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# GLOBALIZING THE CLASSROOM

by David Maki

Finlandia University's connections to Finland go back to the school's founding by Finnish immigrants.

Those connections became even stronger this fall, as a pair of the university's business courses were taught by Finnish professors — in Finland.

The classes, business math and e-commerce, were taught via the Internet by faculty at the Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences.

Begun this fall, the classes are the first of their kind at Finlandia, and they build on the school's history, said International School of Business Dean Joe Monahan.

"One of the things we're trying to establish is a stronger alliance with not only the Finnish heritage of Finlandia University, but with Finland itself," Monahan said.

"Until 2006, our relationship was one of exchange students. Now, with the changes made possible by 'e-college,' the software that facilitates our on-line, Internet-based classes, we have the opportunity to look at not only an exchange of students, but an exchange of curriculum."

The courses, in which 18 and 27 students were enrolled, respectively, are more than just sending homework via e-mail, however.

"Once a week, the students 'meet' with the faculty person from Jyväskylä, live via video link and telecommunications," Monahan said. "The delivery of the coursework now is blended — it's both passive and active."

The classrooms are also blended, as students at Finlandia's remote Hancock location can interact with students from other countries in a classroom setting, an opportunity Monahan said the university has sought to offer for a while.

"One of the missions we have is to globalize our course offerings," he said. "We're trying to make sure we incorporate that theme into the courses we have. The next stage will be in the spring of 2008, when an on-line, video link course will be taught by a Finlandia University faculty member to students in Finland."

"It's important that this exposure and opportunity are made available. Finlandia University is acting as a portal to Finnish society and the European community in general."

That portal is already wider than it would be without modern technology.

"We have, for the first time, two off-site students enrolled in the course ... one is taking it from Cleveland, Ohio, and the other from Dallas, Texas," Monahan said.

"We have the capacity to deliver outside of our traditional student base. These out-of-state students are actually enrolled in our institution to complete the degree."

"The real intention is that we'll be in a position in a short period of time where we'll be delivering the entire program in an on-line fashion."

The above article was originally published in the November 2007 edition of *The Finnish American Reporter*.

Dean Joe Monahan



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President

*"One of the most pleasurable experiences I have as new president is meeting alumni and listening to their stories."*

Alumni are walking stories. One of the most pleasurable experiences I have as new president is meeting alumni and listening to their stories. Virtually every time I run into a Suomi/Finlandia alumna or alumnus, the discussion quickly, almost immediately, becomes a narrative filled with curious events and colorful characters proudly relating life-changing college-days stories. Almost without exception, laughter, at some point or another, breaks out. There is richness to these stories that momentarily, but mercifully, distracts me from other tasks that, though necessary, are less refreshing.

There are, of course, exceptions. I have also engaged in meaningful and helpful conversations with former students whose experiences at Suomi/Finlandia were mixed. I find these occasions valuable, as well. I learn from these stories. They broaden and deepen my understanding of Finlandia's potential imprint on the lives of her graduates.

Beyond laughter and lessons learned are the stories of service lived by our alumni in the Copper Country and around the world. Finlandia has always been about preparing men and women to serve. Stories closer to home may be better known, but those with a global impact, such as the career of Jeanne Wierimaa Kemppainen, featured in this issue, are inspiring. And, to my surprise, I recently discovered that a former colleague of mine in Tanzania, Marvin Kannanen, is a Suomi graduate who, for the past fifteen years, has taught at the Masai Girls Secondary School near Moshi, Tanzania. Our alumni offer countless stories of service, perhaps less exotic but no less significant, at home, in their neighborhoods, and around their communities.


Often former students, after many years, find their way back to Finlandia to serve in critical leadership roles. Sylvia Fleishman ('58) is our new Board of Trustees chair, and others, including Melvin Johnson ('54) and John Stierna ('63), serve as trustees on Finlandia's Board.

The university is fortunate to employ many of our graduates. In Advancement are Christine (Armbruster) Mayworm ('00, '03), alumni relations, and annual fund director Ross Rinkinen ('04). Alana (Evans) Nolan ('05) is the manager of North Wind Books, Bill Melchiori ('04) is our director of student life and housing, and Jim Harden ('03) heads up Campus Security. Sandy Turnquist ('01) and Jason Sullivan ('01) take care of student financial aid. Justin Veker ('04), maintenance, and Terri Olsen ('94, '08), TRiO, are also Finlandia graduates.

Several faculty members are alumni, including PTA instructor Geri Hawley ('98), Johnna Therrian ('88) in Nursing, and Tonia Wolak ('02) in Human Services. Finlandia employees with exceptional lengths of service include Kay Campioni ('89) in the business office, Cindy Lorenz ('82, '05) in the registrar's office, and music professor Melvin Kangas ('57).

There are many more. Alumni make Finlandia a better place.

This summer's all-class Reunion 2008 will celebrate Finlandia's alumni stories. Christina Mayworm, director of alumni relations, is collecting nominations for three different alumni awards to be presented during the reunion. Each of them, a Distinguished Alumni Service Award, Young Alumni Award, and Spirit of Finlandia Award, recognize, among other criteria, exceptional service. I encourage all Finlandia/Suomi alumni to respond to this call for nominations. I also urge you to attend the reunion June 26-29. See you there!



Philip Johnson, Ph.D.  
President



# The Suomi College Theological Seminary

## A Brief History

In the late 1800s and early 1900s the area of the United States with the largest concentration of Finnish immigrants was the Copper Country of Michigan. It was a sensible choice for the location of a school with a mission to safeguard Finnish identity, preserve Finnish culture, and educate pastors and lay workers for the Finnish Evangelical Church in America. One Finnish immigrant, Pastor J.K. Nikander, and many other Suomi Synod leaders, made it happen.

The worship service marking the opening of Suomi-Opisto (Finland School) was held at the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hancock on Tuesday, September 8, 1896. The next morning Pastor Nikander, the school's first president, welcomed nine boys and two girls in a rented sandstone building in West Hancock. By the school's third year (1898-99), enrollment had grown to thirty students.

Meanwhile, three lots were purchased on the main street of Hancock and an architect prepared plans for a permanent Suomi College building, now known as Old Main. Work started in the summer of 1898. The laying of the cornerstone, attended by 2,000 people, took place Tuesday, May 30, 1899. The new building was dedicated on Sunday, January 21, 1900.

The early curriculum of Suomi College was modeled after the Finnish "lyceum" of seven years, including grammar school and high school. In spring 1904 the first seventh-year class graduated. The ten graduates, two women and eight men, ranged in age from twenty to thirty-five years.

In fall 1904 the Suomi College Theological Seminary opened. The first five seminary graduates completed a demanding two-year curriculum in spring 1906 and were ordained on June 6 in Hancock. One of them, John Wargelin, became the second president of Suomi College. Within a few years, the seminary added an additional year to its curriculum.

Armas K. E. Holmio, in his book *History of the Finns in Michigan*, writes:

*For decades, the Theological Seminary lived a quiet life of its own, giving, however, a religious flavor to the whole college. Seminarians preached at the college*



*Seminary students and faculty in 1958*

*chapel services as well as in Copper Country churches, often accompanied by groups of singers selected from the student body. They were the backbone of the Lutheran Student Association. They also conducted Bible study sessions. In the 1950s, after a bachelor's degree had become a requirement for admission to the seminary, the more advanced seminarians often served as part-time instructors in the junior college. Seminary instructors regularly taught the junior college classes in religion and philosophy. Over the years the seminary sponsored courses of lectures for pastors. These were attended not only by pastors of the Suomi Synod but also by ministers of other churches. Lecturers at these courses were nationally and internationally known American theologians. On several occasions theologians from Finland were among the lecturers.*

In 1952 the seminary became partially autonomous, and in 1955 was given additional autonomy, including a separate budget. When four years of

college became a requirement for seminary admission, a merger with a larger Lutheran seminary was discussed. Such a merger, it was reasoned, would offer more faculty and larger libraries than the Suomi Synod seminary could provide.

The question caused some controversy within the synod, with the older and younger members in opposition. When the question was considered at the synod convention in June 1958, the younger people were the majority, and the proposal that the seminary be merged with the Chicago Lutheran Seminary in Maywood was adopted and carried out.

Over a period of fifty-four years, 199 men were ordained from the Suomi College Theological Seminary.

*Source: History of the Finns in Michigan by Armas K. E. Holmio. Translated by Ellen M. Rynnanen. © 2001 by Finlandia University.*



## FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY GALLERY SCHEDULE 2008

### March 28 to April 15

Opening Reception: Friday, March 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Fashion Show begins at 7:15 p.m.

#### FUISAD Juried Student Exhibition

The annual juried exhibition includes work by International School of Art & Design (ISAD) students studying the fine art and design disciplines of drawing, painting and illustration, ceramic and glass, fiber and fashion design, sculpture, product and interior design, and graphic design and digital media.

### April 22 to May 22

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 26

#### FUISAD 2008 Diploma Works Exhibition

Presented annually, the Diploma Works exhibit features the work of International School of Art & Design (ISAD) graduating BFA students. The exhibit pieces represent each graduating student's final body of work and take the form of intensive research projects, series of individual artworks, or design prototypes.

