise, on April 18, 2003 (*Michelle*).

**Kyle '89 and Robyn Niessner Rippel** had twins, Charles Robert and Elizabeth Rae, on Dec. 25, 2003 (Mason, 6).

**Michael and Cindy Blue '88 Savely** had a son, Andrew, on June 5, 2003 (Hannah, 2).

**David Terronez** is a physical education teacher and coach for the Rock Island School District.

**Debra Wegehoft** married Jesse Theys on Dec. 20, 2003.

**Charles Witt** had a son, Nolan, in May 2003 (*Tracey*; Allie, 6; Ethan, 4).

**Cheryl Patrick Wyer** was named to the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society for Education.

## 1989

**Jacob Fitzgerald**, second vice president and retirement plan consultant at Smith Barney, has earned the financial planning specialist designation.

**Jeffrey Hartman** had a daughter, Emma Lenore, on Nov. 22, 2003 (*Rebecca*; Jacob, 5; Joshua, 2).

**Julie Johnson Kamenetzky** is a technical assistance specialist for Caliber Associates/Region III ACF/Head Start, Philadelphia.

**Rebecca Kammerer and Ronald Beltz '88** had a son, Christopher Asher, on Jan. 13, 2003. Rebecca is a librarian at the Central Texas Library.

**Juliana Atten Maller** had twin sons, David James and Daniel John, on July 12, 2003 (*John*; Sarah, 3).

**Maria Martinez** married Alex Herran in April 2003.

**Kyle and Robyn Niessner '90 Rippel** had twins, Charles Robert and Elizabeth Rae, on December 25, 2003 (Mason, 6).

**Michelle Alberio Williams** had a son, Benjamin Harris, on Aug. 14, 2002 (*Darrin*).

**Bradley Wooten**, associate dean at Joliet (Ill.) Junior College, is in the Ph.D. program at the Univ. of Illinois, Champaign.

## 1990

**Ann Breznik Brill** received a master's in education from Western Illinois Univ.



## 1991

**Lisa-Marie Ahner** is a recruiter for MedFocus, Inc.

**Tracy Manson Anderson** is a human resources partner at Siemens Medical Solutions, Hoffman Estates, Ill.

**Ben Bergren** serves as pastor of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Frankfort, Ill.

**Matthew Brooke** has been promoted to major in the U.S. Army. He now serves with the National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Md.

**Ana Duarte** had a daughter, Sophia, on July 14, 2003 (*Dwight Abouhalkah*; Andrew, 2).

**Daryl and Cynthia Wiedemann '92 Empen** had a son, Ian Max, on May 9 (Nils, 2).

**Jeffrey Evans** is dean of students at Glenview Middle School, East Moline.

**Sheila Schwoob Fargo** had a daughter, Emily, in January 2003 (*Brian*; Caleb, 5, Morgan, 2).

**Christina Abrahamson Gruca** had a son, Tyler Clint, on Aug. 13, 2003 (*Peter*).

**Christopher and Jeanna Hocking '92 Gunning** had a son, Will, on March 12, 2002 (Nate, 5).

**Carol Winkle Iden** had a daughter, Molly Anne, on Aug. 9, 2003 (*Keith*).

**Jim and Karen Oliver '93 Jennings** had twin sons, Cole James and Caleb Lee, on Oct. 9, 2003 (Grace, 3).

**Rick and Julie Soderdahl '93 Knafelz** had a son, Matthew Alan, on April 3 (Sarah, 2).

**Vanessa Lund-Davis** had a son, Paul, on May 8 (*William*).

**Greg '92 and Cari Weber Mills** had twins, Ethan Edward and Ashley Marlene, on March 6, 2003.

**Jeff Palzer** married Julia Skinner on Oct. 10, 2003.

**Graziela Rondon Pari** is an assistant professor at Ithaca (N.Y.) College.

**Mark Rafferty** had a son, Patrick Collin, on Oct. 9, 2003 (*Peggy*).

**Pamela Regan** is a quality improvement specialist with The Youth Campus, Park Ridge, Ill.

**Alan Rhea** married Tricia Norton on Sept. 13, 2003. He is president of his own management consulting firm.

**Guy and Amy Johnson '92 Spayth** had a daughter, Caroline, on Feb. 10.

**Kevin Stevenson** is a pediatric neurosurgeon at Pediatric Neurosurgery Associates, Atlanta.

**Nicole Carlson Thomas** had a daughter, Madeline Olive, on April 10, 2002 (*Robert*).

**Susan Olson Wassel** is assistant director of Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Schaumburg, Ill.

**Jeffrey Watkins** is a podiatric surgeon with Castle Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, Aurora, Ill.

**Tricia Riedy Weis** had a daughter, Sarah, on March 2 (*Nick*; Daniel, 8; Allison, 7; Julio, 5; and Kurt, 3).

**Dave and Christine DeGeeter '92 Yonan** had a son, Randal Christopher, on Oct. 12, 2003 (Derek, 3).

## 1992

**John and Susan Caswell '93 Allemeier** had a son, Noah James, on Dec. 31, 2003.

**Michael Antongiovanni** is accounting manager at Wheels, Inc.

**Jeremy Barnhart**, lead managing director at American Express Tax and Business Services, Phoenix, has been chosen as one of the Phoenix *Business Journal's* Forty Under 40.

**Tara Klana Barthel** had a daughter, Sophia Grace, on Dec. 17, 2003 (*Frederick*).

**Mark Burnette**, assistant professor at Lee Univ., Cleveland, Tenn., received the Ph.D. in theatre from Bowling Green State Univ., Ohio.

**Jeff Carmichael** had a daughter, Christina Louise, on Dec. 19, 2003 (*Marcia*; Abigail, 3).

**Keith Cherkauer** had a son, Samuel Aric, on April 28, 2003 (*Laura*). Keith is on the faculty at Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, Ind.

**Harrietta Kapsalis Christodoulos** had a son, Elias, on July 21, 2002 (*Branden*). Harrietta is a pediatrician in Dowagiac, Mich.

**Curtis '93 and Christine Wesender Dunkel** had a daughter, Julianna Nicole, on June 30, 2002. Christine is an adjunct faculty member at Illinois Central College, East Peoria.

**Holly Herich Ekornaas** had triplets, Connor Fred, Caitlin Nicole, and Annabelle Laura, on Dec. 30, 2003 (*Nels*).

**Daryl '91 and Cynthia Wiedemann Empen** had a son, Ian Max, on May 9 (Nils, 2).

**Sarah Thurber Fiorenza** had twins, Gina Therese and Anthony William Thomas, on Feb. 28 (*Samuel*).

**Leslee Roland Forman** had a daughter, Faith Kathryn, on June 19, 2003 (*Glenn*).

**Anna Holmstrom Fredericks** is an advisor at the Univ. of Miami, Fla.

**Christopher '91 and Jeanna Hocking Gunning** had a son, Will, on March 12, 2002 (Nate, 5).

**Rachel Zimmerman Gustafson** had a daughter, Grace Kathryn, on Jan. 3 (*William*).

**Pamela Zoellick Hene** had a son, Erich, on Dec. 24, 2003 (*David*).

**Benton Johnson II**, case coordinator and counselor with the Child Abuse Council, Moline, received a master's in education from Western Illinois Univ.

**David Johnson** has been named village administrator in Channahon, Ill.

**Steven Johnson** had a daughter, Marta Jean, on Jan. 2, 2003 (*Lori*).

**Darla Hagberg Jones** had a daughter, Angela, in June 2003 (*Chad*).

**Jeffrey Katula** is a research associate at Wake Forest Univ., N.C.

**Erin McBride Lounsberry** has been named a Quad Cities Area Leader Under Forty by *The Dispatch* and *Rock Island Argus*.

