

## NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

**Track & Field:** Augsburg's Mathew Shannon (Sr., Minneapolis) finished fifth to earn All-American honors in men's 400-meter dash; women's distance-medley relay (Ellen Waldow, Alanna Carter, Hannah Dietrich, Angie Bergeson) took seventh to earn All-American honors at NCAA Division III Indoor National Championships.

**Women's Basketball:** Freshman Selina Theisen (Circle Pines) was named to the Freshman All-American team by Women's DIII News. Theisen, a forward-center, had one of the best performances of any freshman in the country this season, leading the Auggies in both scoring and rebounding, averaging 17.1 points and 10.0 rebounds per contest. Nationally, Theisen ranked third among Division III players in field-goal percentage (61.4 percent overall) and 14th in blocked shots per game (3.0).

**Women's Hockey:** Annie Annunziato (Sr., Commack, N.Y.) was named to the Division III JOFA All-American West Region team by the American Hockey Coaches Association. Annunziato also earned All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors for the second year in a row. Augsburg finished 15-10-2 this season, 10-6-2 in MIAC play, qualifying for the MIAC playoffs for the second straight season.

**Wrestling:** The Augsburg wrestling team finished second at the NCAA Division III national championships at the Five Flags Center in Dubuque, Iowa. Four Augsburg wrestlers were crowned champion in their respective weight classes: Matt Shankey (Jr., Apple Valley) at 125, Mark Matzek (Jr., Ellsworth, Wis.) at 133, Marcus LeVesseur (So., Minneapolis) at 157, and Joe Moon (Jr., New Richland) at 175. Jamell Tidwell (Jr., Bloomington) was runner-up at 141.

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## GREETINGS!

Congratulations to all of our athletes for a job well done. A special thank you to all of our coaches for representing Augsburg College in a manner that makes A-Club members truly proud. A special congratulations to Jeff Swenson '79 and his wrestling squad for their second place finish in the Division III nationals. Thanks to Jeff and his wrestlers, Augsburg is nationally recognized annually among athletes, coaches, and the general public.

In case you didn't know, the A-Club dues that you donate each year give us the financial ability to help athletes and provide member services. In addition to this newsletter, the Hall of Fame banquet, and special events, we provide senior awards for our graduating athletes and help provide letter jackets to our letter winners.

The capital campaign, *Access to Excellence: The Campaign for Augsburg College*, kicked off April 17-18, and was a wonderful success thanks to honorary chairs Lute Olson '56 (University of Arizona men's basketball coach and A-Club member) and long-time A-Club supporters U.S. Rep. Martin Sabo '59 and Gladys (Boxrud) Strommen '46. This campaign is an opportunity to show our commitment to Augsburg on an even grander scale. The south wing addition to Si Melby Hall is on its way to reality thanks to people like Alan Rice—University of Minnesota alum, 1956 Greco-Roman Olympian, and

former Olympic coach. Thanks to the efforts of Jeff Swenson, Alan has donated a lead gift of \$1 million to help move this project in the right direction. Many, many thanks to Alan for his phenomenal support.

Now is the time for all A-Clubbers to get involved in this project and rise to the challenge of improving the much needed facilities for our student athletes and physical education majors. It is very easy. Simply give until "it feels good," fill out and mail the capital campaign request for the new south wing addition, and watch the wonder of it all.

Thank you for everything you do—or will do—for Augsburg and the A-Club.

Go Auggies!



Dick Thompson '61  
A-Club Interim President

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## TEE OFF! HIT THE ROAD! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### UPCOMING A-CLUB EVENTS

#### Monday, June 28:

The Clair Strommen Annual A-Club Golf Tournament is set for Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker, Minn. Foursomes are filling fast for this beautiful 27-hole course, so don't miss out! Look for the brochure and registration card in the mail. The cost is \$100 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, and a buffet dinner following the tournament. Good friends, fun competition, and fabulous prizes are all part of the day. Don't miss this important annual A-Club fundraiser and frolic. For more information contact, Ron Main '56 at 612-330-1175 or Dick "Pork Chops" Thompson '61 at 952-404-2668.

#### SPORT TOURNAMENTS:

**June 11:** Ed Saugestad Hockey Alumni Golf Tournament  
Manitou Ridge, Contact: Mike Schwartz '83, 612-330-1163

**July 16:** Edor Nelson Football Alumni Golf Tournament  
Manitou Ridge, Contact: Drew Privette '89, 612-330-1242

**July 23:** John Grygelko Wrestling Alumni Golf Tournament  
Bluff Creek, Contact: Jeff Swenson '79, 612-330-1241

**August 2:** Men's Basketball Alumni Golf Tournament  
Mississippi Dunes, Contact: Brian Ammann '85, 612-330-1238

#### Sunday, September 19:

A-Club 5K. This fun run from Si Melby Hall down West River Road is perfect for the entire family. Executive Board member Tracey Tomforde '92 has put together this great event for A-Club. Plan on running, walking, or whatever to help make this a yearly get-together. Registration forms will be available this summer.

