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A SUCCESSFUL CAREER BEGINS

When 2008 graduate Phil Schwartz arrived at Finlandia University he wanted to earn a dual degree in criminal justice and business administration. He also wanted to play collegiate hockey close to his home in Minocqua, Wisconsin.

While exploring his internship options in his sophomore year, Schwartz became interested in working for the federal government. He discovered that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), with its straightforward mission, was the place for him. Following a nine-month background investigation, Schwartz was granted an internship position with the ATF field office located in Madison, Wisconsin.

The ATF conducts criminal investigations, regulates the firearms, explosives, alcohol, and tobacco industries, and assists other law enforcement agencies.

"Before I started my internship in spring 2008, I told myself that I wanted to treat this as a real job; my main goal was to learn as much as I could," Schwartz begins.

Schwartz kept a daily journal detailing his every experience. He also took pictures and studied federal rules and regulations enforced by the ATF.

"I wanted to familiarize myself with the information I will ultimately be expected to know, and I also needed to learn the terminology so I could participate in the agents' discussions," he explains.

"Even as an intern I was able to work directly with the agents," Schwartz notes. "I was involved in a high-risk search warrant, observed federal court proceedings, and was trusted to enter confidential information into their federal computer network system. I gained valuable experience, from filing a report of investigation (ROI) to correctly boxing up a fully automatic weapon for shipping."

Schwartz felt comfortable with the knowledge and experience he had going into the internship. "I knew the basics and more. The agents were impressed with my criminal justice comprehension," he explains.

His business classes benefited Schwartz in a different way. "Everything revolves around business," he says. "In order to investigate and solve a crime one needs to

determine the motive (often money) and identify and evaluate potential problems and solutions. The dual majors of business and criminal justice led to a new investigative way of thinking."

A busy college lifestyle helped shape Schwartz for the intense communication required at the ATF. "Every day agents are on the phone or e-mailing people, getting data faxed to them, scanning, researching online, or saving information onto jump drives. I developed these skills during my years at Finlandia through classwork, volunteer opportunities, and on-campus work-study positions."

"I feel I could write a book about the vast amounts of information and experience gained during my time with the ATF," Schwartz says. "Every second of my internship was invaluable. The ATF agents were eager to share their process in pursuing a case, but first they would ask me how I would proceed. Being put on the spot like that gave me the opportunity to prove myself and voice my ideas. Without my criminal justice background I would have been lost."

"The knowledge and experience I acquired is second to none and qualifies me for jobs I could not have applied for three months ago. With the help of several agents, notably Special Agent Diane Pospysalla, I have obtained many references and contacts within the federal government."

"As an intern with the ATF, I have been given a jump-start on my dream of working for a federal agency," Schwartz concludes. "This experience, combined with my dual Criminal Justice and Business Administration bachelor's degree from Finlandia University, are the first major

stepping stones in what I believe will be a successful career as a federal agent."

Schwartz has applied to and heard from the U.S. Border Patrol, the Air Marshals, the United Nations, and others. Currently he is a part-time security officer at Finlandia.

After graduating from Lakeland Union High School, Minocqua, Schwartz played two years of junior hockey in Mississippi, Illinois, and Ohio. He is the son of Holly Schwartz, Minocqua, and the late James Schwartz. He has a younger sister and brother.



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PHILIP JOHNSON

President

"These small but significant leanings belong to a larger forward movement that is coming together in a new round of strategic thinking."

The sunflower is so named not only for its appearance, but also for its behavior. As a heliotropic flower, its blossom faces east each morning as it greets the sunrise, tracking the sun's course throughout the day, and looking west at sunset. In the morning, the sunflower is once again ready to face the new day.

The course of the sun, and the sunflower, reminds me of the seasonal cycles here on campus. The Finlandia University campus, on the south-facing slopes of Hancock, can't help but face the sun, adjusting our work and priorities as the seasons change and our community grows and changes.

This issue of *the Bridge* finds me both looking back and leaning forward. As you read these pages you'll look back at April commencement ceremonies and Finlandia's Class of 2008 graduates, spring international study and travel opportunities, several annual summer events including the Sibelius Festival and Elderhostel, and an all-class reunion that took place in June. It was a good summer for Finlandia. I believe you'll enjoy the review.

Now that it's August, however, we're leaning forward as we prepare to welcome this year's students. They are our most distinguished guests, and we consider it a privilege to have them on campus and in our classrooms.

In truth, we've been leaning forward for several months now. When the presidential priorities for the 2008-09 academic year were announced this spring, faculty and staff immediately began to identify and implement many small but significant improvements to student quality of life.

Small but significant means that several important new faculty and staff positions were filled this summer. Our new colleagues have already proven themselves capable and eager to contribute to the Finlandia community. Small but significant means we have renovated more space in our residence hall and made substantial improvements to campus security. And, especially significant for laptop users, the convenience of campus-wide wireless Internet service now makes it possible for Finlandia students to access the Internet anywhere on campus, inside or outside.

These small but significant leanings belong to a larger forward movement that is coming together in a new round of strategic thinking. We have spent the better part of this year, in fact, looking and leaning. You'll discover additional pieces of this larger movement in future issues of *the Bridge*.

