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Campus Events

FEBRUARY

- 7** 10 am to 3 pm, Health and Wellness Symposium hosted by Finlandia Connection students, FAHC, 487-7354.
- 12** 4 to 5:30 pm, Writer's Journey poetry seminar with Earl Brogan, "Black Birds and Writers," Chapel of St. Matthew, 487-7515.
- 12** 2 pm and 6 pm, Nordic Film Series: "The Kautokeino Rebellion," FAHC, 487-7302.
- 19** 4 to 5:30 pm, Writer's Journey children's literature seminar with Terri Martin, "Finding the Writer's Voice Within," Chapel of St. Matthew, 487-7515.
- 21** 11 am to 1 pm, Silent Auction and Soup & Salad Lunch to benefit students' service learning trip to Tanzania, Finlandia Hall Café, 487-7239.
- 26** 4 to 5:30 pm, Writer's Journey poetry seminar with Randy Freisinger, "The Straight and Crooked Figure a Poem Makes," Chapel of St. Matthew, 487-7515.
- 26** 9 am to 2:30 pm, Finlandia Lions Youth Soccer Clinic, Paavo Nurmi Center, 487-7326.
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- 19** 4 to 5:30 pm, Writer's Journey poetry seminar, "The Villanelle," Chapel of St. Matthew, 487-7515.
- 26** 4 to 5:30 pm, Writer's Journey seminar, "PANK Magazine and the Literary Avant-garde," Chapel of St. Matthew, 487-7515.



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Servant Leadership Students to Host Lunch and Silent Auction

A Silent Auction and Soup & Salad Lunch will take place Saturday, February 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Finlandia University Finlandia Hall Café in the university's residence hall.

Proceeds from the lunch and silent auction will help a group of Finlandia students raise funds for a May 2009 trip to Tanzania.

More than 100 auction items will be up for bid, such as handicrafts, gift certificates, and cloth from Tanzania.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the door. Adults tickets are \$8; children ages six to 11, \$3.00; children 5 and under may attend free.

In the previous three years, 31 Finlandia students and area youth have been part of Finlandia's annual three-week service learning trip. This year, five Finlandia students are preparing to serve and learn in Tanzania.

Pictured at right, the students are (standing) sophomore Dan Grille (Wallace, MI) and freshman Aggie Pietila (Bruce Crossing, MI) and (seated) juniors Jaimianne Amicucci, (left) (Mahopac Falls, NY) and Jillian Dolkey (Wetmore, MI). Also part of

the group but not pictured is Jessica Zierle (Union City, MI).

"The relationships with the many people we work with in Tanzania will continue to blossom through these five students," said Finlandia Campus Pastor René Johnson. "They'll be helping in the building of new dorms at Kisarawe Lutheran Jr. Seminary, a secondary school, and staying with host families in the capital city as they develop an understanding of life in Tanzania."

For more information, contact René Johnson at 487-7239.



At the Art Galleries

Finlandia University Gallery

January 12 to February 13

Carl Gawboy: *Transforming the Cutover*

March 27 to April 21

Finlandia ISAD: *2009 Juried Student Exhibition*

Reflection Gallery

January 24 to February 15

D.C. Wilson and Lana Bosak: *Book Illustrations*

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Nordic Film Depicts Sámi Uprising

The Finlandia University Nordic Film Series continues Thursday, February 12, with the Norwegian historical drama, "The Kautokeino Uprising." Showings are at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Finnish American Heritage Center.

Set in the mid 19th century, the film depicts a conflict between the Sámi indigenous people and Norwegian government representatives. It focuses on the famous Kautokeino Rebellion and its tragic consequences, including the beheading of two of its leaders.

The film is offered as a follow-up to last month's Nordic film, "Give Us Back Our Skeletons," which detailed the fight for the return to the Sámi people of the skulls of the two decapitated leaders.

For centuries the northernmost plateaus of Scandinavia and Finland have been inhabited by the native Sámi population and their reindeers. In 1852, the desolate village of Kautokeino, Norway, was controlled by a prosperous and ruthless liquor dealer. When one of the native tribes, led by the young woman Elen, refuses to pay an unjust debt to the liquor dealer, it leads to one of the most dramatic episodes in northern Scandinavian history.

A group of 35 Sámis, outraged by years of subjugation and emboldened by the teachings of Lars Levi Lastaadius, staged a riot at Kautokeino, killing the sheriff and the liquor dealer, and flogging the clergyman.