**Siobhan Malany** married Amario Garcia on Oct. 25, 2003.

**Christine McAsey** is a partner with the law firm of Querrey and Harrow, Chicago.

**Greg and Cari Weber '91 Mills** had twins, Ethan Edward and Ashley Marlene, on March 6, 2003.

**Trent Morrell** teaches geosciences at Laramie Co. Community College, Cheyenne, Wyo.

**John and Stephanie Ward Ortegel** had a daughter, Olivia, on April 30, 2003.

**Amber Inch Otto** had a daughter, Claire Isabelle, on Feb. 15 (*Gary*; Madison, 9; Noah, 6; and Morgan, 2).

**Melinda Pavek** is a management officer with the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Office.

**Shauna Thiel Perry** had a daughter, Ella Elizabeth, on Nov. 2, 2003 (*David*).

**Britt Ann Peterson** had a daughter, Tess Elin, on Dec. 30, 2003 (*Thad Murrah*; Annika, 2).

**Dawn Peterson Rundman** had a son, Paavo Sten, on Jan. 2 (*Jonathan*). Dawn is a development editor for children's resources at Augsburg Fortress Publishers, Minneapolis.

**Stephanie Schuler** is senior community director for the March of Dimes, Seattle.

**Guy '91 and Amy Johnson Spayth** had a daughter, Caroline, on Feb. 10.

**Michael and Karin Young '93 Victorson** had a son, Erik, on April 26, 2003 (Annika, 5; Ethan, 3).

**David Westland** is an attorney with Tauber and Westland, Merrillville, Ind.

**Dave '91 and Christine DeGeeter Yonan** had a son, Randal Christopher, on Oct. 12, 2003 (Derek, 3).

## 1993

**Karen Ahlstrand** received the Ph.D. degree in counseling psychology at the Univ. of Denver, and is now a clinical neuropsychology postdoctoral fellow at the Univ. of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

**Yasmin Ali** married Mark Conroy on May 17, 2003.

**John '92 and Susan Caswell Allemeier** had a son, Noah James, on Dec. 31, 2003.

**Karen Loula Castoe** had a son, Seth Edward, on Feb. 14 (*Jeff*; Shelby, 4; Janey, 2).

**Aaron Courtney** had a daughter, Kaitlyn, on Feb. 19 (*Deanna*; Zachary, 2).

**Sonya Rogers Danielson** had a son, Noah, on March 8 (*Albert*).

**Curtis and Christine Wesender '92 Dunkel** had a daughter, Julianna Nicole, on June 30, 2002. Curt is an assistant professor at Illinois Central College, East Peoria.

**Margaret Jessie Ellis** had a son, John Dolan Lasater, on April 24 (*David*).

**George Feigley** had a daughter, Georgi Marye, on March 6 (*Kelli*).

**Kristin Ferguson** is a senior account risk control analyst for Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago.

**Peggy Lawfer Harmston** has developed the Massbach Ridge Winery and Vineyard, Massbach, Ill.

**Anne Humphrey** married Ian Delmenico on Feb. 14.

**Jim '91 and Karen Oliver Jennings** had twin sons, Cole James and Caleb Lee, on Oct. 9, 2003 (*Grace*, 3).

**Erik '94 and Jodi Keller Johansen** had a son, Haden David, on Feb. 24.

**Steve and Nancie Gunn '95 Klebba** had a son, Caden Michael, on Dec. 16, 2003 (*Torin*, 4).

**Rick '91 and Julie Soderdahl Knafelz** had a son, Matthew Alan, on April 3 (*Sarah*, 2).

**Bev Hellgeth Kuvshnikov** had a son, Andrei, on June 20, 2003 (*John*).

**Jeff Lindmark** had a son, Barrett Addison, on April 21 (*Stephanie*; Ellie, 4; Peyton, 3).

**Pamela Foss Manzke** had a son, David Carter, on Aug. 30, 2003 (*Michael*).

**Heather McCarty and Jeff Coussens '80** had a daughter, Ava Lucille, on March 3 (*Emily*).

**Jennifer Webster Miller** had a son, Owen Michael, on Oct. 27, 2003.

**Michelle Lebo Morse** is program administrator in special education for the Santa Monica-Malibu (Calif.) Unified School District.

**Mark Muehlnickel**, senior portfolio manager for Bank One, has been named to the New Lenox (Ill.) Plan Commission.

**Phillip and Martha Hanson Nava** had a son, Ruben, on Jan. 24.

**Stephanie Seldon Nichols** had a son, Thomas Arthur, on Jan. 12 (*David*).

**Daniel Peters and Nicole Wanner** had a daughter, Talya Wanner Peters, on Oct. 21, 2003.

**Kristen Peterson Schram** had a son, Nathan, on Sept. 30, 2003 (*Jim*).

**Dave and Erica Behensky '98 Smigo** had a son, Louis David, on April 7.

**Bryan Trout** is a podiatrist with Cedar Valley Podiatry, Ankeny, Iowa.

**Michael '92 and Karin Young Victorson** had a son, Erik, on April 26, 2003 (*Annika*, 5; *Ethan*, 3).

**Suzannah Rice Young** had a son, Nicholas, on Dec. 18, 2003 (*Matthew*).

## 1994

**Kristin Johansen Anderson** had a daughter, Elizabeth Hope, on April 2 (*Dean*).

**Todd Bacon** is a business analyst with Deloitte, Hermitage, Tenn.

**Michael Bielski** had a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, on April 29, 2003 (*Carolyn*).

**Heidi Ellis-Bunz** had a daughter, Alexandra Catherine, on July 28, 2002 (*Shain*). Heidi received the M.B.A. degree from California State Univ., Sacramento, and is project manager at Severn Trent Laboratories, West Sacramento.

**John Champley** married Julie Keck in August 2003.

**Jerry Cubbage** is a computational research scientist at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, St. Louis.

**Martha Koehler Hampton** had a daughter, Rachel Ann Corinne, on Nov. 24, 2003 (*David*).

**Erik and Jodi Keller '93 Johansen** had a son, Haden David, on Feb. 24. Erik attends John Marshall Law School, Chicago.

**Jeffery and Jamie Parrillo '96 Klimes** had a daughter, Renna Michelle, on Feb. 29.

**Jonathan '96 and Jenny Danielson Koertge** had a daughter, Ella Lynne, on Dec. 29, 2003 (*Morgan*, 1).

**Julie LaVelle** is director of finance for Motivating Individuals for Learning and Living, Rockford.

**Jennifer Mills** is a children's librarian at the Chicago Public Library.

**Stephen and Brigitte Morrow Paige** had a daughter, Mackenzie Brighton, on Sept. 12, 2002.

**Layne Pitzer** is senior purchasing manager at GKN Walterscheid, Inc.

**Eric Schmitz** teaches eighth grade English and journalism at Eagle (Idaho) Middle School.

**Alycia Wright Sutor** is director of marketing at Goldberg Kohn.

**Kimberley Ward VanDuyn** had a daughter, Hayley, on Jan. 20 (*Allan*).

**David Victorson** had a daughter, Isabella Grace, on Oct. 16, 2003 (*Gretchen*). David is a postdoctoral fellow in health psychology at Evanston-Northwestern Healthcare, Kellogg Cancer Center.

**Gregory and Amy Dvorak Weber** had a daughter, Madeline Anne, on Aug. 15, 2003 (*Sam*, 4; *Josh*, 2).

## 1995

**Christopher Bourdon** had a son, Gustav James, on Oct. 15, 2003 (*Erica*).

**Adam Grennan** had twins, Noah and Brooke, on March 19, 2003 (*Jennifer*).

**Tim and Heather Carlson '96 Hoftender** had a son, Quinn Alexander, on Feb. 11.

**Lance Holiday** is in sales at Ferrellgas, Chicago.

**David Hyser** married **Nancy Werner '96** on Nov. 8, 2003.

**Steve '93 and Nancie Gunn Klebba** had a son, Caden Michael, on Dec. 16, 2003 (*Torin*, 4).

**Kristin Lundquist Kocolowski** had a daughter, Madison Elizabeth, on Aug. 25, 2003.

**Charles Kyle** had a daughter, Kelsey Ellen, on March 26, 2003 (*Julie*).

**Tanya Landrau** married Michael Burns on Sept. 13, 2003. She is a senior treasury management sales associate with LaSalle Bank, Chicago.

**Douglas Lim** is a physician in anesthesiology/pain management at the Univ. of Texas, Dallas.

**Karla Loken** had twin sons, Jackson and Nicholas, on Feb. 4, 2003 (*Martin Bohm*).

**Amy Martin** received the 2004 Peacemaker Award from the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center and the Missoula (Mont.) Peace Quilters for her dedication to issues of peace and social justice.

**Kathleen Czapl McSweeney** received a master's in education from DePaul Univ., Chicago. She teaches science at Eisenhower High School, Blue Island, Ill.

