

Jon Roe honored with MIAC's Mike Augustin Award (2000-2001)

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Jon Roe covered the MIAC and the Minnesota Small College scene for the Star-Tribune from the early '80s until his retirement in October of 1999. Like Mike Augustin, for whom this award is named, Jon was well known throughout the MIAC for both the quality of his writing and his obvious respect for the mission and principles of Division III athletics.

Jon was born and raised in Minneapolis and graduated from North High School before receiving an associate arts degree from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor of science degree from St. Cloud State University. Jon's first newspaper job was as a sportswriter for the St. Cloud Times in 1965, where ironically his first boss was Mike Augustin. He moved to the Minneapolis Star-Tribune in 1967 where he worked for the next 32 years until his retirement in the fall of 1999.

During his long tenure with the Star-Tribune, Jon covered many different beats including the University of Minnesota, professional golf, the Minnesota Twins as well as the Minnesota small college scene. He covered The Masters and the U.S. Open for more than 23 years and is still involved with the golf scene in his retirement as he is a freelance writer for the Minnesota Golf Association. He served as the President of the Minnesota chapter of the Baseball Writers of America in the early '80s and was named the Sportswriter of the Year by the National Broadcasters and Sportswriters Association of America in 1973.



Jon provided an outlet for Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletics for many years through his small college notes column and with his on-site coverage of football and basketball contests. He understood the role of sports in the MIAC and honored it. He would often travel to events with his good friend and counterpart at the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Mike Augustin. It is very fitting that Jon Roe be honored for his outstanding contribution to MIAC athletic programs by an award named after his close friend Mike Augustin.