### June 3 to September 11

Closing Reception: Week of September 8-12

#### Jari Arffman: *Counterparts*

*Counterparts* is an exhibit of black and white photography by Finnish photographer Jari Arffman. Following its premiere at the Kajaani Art Museum, Finland, the exhibit visits the Finlandia University Gallery and the Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle. *Counterparts* is a compilation of three periods of Arffman's work. The photos combine multiple real cities into the imaginary cities of St. Pragburg, Utopia, and St. Utopia. Arffman writes that the photos give prominence to a way of being that is not dependent solely on our position on the globe.

*The Finlandia University Gallery, in the Finnish American Heritage Center, promotes Finlandia University's mission, A Learning Community Dedicated to Academic Excellence, Spiritual Growth, and Service, through exhibitions of contemporary Finnish, Finnish-American, and American artists. Beyond advancing the arts in the region, the gallery provides educational resources for the community and is a gathering place for people to discuss and reflect upon art. One of its goals is to become a leading exhibitor of Finnish and Finnish-American art nationwide.*

Carrie Flaspohler, Gallery Director



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# *The Finlandia University Board of Trustees Profiles of Two Alumni*

## *Rev. Melvin L. Johnson*

Rev. Johnson's first Board term began in 2003, and he was re-elected in 2006. Johnson graduated from Suomi College in 1954. He earned a bachelor of arts at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and a master of divinity at Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

In 1961 Johnson began his ministry in a three-point parish in northeastern Minnesota. He retired from active ministry in 1983. Following, for more than 15 years, he worked in advancement for the Lutheran Church in America and, later, for the ELCA Foundation. He retired in 1998 but remained with the Foundation part-time until 2007.

Johnson is a member of the Finnish American Cultural Association and the Finnish American Metropolitan Network, both of Minneapolis, and vice president of the ELCA Suomi Special Interest Conference. He and his wife, Norma, reside in Woodbury, Minn. They belong to King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury, Minn.

Johnson's avocations include a strong reading interest in theology, history, and mystery paperbacks. He and his wife of 53 years, Norma, have two daughters and one granddaughter. Johnson enjoys recreation and completing minor logging projects on 42 wooded acres he owns in northeastern Minnesota. He and his wife also have a cottage on Lake Vermillion near Tower, Minn.

"I am particularly pleased and humbled to be asked to continue on the new Board of Trustees," Johnson says. "I look forward to assisting our new president in his challenge to lead Finlandia into a new phase of its history, a history certainly guided by the grace of God working in Finlandia's ever-growing constituency."

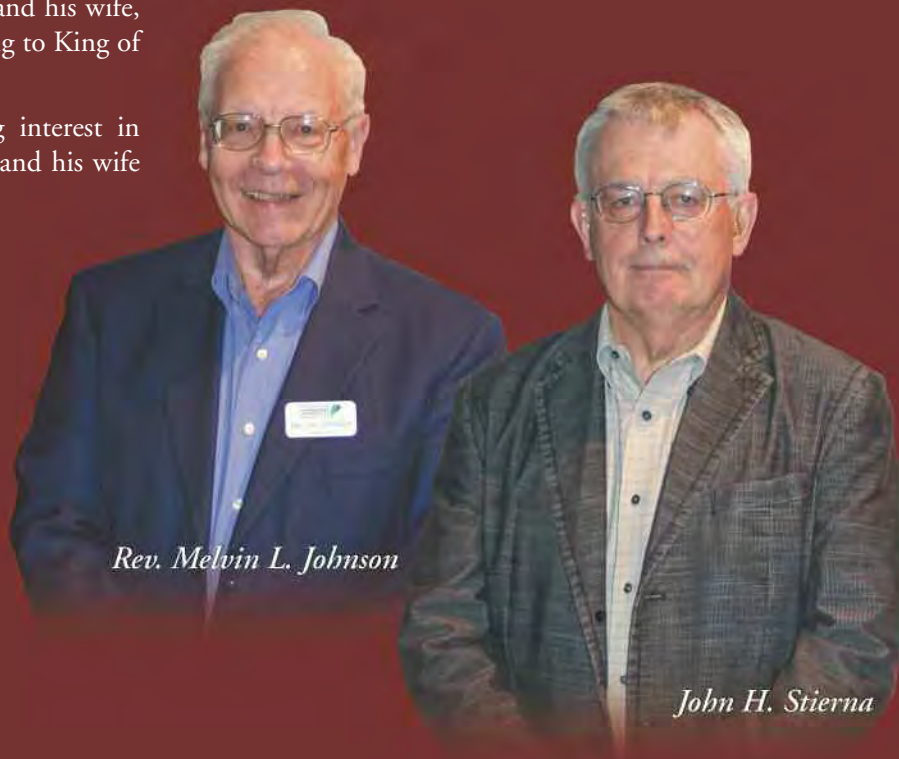
## *John H. Stierna*

John Stierna has served on the Finlandia Board since 2000. He is also a member and past president of the International Alumni Board. Stierna attended Suomi College from 1961-1963, and earned bachelor's and masters degrees in agricultural economics from Michigan State University.

Stierna has over 40 years of experience as an economist for the natural resources and agriculture industries in both the public and private sectors. He provided significant leadership for economic analysis, policy formulation, and analysis of conservation legislative proposals during a career with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Washington, D.C. He now provides consulting services in natural resource policy.

"Finlandia is evolving as a university to better address the contemporary needs of students of all ages," says Stierna. "While I remember fondly my times at 'Suomi,' I could not imagine current and prospective students being limited to the junior college curriculum of the old days. Instead, I believe that Finlandia has appropriately moved on to be a four-year institution that better addresses educational needs for people that must function in a new world of global competitiveness."

In addition to spending time with his grandchildren, Stierna likes to play golf and hike. He has also enjoyed a considerable amount of traveling over the years, both for work and personal pleasure. Stierna's wife, Ruth (Jarvi), is an alumna of Suomi College. They have two children and four grandchildren. They live in Haymarket, Virginia.



*Rev. Melvin L. Johnson*

*John H. Stierna*



*Dr. Jeanne Kemppainen (front row, in yellow kimono) with students and professors during a research visit to Japan*

## A NURSING CAREER WITH GLOBAL IMPACT

The summers spent with her Finnish grandmother, Mary Pelkonen, on a farm near Houghton inspired Jeanne Wierimaa Kemppainen's appreciation for her Finnish heritage and also a love for Michigan's Copper Country. During those summers she often accompanied her grandmother on visits to the old Finnish Book Concern on the campus of Suomi College. Not only did those visits instilled a love of learning, they also created in Jeanne a desire to attend Suomi College.

Little did she know when she enrolled at Suomi College in 1958 that her nursing career would have such a major impact on global issues in health care, and on the lives of a generation of patients and nursing students.

After finishing the pre-nursing courses at Suomi College, Dr. Kemppainen completed her bachelor's degree in nursing at Wayne State University, Detroit. She earned her masters degree at East Carolina University, Greenville, North

Carolina, where she received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Dr. Kemppainen completed her Ph.D. in nursing at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), where her research was recognized with the Distinguished Dissertation Award.

Following completion of her Ph.D., Dr. Kemppainen received a prestigious national appointment as a VA Post-Doctoral Nurse Fellow through the Veterans Health Care System. Following a long, distinguished career as an advanced practice and administrative nurse in the VA Health Care System, she joined the nursing faculty as a professor at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington (UNCW).

At UNCW she was voted Faculty of the Year by UNCW nursing students, and recently received the prestigious university-wide UNCW Faculty Scholarship Award for her academic achievements and her internationally recognized contributions to nursing and health care.



Throughout her career Dr. Kemppainen has been dedicated to improving health care for patients with chronic illnesses. It was a chance nursing care encounter with a young dying AIDS patient, however, that motivated her to pursue doctoral education in nursing.

During the early days of her nursing career, Dr. Kemppainen worked as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist and co-manager of a busy inpatient ward in a large hospital in the southeastern United States. She also served as mental health liaison to all the nurses and patients in that hospital. Dr. Kemppainen remembers that, "it was during this time that the AIDS epidemic was just beginning in this country. One day, I was called by the nurses to come and 'do something' about an angry family visiting one of the patients. The situation that I found that day was so remarkable and complex that it actually changed and broadened the focus of my nursing career."

Dr. Kemppainen explains, "A young man, in the late stages of HIV/AIDS, had returned to our area from San Francisco to be with his family. Not only did I find an angry family, I found a frightened, dying patient, and fearful, hesitant nurses."

The event marked a turning point. For the same hospital, Dr. Kemppainen became instrumental in developing a chronic illness educational program for nurses, and began to work closely with chronically ill patients. In addition, she developed a program of research aimed at improving the quality of nursing care for chronically ill patients.