Where did the summer go? It seemed that summer was reluctant to arrive this year, and yet it's fall already. I've heard predictions, however, that the warm temperatures may stick around a bit longer. I don't think I'll hear many complaints about a few extra weeks of sunshine!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Johnson".

Philip Johnson, Ph.D.
President



Reunion-Goers Arrive in Full Force

"What a nice weekend at Finlandia University, with the Suomi Conference and the gala reunion," wrote Les Niemi, 1954 Suomi College and Theological Seminary graduate, in a recent e-mail to Duane Westfield ('53, '58), also a seminary graduate and the catalyst for the June 27-29, 2008, all-class Finlandia University/Suomi College reunion. "I think there was almost 100% grand approval of the event and the weekend."

The reunion gave special recognition to the Suomi College Class of 1958 and all Theological Seminary graduates. (The seminary merged with the Chicago Lutheran Seminary in 1958.)

More than 150 alumni and friends attended the three-day event. Christina Mayworm, Finlandia's director of alumni relations, said, "We had set a goal of 100 attendees for this first-ever all-school reunion, so we were especially pleased that so many attended."

Unofficially, the reunion began Thursday afternoon with a meeting of the ELCA Suomi Special Interest Conference. That evening 32 Suomi College Choir alumni met for their first practice session to prepare for performances at the opening banquet and the Sunday chapel service.

Norma Nominelli ('51), who organized the choir reunion and the music for the banquet and worship service, said she was delighted at the warmth and good fellowship of all the alumni.

"After the practice there was the best reunion!" Norma added. "It was just wonderful to renew those old friendships, especially with the seminarians. Christina Mayworm and Duane Westfield did a wonderful job. It took a year and a half of planning, but it was well worth it. Kudos to them and to the entire organizing committee."

Friday morning, reunion-goers began to arrive in force. That evening's banquet at Finlandia Hall was buzzing with



Suomi College Choir alumni perform at the Friday evening Reunion 2008 banquet.

the talk and laughter of alumni from as long ago as 1935, and as recently as 2004. Many of the attendees were from surrounding counties, Michigan, and neighboring states, but alumni from as far away as Finland, Washington, Kansas, Massachusetts, Georgia, and ten additional states made the trip.

"I thought overall the reunion was a huge success. I was delighted to see the turnout," said Sylvia (Saari) Fleishman ('58), chair of the Finlandia University Board of Trustees. "Throughout the entire event there was incredible synergy. I saw people I hadn't seen for 50 years and had an opportunity to visit with many classmates that I had not seen since I left the institution. It was extremely successful and extremely good for Finlandia."

Reunion attendees had the option of participating in many activities, including a golf outing, a guided trolley tour of the area, alumni hockey and basketball games, and a Lake Superior boat cruise. Individual gatherings for a number of Suomi and Finlandia graduating classes also took place over the weekend.

The reunion concluded Sunday morning with a worship service at Finlandia's Chapel of St. Matthew. The results of a post-reunion survey clearly indicate that renewing friendships and sharing memories with classmates were the highlights of the weekend.

"A lot of people are looking forward the next one, whenever it may be," said Scott Dickson ('58), a member of the International Alumni Board and the Reunion 2008 organizing committee. It's likely that a second all-school Suomi College/Finlandia University will be hosted in 2013.



FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY GALLERY SCHEDULE 2008

June 9 to September 11

Closing Reception: Tuesday, September 9, 2008 7:00-8:30 pm

Jari Arffman: *Counterparts*

Counterparts is an exhibit of black and white photography by Finnish photographer Jari Arffman. The photos combine multiple real cities into three imaginary cities that reveal a way of being that is not dependent solely on our position on the globe.

September 18 to October 16

Opening Reception: Thursday, September 18, 2008 7:00-8:30 pm

Bird Ross: *Speaking Volumes*

Artist Bird Ross pursues the idea of using books as a raw material to create art. Ross believes that books are a magical material. "Books are made for one thing (to be read) and are very often used for something else (to help you reach your peas at the table or to help you walk straighter and balance better)," Ross says. "I would like to exhaust the book's possibilities as a non-book. (Is a book still a book when it's not a book?)"

October 23 to November 13

Opening Reception: Thursday, October 23, 2008 7:00-8:30 pm

Christine Flavin, *Vanishing Points*

Since moving to Michigan's Upper Peninsula more than a year ago, Christine Flavin has been researching the history of and photographing abandoned iron and copper mining sites, stamp sand mills, and the barren ground they have left behind. In a series of black-and-white zone plate images, panoramic pinhole color murals, and historic photographs, Flavin's exhibit explores the historical significance and contemporary remains of the U.P. mining industry.

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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Three Board Member Profiles

John C. Hamar

A lifelong resident of the Copper Country, John Hamar was elected to the Finlandia University Board in 1984 and the university's Executive Committee in 1987. He earned a B.S. in economics from Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisc., and served in the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps during the Korean War. He was granted a Finlandia University honorary doctoral degree in 2006. He and his wife, Joan, live in Chassell, Mich., and Sarasota, Fla.

Hamar was president of Horner Flooring Co., Dollar Bay, Mich., from 1975 until his retirement in 1990. He is a member and past president of a number of community organizations. "The school has come a long way since its inception," he says. "I feel that the future is very bright. The Board works very hard in seeing that the life and well-being of the university is maintained. I want that to continue."

