Augustana alumnus Troy Westwood kicked for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.
The members of the 2011 Class of the Augustana Athletic Hall of Fame have achieved national and international recognition.

The new inductees were honored Oct. 14 during Viking Days 2011.

CARL FRITZ ’92
Fritz set the school indoor record for 5,000 meters (14:34.24) in 1992 and the mark still stands. He won the North Central Conference indoor 5,000-meter race in 1991 and 1992. He achieved All-America status by placing third in the 5,000 at the 1992 NCAA Division II indoor championships. He ran with Augustana’s NCC cross country and Central Regional championship team in 1991. He became a cross country All-America by finishing 17th at the 1991 national gathering. He works as an assistant serving as assistant general counsel with the Illinois Department of Human Services.

STACY JOHNSON HART ’98
Johnson Hart was a four-time North Central Conference track and field champion. She won the indoor 3,000 in 1998 (9:54.69), the outdoor 3,000 in 1996 (10:08.87) and 1998 (10:06.44), and the outdoor 5,000 in 1998 (17:26.48). She was named the conference outdoor track female athlete of the week April 21, 1998, and May 5, 1998. She was ranked in the top eight nationally by the NCAA for the 3,000 in 1996, 1997, and 1998. She finished eighth at the NCAA cross country championships in 1996 and ninth in 1997 to earn All-America recognition. She works as a teacher with the Rochester (Minn.) Public Schools.

PETE ROBACK ’96
Roback owns the distinction of being selected to both All-North Central Conference baseball and football teams. He helped Augustana’s baseball team to its first NCC Southern Division championship in 1995. He batted .400, hit four home runs, drove in 23 runs, and stole 24 bases in 26 attempts. He held school records for most runs scored in a season (46) and a career (72) and posted a career batting average of .362. He was selected to the All-NCC football team in 1993 and 1994, and was a Division II All-America football third team pick in 1993. He works as the assistant principal for Rosemount (Minn.) High School.

NICKY JOHNSEN GILBERTSON ’96
Johnsen Gilbertson was a South Dakota All-State player at Wakonda High School and performed collegiately at an equally high level. She is among Augustana’s scoring (1,258 points), rebound (674), and shot block (141) career leaders. She was chosen to All-North Central Conference teams in 1994 and 1995, and in 1994 shared first place in the conference for free-throw percentage (.870). She is eighth in career NCC free-throw percentage (.833), and was 19th nationally (.814) in 1995. She is employed by Aegis Therapies as district manager for nursing facilities in South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska.

ARWIN SCHMEICHEL ’88
In 1986, Schmeichel was chosen North Central Conference player of the week, the first Viking so honored in three seasons. He was a three-year starter at linebacker and was the team’s second leading tackler (70) for his first campaign. In 1986 he led the team in tackles (97) and played a leading role in a 22-21 defeat of Northern Colorado; the Vikings’ first win against the Bears. He was the leading tackler in 1987 (123). He was selected to the All-NCC Teams in 1986 and 1987. He works as a salesman for Bayer Built Woodworks.

TROY WESTWOOD ’91
Place kicker Westwood was the 48th overall pick in the 1991 Canadian Football League draft. He led the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in scoring for 15 seasons and holds the Canadian Football League record for highest career field goal percentage in playoff games (85.7). He was inducted into the Winnipeg Football Club Hall of Fame this year. He holds the Augustana record for conversion kicks in a season (41) and is second in career conversion kicks (107). He works as a director with Empower Resources and co-hosts a morning program on Sports Radio 1290 in Winnipeg.

Ole Odney, Lefty Olson, Harvey Awards

Rod Vollan ’81, who retired earlier this summer after 26 years with the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, received the Ole Odney Award for significant achievements in coaching, athletic administration, recreation, or youth athletic work. Darren Paulsen ’88, activities director at Rapid City Central High School, received the L.A. “Lefty” Olson Award for significant lifetime service or achievement in athletics or athletic administration.

Midcontinent Communications received the Milt and Clara Harvey Award for outstanding contributions of time, service, and financial support to Augustana athletics.

Additional Honors
The 1991 men’s cross country team also received special recognition during Viking Days 2011.

The 1991 men’s cross country team won the North Central Conference and Central Region championships and finished seventh at the NCAA Division II competition. It was the first conference title for the men’s program and the highest finish in national competition.

Coached by Rob Kinnunen, the team was ranked in the top 10 nationally throughout the season and held the top spot for one week. Kinnunen was named NCC and Central Region Coach of the Year.

Members of the 1991 team include Matt Kiesow, Carl Fritz, Carl Cramer Jr., Phil Biteler, Matt Bien, Randy McVean, Chris Silva, Todd McCallum, Keith Maloney and Per Frederick Pharo, Olso, Norway.