Following completion of her doctoral degree Dr. Kemppainen was invited to join the UCSF Nursing Network for HIV/AIDS Research, an international network of nurse scholars representing major universities and health care institutions in Taiwan, Africa, Norway, Puerto Rico, Columbia, South America, and the United States. The goal of the network is to engage nurse scientists and clinicians in cross-cultural and cross-national research aimed at improving the quality of nursing care for persons living with HIV disease. As a member of this network, Dr. Kemppainen participates in a series of ongoing international research studies aimed at helping patients improve adherence to HIV therapies and determining symptom self-management activities.

Also as part of her Network activities, Dr. Kemppainen participates in the development of a global agenda for

HIV/AIDS research in nursing and serves on planning committees for seminal international nursing research conferences. Her research related to the Network studies, and other work, has been widely disseminated through top-tiered nursing and multidisciplinary health related publications and national and international presentations. Dr. Kemppainen recently completed an invited book chapter about research for international nurses for a World Health Organization publication.

Dr. Kemppainen notes, "One of the special highlights of my career was the privilege of presenting some of my HIV/AIDS research at the University in Helsinki, Finland, and collaborating with a nursing professor from the University of Turku."



Dr. Kemppainen (left) with nursing faculty colleague Dr. Nonlanhla Sukati from Swaziland

*"While her current research continues to focus on self-care in chronic illness, the direction of Dr. Kemppainen's work has expanded to include the association between spirituality and health care outcomes."*

While her current research continues to focus on self-care in chronic illness, the direction of Dr. Kemppainen's work has expanded to include the association between spirituality and health care outcomes. Currently, she serves as a co-investigator for an international study which examines associations between spirituality and hypertension in persons living in rural regions of the United States and northern Japan.

An important finding of this study is the close association between increased levels of spirituality and lower blood pressure. As part of this study, she works with UNCW faculty colleagues and Japanese nurse researchers from Iwate Prefectural University in northern Japan. As part of this work Dr. Kemppainen has had the

opportunity to study spiritual practices in Japan, as well as those in U.S. rural southern culture. With her Japanese colleagues, during the summer of 2007 she presented the findings of this study at the International Congress of Nursing in Yokohama, Japan.

Dr. Kemppainen is an active member of the Finlandia University International Alumni Board and the Finnish Council in America. She is married to Pastor Dale Kemppainen, assistant pastor at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. She is the mother of three sons, Jon Kemppainen of Austin, Texas (wife Susan), Karl Kemppainen of New Bern, North Carolina (wife Lynda), and Paul Kemppainen of Sterling, Virginia (wife Tiffany); and grandmother to Evan, Leah, Hannah, Reagan, and Piper.

# CAMPUS NEWS



*Anna Leppänen and Hannu Leppänen  
(no relation) in "The Boarding House"*

## **Finnposium Lecture Series**

The Finnish American Historical Archive recently presented a 'Finnposium' Lecture Series featuring two visiting scholars who conducted research at the archive.

October 3, Tanja Aho from the University of Greifswald, Germany, presented, "The Theater Finns: Staging an Ethnic Movement in America." Her lecture explored the historical development of drama activities within the Finnish-American community from the 1890s to the mid-20th century. To present a more complete understanding of what the drama performances were like, a Finnish-speaking cast of students and community members performed the two-act play, "The Boarding House," a story about a Finnish immigrant 'poikatalo' in a mining town circa 1920 struggling with immigration and relationship problems.

October 17, Joel Feingold from the University of Wisconsin-Madison presented, "The Material Culture of

the Finnish American Co-op Movement." The lecture focused on the self-sustaining material world built by immigrant working Finns. Perhaps the most identifiable Finnish American consumers' cooperative was Superior, Wisconsin's Central Co-Operative Exchange. The Finn Co-ops were monuments to the strength of the Finnish-American community and its commitments to material autonomy and social justice, Feingold said.



*René Johnson and Pete Nissila  
plant a birch tree cluster.*

## **Birch Trees Planted in Chapel Yard**

In honor of Philip Johnson's inauguration as Finlandia University's 16th president, Christy Hilgers, Houghton, Patricia and Peter VanPelt, Eagle Harbor, and René, Simon, and Neal Johnson, Houghton, donated three birch tree clusters to the university. Pete Nissila of Nissila Greenhouses, Houghton, planted the trees in front of the Chapel of St. Matthew October 26.

The generosity of these well-wishers has started something big. This spring an additional ten or more birch tree clusters will be planted in the yard surrounding the chapel. Sincere thanks for the beginning of what will be a beautiful birch grove on Finlandia's campus is also extended to Barbara Briggs, Scott Dickson, Allen Freis, Jeanne Kemppainen, Shirley and Carl Kukkonen, Eve Lindsey, J. Richard Niemela, Norma Nominelli, Lois Seaton, and John Stierna.

## **Student Loan Repayment Rates Improve**

Sandy Turnquist, Finlandia University director of financial aid, announced recently that the university has been recognized by the State of Michigan Guaranty Agency for a significant improvement in Stafford Loan student loan repayment rates over the past three years. About 75% of Finlandia University students borrow through the Stafford Loan program.

Turnquist says that Finlandia's improved repayment rate can be attributed in large part to borrower education including increased student-borrower counseling, campus-wide financial aid education, and follow-up with borrowers who are having difficulty with repayment. She also credits Finlandia's conversion to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution in 1996, a change that has resulted in more job opportunities for graduates.

"It's very positive," Turnquist says. "Our financial aid education efforts are working, and our graduates are finding jobs with salaries that allow them to start paying off student loans."



## CAMPUS NEWS



*Tauno and Dorothy Ekonen*

### **Copper Country Luthier Donates Violins and Violas**

When luthier Tauno Ekonen, a first-generation Finn from Painesdale, was eleven years old he told his mother he wanted to play the violin. Her response was, there was no money; if he wanted something he'd have to make it with his own hands.

And, literally, that's what he did. Since then, Ekonen has crafted more than 90 violins, as well as 49 violas, four cellos and five guitars. Several of Ekonen's instruments have won national tone competitions. His instruments are found across the U.S. and even as far away as Ethiopia. But when it comes to locating the highest concentration of Ekonen's instruments, it's Michigan's Copper Country.

In early October Ekonen and his wife, Dorothy, visited Hancock to donate 17 violins and violas to Finlandia University.

Finland's foremost folk fiddlers, the band JPP, were also in town. At a Finnish lunch, and again during a concert at the Calumet Theatre, members of JPP played Ekonen's instruments to honor his extraordinary gift.

At the concert, Finlandia president Philip Johnson publicly accepted the

instruments and recognized Ekonen's achievements. "I think the wisest thing I've ever done is give these to the university," Ekonen said.



*Elementary Education  
junior Bryan Solander*

### **Evening Business Program**

Dr. Joseph Monahan, dean of the International School of Business, has announced that starting in January 2008 graduates of the Suomi College and Finlandia University two-year associate degree program in business who enroll in Finlandia's bachelor of business administration program are eligible for an up to 10% discount on regular tuition rates.

And to make the completion of a four-year business degree even more user-friendly, the university begins an expanded slate of evening classes, also in January 2008. Monahan says that the more robust evening course schedule is designed to make it easier for those with full-time family and employment commitments to complete college courses.

"The evening courses will be taught using a hybrid format," Monahan explains. "Fifty percent on-line, and fifty percent instruction via class time or video link direct to class professors." The mostly junior- and senior-level evening business courses offered in the spring 2008 semester include Sports Marketing, International Business, Auditing, Organizational Behavior, and Business Strategies, among others.



*Dr. Joseph Monahan*

### **Grant Will Fund Science Lab Equipment**

The Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation has awarded a \$110,000 grant to Finlandia University to purchase science laboratory equipment.

Dr. Jeanne Rellahan, Finlandia provost and academic vice president, says that many new science courses have been established recently to support new programs and energize enrollment. For instance, new health science courses were created for the Nursing and Physical Therapist Assistant programs, a science minor is now offered for Elementary Education students, and even art and design students complete a materials science course.

"As Finlandia has grown, so has enrollment in science courses," Rellahan adds. "Typical enrollments in laboratory classes have increased 300 percent in the last decade, from 88 to nearly 300 students per year."

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Finnish Citizenship

Former Finnish citizens living abroad and their descendants have the opportunity to acquire Finnish citizenship until May 31, 2008. Finland's current Nationality Act, adopted June 1, 2003, gives former Finnish citizens the opportunity to re-acquire Finnish citizenship by declaration, if they have lost it when acquiring the citizenship of another country, for example. Descendants of former and current Finnish citizens may also acquire Finnish citizenship by declaration, even if they have never had citizenship.

Director Tiina Suominen of the Directorate of Immigration's Nationality Unit, advises people to think about the advantages and disadvantages of Finnish citizenship. She says, "Even though it might not be useful for you yourself, it might be wise to consider the matter from the point of view of your underage children. One of the obvious advantages of citizenship is that you obtain a Finnish passport, which enables free movement within the EU."

Citizenship also carries obligations. Suominen adds that males considering citizenship should contact Finnish authorities to find out whether they will have to do compulsory military service in Finland, or if they can be exempted. Those considering making the declaration should also find out whether acquiring Finnish citizenship will affect their current citizenship.