**Jerry Parkinson** married Kathleen Kane on June 21, 2003. He received the master's degree in educational technology from Northern Arizona Univ., Flagstaff.

**Brett Scranton** married Tammy Davis on Jan. 10.

**Dawn Lambert Secketa** had twins, Katelyn Marie and Matthew Scott, on March 4 (*Scott*).

**Christian Simmons** is the commute trip reduction program coordinator for the City of Kent, Wash.

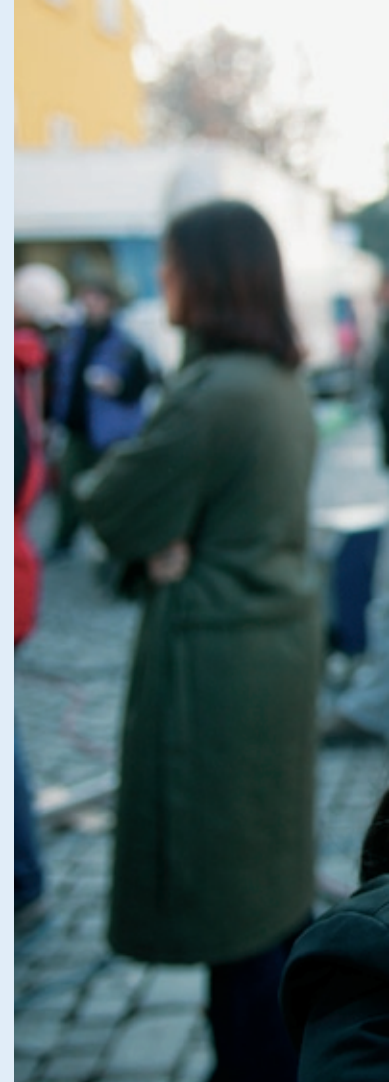
**Karma Peterson Sloop** had a son, Julius, on July 15, 2003 (*William*; *Owen*, 5).

**Heather Mueller Upton** had a daughter, Maleah Morgan, on Nov. 6, 2003 (*Randy*).

**Rich Zenor** is sales administration manager for Newly Weds Foods, Inc.

## 1996

**Amy Millar Ariano** had a son, Kade James, on Aug. 21, 2003 (*Neil*; *Ky*, 2).



**Andy and Kristin Hirschbein Bajorat** had a daughter, Frances Margaret, on Jan. 19.

**Matthew Beattie** is a dentist with Beattie Family Dental, Davenport.

**Michelle Hagg Brandt** is the individual-giving coordinator for the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago.

**Heidi Kedzie Buehler** had a son, Jackson Timothy, on Aug. 7, 2003 (*Michael*).

**Jason and Tammy Pitzer Celus** had a daughter, Allyson Cathleen, on Sept. 19, 2003. Tammy received a master's in counseling education from Western Illinois Univ. and is a school counselor for the Annawan (Ill.) School District.

**Michael Choi** is marketing manager for Sodexo Campus Services, Lexington, Mass.

**Brent Ericson** is assistant director-judicial affairs in the residential life office at Boston College, Mass.

**Jennifer Lorentz Fuscone** had a daughter, Brooklyn Nicole, on Dec. 3, 2002 (*Mike*; *Becca*, 5; *Abby*, 3).

**Deana Guarneri Goodwin** had twins, Isaac and Aiden on July 1, 2003 (*Scott*).



**Shannon Vater Hackett** had a son, Aiden James, on Oct. 16, 2003 (*Chris*).

**Paul Hefter** married Sonya Ghasemi on April 9.

**Vicki Heskett** had a son, Caleb John, on Oct. 13, 2003 (*Robert*).

**Tim '95 and Heather Carlson Hoftender** had a son, Quinn Alexander, on Feb. 11.

**Jeffery '94 and Jamie Parrillo Klimes** had a daughter, Renna Michelle, on Feb. 29.

**Jonathan and Jenny Danielson '94 Koertge** had a daughter, Ella Lynne, on Dec. 29, 2003 (*Morgan*, 1). Jonathan is an environmental manager at Nycomed AB, Lidings, Stockholm.

**Ann Miner Leonard** had a daughter, Olivia Rose, on Sept. 15, 2003 (*Jason*).

**Matthew '98 and Susannah Cook Marison** had a son, Jacob, on Oct. 6, 2003.

**James and Amy Arnold '97 Marturano** had a daughter, Karen Kathleen, on Jan. 20.

**Jason and Nicole Kraus McKirahan** had a son, Aidan John, on June 29, 2003.

**Denise Gill Melton** had a daughter, Cayley Elizabeth, on Feb. 25 (*Ray*). Denise is assistant vice president and operations manager for AMCORE Investment Group, Rockford.

**Sandra Perkins Miller** had a daughter, Elizabeth, in April 2003 (*Kevin*).

**Matthew and Jyll Baraks Moore** had a son, Dathan Matthew, on Nov. 13, 2003.

**Nathan and Paula Bub Norasith** had a daughter, Neve, on Nov. 3, 2003.

**Sarah Osland** married Mark McCulloch on Aug. 30, 2003.

**Matthew '99 and Christine Hammer Pedersen** had a son, Jacob, on Feb. 19, 2003.

**Will Pledger** had a son, Jake Ryan, on Jan. 14 (*Jill*; Dylan, 3).

**Brian '97 and Laurie Gasik Pross** had a daughter, Alexandria Maija, on Feb. 18, 2003.

**Kara Schoppa** received a master's in education from Valparaiso (Ind.) Univ. She teaches at St. Paul Lutheran, Chicago.

## As seen on TV

If you happened to catch the broadcasts of this year's Oscars or Grammys, chances are very good that you got a glimpse of what **Seng Rimpakone '93** does for a living. A freelance producer in television advertising, Rimpakone worked on a spot for Budweiser beer which showed people drinking the product at a café in Prague, then the scene morphed into similar café settings in Japan, Italy and France. Although much of the whirlwind tour was accomplished through special effects, Rimpakone traveled to the Czech capital for the location-work there.

In Illinois, viewers might be familiar with a very effective anti-tobacco campaign for which Rimpakone was able to return to her hometown of Rockford. The "All-Smoke High" ads were built around an imaginary high school where smoking is mandatory, and used dark humor (a constant din of hacking coughs, a principal who uses a voice-box) to drive home messages about the manifold health problems tied to tobacco use. She helped secure the location for the commercials, which were shot in a Rockford high school.

Rimpakone loves her freelance production work, but in order to get there, she faced a critical decision some years back. After graduating with a business administration major she entered a management track which—though it provided her a good job—still left something lacking. "I thought back to what I really enjoyed doing at school and thought of advertising," she says. "Mr. [Jim] Strickland had given us the opportunity to do some creative work as part of his advertising classes, and I realized that's where my heart was. But I had to take a step back in terms of money in order to move from managing accounts to production...I had to learn the process from the ground up."

Today, doing what she loves and traveling to interesting locales are matters of course. But growing up in Rockford, that future wasn't in such sharp focus for Rimpakone, whose family came to this country from Thailand when she was nine years old. "We didn't have a lot of money, and if it hadn't been for the scholarship I received from Augustana, I don't think I'd have been able to attend such a fantastic school," says Rimpakone, who still vividly recalls her scholarship interview with Dr. Roald Tweet, now-retired professor of English at Augustana.

"I owe so much for the opportunity to be there, meet the people I did, have the education I received and the interaction I enjoyed with professors—my sister went to a big school, and she just didn't have the same experience. I had the chance to know my professors and friends really well," Rimpakone says.

Among the many connections she made at Augustana were those formed with a tight-knit group who came to call themselves the "Beagle Babes." Centered around an off-campus house known as the Regal Beagle, Rimpakone and classmates **Lisa Kahler Doman**, **Jodi Keller Johansen**, **Juliana Mead Nielsen**, **Jodi Shields Dastur**, **Jodi Simenec Medinger** and **Kara Wenberg Dirst** formed a bond which continues today in the form of the round-robin Beagle Letter. The friends have also opened a money market account—to which each contributes monthly—to fund a "families-not-eligible" joint 40th-birthday excursion sometime in 2011.





## Where do NewsNotes come from?

We know it's the first place in the magazine most alumni turn. NewsNotes can always be relied upon to dish on the latest milestones of many a classmate or college buddy. But how do we get the scoop?