Ronald P. Helman

Ron Helman was executive director for the Michigan Tech Fund from 1976 to 1996, and Michigan Technological University vice president for advancement from 1987 until his retirement in 1996. Following his retirement from MTU, he served for 18 months as a part-time advancement advisor to former President Robert Ubbelohde. He became a Finlandia Board member in 1998. Helman received a B.A. and M.S. from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, both in geology. He was an officer in the United State Air Force for four-and-a-half years.

"Throughout its proud history, Suomi/Finlandia has provided an education needed by so very many students. The university's mission and history presents an exciting challenge in which I can use my experience," Helman says.

In his retirement Helman has coached three community campaigns totaling \$1.3 million for Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly, the Copper Country Humane Society, and the new Portage Lake District Library. He is an active member of several community organizations. He and his wife, Lou Ellyn, both native Ohioans, live in Chassell, Mich. They have lived in the Copper Country for 30 years.

Ray M. Hirvonen

Ray Hirvonen has served on the Finlandia Board since 1994. He is also a member of the Finnish Council in America. From 1950 until his retirement as president in 1989, Hirvonen worked at Marquette Bottling Works, Inc. He was also president of Northern Michigan Vending, Marquette. Hirvonen completed a B.B.A. at the University of Michigan. He is married to former board member Rachel Hetico. They reside in Marquette and Stuart, Fla.

"I hope to be able to contribute to the success of the school, so I am willing to serve on the Board," Hirvonen notes. "Finlandia has a past with a lot of ups and downs, but it has survived and will continue to do so in the future."



Left to right: John Hamar, Ron Helman, and Ray Hirvonen



Pictured above: Finlandia students at Fusion Fest

Learning the Business of Art

Thanks to a grant from the Coleman Foundation, ten Finlandia University students and associate fiber arts/fashion design professor Phyllis Fredendall attended the 8th Annual Self Employment in the Arts (SEA) Conference in Lisle, Ill., February 29 to March 1. It was a conference to learn about the business of arts.

"It felt like the professional artists were giving away their secrets," agreed many of the Finlandia students who attended.

Artists of all ages and skill levels were there, from middle school to older adults, from beginners to professionals, said Fredendall. Multiple seminar tracks for students and teachers, exhibits of student and professional artwork, panel discussions, and 'one-on-ones' with key speakers were just a few of the conference activities.

"There were targeted sessions for all creative disciplines, ranging from how to get published and how to design a website, to maintaining positive relationships with gallery owners and paying income taxes," Fredendall added.

Art and design sophomore John Fish (Iron River) made some strong connections at the conference. "Networking – everyone says how important it is. I met people and got my work out there," he said. "It's important that people know what you do, and to let others see your work."

Business junior Andy Kirt (Gaylord) enjoyed visiting Chicago's art museum and learning about writing successful grants. "I learned that it's important to propose a budget so they know you'll follow up," he said. "I also learned the importance of free writing and not to use words like could, would, or should."

Art and design sophomore Pamela Kotila (Dodgeville), who writes and illustrates her own books, met one-on-one with Tom Wilson, creator of the "Ziggy" comic strip. "He gave me lots of positive feedback," Kotila said. "He liked my drawings and story. He was very encouraging and very helpful overall."

Colleen Trail (Clarksville, Tenn.), a senior ceramics major, also met with Wilson. She learned that, "It's okay to be imperfect; it's the imperfections that make art special."

Trail added that no matter what room you visited at the conference there was always something interesting and something to learn.

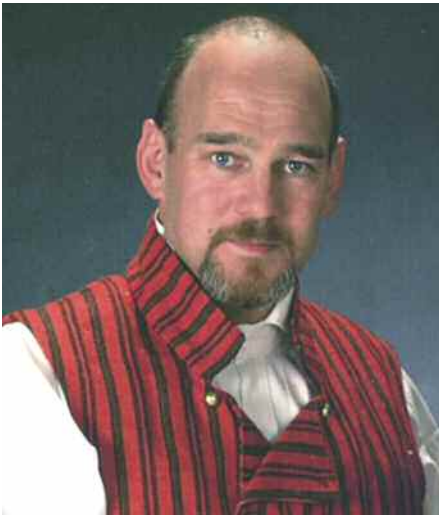
Spring BFA graduate Melisa Gronowski (Vulcan) talked about art, life, and spirituality with sculptor Bruce Niemi. "It was amazing," she said. "His stainless steel sculptures sell for \$50,000! It was great to bounce ideas off him. It was a one-on-one that lasted an hour."

Gronowski sold a painting at the conference. "Definitely bring your work to the conference," she advised other students. "Don't think your work isn't good enough. Don't sell yourself short. Just do it."

Finlandia students have already started to raise money to attend next year's SEA Conference. On April 20 they hosted Finlandia's first-ever art and music festival, "Fusion Fest." The full day event at Portage Campus included live music, art demonstrations, tours of Portage Campus, arts and crafts booths, food, and a dance.

In addition to the Finlandia students quoted above, the following art and design students attended the SEA Conference: sophomore Ashley Jilek (Davis, Ill.), junior Mai Takada (Japan), sophomore Ansley Knoch (Madison, Wisc.), sophomore Tara Vassar (Niagara, Wisc.), and junior Stacy Karvonen (Hancock).

