

December 4, 2009

## Campus Events

### DECEMBER

- 6** 2 pm, Finnish Independence Day program, FAHC, 487-7302.
- 10** 2 and 6 pm, Nordic Film: "A Christmas Tale," FAHC, 487-7549.
- 11** End of Fall 2009 semester.
- 11** 5 to 8 pm, Christmas get-together and fundraiser featuring hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, proceeds to help replace Old Main windows, Hoover Center, 483-4701.
- 12** 5:30 pm, Finlandia University Employee Holiday Party, North Shore Grille, Houghton, 487-7512.
- 17** 3 to 6 pm, Free business counseling, Jutula Center, 487-7450.
- 18** 11:30 am, Holiday Open House and dedication of Jutula Center incubator renovations, Jutula Center, 6th floor, 487-7344.
- 25** Christmas holiday, all university offices closed.
- 28-31** Holiday break, all non-essential university offices closed.

### JANUARY

- 11** First day of Spring 2010 semester.
- 14** 2 pm and 6 pm, Nordic film, FAHC, 487-7549.
- 18** 4 pm, "Dancing the Dream" presentation by Warren Petoskey, FAHC, 487-7354.
- 21** 7 pm, Artist reception for Melinda Steffey, Finlandia Gallery, 487-7500.
- 30** Heikinpaiva, FAHC and various Hancock locations, 487-7302.



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## Finnish Independence Day

Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m., the Finlandia University Finnish American Heritage Center will host its 92nd annual Finnish Independence Day program.

The program celebrates the anniversary of the date Finland gained its independence in 1917.

This year's program features a variety of local performers, and the City of Hancock's Finnish Theme Committee will announce the 2010 Hankooki Heikki honoree. The Hankooki Heikki recognition is bestowed annually upon a person whose commitment to preserving and promoting Finnish culture in the area goes above and beyond "normal" efforts.

In addition, two giant himmelis created by Milwaukee-based artist Ernest Hensersky will be on display. Following the program, the Kivajat Dancers, a local children's traditional dance troupe, will provide a Finnish coffee table.

Now a member of the European Union, Finland was part of the

Swedish realm for 600 years until 1809 when it became attached to the Russian empire. In 1906 Finland acquired its own national parliament, and on December 6, 1917, a Russian revolution prompted Finland to declare herself independent. The Russian government recognized Finland's independence December 31, 1917.

For information, please call 906-487-7549.

## Jutula Center Dedication is Friday, December 18

The dedication of 20 new business incubator suites at the Finlandia University Jutula Center for Global Design and Business will take place Friday, December 18, at 11:30 a.m. on the 6th floor of the Jutula Center.

Finlandia President Philip Johnson, Michigan Representative Michael Lahti, and Kim Stoker of the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region will take part in the dedication ceremony.

The dedication ceremony will be followed by a holiday reception sponsored by KEDA, MTEC Smart Zone, and the Jutula Center.

"It is our pleasure to gratefully acknowledge the support of the U.S. Economic Development Administration and Finlandia University friends and contributors," said Bonnie Holland, Director of the Jutula Center. "It is their generosity and confidence that made possible these renovations to the 6th and 7th floors of the Jutula Center."

For information, call 906-487-7344.



*Finnish American artist Bruce Niemi*

## Finlandia University Gallery

**December 3 to January 3**

19th Annual Contemporary Finnish American Artist Series

**Bruce Niemi:** *Heavy Metal/Graceful Forms*

**January 11 to February 11**

**Melinda Steffey:** *Remnants and Residual Memories*

Reception: January 21, 7 pm

## Reflection Gallery

**December 1 to January 11**

Paintings by Jessica Spear  
Photographs by Skyler Ross

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*Criminal Justice freshman Corey King gives a presentation about his "Yellow Ribbons Don't Fade" Servant Leadership project at the Chapel of St. Matthew December 1*

## Fundraiser, Get Together is Dec. 11

Suomi College alumnus Don Peryam and his crew of volunteers will host a Christmas get together and fundraiser Friday, December 11, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Finlandia University Hoover Center.