Until recently the uprising was a taboo subject among the 1,600 residents of Kautokeino, since most families have ancestors who were involved. The rebellion has inspired five novels, two operas, one symphony, and several documentaries.

The film is in Norwegian with English subtitles. For information, contact James Kurtti at 487-7302.



Above: Finlandia Connection students brave the frigid weather to sell hot dogs, coffee, and hot chocolate outside the Finnish American Heritage Center during Heikinpäivä, Saturday, January 24.

Treat Yourself to a Day of Healthy Indulgence

Don't forget to check out the Health and Wellness Symposium this Saturday, February 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Finnish American Heritage Center.

Proceeds from the Wellness Symposium will help seven nursing and human services students travel to Helsinki, Finland, this spring to learn about Finland's health care and social services systems. The study abroad opportunity is part of the academic course, Finlandia Connection.

For information, call Debbie Karstu at 487-7354.



Left: Artwork by illustration major D. C. Wilson. Her work, along with the work of illustration major Lana Bosak, is featured at the Reflection Gallery through February 15.

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The winning Homecoming 2009 Obstacle Course Race team gathers for a photo January 30. It was darn cold that day, but this didn't appear to dampen their enthusiasm.

Is a Trip to Tanzania in Your Future?

In the previous three years, 31 students have participated in the Servant Leadership service learning course in Tanzania. Five Finlandia faculty and staff have also been a part of the experience.

This year there is again an opportunity for a faculty or staff person to accompany Campus Pastor Rene Johnson and five students on the annual trip.

The dates of this year's trip are May 8-28, 2009, and the cost for a faculty/staff member is \$3,000. The basic itinerary includes a 3-day

game park safari, one week at a secondary school, and one week with host families.

If you're interested, please talk with René before February 13. If you'd like to know more about the experience, you can ask several previous adult participants about the experience: Phyllis Fredendall, Ann Kemppainen, Angie Book, Judy Budd, or Pete Gundersen. For more information, contact René at 487-7239 or rene.johnson@finlandia.edu.

Your Help Makes International Travel Possible

You can support the Servant Leadership travelers in many ways:

(1) **February 21:** Attend a Silent Auction and Soup & Salad Lunch, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Finlandia Hall. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children ages six to 11. Silent Auction items and food donations for the lunch are also welcome.

(2) **March 29:** Donate baked goods for a coffee-hour fund-raiser at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Hancock.

(3) **Anytime:** Save Econo Foods receipts and drop them in René Johnson's mailbox.

Many Career Fairs on the Calendar

Finlandia University students are encouraged to attend several Career Fairs this February and March.

- February 17, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Michigan Technological University Spring Career Fair, Student Development Complex. View a list of participating employers at www.career.mtu.edu

- March 16, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Finlandia University Health Career Fair, Finnish American Heritage Center. The fair is for students in the Nursing and Physical Therapy Assistant programs. Regional employers will be on campus that day to interview prospective employees from these programs. More information will be distributed in the coming weeks.

- March 18, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Upper Great Lakes Collegiate Job Fair, Northern Michigan University, Great Lakes Room, University Center. Midwest employers will be on hand to interview students in a number of occupations. Last year, over 60 regional employers participated in this fair. For information, visit www.nmu.edu/CareerServices.

Questions? Contact Mark Cavis, TRiO Career Services manager, at 487-7315 or mark.cavis@finlandia.edu.

Chapel Schedule

MONDAYS, 12:30-1:00 PM

Student-led praise songs, prayers, and meditations.

WEDNESDAYS, 12:30-1:00 PM

A liturgical worship service. *Core Themes of Biblical Faith*, from the book, *The Bible and Contemporary Culture*, by Gerd Theissen. The campus pastor or a guest speaker provides the meditation; Holy Communion is celebrated.

No Chapel March 9 & 11, April 27 & 29

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Helen R Klebesadel, a visual artist living in Madison, Wisc., will be on campus working with art and design students March 2-6, 2009. She will present a community lecture Wednesday, March 4. Klebesadel exhibits widely and has written several publications on using student-centered pedagogies in college level art teaching. An exhibit of Klebesadel's work is featured at the Vertin Gallery, Calumet, March 6 to April 1, with an opening reception March 6. Visit the artist's website at <http://klebesadel.com>.



Do You Have Spring Break Plans Yet?