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James N. Kurtti

Kurtti Named Honorary Consul

James N. Kurtti has been approved as the Honorary Consul of Finland for the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Osmo Lipponen, Consul General of

Finland in New York, announced recently. The Finlandia University Finnish American Heritage Center has been designated the U.P. office of the Finnish Honorary Consul.

Kurtti's volunteer role as Honorary Consul is to provide regional services to Finnish citizens and expatriate Finns, and facilitate communication between U.P. communities and Finnish businesses and cultural interests.

Kurtti is no stranger to working with Finns in the U.S. and elsewhere. A Finnish American, he is the director of Finlandia University's Finnish American Heritage Center and Historical Archive, editor of the *Finnish American Reporter*, and a member of numerous Finnish-American-related civic organizations.

Finlandia Announces Tuition Freeze

This spring Finlandia University President Philip Johnson announced that the university will not increase tuition rates, or room and board rates for residential students, in the 2008-09 academic year.

"The university is committed to affordable private education in the Upper Peninsula," Johnson said. "The 2008-09 tuition freeze is our response to the current economic realities faced by our students."

"Finlandia primarily serves a local and regional moderate- to low-income demographic," Johnson added. "More than 75% of our students are from the U.P., and more than half of them are non-traditional, commuting students with jobs, families, and homes. Finlandia does not want to make it harder for these people to attend."



President Philip Johnson

From Bruce Crossing, Kurtti completed an associate degree at Suomi College, studied at Helsinki University, and earned a bachelor's degree in social work and Finnish studies at the University of Minnesota. Contact Kurtti at 906-487-7302 or james.kurtti@finlandia.edu.



Yueh-mei Cheng (left) conducts a workshop in Lyon, France.

Cheng's Work Exhibited in France

International School of Art & Design Associate Professor Yueh-mei Cheng spent much of the summer in Lyon and Paris, France. In June and July, solo exhibitions of her work appeared at Galerie Forge in Old Town Lyon, the historical and cultural district of Lyon, and at Galerie l'ARTicle in the historic Le Marais District of Paris. In conjunction with the exhibits Cheng instructed seven public painting workshops and lectures. Cheng's work has been widely exhibited in China, Taiwan, Europe, and the United States. She works in acrylic, watercolor, and traditional Chinese and Japanese pigments on paper, canvas, or silk.

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Chester Rheault stands atop the handicapped-accessible steps at Finlandia's pool.

Stairs Installed at Finlandia Pool

When Chester Rheault of Lake Linden was nearing his 65th birthday and ready for semi-retirement he thought he should start getting more exercise. So, in 2000 he started swimming two or three times a week at Finlandia University's Paavo Nurmi Center. A childhood accident had made walking difficult for Chester, limiting his exercise options.

He swam several times a week for a couple of years, making friends with many other retirees who also swam at Paavo Nurmi. After a period of time, however, Chester said some of his new friends had to discontinue swimming because they could no longer comfortably get in and out of the pool using the standard ladder.

Then Chester, too, had to stop swimming after he twisted his ankle getting out of the pool one day. Chester's son, Brian Rheault of Wellington, Fla., said his father basically abandoned swimming at that time. Brian didn't think that was right. That's why he and his wife, Sheila, arranged the installation of handicapped-accessible steps at Finlandia's pool.

Now 76 and almost fully retired, Chester's ready to start swimming again. "It's a big help for us older people," Chester said. "And it's good for Finlandia, too. I hope word gets out to the community that people can now comfortably walk, not climb, in and out of the pool."

Chester Rheault is a Class of 1952 alumnus of Suomi College. An accountant, he has worked for the Ruppe family of Lake Linden for 50 years.



One of the paintings donated to the Finland University Gallery by Tarmo Watia.

Artist Donates Work to Gallery

Finnish American artist Tarmo Watia recently donated 48 small unframed mixed-media drawings and paintings to the Finlandia University Gallery, Carrie Flaspohler, director of the gallery, announced recently.

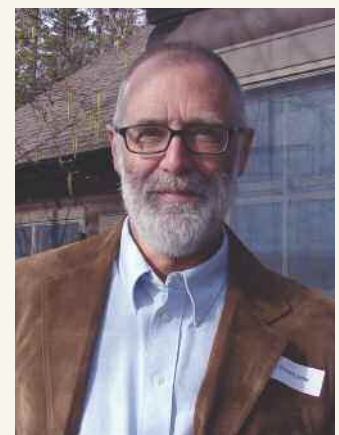
"This donation marks an important step in the university's goal of building a world class collection of Finnish-American artwork," said Flaspohler. "The significant gift from Tarmo Watia

Jon Brookhouse Retires

Jon Brookhouse, interim dean and ceramics and glass professor for the International School of Art & Design (ISAD), began teaching at Suomi College in 1976. He retired this summer. Brookhouse was co-chair of the design team that led the establishment of the ISAD in 1996. He said that the conversion of Finlandia from a 2- to a 4-year school was the biggest highlight of his career.

"Having the opportunity to work with individual students for four years was very rewarding," he added. Current acting dean of the ISAD, Denise Vandeville, was one of Brookhouse's first bachelor of fine arts graduates.

Although Brookhouse has officially retired from teaching art, he is still an active artist. "This is the first summer I've had any free time," he said. "I've renovated my studio, and have been traveling and relaxing. I hope to do a lot of snowboarding this winter." Brookhouse may teach a class at Finlandia this fall.