Citizenship declarations are made to the Directorate of Immigration, but those living abroad may submit the declaration only at a Finnish mission. The declaration is subject to a charge, except for war veterans. Additional information can be found on the Directorate of Immigration Web site, [www.uvi.fi](http://www.uvi.fi).

"The use of state-of-the-art technology, such as virtual dissection, digital videography, or portable seismic equipment will enhance our teaching, encourage more group interaction, and allow us to more accurately model the scientific method at work," says Finlandia science professor Dr. Ann Kemppainen.

The Towsley Foundation was established in 1959 by Margaret Dow Towsley. The Foundation is one of the largest in Michigan.



*Dan Maki (far left) and local musicians perform at Finnish Independence Day festivities.*

### Finnish Independence Day

The 90th anniversary of Finland's independence was celebrated December 6 at the Finnish American Heritage Center. Philip Johnson, the keynote speaker, joined the observance for the first time as Finlandia's president. A selection of Finnish music was performed by local musicians Pasi Lautala, Oren Tikkanen, and David Bezotte, and the two-act Finnish-language play, "The Boarding House," was presented.

In Finland, the popular holiday celebrating the country's 1917 independence from Russia was celebrated in a relaxed, good-natured manner under the slogan "Me/Vi" (the Finnish and Swedish words for 'we.'), notes the Web site [virtual.finland.fi](http://virtual.finland.fi).

### Nurses Excel on Licensing Exam

Fredi deYampert, chair of the Finlandia University bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program, reports that Finlandia's 2007 BSN graduating class outscored the state and national average on the Michigan registered nurse licensure exam (NCLEX). All nurses in the state of Michigan are required to successfully complete the NCLEX exam.

The Finlandia grads posted an average pass rate of 88.2%, while for the same period the state average was 87.2% and the national average was 85.7%. "Due to an increase in the difficulty level of the exam this year, it was reported that the overall scores decreased this year," said deYampert. "We beat both the state and national averages. I couldn't be more proud of our students!"



*Studio Arts senior Melisa Gronowski*

### Student Work at Reflection Gallery

The work of senior Studio Arts senior Melisa Gronowski (Norway, Mich.) was featured at Finlandia's student-run Reflection Gallery in January, along with the work of junior art and design major Ben Mitchell.



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Gronowski's non-traditional oil paintings, and sculptures made from reused materials, explore how human beings relate to nature and evolution, she says. The largest piece is a series of separate but related oil paintings that illustrate how she feels humans are breaking away from nature. With a face looking up to the sky, the painting communicates that humans can still look to a higher power; a hand as a tree root growing into the earth indicates the need to stay rooted in nature.

Gronowski, who took a turn as manager of the Reflection Gallery during the fall 2007 semester, says that

the Portage Campus gallery is an excellent opportunity for students to build their résumés.

Gronowski graduates this spring. She plans to pursue a MFA degree.

### **HAMK Lecturer Teaches Bookbinding**

Helka Yletyinen, senior lecturer at the HAMK University of Applied Sciences, Hämeenlinna, Finland, instructed a five-day bookbinding class for Finlandia students the week of February 4. In addition, she and Finlandia fiber and fashion design faculty member Phyllis Fredendall gave a public presentation about HAMK February 5.

Fredendall taught fiber sculpture classes at HAMK in August 2007. Yletyinen's visit to Hancock is the continuation of a faculty exchange agreement between the two universities. Yletyinen teaches basketry, bookbinding, and felting, and is the assistant head of the HAMK degree program in crafts and recreation.



*Members of JPP play violins and violas made by Tauno Ekonen.*

### **Workshop Features Finnish Fiddle Band JPP**

In conjunction with an eight-stop North American concert tour, the six members of Finland's famed fiddling group JPP, Järvelän pikkupelimannit (Little Folk Musicians of Järvelä), shared their fiddle techniques with folk musicians of all ages and skill levels at a two-day Finnish Folk Music Workshop at the Finnish American Heritage Center, October 5-6. JPP has performed countless concerts and has nine albums to its credit. Frontman Arto Järvelä has taught for the prestigious Sibelius Academy's Folk Music Department. Visit [www.thejpp.fi](http://www.thejpp.fi) for more information about JPP.

The workshop also included 5- and 10-string kantele lessons by Joyce Hakala of St. Paul, Minn. Hakala is a leading authority on the kantele and its use by Finnish immigrants. She is a former director of Koivun Kaiku, one of the best-known kantele ensembles in North America. Hakala has also written two books: "The Rowan Tree" and "Memento of Finland: A Musical Legacy."



*Melisa Gronowski (far left) and Yueh-mei Cheng (with brush) at Taliesin.*

### **Professor, Student Teach at Taliesin, the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture**

For four weeks in summer 2007 International School of Art & Design faculty member Yueh-mei Cheng taught Chinese Watercolor and Japanese Gold Leaf Painting classes as a resident faculty member at Taliesin, the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, Spring Green, Wisc. And as a student internship project, Finlandia studio arts senior Melisa Gronowski was resident teaching assistant for the classes. Gronowski and Cheng also participated in many other classes and activities during their time there.

Cheng, who has been a visiting faculty member at Taliesin for 10 years, also attended the Taliesin 75th Anniversary Reunion at Taliesin West, Scottsdale, Ariz., in November. Taliesin alumni and faculty from 18 countries celebrated the 75th birthday of the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. Reunion activities included an education symposium and many other professional development opportunities.



Top, left to right: Pam Alatalo, Joanna Krueger, Bill Melchiori, Cindy Lorenz, Jason Sullivan, Terri Olsen Bottom, left to right: James Kurtti, Kim Gundlach, Jim Harden, Melvin Kangas, Kay Campioni, Kathryn Holsworth (student intern, '08), Alana Nolan, Ross Rinkinen

# Finlandia Faculty and Staff

Among the current employees of Finlandia University, dozens have earned associate and/or bachelor degrees at Suomi College and Finlandia. And many, many more have taken multiple classes. Here are some comments from just a few of them.

“My favorite instructors were Melvin Kangas (of course), Sharon Sibilsky, Timo Koskinen, and Deb Zei (Adler),” says Carla Phillips, adjunct instructor of music since 1993. “Melvin has always been a supportive friend. Sharon believed that I should be in college even when I doubted myself. Timo encouraged me to write – hence, the English minor. And Debra woke up my old brain to math once again ... and I loved it!” Carla graduated from Suomi College in 1995 with an associate degree in fine arts, receiving both the Sisu and Sampo awards. She went on to graduate magna cum laude from Northern Michigan University in 1999 with a B.A. in music and a minor in English. She teaches music appreciation, piano, choir, and other music classes.

In 1994 Judy Crotty, an adjunct clinical instructor in the BSN program, completed an associate degree in nursing at

Suomi College. Last year, she completed a teaching internship at Finlandia in order to finish a masters degree in nursing education at Michigan State University. “My dad was also a Suomi grad, back in the 1940s,” Judy says. “My family lived on Elm Street, and my dad and I played a lot of tennis on the little court that used to be above the Old Main parking lot!”

*“I remember Old Main as being the girls’ dorm,” Kurtti says. “I still feel uneasy about going up the stairs there because boys weren’t allowed and no one disobeyed housemother Mae Shoupe.”*

Kim Gundlach, administrative assistant, Upward Bound, graduated from Suomi College in 1980 with an associate degree in general studies. “One memory of Suomi College is of a very stormy Wednesday evening when two of our favorite Suomi instructors joined my friend and me for a pepperoni, double cheese pizza at Nutini’s,” Kim recalls. “Every time we tried to take a bite of our pieces of pizza, with the ‘battle of the cheese,’ they would start telling us jokes and cracking us up ... which would crack us up even more! When

we’ve relived these memories since, we always remark how neat it was to get to know our instructors so well, and how, if we had gone to a larger college, these kinds of experiences probably wouldn’t have happened.”





# Alumni

Geri Hawley, instructor in the Physical Therapist Assistant program, is one of ten who graduated in 1998 from the then newly-established Suomi College PTA program. Before she enrolled at Suomi, Geri had completed a bachelor's of science degree in biological science at Michigan Tech, and a secondary teaching certificate for grades 7-12. "This is the 10-year anniversary of the first graduating class of the PTA program," Geri notes. "I am planning a fun get-together for my classmates in conjunction with the 2008 Finlandia all-class reunion this June. I hope to see all the 1998 PTA grads then!"

James Kurtti, director of the Finnish American Heritage Center and editor of the *Finnish American Reporter*, graduated from Suomi College in 1977 with an A.A. in social work and Finnish. Following, he earned a B.A. from University of Minnesota. "I remember Old Main as being the girls' dorm," Kurtti says. "I still feel uneasy about going up the stairs there because boys weren't allowed and no one disobeyed housemother Mae Shoupe."

Tonia Wolak, adjunct instructor, human services, graduated from the Rural Human Services baccalaureate program in 2002, at age 31. In 2005 she completed a masters of science in psychology, and she is near completion of a Ph.D., both through Walden University. Tonia also works for the Michigan Department of Corrections as a reintegration counselor. "It's like family here at Finlandia," she says.

