

VIKING DAYS 2011

From Coronation to the reunions, the parade, Varieties, the game and the Blue & Gold Gala, the campus was in a "Viking State of Mind" in celebration of the 83rd annual Viking Days.

Even Ole the Viking joined in the fun!





Senior biology majors Casey Ortbahn, Pierre, S.D., and Jackie Miles , Tea, S.D., were crowned King and Queen of Viking Days 2011 during the "Late Night Coronation Show" at the Elmen Center. Joining Ortbahn and Miles as members of the Royal Court were seniors Dan Bock, Arvada, Colo.; Erik Nyberg, Sioux Falls; Jacob Bury, Sioux Falls; Josh Belville, Van Dyne, Wis.; Ashley Weber, Cold Spring, Minn.; Jessica Haugo, Waubun, Minn.; Heidi Nelson, Custer, S.D.; and Hannah Miller, Mankato, Minn.



ABOVE: The important contribution of alumnus Peter Eide '66, creator of the Ole the Viking statue, originally dedicated in 1967, was recognized at a re-dedication ceremony on Friday, Oct. 14. A plaque commemorating the statue, provided by Kent Morstad, '58, was unveiled at the event. PICTURED ABOVE: Kent Morstad, Mary Eide Boyd '66 (Peter Eide's sister), Eunice Eide Hovland '50 and Howard Hovland '50.

BELOW: Audrey Burkart'14 (center) performs with Chris Borchardt'12 and Nicole Lewis'14 in the "Big Apple Saxophone Circus" at Viking Varieties 2011.





David Stadem '12, Glynnis Kunkel '12, Tyler Wasberg '12 and Callie Berg '13 performed "Java Jive" at Varieties.



ABOVE: Ben Parsley outruns a defender as the Vikings took on the Winona State Warriors at Kirkeby-Over Stadium. More than 5,000 fans filled the stands to watch the Vikings win 23-15.

BELOW: Hundreds of alumni returned to campus to enjoy reunions, the parade, the game and the Gala.





ABOVE: Members of the "Augieholics" celebrate Augustana during the parade. From left to right, Eric Hieb, Gentry Pletts, Emily Tekavec, Trevor Chadwick, Erik Nyberg, Joe Meader, Krista Youngberg, Isaac Krueger, Ali Lammers, Kyle Mielke, Joel Hermann and Taylor Lambert. **BELOW:** The Community Service float celebrates Augustana's efforts to help others in need. This fall, more than 400 students participated in Community Service Day, completing more than 1,600 hours of service for 25 local organizations and collecting more than 1,250 pounds of food.





ABOVE: From left to right, Denise and Ron Douthit '77, parents of Morgan (Douthit) Sonnichsen '01, Joel Sonnichsen '99, Pam Sonnichsen '68, Todd Andrix, Dave Sonnichsen '72 and Kristen (Sonnichsen) Andrix '96 enjoy the parade outside Granskou Hall.

BELOW: Ron Beck '61, John Simko '61, Trish Swanhorst, Bob Swanhorst '61 and Don Scott '61 take in the parade from their seats along Summit Avenue Saturday morning.







ABOVE LEFT: Katie Sonnichsen '03 enjoys the parade with her nephews and nieces. Far back, standing: Addison Andrix, son of Kristen Sonnichsen '96 and Todd. Second row, standing: Robert Marshall, son of Kari Sonnichsen '93 and Chris. To the left is Annika Andrix, daughter of Kristen '96. To the right is Opland Sonnichsen, son of Joel '99 and Morgan '01. Sitting on the curb is Jonathan Marshall, son of Kari '93.

ABOVE RIGHT: Hall of Fame inductee Nicky Johnsen Gilbertson '96 takes in the parade with her husband, Jeff, and their children: Madyson, Noah, Will, and Isabelle.

BELOW: From left to right, Brian Fedde '91, Kraig Mickelsen '90, Steven Grill '91 and Eric Pentico '91 cheer the parade near the Huether Tennis Centre.





CLASS OF 1961 50-YEAR REUNION: Attendees included: Leon K. Freeburg, Julian Grev, Jan Wylie Beaumont, Joane Williams McKay, Ardys Johnson Berven, Janice Henden Eakins, Jim Berven, Judy Hindekugel Morstad, Sandy Haugen Sabel, Jan Hoven Davis, Ardell Stavnes Skoglund, Elizabeth Thompson Cambell, Joan Paulson Olson, Jan Berg Plantz, Linda Zell Halvorson, Arlene Lee Bradford, Linda Loomis Nelson, Joanne Stensaas, Fern Decker, Lois Loon Topping, Evelyn Oaks Stalheim, Flo McNerney Sikknink, Jan Skuzacek Wittrock, Katherin Neeley Shelp, Marjorie Hanson, Janet Helgaas, Mary Swanson Herr, Sally Brosz Miller, Margaret Bostelmann, Barbara Johnson Kilani, Carol Thomsen, Norma Gilbertson, Larry Borghum, Jim Love, Dennis Colvin, Phil Trooieu, John Kittelson, Ken Halvorson, Dave Dahl, Donald Abraham, Kirk Brodford, Verl Olson, Ron Beck, Ron Hybertson, Bruce Floor, George Peper, Paul Nelson, Keu Holum, Bob Swanhorst, David Bak, Ron Bloem, Tom Campbell, Robert Amundson, Don Scott, Ken Yost, and Jon Simko.



ABOVE: Five alumni received achievement awards for outstanding contributions to their fields of endeavor and for exemplifying the College's values, including Christian faith, excellence, the liberal arts, community and service at the 2011 Blue and Gold Gala. **FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr. John Berdahl, '99,** an ophthalmologist at Vance Thompson Vision in Sioux Falls, received the Augustana Horizon Award, an honor recognizing the rising career of a young graduate (less than 15 years after graduation); **Paul Harmel '72** was recognized for his leadership and vision as the chairman and CEO of Lifetouch Inc.; **Jayne Meyer '74**, serves as a senior clinical trial associate for clinical affairs at Dendreon Corporation where she works in the biotechnology research field; Retired Supreme Court Justice **Robert Amundson '61** was recognized for his lifetime of service to the citizens of South Dakota as a lawyer and judge; and **Dr. Jim Reynolds '65,** was a founding member of the North Central Heart Institute in Sioux Falls and led the creation of The Heart Hospital (now known as the Avera Heart Hospital of South Dakota). Now retired, Reynolds performed more than 4,500 open heart procedures in his career.

BELOW: Ron Bloem '61, Caryl Bloem, Joanne Stensaas '61 and Jim Berven '61 at the parade on Saturday.



BELOW Dr. John Berdahl '99 discussed "Eliminating Blindness in our World" at the Augustana Thought Leader Forum on Friday, Oct. 14..





ABOVE: Hall of Fame inductee Stacy Johnson Hart '98 watches the parade with her daughters Brooklyn and Kasey.

BELOW: The Berdahl family gathered along Grange Avenue to watch the student floats and marching bands.



BELOW: Members of KANSAS sport "Augustana Orchestra" t-shirts alongside Dr. Stanichar following the concert.