Jon Brookhouse

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greatly enhances our collection. The next step is to secure funds to begin framing some of the 48 donated pieces to display around campus."

Watia, who lives in Boise, Idaho, is a prolific artist who has dedicated over forty years of his life to the creation of art. He has exhibited extensively over the past four decades and his work is held in many public and private collections. Visit Watia's website at www.watiagallery.com.

Finlandia University's collection of Finnish American art also includes pieces by Elsa Bekkala, Marlene Ekola Gerberick, Gladys Koski Holmes, Gerald Immonen, Joyce Koskenmaki, Arno Minkkinen, and other notable artists.

If you are interested in donating a frame for a piece of Watia's work, please contact Flaspohler at 906-487-7500 or carrie.flaspohler@finlandia.edu.



Denise Vandeville

ISAD Dean Invited to Oxford University

Denise Vandeville, acting dean of the International School of Art & Design, presented her research to the Oxford Round Table this July at Exeter College, Oxford University, England. Each year 30-40 international scholars are invited to this event to exchange ideas, and discuss and debate a variety of issues.

Vandeville said her paper, "The da Vinci Stain: Chaos Theory, Fractal Geometry, and Aesthetic Preference", addresses the age-old question, "Why do we like what we like?" Using a cross-discipline approach, the topic provides new insight into a biological aesthetic, drawing on fields such as mathematics, physics, neurology, and philosophy to develop an art theory based on human experience.

Vandeville graduated summa cum laude with a master of fine arts from the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, where this topic was the basis of her masters degree thesis. An alumna of Finlandia University, she returned to Finlandia as an instructor in the fall of 2005. Vandeville says she was proud to represent Finlandia University at this global forum.



Kaisa Koivula (left) and Jukka Ojala perform at the Vertin Gallery.

Sibelius Fest a Success

Given the Finnish and Finnish-American roots of Finlandia University, it is apt that the university hosts an annual music festival featuring some of the finest young musicians in Finland. And the tradition of music at Finlandia

Good News for Finlandia Newspapers

The Finlandia University student newspaper, *The Roar*, has been awarded a Good News Award for an article written by liberal arts senior Steve Palek titled, "A Look at an Unusual Mind."

Palek's article offers a personal, first-hand account of the challenges, frustrations, and even rewards, of living with Asperger's Syndrome, a type of autism. It was featured in the November 23, 2007, edition of the student newspaper.



Steve Palek accepts his Good News Award from Rev. Carolyn Raffensperger.

Further, a feature story about violin-maker Tauno Ekonen and a photo of the children's folk dance group Kivajat that appeared, respectively, in the November 2007 and October 2007 issues of the *Finnish American Reporter* also received Good News Awards.

For 11 years the Good News Awards, sponsored by the judicatory heads of the Presbyterian, United Methodist, Catholic, Episcopal, and Evangelical Lutheran churches in the Upper Peninsula region, have honored radio, television, and newspaper productions that touch the hearts and minds of all people of good will, says the organization's website.

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Left to right: Peter Vorhes, Peter Gundersen, and James Nestingen

Opportunities for Dialogue

"My responsibility is to confess the faith that is mine—and not to demand that my neighbor confess my faith, but that he confesses the faith that is his," said church historian Dr. James Nestingen at the 2008 Finlandia University Theological Lecture Series April 5-6 at the Finnish American Heritage Center.

"The intent of the lecture series was to bring together people from the various Lutheran churches—ELCA, LCMS, WELS, Free Lutheran, Apostolic—and provide opportunities for dialogue," said René Johnson, interim campus pastor. "Our first session together focused on the diverse histories of the immigrants that formed the various expressions of Lutheranism in the United States. We learned about the different cultural and theological influences on these groups."

During the second session, attendees shared stories of living together and learning from differences. "Nestingen shared his own stories of discovering a clearer sense of his own confession through his friendships with Jewish, Apostolic, and Wisconsin Synod friends," Johnson said.

A grant from the Siebert Foundation funded the lecture series. A second lecture series is planned in 2009.

University began early. Throughout much of the institution's history, music and the student choir were important components of student life. Today, students may choose to take a variety of music classes.

The 10th Annual Sibelius Academy Music Festival was presented the week of July 28. More than 350 concertgoers attended the series of three concerts featuring a solo pianist, a mezzosoprano, and an accordion/clarinet duo. The excellence of the young Finnish musicians was evident in their performances of selections by traditional composers such as Sibelius, Schumann, and Tchaikovsky, and by modern composers Ives, Françaix, Ravel, and Grieg.

The first two festival concerts were preceded by well-attended free performances of the Noteworthy Chorus, a women's a cappella vocal ensemble directed by Theresa Goodell, and the Kivajat Dancers, a children's traditional dance troupe directed by Kay Seppala.

Concluding this year's festival was a public reception August 2 at the Vertin Gallery, Calumet, where attendees enjoyed an informal recital by clarinetist Kaisa Koivula and accordionist Jukka Ojala.

College of Health Sciences

Nursing Department chair Fredi deYampert announced this spring that new directions being taken in the university's health care-related programs have led to the establishment of the College for Health Sciences, which houses the Nursing and Physical Therapist Assistant programs.