There are several ways we receive the material you read in NewsNotes, and not surprisingly, most of them rely on you. Many mailings from the Alumni Office, such as class letters, include forms you can return with updates on what's been happening in your life. The alumni website is a steady source of news, and the students who take part in the *Augustana Calling* program often receive information alumni are anxious to share.

Occasionally, the College receives newspaper clippings sent in by friends or family members heralding a noteworthy accomplishment. There's also an e-mail address (advnw@augustana.edu) in the front of every magazine for you to send your news to Nancy Wray, who compiles the information for each issue.

Participants at a recent magazine review meeting held in St. Louis noted that the number of NewsNotes we receive tends to diminish as the distance between a class and its graduation year increases. They suggested that while it's wonderful to read all of the news about weddings, births and new jobs among the younger alumni, they'd also like to read about achievements and interesting activities of those alumni with a few more miles on their diplomas. Recent issues have included news of retirements from long-held positions, publications, volunteer pursuits, and community and professional honors, and more such notes are certainly welcome.

By the way, the meeting mentioned above was hosted by **Lisa Stelling '88 Jokisch** at the St. Louis Art Museum, where she works as a museum educator. If you'd be interested in helping to arrange a similar meeting in your community to discuss the *Augustana* magazine, please contact the editor at 800/798-8100, ext.7419.

**Anne Selbyg** married Joe Lindell on Oct. 25, 2003. She is a speech language pathologist for the St. Louis Park (Minn.) Public Schools.

**Jeff Small** had a son, Jackson, on Oct. 20, 2003 (*Amy*).

**Valerie Reichardt Watson** is on-site manager at Barrett Business Services, Inc.

**Nancy Werner** married **David Hyser '95** on Nov. 8, 2003.

## 1997

**Steven Anderson** is a supervisor at Amgen, Providence, R.I.

**Melissa Benson** is an account manager with Stolle Products, Sidney, Ohio.

**Ryan and Kendra Nicholson '98 Brodin** had a daughter, Allison Kendra, on Dec. 9, 2003.

**Christinel Peck Cain** had a daughter, Alexandria, on Oct. 12, 2003 (*Jarid*; D.J., 1).

**Sydney Deckro** married Alex Teria on Dec. 27, 2003.

**Jeremy Diers** is cardiac cath lab manager at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Fayetteville, N.C.

**Christopher and Kathryn Carmony '98 Finch** had a son, Andrew Christopher, on Feb. 27.

**Jacquelyn Foster** received a master's in school counseling from Western Illinois Univ.

**Brian and Shannon Cain Hayes** had a daughter, Mackenzie Green, on Nov. 12, 2003.

**Kristin Kvam Huston** is an associate attorney with the law firm Cundy and Paul, Bloomington, Minn.

**James '96 and Amy Arnold Marturano** had a daughter, Karen Kathleen, on Jan. 20.

**Lisa DeLathouwer McAllister** received a master's in English from Governors State Univ., University Park, Ill.

**Marisa Meyers McClain** had a daughter, Morgan, on March 17 (*James*).

**Alicia Malin McGowan** had twins, Kellen Raymond and Matthew Ryan, on March 30 (*Tom*).

**Ly Nguyen Mettlach** had a son, William Edward, on Dec. 5, 2003 (*Greg*).

**Deanne Pfeiffer** is a staff nurse at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, Ill., and a graduate student at Illinois State Univ.

**Brian and Laurie Gasik '96 Pross** had a daughter, Alexandria Maija, on Feb. 18, 2003.

**Carrie Rader** married Patrick Provenzale on Feb. 23, 2002.

**Joni Anderson Sharer** had a daughter, Anna Irene, on Sept. 25, 2003.

**Christopher '99 and Tracie Bruning Tonniges** adopted a daughter, Rachel Noel, in January 2003.

**Amy Serandos Vitale** had a daughter, Gianna, on April 9, 2003 (*Andy*).

**Michelle Sargent Williams** is office manager for American Family Insurance, Milan, Ill.

## 1998

**Antoinette Tortorello Allaway** had a daughter, Gabriella, on March 5 (*Dan*).

**Courtney Bauer Andrade** had a daughter, Sophia, on Aug. 4, 2003 (*Jason*).

**Melinda Bentley** is first assistant counsel to the Illinois State Bar Assoc., Springfield.

**Amy Jegerski Bovi** is research compliance analyst/educator at Aurora Health Care, Milwaukee, Wis.

**Ryan '97 and Kendra Nicholson Brodin** had a daughter, Allison Kendra, on Dec. 9, 2003. Kendra is running for state representative in Blaine, Minn., and works for the law firm of Helgen and Helgen, Coon Rapids.

**Justin Burns** is a business analyst with Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

**Jodie Corey** is director of marketing at Blackhawk State Bank, Rock Island.

**Jodi Farlik** received a master's degree from Rockford College.

**Christopher '97 and Kathryn Carmony Finch** had a son, Andrew Christopher, on Feb. 27.

**Shana Genac** is a dentist with Dental Associates, Wauwatosa, Wis.

**Shadia Haddad** received the J.D. degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

**Matt Hantz** is an elementary guidance counselor for the Davenport Community School District.

**Brian Hooper** has been ordained and serves as associate pastor at First Lutheran Church, Le Sueur, Minn.

**Amy Bushong Lee** received the M.B.A. and M.B.H.A. degrees from St. Ambrose Univ., Davenport. She has been promoted to business analyst at John Deere Health, Moline.

**Bryan Long** married **Christine Dvorak '99** in July 2003.

**Cynthia Mader** is physical sciences librarian at the Miami Univ. (Ohio) Brill Science Library.

**Matthew and Susannah Cook '96 Marison** had a son, Jacob, on Oct. 6, 2003.

**Alyson Nugnis** married Scott Allemeier on Nov. 7, 2003.

**Richard Palmer** married Shelly Cosner on Nov. 22, 2003.

**Jennifer Karas Perez** had a son, Ramon, on April 21 (*Ray*).

**Jamie Sanders** is regional manager—Chicago with the ABS Sales Effectiveness and Process Team, AT&T Business Services.

**Dave '93 and Erica Behensky Smigo** had a son, Louis David, on April 7.

**Chris and Janell Larson '00 Trapkus** had a son, Parker Logan, on March 13.

**Amanda Wolff** married Mike Pokorny on July 19, 2003.

## 1999

**Eric Anderson** married Jamie Nelson on June 28, 2003.

**Wendy Anderson** married Nathan Hess on Oct. 18, 2003.

**Lindsay Johnston Bailey** had a son, Andrew Patrick, on May 1, 2003 (*Anthony*; Emily, 1).

**Meaghan Guthman Bishop** is a physical education and health teacher and assistant varsity swimming/diving coach at West Aurora (Ill.) High School.

**Jessica Zobac Chase** had a daughter, Amelia, on Nov. 21, 2003 (*Daniel*).

**Ray and Stacey Bos Cotty** had a son, Andrew Glenn, on Oct. 29, 2003.

**Robert '00 and Kelly Wilson Dalton** had a son, Don Robert, on Dec. 27, 2003.

**Lauralie Lorenz DeWulf** had a daughter, Mariah Elizabeth, on Sept. 25, 2003 (*Craig*).

**Tina Bailiff Dunker** had a daughter, Adeleen Mae, on July 10, 2003 (*Keith*).

**Christine Dvorak** married **Bryan Long '98** in July 2003.

**Nicole Gifford** married Matthew Baugh on May 31, 2003. She attends DePaul Univ. College of Law, Chicago.

**Lauren Grandt** married Al Cruz on Nov. 29, 2003.

**Amanda Henderson** married John Murphy on Feb. 14.

**Kurt and Jill Marranca Hutchinson** had a daughter, Madeline Grace, on Dec. 17, 2003.

**Shannon Jones** is a staff specialist at Work-Fit, Flint, Mich.

**Teri Kestner** is the deaf education/hard of hearing teacher for the Avon (Ill.) School District.

**Rebecca Dempsey Ketter** had a daughter, Natalie Jeanette, on Sept. 30, 2003 (*Jason*).

**Karie Krolak** is vocational rehabilitation counselor for the deaf and hard of hearing for the Illinois Department of Human Services.