Why not join this year's Alternate Spring Break? The picture above is of last summer's flooding in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where 100 city blocks were under water. We will be going there this year to muck and gut houses there.

Departure: March 8; Return: March 14; Cost: \$50

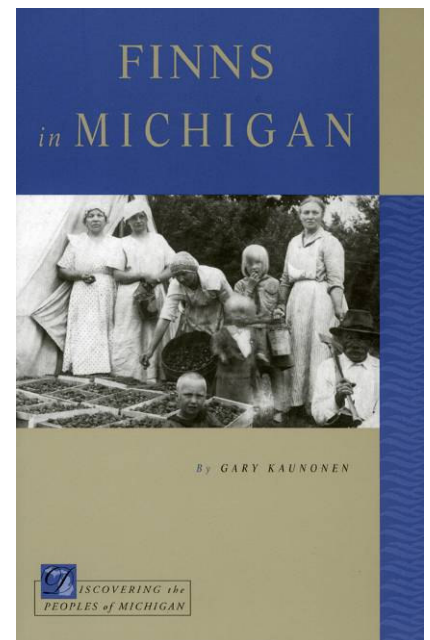
Please e-mail Beth Bellinger by February 16 if you are interested at elbellinger@fu.edu. Beth urges you to think seriously about coming. "It will be a wonderful experience and tons of fun."

Sibelius Festival Poster Contest

International School of Art & Design students are invited to participate in a poster design contest for the 2009 Sibelius Academy Music Festival. The winning designer will receive \$100 and their poster will be displayed locally, regionally, and in Chicago.

This year the Sibelius Festival is branching out and will feature classical, jazz, and folk musicians. Poster designs should reference these three styles of music, and should also reflect the Finnish heritage of the festival.

Posters should be designed for 11" x 17" paper. The deadline is March 21, 2009. For information, contact Jonathan Soper at 487-7362 or jonathan.soper@finlandia.edu.



"Finns In Michigan," a new book published by Michigan State University Press authored by Finlandia University archivist Gary Kaunonen, is now available for purchase at North Wind Books.

Stay Fit at the Paavo Nurmi Center

Fitness Center Hours

Monday-Friday: 7 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 9 am to 2 pm

Sunday: 1 pm to 4 pm

Indoor Walking

Tuesday and Thursday

7:30 to 9 am

Paavo Nurmi Center Gym

18 laps equals one mile

Pool Hours

Adult Fitness

Monday-Friday: 7 to 8:30 am / 11:30 am to 1 pm / 4:30 to 6 pm

Open Swim

Friday: 6:30 to 8 pm

Sunday: 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Aqua Fit

Monday & Wednesday: 6 to 7 pm

Saturday: 9 to 10 am

The pool is closed Saturdays, except for Aqua Fit.

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Riutta is Women's Basketball POTW

Finlandia University junior forward Jodi Riutta (Houghton, Mich.) has been named the Association of Division III Independents women's basketball Player of the Week for the week of February 2, 2009.

Riutta averaged 20.5 points, 9.0 rebounds, and 2.5 assists per game in two Lion victories on the week. She shot 51.6% from the floor overall and recorded a double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds, respectively, in her second game.

For additional information, contact Curtis Wittenberg at 487-7214.

Time Change for February 6 Women's Basketball Game

The start time of the Friday, February 6, Finlandia University women's basketball game vs. Mount Mary College has been

changed.

The game will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Finlandia's Paavo Nurmi Center gymnasium.

Athletic Events

Men's Hockey

FEBRUARY

- 6 U. of Minn.-Crookston 7:15 pm
- 7 Univ. of Minn.-Crookston 3 pm
- 13 Lawrence University 8 pm
- 14 Lawrence University 5 pm
- 20-22 MCHA Playoffs TBA
- 27-28 Harris Cup TBA

MARCH

- 11 NCAA First Round TBA
- 14 NCAA Quarter Finals TBA
- 21-22 NCAA Final Four TBA

Men's Basketball

FEBRUARY

- 14 Univ. of Wisc.-Eau Claire 1 pm
- 18 Gogebic College 8 pm
- 21 Northland B.B. Coll. 3 pm

Men's Baseball

MARCH

- 8-13 Gene Cusic Classic, FL
- 8 Southern Vermont College TBA
- 9 Eastern Nazarene College TBA
- 10 Carroll College TBA
- 12 Dominican University TBA
- 13 U.S. Coast Guard TBA
- 29 Augsburg Coll. (Minneapolis) 10 pm

