

During his time on campus, senior Jake Bury has served in the student senate and has studied in Germany. After he graduates this spring, he plans to student teach in Anchorage, Alaska.

THE YOUNG MAN OF HISTORY

Senior Jake Bury, left, talks with friends at Falls Park in downtown Sioux Falls.

M meet senior Jake Bury, a native of Sioux Falls and a history and secondary education major.

Q. Where do you live on campus?

A. Schoeneman Apartments.

Q. What's the best part about living on campus?

A. I enjoy being able to stay connected with friends and have immediate access to everything I need on campus. I also have no excuse not to work out every once and awhile with the Elmen Center so close.

Q. What are you involved in on campus?

A. I'm involved in the Augustana Student Association, Augustana Choir, New Student Orientation and the History and German Honors Societies.

Q. What are you involved in off campus?

A. I help at the after-school program at Whittier Middle School. I also work for

Q. Where's your favorite off-campus spot?

A. Definitely Mckennan Park in the Spring.

Q. What's your favorite meal at the Commons?

A. Oh no, it sounds like such a simple question. After almost 10 minutes of intensive deliberation, I will have to say the Augustana Fried Chicken Bowl. I am a proud product of the Midwest.

Q. What's a typical weekday like?

A. I normally wake up around 9 a.m.; head to the Commons with the paper and a cup of coffee; go to class for a few hours; run or swim depending on the day; head off to choir for an hour, then back to the Commons for dinner; then, it's off to the library!

Q. What's a typical weekend like?

A. There is always something happening on the weekend, whether it's a concert, dance, comedian, play, or sporting event.

Q. What advice would you give to students searching for a college?

A. Go slow and talk to professors. Pay attention to the details when you go on tours but never be afraid to trust your gut instinct.

Q. What is the one thing you'd say to students considering Augustana?

A. Oh man, I might get sucked into a cliché response on this one. But trust me, it's only cliché because it's true. If you want to be more than just a number, more than just another aimless, faceless student at an aimless, faceless institution, then Augustana is the place for you!

Q. Who is your favorite professor and why?

A. This is a very dangerous question. I have a lot of favorite professors. Dr. Preston has helped me become a better writer and researcher. Dr. Haar has shown me how to become a better thinker. I always

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– Jake Bury, Class of 2012, on studying in Germany as a student at Augustana

Wells Fargo in the Student Loan Department. In my free time, I enjoy rafting down the mighty Big Sioux River.

Q. Why did you choose Augustana?

A. My mind was made up after the second visit. Two professors from the history department sat down with my Dad and me for over an hour during a regular class day. Then we got the same treatment from an Education professor, and then the choir director. No other college I visited had such a devoted and student-centered faculty.

Q. Where's your favorite place on campus?

A. The newly furnished Senate office!

Q. Where's the best place to study on campus?

A. Oooh, tough one. Probably one of the two tables on the top floor of the library surrounded by bookshelves.

When I am not at an Augie event or studying, you can usually find me at Schoeneman (Bro-neman) 1419 hanging out with my roomies.

Q. Can you describe your internship(s) and/or research experience(s)?

A. As a secondary education major, I have spent time at all four of the high schools in Sioux Falls and two of the middle schools. I have been involved in a number of different practicum experiences, ranging from Special Education training to ESL (English as a Second Language) classrooms.

Q. Have you studied abroad?

A. Last Spring I spent two weeks in Potsdam, Germany, with my German class studying post-war East Germany. We got to spend time interviewing former East German officials and hearing a side of history that rarely gets told in American classrooms.

have good conversations with Dr. Pehl. Dr. Mullin is incredibly honest and passionate about his work. There are many more.

Q. What's been your favorite class so far?

A. I'd have to say my favorite class so far at Augustana has been "Religion in American History and Culture," with Dr. Matthew Pehl.

Q. What's been your best Augustana memory so far?

A. Definitely Augie Homecoming week, 2011.

Q. What's next for you?

A. I plan to do my student teaching in Anchorage, Alaska, this fall and then head to Germany for a year of teaching, before ultimately heading off to graduate school to pursue a degree in American History.