Event attendees will enjoy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres for a donation of \$8.00 per person.

The festive holiday celebration will also feature music by harpist Alexandra Dixon and vocalists Mike Irish, Monica Ravano, Lois Seaton, and Shelby Hamar.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will help replace the 19 original basement windows of Finlandia's first campus building, Old Main.

For information, contact Don Peryam at 483-4701.



## "A Christmas Story"

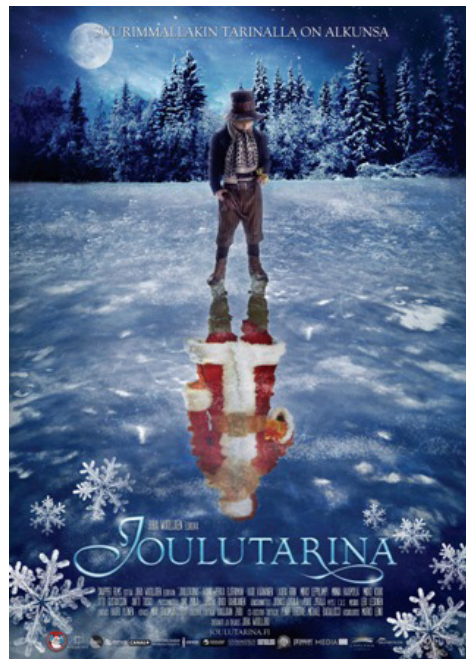
The Finnish American Heritage Center will show the Finnish film "Joulutarina" (A Christmas Story) on Thursday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A Christmas Story reveals the untold childhood of Santa Claus. Set against a breathtaking landscape, this magical film tells the story of Santa's life as he overcomes personal tragedy and hardship in his youth to develop a heart filled with love for children around the world.

A Christmas Story is a holiday film for the entire family and a story of selfless giving and lifelong friendship. Dubbed in English, the film is about 90 minutes long.

There is no charge to attend the film, but donations are accepted.

For information, call 906-487-7549.



## Countdown to Christmas and Textbook Buyback

North Wind Books is counting the days until Christmas with special sale items each week. The "Countdown to Christmas" sale item

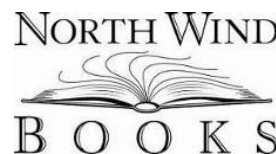


for the week of December 7 is a collegiate hoodie, pictured at left. The hoodie is only \$19.95 and is available in five colors.

December 7 to 11 is textbook

buyback week. The store will take buybacks Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Contact the bookstore at 906-487-7217 or visit [www.northwindbooks.com](http://www.northwindbooks.com).



*Finlandia BFA graduate Randy Wakeham performs November 13 at a fundraiser for international programs at the FAHC*

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## Jillian Dolkey

### Student Athlete of the Week

#### December 1, 2009

*Parents:* Duane and Marcia

*Birth Date:* 5-15-1988

*Most Memorable Sports Moment:* Beating Stout my freshman year

*Why did you chose Finlandia:* It had an established accounting program and I wanted to play basketball

*Favorite team to play:* Northland College

*Hobbies:* Skiing, running, yoga, traveling, kayaking

*Favorite Athlete:* Kobe Bryant

*Season Goal:* Make it to the D3 tournament at the end of the season

*Career Goal:* Become a basketball coach

*Favorite Food:* Chicken *Favorite Movie:* There is Something About Mary



## Jodi Riutta

### Student Athlete of the Week

#### November 23, 2009

Finlandia women's basketball senior forward Jodi Riutta, Houghton, Mich., was selected as Student Athlete of the Week for her outstanding performance this past weekend at the Northwestern College Tip-Off Tournament.