Additional Finlandia employees with Suomi and/or Finlandia degrees include Pamela Alatalo ('99), middle school coordinator and secretary, Educational Talent Search, BBA; Kay Campioni ('89), accounts payable coordinator, AA; Alana (Evans) Nolan ('05), manager, North Wind Books, BA; Dan Giachino ('04), enrollment officer, BA; Jim Harden ('03), supervisor of campus security, AAS; Melvin Kangas ('57), associate professor, fine arts, AA; Joanna Krueger ('06), senior enrollment officer, BBA; Cindy (Dugdale) Lorenz ('82, '05), assistant registrar, AA, BA; Christina (Armbruster) Mayworm ('00, '03), director of donor and alumni relations, AA, BA; Bill Melchiori ('04), director of student life, BBA; Terri Olsen ('94, '08), project coordinator, TRiO Student Support Services, AA, BA ('08); Ross Rinkinen ('04), director of annual giving, BA; Lauren Roell ('07), adjunct instructor, art and design, BFA; Jason Sullivan ('01), financial aid counselor, BBA; Johnna L. Therrian ('88), assistant professor of nursing, ADN; Sandra Turnquist ('01), director of financial aid, BA; Denise Vandeville ('01), adjunct instructor, ISAD, BFA; and Justin Veker ('04), housekeeping, BBA. Many of these graduates have completed additional academic degrees.



# Helping to Make the World Safer

**M**y days at Suomi College still fill my heart and soul with warm, happy memories. When I first arrived in the Houghton-Hancock area, I thought Michigan Tech was Suomi. I was a bit disappointed because I was under the impression I would be attending a small school. Much to my delight I was on the wrong campus and proceeded across the bridge.

I made my decision to attend Suomi based on an advertisement describing the Criminal Justice program. Small classes, student crime lab, and instructors with hands-on experience from the field, all set within a small community, were appealing to me. I come from Milwaukee; my graduating class from high school was nearly 1,000. I was searching for a college experience that would enrich my life forever. I found that at Suomi.

Suomi provided me with a strong sense of community and instructors who truly cared about me as a person. They had an investment in me as a student. After graduating from Suomi I completed a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice at a major university where, because of the hands-on experience I received at Suomi, I discovered I had gained advanced knowledge in many CJ subjects.

It has been 25 years since I graduated from Suomi and my life has taken many different turns. I have since earned my

masters degree in criminal justice, and I was recently invited to present an address about the importance of human rights to members of the United Nations in Budapest, Hungary. I've been afforded many wonderful opportunities in my life and professional career, and whenever the chance arises I always talk about the incredible education I received at Suomi College.

Wally Andersen was one of my CJ instructors at Suomi. I recall to this day one of our many long-winded conversations. He was working in the crime lab with me and he said I had a natural talent for fingerprint classification. Wally offered to help me get into the Forensic Unit at Quantico. I replied, "I really like it, but I don't want to classify fingerprints for a living. I want to help people and make the world a safer place. I want to make a difference." He smiled and with a slight laugh said I could do whatever I wanted to because of the passion I have to succeed in life.

Wally Andersen has since passed away, but his faith in me still remains in my heart. I help people; I believe the world is a bit safer .... and, Lord knows, I've been trying to make a difference.

I think Wally would be proud of what I have done with my life since leaving Suomi. I know I am.



Regina Sobieski ('83) currently serves as a contractual project director for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas. The Northern District of Texas was one of only six regions in the U.S. awarded funding to implement a comprehensive Anti-Gang Program with initiatives ranging from suppression sweeps to providing assistance to victims of crime.

Sobieski has trained professionals in more than 40 states and done consulting work around the world. She is recognized as an international facilitator for victims' rights, victim legislation, and

criminal justice policies and protocols to improve services for crime victims. She has provided comment before legislative entities; served on governmental advisory committees and panels, and authored many crime-victim related articles and several publications addressing unique grief issues. She also provides training and services related to grant writing, board development, volunteer recruitment, and strategic planning. She is a licensed social worker and a recent graduate of the Northern District of Texas Citizen's FBI Academy. Sobieski is owner of her own business, Sydney's Executive Solutions.





2007 Sibelius Festival performer pianist Tuomas Kyyhkynen

## *New Directions*

*10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sibelius Academy Music Festival*

*Tuesday, July 29 to  
Saturday, August 2, 2008*

*The Bridge* readers are cordially invited to the 10th Annual Sibelius Academy Music Festival Tuesday, July 28, through Saturday, August 1, 2008. A variety of concerts and other events will take place at Finlandia University and community venues, including the Finnish American Heritage Center, at least one John Haro-designed church, and a Copper Country art gallery.

"At their annual meeting in July 2007, members of the Finnish Council in America (FCA) were asked by new Finlandia president Philip Johnson to become involved in curating the annual classical music festival," says FCA

member Karen Reynolds. "A task force is working on the project together with Finlandia University staff and faculty and its music department, and the Sibelius Academy." The FCA members who volunteered to serve on the Sibelius Festival Task Force are Reed Harris, Susan Kenny, Karen (Hill) Reynolds, and Roger Reynolds.

"This year's Sibelius Festival is taking a new direction," notes Karen Reynolds. "The task force is planning a varied and innovative menu of events. In addition to the superlative annual concerts enjoyed by many in the area, the 2008 festival will give students and the community multiple opportunities to become personally acquainted with the young Finnish musicians."

Preliminary festival plans include a series of seminars, informal gatherings, three major concerts, opportunities for discussion, community events, and mini-concerts at smaller venues.

When Susan Kenny noticed an advertisement for a 2000 Sibelius Festival concert, she felt enough of a kinship with the music and her Finnish roots to invite the musicians to her home for dinner. This is how she met former Finlandia president Bob Ubbelohde and joined the FCA. "When volunteers were needed to continue the Sibelius concert tradition, I instinctively raised my hand," Kenny says. Kenny is a financial consultant with AG Edwards. She has played the flute professionally and sings alto in the Sheboygan Symphony Chorus. Her father grew up in the Copper Country.

Reed Harris was also introduced to the Finnish Council by Bob Ubbelohde. Harris works for KUD International LLC, a program management and development firm in Santa Monica, Calif., where he is a project analyst and assistant to the president. Harris has Finnish roots and family in the western Upper Peninsula town of Wakefield.

Third generation Finnish American Karen (Hill) Reynolds grew up playing shuffleboard at Suomi College before she took music theory classes from her father, Suomi College Music Director Arthur J. Hill, who led the college's flagship choir from 1946 to 1967. Karen is a professional musician. She joined the FCA in 1999.

Roger Reynolds is a Pulitzer prize-winning composer whose work often employs the most current computer technology. He recently premiered his composition *Sanctuary* (for percussion quartet with real-time computer processing, spatialized sound, and sonic color lighting) at I.M. Pei's East Wing Atrium of the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. Reynolds's *ILLUSION* was premiered in 2006 by Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Los Angeles Philharmonic New Music Group.

*Sincere thanks to Karen Reynolds for substantial contributions to this article.*

# SPORTS NEWS

## Women's Basketball Team: Aloha from Hawaii

*Aloha* and *Mele Kalikimaka* (Hello and Merry Christmas) from Hawaii!

In December the women's basketball team traveled to Hawaii to compete in the annual "Hoop-N-Surf" Classic. The tournament included teams from throughout the U.S. The Finlandia women faced tough competition in games against South Dakota Tech (Rapid City) and Briar Cliff University (Sioux City, Ia.) and, even though the Lions were overpowered by their opponents, it was a good experience.

The trip was well-deserved. The team worked hard all summer and fall raising money to fund the entire cost of the trip. The women extend a big thank you (*mahalo*) to families and friends for all their financial support. Their time in Hawaii was an awesome, once-in-a-lifetime experience.

On December 16, the women left behind below zero temperatures in Hancock for tropical Honolulu. Once the basketball games had been played, there was time to "hang loose" and enjoy some free time. And, although December is the rainy season in Hawaii, the brief afternoon showers each day weren't enough to dampen spirits or curb any fun in the sun.

There were many other basketball teams in Hawaii for various tournaments at all NCAA levels. The women interacted with some of these teams (especially the men from St.

Johns University, New York City) but, unfortunately, they didn't have the chance to see any other games.

Some members of the team, including Coach Curtis Wittenberg, attempted to surf on the meager 1-3 foot waves on Waikiki Beach ... after all, it was all about the "Hoop-N-Surf" Classic. And, of course, the team did some sight-seeing during their six-night stay a block from Waikiki Beach.



On a tour of Honolulu, the team visited Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial, Iolani Palace, Chinatown, and the Punch Bowl Crater, home to the National Cemetery of the Pacific. They also attended a traditional luau on the west side of the island. The women will also tell you that they enjoyed shopping on the new Waikiki Beach Walk and people-watching on and around Waikiki Beach.

After six nights in Hawaii, the team wasn't quite ready to leave the warm, tropical weather, but they were anxious to get home for Christmas. The journey went well until their

plane was ready to land at the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport. After spending nearly an hour in a holding pattern before landing, they learned that their connecting flight to Green Bay (their final destination) had been cancelled due to heavy snow.