**Nadine Johns Langston** is a veterinarian at Care Animal Hospital of Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha, Wis.

**Mario and Emilene Koontz '01 Leone** had a son, Dax Patrick, on March 17.

**Brian Lindgren** married Rachel Ronning on Aug. 31, 2003.

**Brad Lott** is director of sales for the Tampa Bay Lightning hockey team.

**Shaunna Kinroth Lyon** is a resident in pediatrics at Univ. of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

**Lisa Marchinski** teaches sixth grade math for the Antioch (Ill.) School District.

**Farah Marklevits** married James van Howe on June 7, 2003.

**Nick Mason** received the J.D. degree from the Univ. of Iowa College of Law. He is an attorney with Nelson, Keys and Keys, Rock Island.

**Ryan Olson** married **Mindy Thornton** '00 on Feb. 14. Ryan is a cardiovascular specialist at Millennium Pharmaceuticals.

**Matthew and Christine Hammer '96 Pedersen** had a son, Jacob, on Feb. 19, 2003.

**Tricia Keefe Phelan** had a son, Tyler John, on May 9, 2003.

**James Piercy** married Jennifer Williams on Aug. 31, 2002.

**Chris Prieboy** is a firefighter for the Aurora (Ill.) Fire Department.

**Megan Bloom Rice** had a daughter, Emily Kathleen, on Oct. 2, 2003 (*Robert*).

**Siiri Rimpila** married Barry Levy on Oct. 12, 2002. She attends DePaul Univ., Chicago.

**Jesse Smith** received the D.D.S. degree from Marquette Univ. School of Dentistry, Milwaukee.

**Krystal Sriner** teaches English at Plainfield (Ill.) South High School.

**Christopher and Tracie Bruning '97 Tonniges** adopted a daughter, Rachel Noel, in January 2003.

**Lindsay Trank** married Robert Dunn on July 13, 2003. She received a master's in teaching and leadership from St. Xavier College, Chicago.

**Christy McKee Warlow** had a daughter, Callie Christine, on April 13 (*Chip*; Charly, 2).

**Stephen Wendling** is a business account manager at SBC, Chicago.

**Amy Wilner** married Charles Beno on Aug. 1, 2003. She is director of children's ministries at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Naperville, Ill.

**Elizabeth Ross Yegge** had a son, Maddox Ross, on Nov. 30, 2003 (*Troy*).

## 2000

**Elizabeth Gleich Arp** has been promoted to overnight shift leader at Integrated DNA Technologies.

**Charles Assell** married **Natalie Groot** '01 in December 2003. He received the D.O. degree from the Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago.

**Linda Bernal** is an occupational therapist with the Hamilton County Educational Service Center, Cincinnati.

**Courtney Blake** received the doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the Univ. of Minnesota.

**Heather Clark** received the master's degree in medical genetics from the Univ. of Cincinnati and is a genetic counselor at Emory Univ., Atlanta.

**Robert and Kelly Wilson '99 Dalton** had a son, Don Robert, on Dec. 27, 2003.

**Deborah Dencer** received the J.D. degree from Chicago-Kent School of Law.

**Rion Dooley** received a Ph.D. in computer science and is now a research programmer at the Center for Computation and Technology at Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge.

**Michael Esposito** married **Ashley Schuler** '02 on March 20.

**Heather Fee** received a master's in counseling from Western Illinois Univ. She does early intervention speech therapy and counseling for the STAR Foundation, Glenview, Ill.

**Krista Ferguson** received the doctor of physical therapy degree from Northwestern Univ. She is a physical therapist at Evanston Hospital.

**Jeromy Franks** is an executive producer with Bullzi Network, Inc.

**Nichole Newson Gallas** is a school social worker for Rockford Public Schools.

**Heather Godsey** married Rodd Caldwell on Aug. 31, 2002.

**Anne Grinnan** received a master's in ecology, evolution and behavior from the Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is an environmental educator for the Lake County (Ill.) Forest Preserve.

**Mark Hansen and Tina Proietti** were married on Nov. 1, 2003.

**Analiese Jacobs** teaches art at Jefferson Jr. High, Woodridge, Ill., and is seventh grade cheerleading coach.

**Christine Williams Jenkins** is a disability services counselor at Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, Ill.

**Julie Klingenberg** married Kory Wardell on Feb. 14.

**Elizabeth Miller Kloss** had a son, Surdey Witter, on Oct. 19, 2003 (*Ron*). She teaches first and second grade at St. Peter Lutheran Church, New Lenox, Ill.

**Joanna Kluever** received a master's in English from Western Illinois Univ.

**Andrea Kowynia** married John Foster II on April 17. She is project manager at Information Resources, Inc., Chicago.

**Craig Lyon** is a resident in orthopaedic surgery at Univ. of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City.

**Quentin Park** received his D.O. degree from Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, and is in practice with his father in North Aurora, Ill.

**Christine Kless Parmley** teaches sixth grade math and science for the Lexington County (S.C.) School District, and is a graduate student at Columbia College.

**Sythera Pride** married John Paulus on Aug. 9, 2003.

**Benjamin Rabe** married **Sarah Geotsalitis** '02 on Aug. 11, 2003.

**Erik Ratchford** attends Michigan State Univ. College of Osteopathic Medicine, East Lansing.

**Julia Higgins Ratchford** is a speech language pathologist at Ingham Regional Medical Center, Lansing, Mich.

**Daren Rauch** received the M.D. degree from the Univ. of Illinois College of Medicine, Rockford. He is a resident at Methodist Medical Center, Peoria.

**Jenel Sanford** is a physical therapist at OSF St. Mary's Medical Center, Galesburg.

**Jackie Wahls Studnicki** teaches third grade at Chenoa (Ill.) Grade School.

**Mindy Thornton** married **Ryan Olson** '99 on Feb. 14. Mindy is a customs broker at Danzas, Moline.

**Chris '98 and Janell Larson Trapkus** had a son, Parker Logan, on March 13.

**Suzanne VanBerschot** married **John Klimowski** '01 on Oct. 4, 2003.

**Brandy Weis** received a master's in clinical counseling psychology from Illinois State Univ., and is an adolescent clinician/addictions therapist at Heritage Behavioral Health Center, Decatur, Ill.

**Kristie Wiorkowski** married Chad Miller on May 24, 2003. She teaches fifth grade at Cass Junior High School, Darien, Ill.

## 2001

**Jamie Allmendinger** is marketing manager for the American Diabetes Association, Chicago.

**Emily Benson and David Spaude** were married in May 2003. Emily is a patient care tech at Delnor Community Hospital and a nursing student at Elgin (Ill.) Community College.

**Megan Blair** married Shawn Randazzo on June 30, 2002.

**April Boyer** married Christopher Moore on July 13, 2002. She attends Southern Illinois Univ. School of Medicine.

**Melissa Gardner Coulter** is artistic director at Ghostlight Theatre, Davenport.

**Milton Davenport** attends Harvard Univ. Dental School.

**Jason Deibert** is recreation supervisor at Breaker's Hotel, West Palm Beach, Fla.

**Erica Fleck** is an audiologist with the Acadian Hearing Center, Baton Rouge, La.

**Emily Foley** is an account executive with John Bailey and Associates, Troy, Mich.

**David Griffiths** received a master's in physical therapy and rehabilitation science from the Univ. of Iowa. He is employed at the Athletic and Therapeutic Institute, Joliet, Ill.

## Kate, meet Oscar

Growing up in Vernon Hills, Ill., **Kate Killinger '02** remembers watching the Oscars every year, enthralled by the glamour of Hollywood's annual showcase. This past year was a little different, thanks to Killinger's job at New Line Cinema, the company behind the monumental *Lord of the Rings* film trilogy.

"My favorite moment was arriving at New Line's Oscar party just as *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* won the final award for Best Picture," Killinger says. "The room just exploded. There was a plasma-screen set up every ten feet just to



ensure everyone could see the awards show no matter where they were standing." But what happened shortly after, when the film's honorees arrived at the party, merits equal billing. "When Peter Jackson [the films' director] and the other winners brushed past me holding their Oscars, it seemed completely surreal."

Killinger is the assistant to New Line's senior vice president of distribution, Bob Kaplowitz. In addition to coordinating his considerable travel schedule, Killinger estimates box-office grosses for New Line and the other Hollywood studios.