DeYampert said that in the coming months the college will conduct feasibility studies with input from health care providers, local educators, and high school students to determine the health care-related degree programs the community may

need, now and in the future. She said plans for new degree programs are in their infancy, but possibilities include the training of medical, dental, and speech therapy assistants.



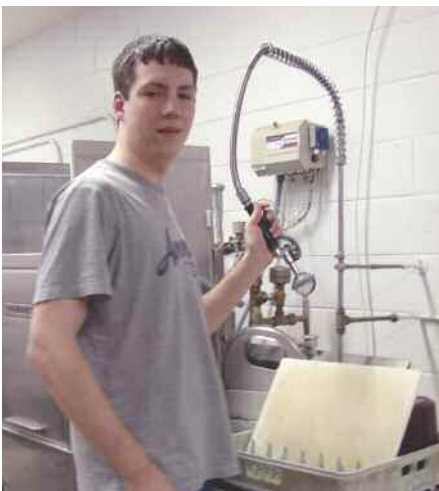
Studio arts major Jessica Spear at the February bookbinding workshop.

More Headlines ...

FEBRUARY—English Professor Lauri Anderson talks about Hemingway for "The Great Michigan Read" ... Four fiber arts students receive Kuhlman Foundation grants totaling more than \$5,000 ... Faculty member from Finland's HAMK University of Applied Sciences visits campus, conducts bookbinding workshop ... Former NCAA president Judy Sweet addresses student-athletes ... Finlandia receives grant from First Alert System Text for text message-based emergency notification system ... Men's hockey team defends MCHA Harris Cup against Milwaukee School of Engineering, losing the championship in a disappointing overtime loss ... Women's hockey team plays in first round of Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) O'Brien Cup playoffs.

CAMPUS NEWS

MARCH—Associate Professor Dan Maki directs hit Broadway musical, “Two By Two” ... “Equinox,” a runway fashion show, features the work of Finlandia fiber arts alumnae and current students ... Traditional Chinese medicine expert shares philosophy and medicinal expertise at Heritage Center ... Fifteen from Finlandia help out in Ocean Springs, Miss., on second annual Alternate Spring Break ... Maki Library selected to receive Institute of Museum and Library Services “Connecting to Collections Bookshelf” ... City of Houghton honors studio arts students for work on historical mural at Carnegie Museum ... Physical Therapist Assistant students help ease burden for MTU students who lost belongings in house fire.



Andrew Kirt, Student Employee of the Year

APRIL—Little Finland, Hurley, Wisc., awards scholarships to two Finnish-American students ... Provost Jeanne Rellahan attends 113th Annual Meeting of The Higher Learning Commission in Chicago ... Business junior Andrew Kirt of Gaylord selected as 2008 Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators Student Employee of the Year ... Director of the Arts Entrepreneurship Center at Columbia College talks with art and design students.

MAY—Finlandia students complete third annual service learning trip to Tanzania ... Finlandia Connection course takes Nursing and Human Services students to Finland ... Finnish Interests Consortium hosted by Finnish American Heritage Center and Finlandia Foundation-Copper Country.



Pauli Kniivila (far right) and others inspect an 1887 temperance society record book.

JUNE—Upward Bound hosts 26th annual “mock college experience” for 35 area high school students ... Pauli Kniivila of Key Largo, Florida, donates to Finlandia archive an 1887 record book of the Hyvä Toivo (Good Hope) Temperance Society of Calumet ... International Alumni Board holds annual meeting.



Liberal studies student Dane Rasmussen (front) demonstrates the Australian didgeridoo at Fusion Fest in April.

JULY—ELCA Northern Great Lakes Synod youth attend Leadership School on Finlandia campus ... Elderhostel program hosts 38 for a “Finnish-American Experience” ... Finnish Council in America holds annual meeting ... 2007-08 women’s basketball team finishes third in the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) NCAA Division III Academic Top 25 ... Finlandia International Alumni Board and member Allen Freis host alumni and friends at Wisconsin Timber Rattlers minor league ballgame in Appleton, Wisc.

Phil Kukkonen Retires

For more than 20 years the Honorable Philip L. Kukkonen was an adjunct instructor for Finlandia’s Criminal Justice program, teaching a section of Criminal Law each academic year. This spring he retired from teaching, and this fall he will also retire as Chief Judge of the Houghton County 97th District Court. Kukkonen says he is looking forward to spending more time traveling and visiting his family.



Phil Kukkonen

Commencement

*The life I touch for good or ill will
touch another life, and that in turn
another, until who knows where the
trembling stops or in what far place
my touch will be felt.*

– Novelist, poet, and Presbyterian minister
Frederick Buechner



Business graduates Kathryn Holsworth and Travis Hanson

Congratulations Class of 2008!

The Finlandia University 2008 Baccalaureate service and Commencement exercises took place Sunday, April 27. Starting off the day of celebration was Rev. Virginia Peacock, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Houghton, who delivered the Baccalaureate sermon. She urged graduates to, like Jesus's disciples following his death and resurrection, "free think when you have to."

Commencement speakers included Pekka Lintu, Ambassador of Finland to the United States, who was also awarded an honorary degree, Class of 2008 Valedictorian Nancy Lynn Kauppila, and 1983 alumna Regina Sobieski. Appropriately, the local choral quartet "Borealis" performed the African popular song "Wimoweh" (The Lion Sleeps Tonight) popularized in the U.S. by Pete Seeger, the Kingston Trio, and other musicians.