The team tried to rent a vehicle so they could drive to Green Bay, but absolutely nothing was available. Three members of the team were able to get seats on a bus that was taking people from Minneapolis to the Appleton and Green Bay airports. The rest of the team waited in the airport for 9 hours before finally boarding a plane to Green Bay. Ironically, all the team members arrived in Green Bay at nearly the same time.

Everyone made it home early the morning of Christmas

Eve, just in time for Christmas. The same cannot be said for their luggage. It arrived three days later, just in time for their next games at Michigan Tech – which was fortunate since everyone had packed their uniforms in their luggage.

The women won't be going to Hawaii next year, but there are plans for a trip to Tacoma, Washington, to play in a tournament at Pacific Lutheran University. This trip will also be funded completely by the team, so keep an eye out for the players as they'll be fundraising again this summer and fall.



# SPORTS NEWS

## Athletics: Athlete succeeds...in three sports



*Reprinted courtesy of WLUC TV6 News. Story broadcast January 16, 2008.*

Shawn Wickersheim has amazed coaches with his effort in all three sports.

Playing one sport in college and keeping up with classes isn't easy.

For many athletes, starting in one sport might be enough, but not for Finlandia senior Shawn Wickersheim. In addition to playing basketball, Shawn also plays on the Lions' soccer and baseball teams.

"I love playing for all three coaches. I just like being on the floor or field, and having a good time, and being able to compete against other teams," stated Shawn Wickersheim.

Playing in multiple sports has earned him the respect of his three coaches.

"It amazes me everyday that he's playing three sports back to back to back. It's not something I think many people can do at all. It amazes me that he does it," stated Finlandia soccer coach, Matt Griffith.

"What's nice about Finlandia is that we are a school that promotes athletes that want to play in multiple sports. We gave him the opportunity and he jumped at it, and has excelled in all three sports," stated Matt Farrell, Finlandia baseball coach.

Basketball coach Charlie Kemppainen went on to say, "He's just a good athlete. He's probably not great at any one sport; he is above average in many. He's just a very good athlete."

Shawn might be a good player, but he is also a great team leader.

"He's definitely a vocal leader. He gives his best effort every time out; that is something we can count on. He brings the little things. He's like another coach on the floor," continued Kemppainen.

"I kinda like to goof around a bit and get them out of their shell and have a good time. But, I like to talk to them and let them know if they are doing something wrong. They need to do this and get it right," stated Wickersheim.

And, after juggling three sports in his college career, it's no surprise that Shawn's major is Sports Management.

"I want to go out and be a coach. That is my goal, to coach at the college level," finished Wickersheim.

Shawn Wickersheim is a senior business administration/sports management major from White Lake, Wisc.

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# Reunion 2008:



The spark for Reunion 2008 originated with Duane Westfield, one of three Class of 1958 Suomi College Theological Seminary graduates. “I made a lot of important decisions about my life and my career while at Suomi,” Westfield says. “There is a deep, special place in my heart for the college and seminary.”

“I had fantastic experiences and access to incredible minds and spirits at Suomi,” Westfield notes. “My time in the U. P. was a turning point in my life. It was an academic and spiritual awakening and the site of a major shift in my thinking as I began to see the connections between religious faith and academic studies like math and science.”

Westfield feels that the time is right to acknowledge the accomplishments of college and seminary graduates, and reflect on the lives of former Suomi faculty and staff whose leadership and dedication influenced so many lives. He hopes to see a great turnout at the reunion.

“This grand reunion is a perfect time to remember college history and traditions, and view the growth and development of today’s Finlandia University,” Westfield says. “I’m also looking forward to the pasties!”

For years in her Christmas letters, Class of ’51 grad Norma Mickelsen Nominelli has been encouraging classmates of ’49 to ’52 to come back to their old Suomi ‘haunts.’ She says, “Now is the perfect time, with Duane Westfield leading the way and encouraging seminarians and the like to join us in June. I am expecting the best reunion ever!!”

“Many of us have not seen Suomi/Finlandia fellow alumni since we graduated, and others rarely,” adds Lois Isaac Seaton, ’50. “If you’re like me, you’re not much of a correspondent but often look back on that special place and the special people you met there. While things and people change, the friendships we made in Hancock are still in our hearts, and deserve to be renewed. I’m looking forward to seeing you and laughing and reminiscing about the good old days.”

Reunion 2008 is an all-class Suomi College and Finlandia University reunion focusing on the class of 1958, with a special recognition of all seminary graduates. The itinerary includes a golf tournament, alumni hockey and basketball games, a cruise of the Portage Canal, social mixers, and many other opportunities to become reacquainted with old friends. Alumni are invited and encouraged to organize their own get-togethers by class, major, or student club.

A Distinguished Alumni Service Award, Young Alumni Award, and Spirit of Finlandia Award will be presented at Reunion 2008. Criteria for the awards and nomination instructions appeared in the winter 2007 edition of *the Bridge*, and are also on page two of the Reunion 2008 registration form which can be downloaded at [www.finlandia.edu](http://www.finlandia.edu). Please submit nominations by June 5, 2008.

To register, nominate someone for an award, organize a reunion gathering, or volunteer to help, please contact Christina Mayworm, director of alumni relations, at 906-487-7205 or [christina.mayworm@finlandia.edu](mailto:christina.mayworm@finlandia.edu).



# June 26-29



## Who's already registered?

Suomi College Class of 1961 alumni Dan Ojala, Paul Kaare, Art Ollie, and Bob Kekke want their classmates to know that they're looking forward to Reunion 2008. They invite and urge alumni from all classes to attend.

Reunion 2008 planning committee member Ruth (Kangas) Groth hopes to see some of the people from the Class of 1944. "This should be a really interesting event and good for Finlandia University," Groth says. "Best wishes and safe travel to all."

Lora (Kuehn) Werner and Trisha (Jeidy) Moody are planning a reunion get-together with alumni who attended 1992 through 1995.

Joe ('83) and Kathy ('82) Molnen plan to attend and hope to see other classmates!

Rev. Paul Nomellini ('60) encourages all alumni to attend.

Sheila (Martin) Thurston ('84) wonders how many of her classmates from 1983 to 1985 are planning to attend.

## An invitation to the PTA Class of 1998

Finlandia PTA instructor Geri Hawley ('98) says that completing a physical therapist assistant degree at Finlandia (then Suomi College) is by far one of the best decisions she's ever made. To celebrate the tenth anniversary of Finlandia's first PTA graduating class, Geri is planning a fun get-together for all the '98 PTA grads to take place Saturday, June 28, 2008. "This is a big milestone for all of us, so let's celebrate together," Geri urges. "Register for Reunion 2008 soon so we'll know how many '98 PTA grads to plan for!"

## Reunion Planning Committee:

Gary Crocker '57, Nancy (Franti) Crocker '56, Scott Dickson '58, Sylvia (Saari) Fleishman '58, Ruth (Kangas) Groth '44, Gina Lepisto-Drew '87 & '94, Eve (Kangas) Lindsey '62, Christina (Armbruster) Mayworm '00 & '03, Bill Melchiori '04, Norma (Mickelsen) Nominelli '51, Ross Rinkinen '04, Lois (Isaac) Seaton '50, John Stierna '63, Ellen (Bakka) Varney '71, Duane Westfield '53 & '58



## Learn more about Reunion 2008

MySpace: [www.myspace.com/finlandia\\_alumni](http://www.myspace.com/finlandia_alumni)

Blog: [www.finlandiareunion2008.blogspot.com](http://www.finlandiareunion2008.blogspot.com)

Web site: [www.finlandia.edu](http://www.finlandia.edu)

# REUNION 2008! REGISTER TODAY!

## JUNE 26 – JUNE 29, 2008

Early registration deadline is June 12, 2008

- Mail this form with payment by June 7, 2008, to:  
Finlandia University, Alumni Relations, 601 Quincy St., Hancock MI 49930
- Or fax with credit card information to 906-487-7365

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) Attended/Degree \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please check here if you require special assistance. Alumni Relations will contact you.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

Number Attending	Fee	Total	Non-Refundable Registration Fee
_____	x \$10 = _____	_____	Each adult (Late fee: add \$5)
_____	x \$5 = _____	_____	Each child under 12 years

### Thursday June 26, 2008

_____	FREE	Individual class/group gatherings. Please contact the Alumni Office if you are interested in organizing an event.
_____	FREE	7:00 p.m., Choir reunion, Finnish American Heritage Center, with special recognition of the 1952, 1958, and 1963 choirs. All are welcome. Refreshments.
_____	FREE	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Dee Stadium tour and display, on your own