Riutta scored a game-high 30 points with 14 rebounds and 5 assists in a 75-64 victory over Marian University on November 20.

She followed that up with a 26 point and 7 rebound effort in a 79-70 loss to Northwestern College in the championship game on Saturday, November 21.

Riutta was named to the All-Tournament Team after averaging 28 points and 10.5 rebounds on the weekend. Riutta is the daughter of Bryan and Jeanne Riutta of Stanton Township, Mich.

*Birth Date:* 10-2-1988

*Most Memorable Sports Moment:* Winning the state championship my senior year

*Why did you chose Finlandia?* Close to home and to play basketball

*Favorite team to play:* Northland College

*Hobbies:* Paddle boating, texting, friends

*Favorite Athlete:*

Kobe Bryant

*Season*

*Goal:* Win

15 games

*Career*

*Goal:* Get a

job and a degree

*Favorite Food:* Chicken

*Favorite Movie:* Love and Basketball



## Athletic Events

### Women's Basketball

#### DECEMBER

8 Michigan Tech University 5:30 pm  
11 Crown College 6:30 pm  
12 North Central University 3 pm  
18-19 Hope College Classic  
18 Hope College 8 pm  
19 Lake Forest or Chicago 1 pm

#### **29 Univ. of MN-Crookston 5:30 pm**

#### JANUARY

**2 Bethany Lutheran College 4 pm**  
**3 Bethany Lutheran College 1 pm**  
12 Coll. of St. Scholastica 6:30 p.m.  
**14 Mount Mary College 5:30 pm**  
**16 Silver Lake College 1 pm**  
19 Northland B. B. College 6:30 pm  
**26 Northland College 5:30 pm**

### Women's Hockey

#### DECEMBER

4 Marian College 8 pm  
5 Marian College 3 pm  
**12 Adrian College 7 pm**  
**13 Adrian College 2 pm**

#### JANUARY

2 St. Kate's 7 pm  
3 St. Kate's 2 pm  
**8 Augsburg College 1 pm**  
**9 Augsburg College 1 pm**  
15 Concordia College 8 pm  
16 Concordia College 3 pm  
23 UW-River Falls 4:05 pm  
24 UW-River Falls 3:05 pm

### Men's Basketball

#### DECEMBER

**5 UW-Oshkosh 1 pm**  
12 North Central/Minneapolis 6 pm  
18 Alma College 7 pm  
19 Olivet College 1 pm  
**29 UM-Crookston 7:30 pm**  
30 Albion College (Gwinn, MI) 3 pm

#### JANUARY

6 Gogebic Comm. College 8 pm  
9 UW-Eau Claire 4 pm  
12 St. Scholastica 8:30 pm  
**16 Silver Lake College 3 pm**  
19 Northland B. B. College 8:30 pm  
26 Northland College 8:30 pm  
**30 UW-Eau Claire 1 pm**

### Men's Hockey

#### DECEMBER

4 Northland College 7:05 pm  
5 Northland College 3:05 pm  
12 Gustavus Adolphus 7 pm  
13 St. John's 2 pm

#### JANUARY

**5 Augsburg College 8 pm**  
**8 Concordia College 7:15 pm**  
**9 Concordia College 4 pm**  
15 Lawrence University 7 pm  
16 Lawrence University 4 pm  
22 MSOE 7:05 pm  
23 MSOE 2 pm  
**29 Adrian College 7:15 pm**  
**30 Adrian College 3 pm**

Home games in bold. Visit [www.finlandia.edu](http://www.finlandia.edu) for complete info.



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## Ashley Pavlish Student of the Week November 16, 2009

Finlandia University Physical Therapist Assistant major Ashley Pavlish was selected as Finlandia student-athlete of the week for the week of November 16.

Pavlish is a freshman ice hockey goaltender from East Grand Forks, Minn. She recorded her first career shutout in Sunday afternoon's 2-0 victory over Hamline University. Pavlish stopped all 27 of the Piper shots she faced, including several Grade A opportunities.