"On top of this I set up security for our trade screenings—'sneak previews' for the exhibitors—around the country. For these screenings we

hire security to protect our films from being pirated. Guards wand-down all the theater owners and others attending, check bags, and once in the theater—for movies as large as *Return of the King*—they wear night-vision goggles to detect any recording devices." Killinger says piracy has become a huge problem for Hollywood. "People will attempt to bring children into the theaters and place cameras in their book-bags, or carry a pen in their shirt pocket with a camera on the end of it to try and copy the film."

After graduating with majors in studio art and speech communications, Killinger landed a job with a Chicago-based movie promotions and advertising firm based on a tip from her mother, **Janet Chandler '72 Killinger**, who's in advertising. It was such a great job that within a year she knew she had to move to L.A. to expand on her industry experience. It took two months of "sending resumes and waiting" before Killinger landed the job at New Line.

And although 'show business' started early for Killinger—her dad, **Bill Killinger '72**, is a high school choral musical director who would sometimes cast Kate (and her brother Jeff) when children's roles needed to be filled—it may still be some time before the novelty of working in the world's entertainment capital wears off. "Growing up, I always read every issue of my mom's *People* magazine," Killinger says. "Now I see the celebrities from my *People* magazine and don't have to read about them. Watching the stars and directors stroll into the office is something I am still adjusting to, but it becomes more routine as time passes."

**Natalie Groot** married **Charles Assell** '00 in December 2003. She is a school psychologist for the LaGrange (Ill.) Area Department of Special Education.

**Gary Gummerman** is a physical therapist at Madelia Community Hospital, St. Peter, Minn.

**Lisa Hill Gummerman** is a physical therapist with Pediatric Therapy Services, St. Peter, Minn.

**Sarah Heinze** received a master's in speech language pathology from Northern Illinois Univ.

**Christiana Herter** is a kindergarten teacher and reading recovery specialist for the Plainfield (Ill.) School District.

**Colleen Hurd** married Jeff Knipper on Nov. 29, 2003. Colleen received a master's in physical therapy from the Univ. of Iowa, and is now a pediatric physical therapist at Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo.

**Brian Jackson** is a purchasing analyst at Ford Motor Co., Detroit.

**Whitney Moore Jokiel** teaches sixth grade science at Nippersink Middle School, Richmond, Ill.

**John Klimowski** married **Suzanne VanBerscho** '00 on Oct. 4, 2003.

**Mario '99** and **Emilene Koontz Leone** had a son, Dax Patrick, on March 17.

**Alexis Liakakos** teaches biology at Maine South High School, Chicago.

**Philip Lisius** and **Jill Tompkins** were married on Nov. 1, 2003.

**Michele Martin** married **Brian McKenzie** '02 on Feb. 21. Michele is a graduate student at Aurora (Ill.) Univ.

**Janel Matousek** is a speech pathologist at Van Matre Healthsouth Rehab Hospital, Rockford.

**Brian Miller** is varsity track coach at Lincoln-Way Central High School, Joliet, Ill.

**Sarah Sottos Nedved** received a master's in physical therapy from St. Ambrose Univ., Davenport. She is employed at Work Fitness, Moline.

**Michael Olson** received the doctor of physical therapy degree from Washington Univ., St. Louis.

**Christopher Sally** married **Lindsay Blair** '03 on Feb. 14.

**Jennifer Quell Sandra** is a clinical pharmacist for the Univ. of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison.

**James Schuetz** received a master's in computer science from Northern Illinois Univ. He is an instructional technology specialist at Quincy (Ill.) Univ.

**Stephen Spieth** and **Jessica Wermers** were married on Oct. 11, 2003. Stephen works at Streamwood (Ill.) Behavioral Health as therapist for special needs boys.

**James Weerda** passed the CPA exam in Illinois. He is a senior associate at KPMG, Chicago.

**Melissa Klostermann Wood** is operations manager for Genesis Occupational Health, Davenport.

## 2002

**Anne Altheide** and **Randall Sloniker** were married on Oct. 4, 2003.

**Elizabeth Anderson** married Levi Christiansen on Nov. 22, 2003.

**Stefanie Bluemle** is a graduate student in English at Indiana Univ., Bloomington.

**Mary Cavanaugh** is a data consistency specialist for Synovate, Chicago.

**Sarah Cleave** and **Jonathan Sprawka** were married on Oct. 18, 2003. Jonathan has been promoted to senior accountant at Allstate Insurance Co., Northbrook, Ill.

**Colleen Coppersmith** has been promoted to end-user specialist at IRWIN Industrial Tools, div. of Newell Rubbermaid, Los Angeles.

**Jeffrey Coulter** married **Jennifer Stieve** '03 on March 20.

**Matthew Deans** is a re-order buyer for Walgreen's Health Initiatives, Deerfield, Ill.

**Jessica De May** is shift coordinator/French agent at KONE, Inc., Moline.

**Anthony Diulio** is assistant music director for Our Lady of Mercy Church, Potomac, Md.

**Shannon Everett** married Josef Schroeder on Feb. 14.

**Brook Faoro** married Brett Buchen on July 19, 2003. She teaches second grade in the Monmouth (Ill.) School District.

**Sarah Geotsalitis** married **Benjamin Rabe** '00 on Aug. 11, 2003.

**Michelle Leonard Greenwood** had a daughter, Madison Lynn, on Dec. 17, 2003 (JR).

**Melissa Haring** is a laboratory technician in the clinical lab at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn.



**Luke Hawkins** is assistant branch manager for National City Bank, Rock Island.

**Reggie Hughes** is a law enforcement ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colo.

**Jennifer Janek** teaches fifth grade for the Forsyth County (Ga.) School District.

**Shameka Jones** is a graduate student in the field of public health at Benedictine Univ., Lisle, Ill.

**Jennifer Kolasa** teaches eighth grade Spanish for Oakgrove School District, Green Oaks, Ill.

**Leigh Kramer** received a master's in social work from the Univ. of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. She is a volunteer with Cross-Cultural Solutions serving in Thailand.

**Stephanie Krogman** married Troy Migawa on May 8.

**Kiersten Madden** is a graduate student and research assistant at the Univ. of Texas, Austin.

**Brian McKenzie** married **Michele Martin** '01 on Feb. 21. Brian is an assistant loan officer at Charter One Mortgage, Naperville, Ill.

**Adam Michels** received a master's in speech pathology from Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale.

**Janet Nehring** teaches algebra and geometry and coaches freshmen volleyball at Dixon (Ill.) High School.

**Mike Nelson** is a senior business analyst at Newell Rubbermaid, Baltimore, Md.

**Lirim Neziroski** received a master's in English from the Univ. of Chicago. He teaches at Scott Community College, Davenport.

**Kevin O'Rourke** is a loan officer at the Amalgamated Bank of Chicago.

**Christina Pearson Payton** has been promoted to educational sales and marketing coordinator at Sourcebooks, Inc., Naperville, Ill.

**Kathryn Schmitt** received a master's in biological science from Western Illinois Univ., and now attends Kansas State Univ., Manhattan.

**Ashley Schuler** married **Michael Esposito** '00 on March 20.

**Nathan Smith** is a graduate student at the Univ. of Iowa.

**Michelle Snyder** is a clinical laboratory center scientist at St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

**Robert Stewart** is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Peoria.

**Ann Thomas** is an inside sales representative with Dade Behring in Deerfield, Ill.

**Jarmanese Torrance** is a reporter/columnist for *The News Sun* newspaper, Waukegan, Ill.

**Melinda Martins Velasquez** had a daughter, Liliana Rose, on April 3 (*Edward*).

**Justin Vitullo** is a graduate student in entomology at Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, Ind.

**Terry Walters** received a master's in accounting at the Univ. of Iowa, passed the C.P.A. exam, and is currently an accountant in the Chicago office of Ernst and Young.