### Friday June 27, 2008

		8:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m., Registration, Finlandia Hall
		• Message board and refreshments
		• Alumni Choir sign-up
_____	FREE	9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m., International Alumni Board meeting, Finnish American Heritage Center. All are welcome.
_____	FREE	Alumni Choir rehearsal, time and place TBA
_____	x \$10 = _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m. or <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 p.m., Guided tour of Finlandia Campus and Hancock by Red Jacket Trolley. Meet in front of Old Main.
_____	x \$20 = _____	2:00 p.m., Golf Outing, location TBA
_____	x \$15 = _____	7:00 p.m., Welcome Dinner, Finlandia Hall, with awards and honors
_____	x \$7 = _____	Welcome Dinner, each child under 12 years
_____	FREE	9:00 a.m. — 9:00 p.m., Dee Stadium tour and display, on your own

### Saturday June 28, 2008

_____	x \$8 = _____	7:00 – 9:00 a.m., Breakfast, Finlandia Hall
		• Met and Married get-together
_____	x \$4 = _____	Breakfast, each child under 12 years

#### Presentations, Finnish American Heritage Center

_____	FREE	9:00 – 9:30 a.m., History of Suomi College, Karen Johnson
_____	FREE	9:45 – 10:30 a.m., Book Signing and Discussion, Lauri Anderson
_____	FREE	10:45 – 11:45 a.m., History of the Seminary, Duane Westfield

### Saturday June 28, 2008 (continued)

_____	x \$10 = _____	9:30 a.m., Guided tour of Finlandia Campus and Hancock by Red Jacket Trolley. Meet in front of Old Main.
_____	pay on site	12:00 noon, Pasty lunch, Mannerheim Café (\$5.50)
_____	x \$5 = _____	2:00 p.m., Alumni Basketball Game, Paavo Nurmi Center
		Contact Gary Crocker at 906-524-7185 or crock@up.net if you are interested in playing.
_____	x \$5 = _____	5:00 p.m., Alumni Hockey Game, Student Dev. Complex at MTU
		Contact Ross Rinkinen at 906-487-7314 or ross.rinkinen@finlandia.edu if you are interested in playing.
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		• Recognition of the Class of 1958 and Seminary graduates

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## ALUMNI NOTES

### Class of 1973

#### Laura A. Brubaker

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This is going to be a great year. After talking with my mother recently, I decided to write a letter to my friends at Suomi College. After graduating from Bexley High School (Bexley, Ohio) in 1971, I went to Suomi with two girls from my high school class. I'd love to hear from some of my friends. I remember that my mom promised if I graduated from high school I could go anywhere for college. I chose Suomi. I will always love Michigan.

## MARRIAGES

#### Cara Hoffman and Andrew Manchester

were married October 7, 2007. Cara is the daughter of Mark and Joann Hoffman of Houghton. Andrew is the son of Larry and Jan Manchester of Still Water, Minn. The bride attended Northern Michigan University and Finlandia University. She is employed by the State of Michigan. The groom served in the U.S. Navy and is attending Century College. He is employed by Target Corporation in Minneapolis. The couple resides in Hudson, Wisc.

#### Audrey Lee Miller and Joel Bruce Mills

were married August 11, 2007, in Eagle River. Audrey is the daughter of Thomas and Patricia Miller of Taylor, Mich. She is a Finlandia University nursing student and is working at Burger King in Calumet. Joel is the son of Ethel Maatta of Calumet and

the late Kenneth Mills. He is a Gogebic Community College medical billing/coding student and is working at Calumet Electronics. The couple resides in Laurium.

## OBITUARIES

**Wilho "Bill" M. Saari**, 91, of Hancock, died Dec. 21, 2007. Bill was born in Ripley to Matti and Hilda (Stein) Saari. He was a graduate of Suomi College ('38). He is survived by two nephews and a niece. Bill was a longtime supporter of Suomi College and Finlandia University. The family suggests memorials to Finlandia University.



#### Gerald "Jerry" Pasanen

was born in Calumet in 1934 to John and Elvi Pasanen. He graduated from Calumet schools in 1952.

After high school, following a short stint in the navy and two years in the army, Jerry attended Suomi College from 1954 to 1956.

"This turned out to be a blessing in disguise," said his wife of 43 years, Donna. "He loved the solid education he felt he received and the good teachers who cared about their students."

In 1957 Jerry moved to California, settling in San Diego where he began a lifelong career at San Diego Gas and Electric Co. (SDGE). "For San Diego Gas and Electric Jerry developed a formula to quantify uncertainties in the utility industry. It is still in use today," Donna says.

**James A. "Jim" Myers**, 90, of Lake Linden, died Sept. 30, 2007. Jim was born in Virginia, Minn., to James and Hilda (Lindquist) Myers. After his WWII naval service, he attended Suomi College ('53). Jim is survived by his wife, Gladys. For 22 years, until his retirement, he was an insurance representative for Prudential.

**Claire (Schwarzenberg) Stefanich**, 88, of Houghton, died Oct. 31, 2007. Claire was born in Houghton to Frank and Adele (Walls) Schwarzenberg. She attended Suomi College ('42) and Michigan Technological University. Claire is survived by her husband, Gerry. She worked as a travel agent and teacher's assistant.

For his discovery, Jerry was invited to join the Edison Institute, a think tank for people who work with utility depreciation.

Jerry was very proud of his time at Suomi College, Donna recalled. "He would tell me about it often. He was the first in his family to graduate from college, setting the pace for the rest of his family, and for his children. To Jerry, education was extremely important."

Jerry and Donna began their financial support of Suomi College right after their marriage, at first giving about \$25 per year. "Later, as we became more financially secure, we started to give more," Donna said.

Jerry Pasanen died April 23, 2007. He was 73. He is survived by his wife, daughters Sheri and Sandi, and three grandchildren. From Jerry's estate, Donna recently donated \$10,000 to Finlandia University for student scholarships.

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**Evelyn Pearl (Trudgeon) Jalkanen**, 89, formerly of Hancock, passed away November 13, 2007, in Port Washington, Wisc. Pearl was born in Calumet April 18, 1918, to Howard and Agnes (Birk) Trudgeon.

Pearl met her husband, Ralph Jalkanen, at Suomi College, where they were both students. They married in 1942. Ralph attended Suomi Seminary to become a minister, while Pearl studied Finnish so she could help with his bi-lingual ministry. Pearl

graduated from Suomi College in 1939.

Pearl and Ralph worked as a team at several congregations in the Midwest until 1960, when Ralph accepted the presidency of Suomi College (Finlandia University).

"Pearl was probably the most hospitable person I've known as far as entertaining was concerned," said former longtime Finlandia University Board member Rev. Rudy Kempainen. "Not only for Suomi College activities, but as a hostess for dignitaries from Finland and other universities."

"Pearl was not of Finnish background, but when she met Ralph, she learned the Finnish language, making the special effort so she could participate more fully in his ministry," Kempainen added. "In her own right she was a good representative and advocate for Suomi College."

"She was of substantial help to Ralph in gaining and maintaining friends for Suomi College," confirmed Finlandia Board member Ken Seaton. "She was a very gracious lady and so supportive of everything about Suomi College."

Pearl loved music and pursued an operatic singing career throughout her life, particularly in Chicago where she was a soloist for the Sibelius Orchestra. She was also a soloist in a choir that performed in Europe, Finland, and the U.S.

As children, Pearl and her brothers and sisters were the "Copper Country Songsters." Accompanied on piano by their mother, Agnes, the five siblings performed throughout the western Upper Peninsula, said Pearl's sister, Viola DuPuis of Lake Linden. They also performed music and skits on the radio for Quality Food Market, Calumet, now Super Valu Grocery.

Kempainen noted that Pearl always exhibited an upbeat reflection of life, that she was always optimistic. She loved humor, and laughed very robustly at good jokes. Her sister, Viola, agreed that Pearl had a good sense of humor, adding that Pearl was quite mischievous when she was young. Viola added that Pearl was also great baker, and busy all the time.

Pearl is survived by two sons, two daughters, two brothers, two sisters, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, other relatives, and many friends. Memorials may be made to the Jalkanen Foundation, c/o Port Washington State Bank, 206 N. Franklin St., Port Washington, WI 53074.

**Lillian H. (Ahola) Sterbis**, 88, of Hancock and Twin Lakes, died Nov. 2, 2007. Lillian was born in Paavola to Edward and Anna (Heikkinen) Pyykkonen. She worked at the Stella Cheese Factory, Baltic, the Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, Hancock, and as a cook at the Winona School. Memorial contributions can be made to Finlandia University or Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Hancock.

**Rose (Marnich) Pelon**, 86, of Houghton, died Dec. 25, 2007. Rose was born in Painesdale to Joseph and Anna (Malnar) Marnich. She attended Suomi College ('48). Rose was a veteran of WWII. She retired as the Houghton County Register of Probate.

**Christine E. (Wanhainen) Smith**, 86, of Flushing, died Nov. 5, 2007. Christine was born in Atlantic Mine to Oscar and Anna (Pykkonen) Wanhainen. She graduated from Suomi College ('41) and Michigan State University. Christine is survived by her husband, Gerald. She worked as a registered dietician. Memorial contributions can be made to a scholarship fund in Christine's name at Finlandia University.