Pavlish has a 2-1 record on the season with a 2.01 goals against average and a .926 saves percentage. She is the daughter of Kris and Ed Pavlish.

*Birth Date:* 10-25-1989

*Most Memorable Sports Moment:*  
Playing in my high school section title game for soccer

*Why did you choose Finlandia?*  
The small class sizes

*Favorite team to play:* Hamline

*Hobbies:* Art, jamming to music, watching movies, hanging with the family

*Favorite Athlete:* Martin Brodeur

*Season Goal:* Get a shut out(s)

*Career Goal:* Be the best I can be and give 100%

*Favorite Food:* Mom's lasagna, Italian food, chicken

*Favorite Movie:* The Sound of Music, Tommy Boy

## Men's Soccer Athletes Honored

Three members of the Finlandia University men's soccer team were honored November 20, 2009, by the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Tim Carron and Will Williams were named to the 22-member All-WIAC Men's Soccer Team and Nic Polzin was named to the five-member All-Sportsmanship Team, both for the 2009 season.

Carron, a sophomore forward from Saint Claire Shores, Mich., led the Lions in scoring with 6 goals and 2 assists for 14 points. He had one game-winning goal and one penalty kick score.

Williams, a senior forward from Romulus, Mich., finished tied for second in scoring with 3 goals and 2 assists for 8 points. His .273 scoring percentage was a team high.

Polzin, a senior forward from Duluth, Minn., was honored for his exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season.

*Pictured at right: Will Williams (top) and Tim Carron*



Nic Polzin

## Katelyn McLean named NCHA Player of the Week

The Northern Collegiate Hockey Association named Finlandia's Katelyn McLean the women's division player of the week for the week of November 17, 2009.

McLean (pictured below) is a senior forward from Houghton, Mich. She tallied four points in a weekend split with Hamline University.

McLean had two goals and an assist in Saturday's 5-3 loss and a crucial power play goal on Sunday afternoon in Finlandia's 2-0 victory.

McLean is a Sports Management major at Finlandia. She is the daughter of Brian and Kelly McLean of Houghton.



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## Work of Finnish American Sculptor at Gallery

The 19th Annual Contemporary Finnish American Artist Series, hosted by the Finlandia University Gallery from December 3, 2009, to January 3, 2010, features the work of Wisconsin sculptor Bruce A. Niemi in an exhibit titled, "Heavy Metal/ Graceful Forms" (Raskas Metallit / Sulavia Muotoja).

At age 12, Bruce Niemi was introduced to welding by his father, a self-taught abstract sculptor and ornamental iron artist. Niemi was fascinated and his passion for sculpting began.

Niemi's art, ranging from small pedestal pieces to larger wall and free standing sculptures, is characterized by an uplifting positive nature. "My faith in God, the power and beauty of nature, and the energy and balance of dance are the driving forces behind my art," notes Niemi. "It would be safe to say if you studied my art you would know my heart."

Niemi's stainless steel and bronze sculptures create the illusion of movement and transform the abstract into visual statements waiting for the interpretation of the viewer.

"My purpose is to stimulate and exercise the mind of you, the viewer, as well as create a sculpture that compliments the environment that it shares," says Niemi. "Aesthetics, balance, energy, harmony, meticulous craftsmanship, structural strength, durable materials, and public safety are all built into the piece."

All these components are present in Niemi's recent commission, a memorial for five students killed in 2008 on the campus of Niemi's alma mater, Northern Illinois University. Niemi says it was a rewarding and humbling experience to be selected to create the memorial. Foremost in his thoughts while designing the

sculpture was finding a way to help the parents of the five students heal. His sculpture, titled "Remembered," consists of five intertwining components that form the shape of a flame.

"I see hope. I see something pointing skyward. I see ascension. I see five elements in that sculpture," says Michael P. Malone, vice president for university advancement at NIU. "Once you look at the interconnecting triangles, or flames, it really starts to add meaning to that site in a way that only art can."