Women's Basketball

FEBRUARY

- 6 Mount Mary College 5:30 pm
- 18 Gogebic College 6 pm
- 21 Northland B.B. College 1 pm

Women's Hockey

FEBRUARY

- 7 Adrian College 7 pm
- 8 Adrian College 2 pm
- 14 U. of Wisc.-River Falls 7 pm
- 15 U. of Wisc.-River Falls 2:15 pm
- 20 Univ. of Wisc.-Superior 7 pm
- 21 U. of Wisc.-Superior 2:15 pm

27, 28 or March 1 NCHA First Round Playoffs TBA

MARCH

- 6-8 NCHA Finals at No. 1 Seed

Women's Softball

FEBRUARY

- Finlandia Dome Tournament**
- 27 University of Minn.-Morris 4 pm
- 27 Concordia Univ.-Wis. 7:30 pm
- 28 Bethany Luth. Coll. 12:30 pm
- 28 Bethany Lutheran Coll. 2:15 pm
- 28 Univ. of Minn. - Morris 5:45 pm
- 3/1 U. of Wis.-LaCrosse 12:30 pm

MARCH

- 6-14 Spring Trip, Cocoa Expo
- Softball Spring Training TBA



Home games are in bold.



Gordon is Men's Basketball POTW

Finlandia University junior guard Tyler Gordon (Red Cliff, Wis.) is the Association of Division III Independents men's basketball Player of the Week for the week of February 2, 2009.

Gordon led his team to a pair of wins last week with averages of 19.0 points, 5.0 rebounds, 6.5 steals, and 4.5 assists per game. He shot 83.3% from the charity stripe on the week (10-of-12), 8-of-10 of them coming in a 25-point, seven steal effort.

For information contact Charlie Kempainen at 487-7238.



Athletic Director Chris Salani (at left with his kids) and Finlandia student-athletes march en masse in the January 24 Heikinpäivä parade.

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It was an exceptionally cold day, but that didn't stop Finlandia President Philip Johnson, many Board of Trustees members, and more than 60 Finlandia students and student-athletes from marching in the 2009 Heikinpäivä Parade on Saturday, January 24.

Black History Month

Maki Library invites everyone to view a display of books and other materials celebrating Black History Month. The items are on display all month. Resources to learn more about Black History are also available at the library.

MAKI LIBRARY HOURS

January 12 – May 1

Monday-Thursday:

8 am to 10 pm

Friday: 8 am to 5 pm

Saturday: 1 to 5 pm

Sunday: 2 pm to 7 pm

Unless otherwise posted

Virtanen Selected as Editor of Journal

Beth L. Virtanen, PhD, Professor and Paloheimo Scholar, Finlandia University, has been invited to serve as Consulting Editor for the *Akungba Journal of English Studies and Communication*. The journal is based at Adekunle Ajasin



University in Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State, Nigeria.

Virtanen, pictured at left, will provide expertise in writing studies, Diaspora literature, and ethnic American literature.

ELCA Survey

Below is a link to a brief survey the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Division for Higher Education to help determine how to best plan events for students. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to complete the survey, but please do so by February 13.

Survey link: <http://archive.elca.org/cgi-bin/rws/rws4.pl?FORM=CUSS>



An exhibit of paintings by artist Joyce Koskenmaki titled, "Animals & Hiding Places" is featured at the Vertin Gallery, Calumet, February 6 through March 4, 2009. An opening reception for the artist will take place today, February 6, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Above: "The Rabbit" 12" x "12", oil on panel

Brave ... or crazy?



News from Maki Library...

Foreclosure Avoidance Resources

The following links will direct you to information to help avoid foreclosure, assist with debt management, and locate assistance programs. You may want to pass this information to someone who may need it.

Avoiding Foreclosure

http://howelllibrary.org/foreclosure/avoiding_foreclosure_brochure_state_of_michigan.pdf

Debt Counseling/Management Assistance

<http://www.greenpath.com/>

Foreclosure Scams 101

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cS2HsaBA5No>

Hold on to Your Home

<http://holdontoyourhome.org/>

<http://www.rtmdesigns.net/hva/>

Mortgage Refinance Programs

http://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,1607,7-141-45866_47905-186987--,00.html

MSHDA's Save the Dream

http://www.mshda.info/counseling_search/index.jsp