**Jennifer Weber** received a master's in occupational therapy from Washington Univ., St. Louis.

**Melissa Wirth** is a social work graduate student at Aurora (Ill.) Univ.

## 2003

**Lindsay Blair** married **Christopher Sally** '01 on February 14.

**Christopher Brittain** is district retail sales manager for Alpha Baking Co., Chicago.

**Jennifer Emedi** attends Vanderbilt Univ., Nashville.

**Erin Gallagher** is a recruiter for Allegis Group, Schaumburg, Ill.

**Katie Harrison** is marketing coordinator for Walgreen's Health Initiatives, Deerfield, Ill.

**Mark Hunt** is a data services planner for the Bi-State Regional Commission, Rock Island.

**Bethany Johnson** is a student of jazz studies at Berklee College of Music, Boston.

**Stayton Justus** is manager of American Valet Service at the regional hospital in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

**Meghan Keefe** is a manufacturing specialist with Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Ill.

**Amy Klein** is a biologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle.

**Abbi Leman** teaches at Central China Normal Univ., Wuhan.

**Kristen Lewandowski** is in a medical social work internship at Christ

Medical Center/Hope Children's Hospital, Oak Lawn, Ill.

**Kim Martin** is case manager/intake coordinator at the Child Advocacy Center, Woodstock, Ill.

**Jillian Michael** attends Aurora (Ill.) Univ. and is a medical records clerk at Dreyer Medical Clinic.

**Angelique Hedman Minett** is senior genotyping technician at the John Hopkins Center for Inherited Disease Research, Baltimore.

**Eliot Mosby** is a sales/government account manager at W.W. Grainger, Lake Forest, Ill.

**Jamie Owen** is a system administrator at Kimball Midwest.

**Katie Schlessman** married Kevin Flint on Aug. 9, 2003. Katie is master tutor for San Juan College's Student Success Center in New Mexico.

**Ashley Spence** is a graphic design student at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles.

**Jennifer Stieve** married **Jeffrey Coulter** '02 on March 20.

**Katherine Toney** married Eric Burrows on July 12, 2003. She is a medical student at Des Moines (Iowa) Univ.

**Holli Trimble** is a zookeeper at the Indianapolis Zoo.

**John Venturini** is an account manager with CDW, Vernon Hills, Ill.

**Kyle Volkert** attends Washington Univ., St. Louis.

**Colleen Wallace** teaches art for the Valley View School District in Romeoville, Ill.

**Patrick Watts** is an associate consultant at Kensington, Chicago.

## 2004

**Megan Haggard** is employed at Farmer's National Bank in Prophets-town, Ill.

**Julie Haronik** is IT director at Blackhawk State Bank, Milan, Ill.

**Elizabeth Sites** is case manager at Mosaic, Rockford.

**Lindsay Welsh** married Brad Tracy on March 6. She is employed at Merrill Lynch as a marketing associate with the Singh Group, Davenport.

**Jennifer Wieland** attends the Univ. of Illinois Veterinary School, Champaign.

## Deaths

**Helen Lavender** '25 **Detweiler** on Jan. 15.

**Martha Rydbeck** '26 **Pearson** on Feb. 9.

**Blanche Williams** '26 **Serenius** on March 31. Survivors include her son, William Serenius '57.

**Blanche Lindgren** '28 on Jan. 24. Survivors include nephew and nieces, Francis Johnson '43, Doris Johnson '53, and Alyce Johnson '57 Bolm.

**Alberta C. Pahl** '28 on December 5, 2003.

Keith Henderson, husband of **Eva Swanson** '31 **Henderson**, in March 2002.

**Eldred Olson** '31 on February 10, 2004.

**Frances Sackville** '33 **Brunner** on January 27.

**Violet Ebb** '34 **Lundquist** on Feb. 15. Among survivors is her daughter, Karen Lundquist '65 Van Epps.

**Clifford O. Scheuerman** '34 on May 2. Survivors include his wife, Anne.

**Lloyd A. Schwiebert** '34 on Jan. 22. Survivors include his wife, Olive; sons, Peter '70 and Mark '72; and sister, Ann Schwiebert '48 Evans.

Dorothy Winstein, wife of **Stewart Winstein** '35, on Jan. 6.

**Alvin Walgren** '36 on April 27. Survivors include his wife, Jean.

**Constance Oden** '37 **Flenner** in September 2003.

**Dorothy Swenson** '37 **Mellinger** on Jan. 12. Among survivors is her daughter, Vicki Mellinger '81 Ramsdell.

**Ken Pratt** '39 on Dec. 6, 2003.

**Grace Shager** '40 **Eastland** on Aug. 14, 2003. Survivors include her son, John Eastland '70.

**Arthur E. Aronson** '41 on Jan. 6. His daughter, Carlene Aronson '75 Otis, survives him.

**John C. Mickelson** '41 on March 27. His wife, Grace, survives him.

**Arthur L. Anderson** '44 on Jan. 12. He is survived by his wife, Mildred.

**Irwin M. Rehn** '44 on Feb. 10. He is survived by his wife, Arline.

**Hubert Hanson** '45 on July 25, 2003. His wife, Dolores, survives him.

**Robert J. Haut** '47 on Jan. 21.

**Emil E. Gustafson** '48 on Jan. 6. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte.

## In memoriam

### Lloyd Schwiebert

Were you to look at the early history of the Augustana Research Foundation, you would expect to find the names of scientists writ large. But while such figures as professors Edwin Erickson, Edward Hill and Robert Berntsen [see below] are prominent in the foundation's history, equally indispensable to its creation in 1947 was an attorney.

Lloyd Schwiebert '34, who died January 22, 2004, at the age of 90, is considered one of the visionaries without whom the Foundation could not have been established. That's according to Dr. Douglas Nelson '66, who now serves as director of the Foundation, one of only three such institutions in the nation affiliated with a small liberal arts college.



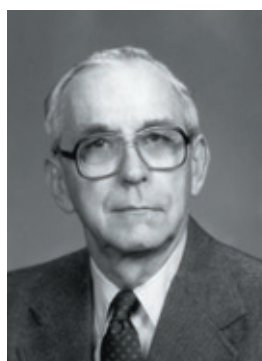
Schwiebert's legacy both at Augustana and within the Quad Cities community includes service on the College's Board of Trustees and Alumni Board, the Moline School Board, Lutheran Hospital Board, the Quad City Estate Planning Council, and the Moline Kiwanis, in which past presidency was part of his 50-plus years of membership.

After graduating from Augustana, he studied law at Iowa and began practicing as an attorney in 1937. Ten years later, he married Olive Johnson, who survives

him, as do their children, Peter '70, Mark '72, Sarah and John, and four grandchildren. As Mark Schwiebert—who has served as mayor of Rock Island since 1989—told the *Rock Island Argus*, "Some people grow wiser, gentler and more involved as they grow older. That was him." In addition to several local charities and Schwiebert's home congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline, memorials can be made to the Lloyd and Olive Schwiebert Endowed Scholarship Fund at Augustana College.

### Dr. Robert Berntsen

When you speak to people who knew Dr. Robert Berntsen—either as a professor, a researcher or a colleague—one word repeatedly enters the conversation: patient. "Bob started teaching at Augustana shortly before I came here as a freshman," says Dr. Mel Peterson '53, professor emeritus of chemistry. "So I had the opportunity to know him



both as a student and a colleague. I remember he was a good teacher who had the ability to have great patience with both students and fellow faculty members."

His patience extended to many aspects of his life beyond campus. Jim Horstmann '55, a former member of the College's administration, says Berntsen was a wonderful caregiver for his late wife, Betty, during times of illness. "Bob was always patient, kind and caring," Horstmann says.

Berntsen, who passed away May 22, 2004, at the age of 87, began teaching chemistry at Augustana in 1948, a boom-time for science as the nation's energies, heightened by war, now sought new outlets. He was greeted not only by G.I. Bill-bolstered enrollments,

but by the new Augustana Research Foundation, which would become a major conduit for his own work in science. As one example, Berntsen's work related to the refining of corn syrup contributed to today's economical use of the substance as a sweetener in a huge array of food products.

Berntsen retired in 1985. In addition to the Robert Berntsen Family Endowment Fund, his legacy on campus includes the Research Foundation's Berntsen Award, presented to an outstanding first-year or sophomore student. (The first recipient, Alan Gishlick '95, went on to earn a Ph.D. from Yale in paleontology.) His survivors include sons Dr. Jon Berntsen '67 and Mark Berntsen '70.

**Roger A. Smith** '48 on April 16.

**Frances Eckmann** '48 Temple in December 2003.

**George J. Degenfelder** '49 on Jan. 18, 2003. His wife, Mary Rita, survives him.

Reynold Johnson, husband of **Helen Anderson** '49 Johnson, in June 2003.