For 21 years Niemi has worked as a full time sculptor. He has created 28 large-scale public sculptures that are located across the United States, and has exhibited in numerous solo, group and juried exhibitions. His work is included in 20 corporate collections.

Niemi received a bachelor of fine art in sculpture at Northern Illinois University in 1981.

He was on the Finlandia University campus December 1 to 3, 2009, working with art and design



*Agape Love, 5'3" x 3'4" x 10",  
Stainless steel, by Bruce Niemi*

students.

The Finlandia University Gallery is in the Finnish American Heritage Center. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 12 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or by appointment.

The gallery will be closed Dec. 23, 2009, to Jan. 3, 2010. Call 906-487-7500 for information.



*Winter is here! Photo taken today, Dec. 4, 12:00 p.m.*

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*Studio Arts instructor Yueh-mei Cheng at the November 14 1950s theme dinner fundraiser hosted by the Young Women's Caucus*

## Salani To Head Men's Hockey

Effective immediately, Finlandia University Athletic Director Chris Salani will assume the position of interim head coach, men's hockey. A national search for a permanent head coach will begin following the 2009-10 men's hockey season.

"Our core priority in the Finlandia Athletic Department is to create opportunities that encourage the success and well-being of Finlandia student-athletes," Salani said. "We will continue to provide to men's hockey team members the resources and support they need for a successful hockey season and academic year."

Salani said former head coach Joe Burcar has been released from his position, citing institutional policy violations.

For information, contact Chris Salani at 906-487-7378.

## Students, Faculty, Arts Center Collaborate for Sustainability

by Ric Loduha and Fred Knoch  
The Copper Country Community Art Center (CCCAC) is in the planning stages of a major building renovation and a variety of individuals from Finlandia's International School of Art & Design (ISAD) have joined its design team.

In its renovation planning, the CCCAC is following LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) guidelines in and is looking to the ISAD for its sustainability focus and innovative approach to problem solving.

LEED is recognized internationally and requires nothing less than paradigm-shifting alternative design principles.

ISAD faculty member Ric Loduha is the innovative re-use consultant to the assembled multidisciplinary design team. The 20-person-plus team includes Art Center board members, MTU faculty, community members, four members of U. P. Engineers and Architects (UPEA), and a strong contingent from ISAD.

On the team from Finlandia are faculty members Phyllis Fredendall, Fred Knoch, and Ric Loduha, Interdisciplinary Design student Amanda Moyers, and

Interdisciplinary Design alumnus Jordan Siegler.

In October the Arts Center hosted a series of presentations by Linda Frey, executive director of the Green



Building Council on LEED requirements; Corky Overmyer and Norm Christopher, community sustainability directors in Grand Rapids; and Heather McElwee and Chris Clarke, directors at Pittsburg Glass Center who orchestrated a LEED renovation of their Center.

In November CCCAC held several intense design charrettes with the selected design team, which were moderated by the project architect, Karin Cooper of UPEA.

The project is unique in its use of an integrated design approach, which requires the involved designers, planners, and specialists to work hand-in-hand and contribute equally at every stage.

Preliminary concepts will be on display at the Poor Artist's Sale this Saturday, Dec 5, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the CLK Gymnasium,

## Thank You for Uncommon Attention

I am sitting in my office today meeting a deadline for letters to key alumni and friends, thanking them for their strong and steady support this past year. I realize that I have not yet done the same for my colleagues. So, at this late date I want to express highest regard for my colleagues.

Thank you.

Thank you for practicing uncommon attention toward our students.

Thank you for your pursuit of excellence.

Thank you for your many unseen and unheralded efforts that make Finlandia a better learning community.

Thank you for believing that Finlandia's calling in higher education matters.

Thank you for both well-intended critique and genuine encouragement toward me and your colleagues.

Thank you.

