THE AUGUSTANA

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The Augustana, as it was then, contained essays, news items, humor pages and articles of general interest. It aimed to “develop a healthy school spirit, be a true exponent of school life, and be an interesting medium between the school and its friends.” It remained the official publication of the College until 1918.

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Dr. Tom Braithwaite, class of 1978, and his son, Matt Braithwaite, class of 2011, share a love of running, science and Augustana.

6. The Path Less Traveled
Rachel Hurley is among a select group of undergraduates who will begin the prestigious M.D.-Ph.D. Program at Mayo Medical School this fall. On the other side of the rigorous, eight-year program, she will be able to practice medicine and conduct research. And, as she says, ‘Make a difference.’

9. Scientific Discoveries
Faculty-led undergraduate scientific research is thriving inside Augustana’s Gilbert Science Center.

16. Remembering The Spark
The Sesquicentennial Celebration continues with a look back at The Spark, the gala event to celebrate Augustana at 150. See the photos and read about the Spirit of Augustana Award recipients.

ON THE COVER: A fluorescently stained bacterial biofilm (600X magnification). Biofilms, which are ubiquitous in nature, form when bacteria colonize surfaces and grow as nutrients from the environment flow past them. Augustana Biology majors Carl Hjelmen, class of 2013, and Ashley Kraetsch, class of 2012, grew this biofilm by submerging a microscope slide in the water feature in the atrium of the Humanities Center and allowing resident bacteria to colonize its surface. The biofilm bacteria were stained with fluorescent DNA stains and the image was collected using Augustana’s confocal scanning laser microscope.