**Donald W. Danz** '50 on Dec. 20, 2003. His wife, Nelda, survives him.

**Donovan J. Palmquist** '50 on May 13. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Johnson '53 Palmquist.

Howard Parker, husband of **Delores Anderson** '50 Parker, on Jan. 1.

**Forrest M. Anderson, Jr.** '51 on March 6.

**Harry Derderian** '51 on May 14.

**G. Richard Larson** '51 on June 2, 2003. Among survivors is his wife, Roberta Paterson '51 Larson.

**Linnea Anderson** '51 Luebben on April 10.

**Beverly D. Slagle** '51 on Jan. 24.

Herbert Snow, husband of **Eloise Trautman** '51 Snow, on July 13, 2003.

**Raymond G. Gamet** '52 on April 11. His wife, Lillian, survives him.

Beverly Kindschuh, wife of **Eugene Kindschuh** '52, on April 17.

**Betty Nelson** '54 Levin on Dec. 11, 2003. Her husband, Ingmar, survives her.

**Richard A. Loding** '54 on Feb. 28. His wife, Lucia, survives him.

**Harry Kuehl** '55 on Dec. 15, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Joyce.

**Mary Walker England** '56 on April 12.

**Mary Lindholm** '58 Goeth on July 9, 2003.

**Harlene Carlson** '58 Kopel on May 10. Survivors include her husband, Jim.

**Anita Flick** '59 Maxeiner on Nov. 15, 2002. Among survivors is her daughter, Sara Maxeiner '71 Saller.

**Allen L. Carey** '60 on March 9. His wife, Diane, survives him.

**Judith Oberbeck** '60 Johnson on Nov. 28, 2003.

**David H. Schluez** '60 on Dec. 12, 2003.

**Jerry Boyum** '61 on Feb. 24. His wife, Beverly, survives him.

**Vern B. Lentz** '64 in October 2002.

**Ernest H. Hansen, Jr.** '65 on Feb. 8. His wife, Joy, survives him.

**Sharon Keller** '65 Moenck on Feb. 6. Among survivors is her sister, Kathleen Keller '72 Finkler.

**Ruth Anderson** '66 Villarreal on March 28. Survivors include her husband, Genaro.

**James C. Green** '67 on Dec. 15, 2003. Among survivors is his wife, Ruth.

**Henry A. Wallace** '69 on Jan. 28.

**Julius G. Jordon** '70 on Dec. 30, 2003.

Nancy Moore, wife of **Dennis Moore** '70, on Feb. 23.

**Steven E. Nelson** '73 on Jan. 7.

Paul Castle, husband of **Marietta Walden** '74 Castle, on May 15.

**Kent Crassweller** '74 on Dec. 26, 2003. Survivors include his wife, Marcie Budd '75 Crassweller.

**Ann Kupjack** '74 Hake in December, 2003. She is survived by her husband, Larry '73.

**Paul A. Good** '79 on March 19. Survivors include his wife, Catherine Brown '81 Good; son, Brian '02; and brothers, Steven '80 and Darrin '87.

**David W. Douglas** '83 on March 1. Among survivors is his wife, Jennifer.

**Lourdes Pizano** '91 Guldenzopf on April 11.

# Alumni to-do list

For more information on these items, visit <<http://alumni.augustana.edu>>, or call 309-794-7477.

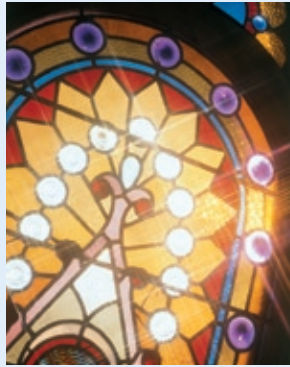
**See** In the Augustana Art Museum, *World Wide Fiber Arts: Websights*, **Sept. 4-Oct. 23**; *Divine Light: Faith and the Arts*, featuring loans from the Thrivent Financial Collection of Religious Art, **Oct. 30-Dec. 15**.

For information on Museum events including lectures, an unveiling, and a bus tour of stained glass art in the Quad Cities, call 309.794.7231. • *Children of Eden*, by Stephen Schwartz and John Cairn, performed by Augustana College Theatre on **Oct. 29-31** and **Nov. 3-7** in Potter Hall.\* • Ballet

Quad Cities is joined by the Augustana Symphony Orchestra in performances **Oct. 30 & 31** in Centennial Hall.\*

**...and be seen** This year's Alumni Pre-Game Picnic coincides with the Vikings' first-ever night game at Ericson Field. Have dinner and check out history in the making on Sat., **Sept. 11**. • "Augie, Sweet Augie" Family Weekend **Oct. 9 & 10**. • "Augie or Bust!" Homecoming 2004 **Oct. 22-24**. Reunion events planned for the Classes of '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99.

**Hear** The **Nov. 6** Three Choirs Concert at Centennial Hall starts the series of Fall Concerts on campus, including the Inspirational Gospel Choir and Jazz Ensemble, both **Nov. 6**; the Jazz Combo Soirée, **Nov. 10**; the Augustana Choir, **Nov. 12**; Augustana Concert Band and Augustana Symphonic Band, both **Nov. 13**. • In celebration of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra's 90th anniversary, the Augustana Choir and Handel Oratorio Society, under the direction of Dr. Jon Hurty, will join the QCSO in performances of Beethoven's 9th Symphony, **Dec. 4 & 5**. For tickets, call 563.322.0931.



**...and be heard** Have you shared the story of your calling with the Center for Vocational Reflection? Visit the website at <[vocation.augustana.edu](http://vocation.augustana.edu)>, or call the Center at 309.794.8612, to learn how you can share your 'Augustana and beyond' story with today's students. • As part of a mini-residency, composer Alice Parker will lead a Hymn Festival on **Nov. 5**. Check with the Music Department (309.794.7233) for details.

## Cheer

for **2004 Football**

Sept. 4 at Central of Iowa, 1pm

Sept. 11 **Upper Iowa, 6pm\***

Sept. 25 at Platteville, 6pm

Oct. 2 at North Park, 1pm

Oct. 9 **Carthage, 1pm**

Oct. 16 at Illinois Wesleyan, 1pm

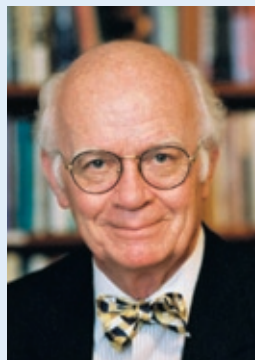
Oct. 23 **Millikin, 1pm**

Oct. 30 at Elmhurst, 1pm

Nov. 6 at North Central, 2pm

Nov. 13 **Wheaton, 1pm**

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Martin Marty

## ...and be cheered

Holiday events include the Opera@ Augustana production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, **Dec. 3-5\***; Joy of Christmas Past and Present, **Dec. 8** at Augustana Lutheran and Jenny Lind

Chapel in Andover, Ill.; lecture by Martin Marty, "The Arts as Vocational Expression," **Dec. 9**; Augustana's 27th annual Kwanzaa, **Dec. 10**; the Handel Oratorio Society opens its 124th season with *Messiah*, **Dec. 10-12\***; Sankta Lucia Fest, **Dec. 14**; Augustana Chamber Singers' Lessons and Carols, **Dec. 16**.

\* denotes events for which tickets can be purchased by calling 309.794.7306.



# Final shot(s)

## Look familiar?

We thought we'd try something new this time, in hopes that this *Final Shot* will send you back through the entire magazine for a second glance. All of these pictures come from various years of the *Rockety-I*, and each depicts a person featured somewhere in this issue. E-mail as many names as you can identify to us at [acmks@augustana.edu](mailto:acmks@augustana.edu).



## About last time

Glen Soderstrom '55 was the first to correctly locate Regina Holmén '22 Fryxell in this picture taken by her husband, Fritiof Fryxell '22 (standing farthest right) on a field trip to Devil's Tower, Wyo., ca. 1927. Other possible identifications include, standing from left, Dorothy Servine '30, Ruth Peterson '32 Leondardson, Beulah Peterson '32 Strieter and Agnes Holmén '25 Peterson. The kneeling men are believed to be Bruce Van Buren '29 and Bertil Anderson '26. Thanks to all who responded!