I wish you all very happy holidays!  
President Philip Johnson

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## Aspirus Honors PTA Grad, Others

During National Physical Therapy Month, Aspirus Keweenaw Home Health and Hospice (AKHHH) honors its staff of physical therapists, including Dorothy Riutta, PT, Sue Peterson, PT, and Kara Destrampe, PTA.

Physical therapists are health care professionals who provide care for individuals of all ages who have medical problems or other health-related conditions that limit their abilities to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives. Therapists assess each individual and develop a plan of care using treatment techniques to promote the ability to move, reduce pain, restore function, and prevent disability.

Physical therapists also work with individuals to prevent the loss of mobility by developing fitness and wellness-oriented programs for healthier and more active lifestyles.

AKHHH recently welcomed Kara Destrampe to their staff as a physical therapist assistant. Destrampe graduated from Finlandia University in July with an associate of applied science in PTA.

Destrampe was born and raised in the Copper Country in Lake Linden where she lives with her husband, Scott, and their two children, Alexa, 10, and Luc, 4. She enjoys traveling, camping, and spending time with family and friends.

After a month on board, Destrampe said she loves working with the people at AKHHH, and working with the physical therapists to care for and help strengthen home bound patients. (From the *Daily Mining Gazette*)



## Winter Fitness at Paavo Nurmi

### Pool Hours

Adult Fitness, M to F

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

Open Swim

Fridays: 6:30-8 pm

Sundays: 1:30-3:30 pm

Closed Saturday

### Fitness Center Hours

Monday-Friday: 7 am-6pm

Saturday: 9 am-2 pm

Sunday: 1-4 pm

### Water Aerobics

Monday, Wednesday: 6-7 pm

Saturday: 9-10 am

### Indoor Walking

## Waterfront Home for Rent

Furnished, waterfront home in Chassell for rent through mid-May or June. \$600/mo. Call 906-482-0562.

## Studio Art Students' Paintings to be Exhibited Abroad

by Yueh-mei Cheng

The artworks of ISAD Studio Art students Moriah Baillargeon, J. R. DeMers, Lauren Strong, and D.C. Wilson's have been selected in 2009 International Asian Sumi-E Brush Painting Contest. The selected paintings are being displayed on a series of touring exhibitions, including three major art museums in Japan.

J. R. DeMers and Lauren Strong won honorable mention for their paintings. All the selected paintings are published in the 2009 exhibition catalog.

It has become a new trend in the painting and illustration field to explore sumi-e paintings. ISAD Studio Art associate professor Yueh-mei Cheng introduced the sumi-e painting in her painting class last semester.

"Many students have shown great enthusiasm in learning this oriental

art," Cheng said. "The sumi-e practice has added a new dimension in art education and enriched the students' creative experience."

Cheng encouraged the students to enter the contest, spending extra time with them after the Spring 2009 semester ended.

The purpose of the sumi-e contest and exhibition is to advance international cultural exchange and help build a better and more harmonious global community in art.

The Federation of Asian Culture and Art, an international organization based in Japan, organizes the annual contest and touring exhibitions. It is intended to be an opportunity for artists in different countries to display their work and to share their vision.

The exhibition is currently being shown at the Municipal Museum of Fine Art in Osaka, Japan. In January 2010 it travels to the Tokyo

Metropolitan Art Museum, and in April 2010 to the Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art as Kyoto celebrates its Cherry Blossom Festival.



Above (L to R): Moriah Baillargeon, D.C. Wilson, J. R. DeMers, and Lauren Strong

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## From Campus Ministry ...

### Bell Ringing, Wood Chopping Saturday

This Saturday, December 5, the Campus Ministry Team will be bell-ringing for The Salvation Army and chopping wood for Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly.

The bell-ringing will take place at Goodwill, Houghton, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The team will leave from the chapel at 9:30 a.m.