**Lillian "Mu-Mu" (Liimatainen) Wiitanen**, 84, of Gaylord, died Oct. 16, 2007. Lillian was born in South Range to Emil and Aliina Liimatainen. She attended Suomi College ('41). Lillian's husband, Carl, survives. For 31 years, Lillian worked for General Motors.

**W. Jean Drey**, 82, of Indianapolis, Ind., died December 11, 2007. She was born in Gas City, Ind., to Cleopha and Autrey Griffin. Jean inherited the successful material handling business S.E. Drey Co., Inc., from her late husband, Sid. She retired in 1993. Jean served on the Suomi College Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1998.

**Clifton Rautiola**, 78, D.D.S., M.S., of Okemos, died Nov. 4, 2007. He was born March 9, 1929, in Hancock. Clifton received a bachelor's degree at Michigan State University, and a master of science and doctor of dental



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science at the University of Michigan Dental School. He had a private periodontics practice in Lansing until his retirement in 1992. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Clifton is survived by his wife, Patricia.

**James E. Ahola**, 61, of Hancock, died Aug. 22, 2007. James was born in Hancock to Lillian (Pyykonen) and Wilbert Ahola. He graduated from Suomi College ('68) and the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science. James is survived by his wife, Christine. He worked as a licensed funeral director until 1985 when he purchased the Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, Hancock. He was a member of the Hancock Fire Department for 28 years, serving the past 21 years as chief.

**Mary Ann (Niemi) Blake**, 61, of Ontonagon, died Nov. 29, 2007. She was born in Detroit to Onni and Vieno (Lahti) Niemi. She attended Suomi College ('55). She is survived by her husband, Dale. Dale and Mary Ann owned and operated Dale's Service, Ontonagon, for 40 years.

**Forrest Lee Olson**, 33, of Hancock, died Aug. 16, 2007. Forrest was born in Duluth, Minn., to Carol (Pierzina) and Rod Olson. Forrest attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Suomi College ('89), and completed a bachelor of science at Michigan Technological University. Forrest is survived by his wife, Darla, and two daughters.

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**Esther Pauline (Halttunen) Hillila**, 86, died October 16, 2007, in Valparaiso, Ind. Esther was born in New Castle, Penn., on March 21, 1921, a daughter of Armas and Armida (Lehto) Halttunen. She was a graduate of Suomi College, Slippery Rock State University (Penn.), and Case-Western Reserve University (Ohio). Among other honors during her high school and university years, Esther was recognized for her scholarship by membership in education, history, and English honorary fraternities. She taught English and social studies for 23 years, the last 16 in the Valparaiso Community Schools. She retired in 1985.

Esther and Bernhard Hillila were married in 1944. Her husband preceded her in death. Bernhard was Suomi College president from 1949 to 1952. Esther is survived by two daughters, a son, and three grandchildren. She was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Valparaiso. Over the years Esther served her community as a volunteer at the Porter County Adult Learning Center and as a member of the program planning committee for VOLTS. She was also a member of the Friends of Art and served as a docent at the Valparaiso University Brauer Museum of Art. Esther was a 27-year member of the Mathesis Club.

Memorials may be made to the Halttunen Nursing Scholarship Fund at Finlandia University, or the Rachel Anne and Anne Elizabeth Hillila Nursing Scholarship Fund at Valparaiso University.

## Memorials & In Honor Gifts

### MEMORIALS

Oct. 1, 2007-Dec. 31, 2007

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Christine E. Smith  
Lillian Sterbis  
Dr. Ronald Thompson  
Walter Werronen

### IN HONOR

Oct. 1, 2007-Nov. 30, 2007

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Keith - NSN  
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Mrs. Stasha Seaton  
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Marion Stierna  
Suomi College Class of 1926

# CALENDAR

## FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR 2007-08

### UNIVERSITY EVENTS

#### MARCH

- 1-19 Art Exhibition: Jim Denomie: *Recent Work* (Finlandia Gallery)
- 13 Nordic Film Series, 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (FAHC)
- 28 Opening Reception: FUISAD Juried Student Work (Finlandia Gallery)
- 28-31 Art Exhibition: FUISAD Juried Student Work (Finlandia Gallery)

#### APRIL

- 1-15 Art Exhibition: FUISAD Juried Student Work (Finlandia Gallery)
- 10 Nordic Film Series, 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (FAHC)
- 22-30 Art Exhibition: FUISAD 2008 Diploma Works (Finlandia Gallery)
- 26 Opening Reception: FUISAD 2008 Diploma Works
- 27 Baccalaureate Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. (FAHC)
- 27 Commencement Exercises, 2:00 p.m. (Paavo Nurmi Center)

#### MAY

- 1-22 Art Exhibition: FUISAD 2008 Diploma Works (Finlandia Gallery)
- 2 Spring 2008 Semester Ends
- 8 Nordic Film Series, 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (FAHC)
- 16-17 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 19 Summer 2008 Semester Begins
- 20 Community Partners Meeting (FAHC)

#### JUNE

- 3-30 Art Exhibition: Jari Arffman: *Counterparts* (Finlandia Gallery)
- 26-29 All-school Reunion 2008

#### JULY

- 1-31 Art Exhibition: Jari Arffman: *Counterparts* (Finlandia Gallery)
- 18 Summer 2008 Semester Ends
- 13-19 Elderhostel Session 1: *The Heritage of Finland, A Finnish American Experience*
- 27-31 Elderhostel Session 2: *The Heritage of Finland, A Finnish American Experience*
- 29-31 10th Annual Sibelius Academy Music Festival

#### AUGUST

- 1-2 Finnish Council in America Meeting (FAHC)
- 1-2 Elderhostel Session 2: *The Heritage of Finland, A Finnish American Experience*
- 1-3 10th Annual Sibelius Academy Music Festival
- 1-31 Art Exhibition: Jari Arffman: *Counterparts* (Finlandia Gallery)
- 25 Fall 2008 Semester Begins

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### ATHLETIC EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY

##### Men's Basketball

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rochester College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marygrove College
- 5<sup>th</sup> Northland College
- 9<sup>th</sup> Lake Superior State University
- 16<sup>th</sup> Northland Baptist Bible College
- 19<sup>th</sup> University of Wisconsin-Superior

##### Women's Basketball

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rochester College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marygrove College
- 5<sup>th</sup> Northland College
- 16<sup>th</sup> Northland Baptist Bible College
- 19<sup>th</sup> University of Wisconsin-Superior

##### Men's Hockey

- 1<sup>st</sup> Northland College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Northland College
- 8<sup>th</sup> University of Minnesota-Crookston
- 9<sup>th</sup> University of Minnesota-Crookston

#### Men's Hockey (continued)

- 15<sup>th</sup> Lawrence University
- 16<sup>th</sup> Lawrence University
- 23<sup>rd</sup> First Round MCHA Playoffs

##### Women's Hockey

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lake Forest College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Concordia University-Wisconsin
- 9<sup>th</sup> Adrian College
- 10<sup>th</sup> Adrian College
- 16<sup>th</sup> University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- 17<sup>th</sup> University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- 23<sup>rd</sup> University of Wisconsin-Superior
- 24<sup>th</sup> University of Wisconsin-Superior

##### Women's Softball

- 29<sup>th</sup> Finlandia Dome Tournament\*

\*NMU, Marquette, Mich.

#### MARCH

##### Men's Hockey

- 2<sup>nd</sup> MCHA Final Four

#### Women's Hockey

- 2<sup>nd</sup> NCHA Playoffs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> NCHA Playoffs

##### Men's Baseball

- 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Gene Cusic Classic, Ft. Meyers, Fla.
- 24<sup>th</sup> North Central University\*
- 26<sup>th</sup> Milwaukee School of Engineering

\*HHH Metrodome, Minneapolis, Minn.

##### Women's Softball

- 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Finlandia Dome Tournament\*
- 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Gene Cusic Classic, Ft. Myers, Fla.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bethany Lutheran College

\*NMU, Marquette, Mich.

#### APRIL

##### Men's Baseball

- 5<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Christian College
- 6<sup>th</sup> Alma College
- 7<sup>th</sup> Kalamazoo College
- 11<sup>th</sup> Viterbo University

#### Men's Baseball (continued)

- 15<sup>th</sup> Cardinal Stritch University
- 20<sup>th</sup> Northland College

##### Women's Softball

- 4<sup>th</sup> Concordia University (Wisc.)
- 6<sup>th</sup> University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- 19<sup>th</sup> Lawrence University
- 20<sup>th</sup> Cardinal Stritch University
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mount Mary College

#### MAY

##### Men's Baseball

- 5<sup>th</sup> Northland College
- 6<sup>th</sup> University of Wisconsin - Superior

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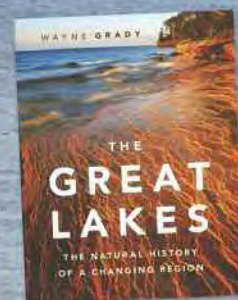
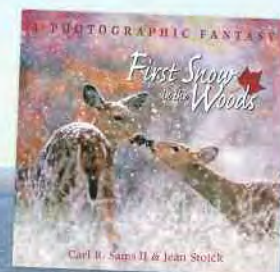
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