#### Thursday, October 7:

A-Club Homecoming 2004 Hall of Fame Banquet (Christensen Center). Many Homecoming events will be taking place all week long. Details will be provided prior to Homecoming.

#### 2004-2005 Special Events:

A complete calendar of A-Club special events is slated for 2004-2005, including alumni receptions by sport. Watch for details this summer and fall!

## OUT OF BOUNDS

### Athletes Helping Athletes off the Field

The Student Athlete Mentor program (SAMs) is completing its seventh year at Augsburg. A joint collaboration between the athletic department and the Counseling and Health Promotion department, student athletes are nominated by their fellow athletes to volunteer as mentors during the academic school year. The selection criterion is based on both leadership and individuals who can assist other athletes on a variety of different issues such as conflict management and alcohol use/abuse.

For the last three years the SAMs program has been funded by a NCAA grant called CHOICES FOR LIFE. The goal of the three-year grant was to develop a prevention program that utilizes trained student athletes to encourage personal decisions that are healthy, legal, appropriate, and safe.

Since inception, approximately 125 student athletes have participated in this program, meeting with SAMs coordinator Kathy Roach eight times each semester for training on a variety of issues and then mentoring teammates, roommates, and friends throughout the school year.

## HONORS ABOUND

**GRYGELKO:** Former Augsburg wrestling head coach John Grygelko received the "Lifetime Service to Wrestling" award from the Minnesota Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in its annual induction ceremony on April 24.

**SHANNON:** Track and field sprinter Mathew Shannon (Sr., Minneapolis) was named Co-Athlete of the Month for April by USA Track and Field Minnesota. Shannon has continued his sprint dominance at both the conference and national level this season. He has earned All-MIAC honors 17 times in his career and has set school records in 11 different events (seven individual, four relay).

## SPORTS SHORTS

#### Baseball

Pitcher Jeremy Nelson (Jr., Maplewood) was named Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Baseball Pitcher of the Week. Nelson scored the Auggie victory in the first game of a doubleheader against defending conference regular-season champion St. Thomas, as Augsburg broke an 11-season, 22-game losing streak to the Tommies with a 4-3 triumph.

#### Men's Basketball

Lucas Olson-Patterson (Jr., Minneapolis) earned All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honorable-mention recognition. In his first season at Augsburg after transferring from Iowa Lakes Community College, Olson-Patterson led the Auggies in scoring and rebounding, averaging 15.2 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. He also contributed 33 steals, 19 assists, and had seven blocked shots. Augsburg finished 9-16 overall, 6-14 in MIAC play this season.

#### Men's Hockey

David Nelson (So., Woodbury) and Critter Nagurski (Fr., International Falls) earned All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honorable-mention recognition. Nelson, a defender, led the Auggies in scoring this season, with 17 points (eight goals, nine assists), including a team-high four power-play goals. Nagurski, one of just three freshmen to earn a spot on either the All-MIAC first team or honorable-mention squad (36 players), ranked fourth on the team in scoring, with 12 points (five goals, seven assists) in 22 games, missing three games late in the season due to an injury. Augsburg finished 8-13-4 overall and 5-8-3 in Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, finishing in sixth place in league play.

#### Men's Soccer

New head coach Greg Holker comes to Augsburg from Holy Angels Academy. Holker replaces Mike Navarre, who stepped down from his men's soccer coaching responsibilities in January to focus on his roles as women's soccer head coach and associate director of the college's athletic facilities department. Augsburg finished 5-11-2 in men's soccer in 2003, with an 0-9-1 record in Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.

#### Women's Basketball

Head coach Dave Johnson announced his resignation after one season with the Auggie program, citing personal reasons. Johnson had served as women's basketball head coach, intramurals director, and women's athletic equipment manager at Augsburg. "We thank him for the energy and dedication he brought to the team in 2003-04," said Marilyn (Pearson) Florian '76, women's athletic director, who noted that a search for a new head coach is underway.

#### Women's Swimming

In the newest varsity sport, Kasi Clauson (FR, Kansas, Okla.) had two top-16 finishes in B-finals, and the Auggies recorded personal-best times in nearly every event entered, at the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center. With just four swimmers competing in 10 of the 20 championship events, Augsburg finished 11th as a team with 43 points. As a team, Augsburg cut personal-best times in 13 of its 15 races entered on the weekend.

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