Afterwards the team will be chopping wood from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Rides will leave from the residence hall at 12:30 p.m.

Jamie Bellinger

### Finals Week Chapel Schedule

by Nicole Phillips

I hope your week before finals has been great! During finals week, each day we will offer a simple self-guided chapel time from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., and from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Come and go as you please, pray, relax, and focus yourself.

There will be a handful of various books, music, and guided thoughts available if you wish to utilize them. You can light a candle (don't forget to blow it out when finished), listen to music, relax in solitude, or come in for a quick prayer or two.

Wednesday, a simple finals week communion will be offered at 12:45

p.m. Come as you are.

Also, come and relax with some great fellowship and a break from studying hard! On Sunday, December 6, the chapel will be open from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. There will be video games, board games, and free WI-FI connection! We'll have the same thing on Tuesday, December 8, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight.

Bring down a laptop, or just come and chill. Best of luck on your finals!

#### Finals Week Chapel Schedule:

**Sunday**, December 6, 9-11pm:

Video games, board games, WI-FI

**Monday-Friday**, 12-1 pm: self-guided chapel time

**Monday-Thursday**, 4-5 pm: self-guided chapel time

**Tuesday**, 8-12 pm: Video games, board games, WI-FI

**Wednesday**, 12:45 pm: simple communion

### Care Packages Make Finals Week Easier

Many students this coming finals week will be able to relax and put on a smile thanks to Finals Week Care Packages from home and anonymous donors.

Final exam week can be a stressful time for students, and they can quickly find themselves overloaded and pressured. During this time, many students may not get the nourishment they need to do their best, and they don't take as much time to "breathe."

However, next week about 60 students will be able to breathe a little easier knowing that someone is

thinking about them.

Earlier this semester, the Finlandia Campus Ministry Team sent letters to family, friends, and anonymous donors encouraging them to remember their student(s) during finals week by purchasing a care package to be delivered to them at the beginning of exams.

The response was wonderful. Campus Ministry has prayerfully and carefully assembled the care packages with a variety of food items, games, encouraging notes, and individual notes from home.

Those who have received a care package will find a note in their mailbox asking them to pick up the package in the Campus Ministry Center in the Chapel of St. Matthew.

Best wishes for a successful finals week to everyone! We're praying for you and we know that you'll do your very best!

Peace,

Soren Schmidt,  
University Chaplain  
906-487-7239



### Alternative Spring Break

There will be a short informal meeting to discuss the spring semester "Alternative Spring Break" collaboration between Finlandia's and MTU's Campus Ministry programs.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the meeting this Friday, December 4, 7:00 p.m., in the Campus Ministry Center.



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*Above (L to R): Soren Schmidt, Molli Skauge, Dave Hendrickson, Rinne, and NMU alumnus Casey Clowers*

## Students Travel to Seminaries

by Soren Schmidt

This November, the Finlandia and NMU Campus Ministry teams organized a discernment vocational/educational trip to three nearby seminaries: Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Wartburg Seminary, and Luther Seminary.

Five students joined this search for the next possible step in discerning their future.

The trip began as Finlandia students stayed the night at NMU's Lothlórien House. With the NMU students, we had a great night of discussion and laughter.

Each seminary we visited had their own unique formats, and allowed the students to freely and faithfully formulate their thoughts.

Hosts, admissions staff, and seminary employees were all very pleasant and helpful. We witnessed many eye-opening examples of why people (students, employees, etc.) "liked it where they were."

Through our travels, information gathering, and discussions over pizza, wings, and burgers, Christ

was present, accompanying the ten eyes that were perhaps looking at their future in a whole new light.

Perhaps there was a new pastor, a new missionary, a parish nurse, or a liturgical minded artist in this group ...

## A Retention Moment

Just a reminder that we are in the home stretch of the Fall 2009 semester and there are still students who have not completed Spring 2010 registration.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee has been hard at work identifying and contacting students who are eligible to return, but who have not secured their Spring class schedules prior to the holiday break.