The Whole Life is for Learning: Ambassador Pekka Lintu

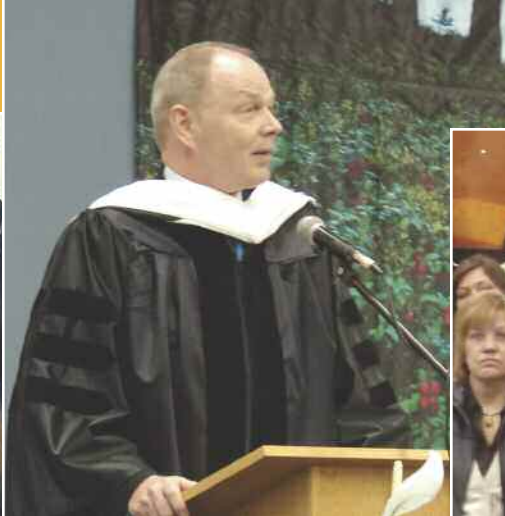
"His professional career and personal commitments reflect well Finlandia's institutional values," said President Johnson in his introduction of His Excellency Ambassador Pekka Lintu at 2008 Commencement exercises. "Thus we are honored to grant Ambassador Lintu an honorary doctor of humane letters."

Ambassador of Finland to the U.S. since January 2006, Lintu began his career with the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1972. His postings include France, Switzerland, and Japan, as well as Finland's Permanent Mission to the United Nations and Permanent Delegation to the OECD. Lintu is member of Finlandia University President's Council.

Ambassador Lintu's career has focused on economic and trade issues. He served as Finland's Under-Secretary for External Economic Affairs from 2001 to 2005. In the early 1990s, he was in charge of economic relations between Finland and the U.S., which included negotiating bilateral agreements in the fields of science and technology and defense.

"This distinguished career mirrors what Ambassador Lintu embodies: deep commitment to just and sustainable international economic cooperation," said President Johnson. "And for this we recognize and honor him today. Further, Ambassador Lintu has committed to work closely with Finnish-American communities in the U.S. to, among other things, help them preserve their cultural heritage. It is this commitment that has lured the ambassador to the Copper Country and Finlandia University."

"Times were different in 1896 when Suomi College was founded," Lintu said in his Commencement speech. "The majority of the students were children of Finnish immigrants and most work was physically grueling and back-breaking. Staying in touch with family and friends in



Nursing graduates Rhiannon Schmidt (left) and Faith Trebel

Ambassador Pekka Lintu

Elementary Education graduate Ryan Koski

the old homeland meant writing long letters and waiting weeks, sometimes months, for the mail to arrive; and access to higher education was limited.”

“Times have in many ways greatly improved since then,” Lintu continued. “I’m guessing that most of you graduates never had to write a long, detailed letter with a pen and paper. And most of you will never have to sacrifice your health because of your work.”

But, Lintu said, two things have not changed significantly over the years.

“The first is the importance of education. A degree continues to be an integral way to distinguish yourself in the work world, providing you with skills, knowledge, and understanding of life’s issues to help you tackle the many challenges the world will throw at you. Your degree will help you open new doors and explore the growth possibilities life has to offer.”

“The second similarity between times past and present is the way our culture and heritage continue to influence our lives and institutions. If you don’t know your past, it’s hard to understand the present.”

Ambassador Lintu concluded his speech with two Finnish proverbs. The first, “Oppia ikä kaikki,” means, in English, “The whole life is for learning.” The second, “Minkä ilotta oppii, sen surutta unohtaa,” translates, “What you learn without joy, you will forget without sorrow.”

Make the Most of It: Regina Sobieski

Because of airline flight delays, 1983 criminal justice graduate Regina Sobieski could not attend the 2008 Commencement exercises. However, on her behalf Provost Jeanne Rellahan shared Sobieski’s prepared remarks with 2008 graduates.

“Graduation is the reward for all the late nights in the library and long hours studying,” Sobieski began. “In the years ahead, you will look back on this ceremony and realize

today—April 27, 2008—marks the day you began to forget the trivial facts you learned in college.”

However, Sobieski added, 2008 Finlandia University graduates will find that the deeper aspects of their education will resonate over time.

“I would like for you to reflect for a moment on your time spent here,” she continued. “What books have you read during your years at Finlandia? What conversations with your instructors, roommates, and fellow students have polished the lens for the ways in which you will now view and contribute to the world? What ideals and themes will you continue to pursue? How do you want to make your mark on the world?”

“You will leave here this afternoon with only one thing that no one else has. There will be hundreds of people with the same degree, there will be thousands of people doing what you want to do for living. But you will be the only person who brings your unique ‘self’ and your unique ‘skill set’ to the table. Make the most of it.”

“I did!”

Since graduating from Suomi College in 1983, criminal justice consultant Regina Sobieski has done a lot with her life. And, she said, Suomi College was always along for the ride. An article about Sobieski’s career appeared in the spring 2008 issue of *the Bridge*.