We encourage Finlandia faculty and staff to remind students that they can still register for Spring. If they have already seen their advisor, to register they simply need to take their registration cards to the Registrar's Office.

The Office of Admissions and the University Registrar will begin registering new students next week, filling even more of our classes, so it is important that returning students register before break. We are working to meet our retention goal of 95% of eligible returners for Spring.

*The Recruitment and Retention Committee*



*Above (L to R): René Johnson, Kitti Loukus, and Peter Van Pelt judge pies at a November 14 theme dinner hosted by the Young Women's Caucus*

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## For Designers, Jacquard Fabric is Priceless

Three Finlandia University Art & Design juniors and a BFA alumna have benefited from an exchange arranged by Finlandia associate professor Phyllis Fredendall.

The Victor Group of New York City has woven for each student-designer five yards of upholstery-weight Jacquard fabric, which is valued at \$40 to \$60 per yard.

The four young women, however, view the fabric as “priceless.”

Fredendall directs the Fiber Arts and Fashion Design program for Finlandia’s International School of Art & Design. In the Spring 2009 semester section of her class, “Jacquard Design” the now-woven patterns were designed.

“This is the first time we have worked with Victor Group,” said Fredendall. “The details were worked out by phone and e-mail, and earlier this month I visited their studios in New York during a recruiting trip there.”

The Victor Group weaves fabrics for commercial uses, such as upholstery for office and hotel furnishings. The company produces leading-edge textiles and is known for its leadership in operational and product ecological sustainability, according to their website.

As part of the exchange, the Victor Group owns the student designs, which become part of Victor’s design library.

The opportunity began when Fredendall contacted the German company, EAT, makers of DesignScope CAD weaving software.

“We had been working with another company that notified us that they were unable to continue to weave for us,” Fredendall explained. “So, I contacted EAT and asked them for help finding another opportunity to have our designs woven. They sent a notice to users of DesignScope software, and Ann Reinhard, senior CAD designer at Victor, replied that she was



*Above (L to R): Ansley Knoch, J. R. DeMers, Susie Danielson, Phyllis Fredendall, and Amanda Moyer with their Jacquard fabric*

interested in working with us!”

“Linda Allen, design manager at Victor, is particularly interested in the opportunity to contribute to the education of future textile designers,” Fredendall said. “During the Spring semester, she offered the students valuable critiques of their designs.”

So how will the young fabric designers use the Jacquard fabric?

“That’s the million dollar question,” said junior Susie Danielson (Kingsford, Mich.). “It’s very precious fabric.” Danielson’s design is based on a lotus flower. “Ask me in a couple of years,” added Amanda Moyer (Livonia., Mich.). “Maybe I’ll make a coat one day,” Moyer’s design is titled, “Celtic Knot.”

J. R. DeMers (Vulcan, Mich.) is planning to use some of the fabric to make handbags to sell at this spring’s annual Finlandia Fusion Fest. Her design is titled, “Juice Squid.”

Finlandia alumna Ansley Knoch (’09), of Hancock, Mich., was a teaching assistant for the Spring

semester weaving class. Her fabric design pattern is Nordic-inspired. Knoch said she plans to give some of her fabric to her mother to refinish a rocking chair that Ansley was rocked in as a baby.

Fredendall also created and had woven a Jacquard design; her design is called, “Pink Pears.” She, too, is uncertain how she’ll ultimately use her five yards of Jacquard.

The Jacquard mechanical loom was invented by Joseph Marie Jacquard in 1801, and was originally controlled by punch cards; today the looms are computer-controlled power looms.

“The loom simplifies the process of manufacturing textiles with complex patterns, such as brocade, damask, double-weave, and tapestry,” Fredendall said. “The Jacquard style of weaving is the most complex structure in weaving because threads can be manipulated individually. As a result, detailed images with large repeating patterns can be designed and woven.”