“Whether I was being introduced to members of the United Nations in Budapest, meeting with and training Cabinet members of the Ministry of Justice in Tokyo, convening the first Diplomatic Immunity Symposium on Drunk Driving Offenses with then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, or being invited to participate in a conference at John Jay College, my bio or introduction always included Suomi College,” Regina said.

“I enjoyed enlightening those curious strangers to the remarkable education I received at a Finnish school and the beauty of the Upper Peninsula.”

Achieving a Balance

It wasn't until her youngest daughter was four years old that Nancy Lynn Kauppila decided she wanted to study nursing. She was 34 and had been a full-time mom for many years.

When she began working part-time at the Apostolic Lutheran Home for the Aged, Calumet, Kauppila attended an in-service program about hospice care. "This area of work fascinated me," she said. "That's when I decided to go into nursing with an end goal of becoming a hospice nurse."

Nancy Kauppila, Calumet, is valedictorian of the Finlandia University Class of 2008. She earned a cumulative GPA of 3.99 and has been a leader and mentor among her fellow classmates. This spring she completed Finlandia's recently established RN-to-BSN program.

Kauppila's April 27 Commencement speech began with the German proverb, "Never give advice unless asked."

And, as Valedictorian, Kauppila *was* asked. In sharing thoughts about what guided her as she completed her BSN at Finlandia, Kauppila hoped to help her fellow graduates achieve a balance between career and personal life.

"So, fellow graduates," Kauppila said, "My advice to you is: number one, start small looking one step at a time; number two, have a goal in the end, but also have little

goals on the way; number three, don't bite off more than you can chew; number four, do your best in everything you attempt; and number five, never stop learning."

Without question, it has been challenging for Kauppila to juggle family and work responsibilities, not to mention find time for relaxation. "I would say the most challenging part of it all was just staying afloat when I had to log 160 clinical hours in a semester, as well as do homework and work 40 hours a week."

Kauppila didn't have the grand goal of completing a BSN when she started at Finlandia in 2002. "I just picked away at it one semester at a time," she explains. "I made it work and didn't collapse in the process. My husband and children have been the most patient, especially as I chose homework over housework all of the time."

"College is not your entire life while you are going," Kauppila advised. "Neither is your career. Family is extremely important, as well as rest and relaxation. It is not always easy, but one must make time for the things that feel good: sing, play with your children, family, friends, read a good book, soak up the precious sunshine that comes our way."

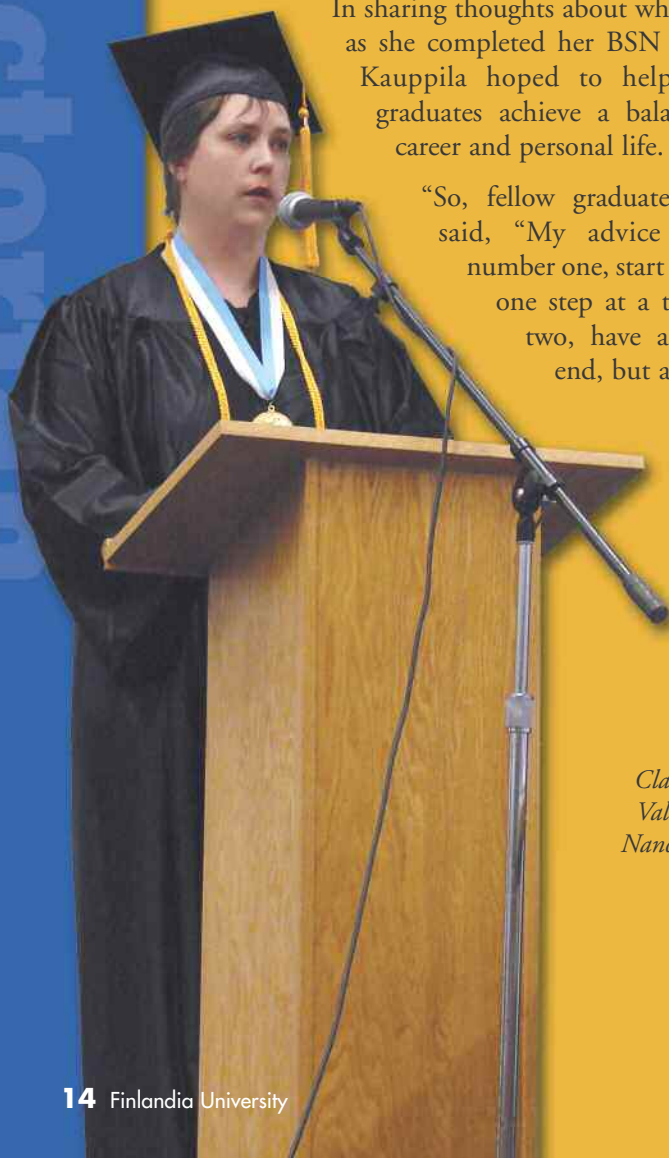
Now 40, Kauppila earned an associate degree in nursing (ADN) at Finlandia in 2005.

"As I was studying for my associate degree, I had the long-term goal of continuing on for my bachelor's," Kauppila said. "The staff in the Nursing department helped me to fill any holes in my schedule to include classes I would need should I decide to go on with my education. This kept me on track with a smaller, attainable goal of the two year degree, while at the same time creeping towards the larger goal of the four year degree."

For now, Kauppila says she'll continue her long term care nursing work at Portage Pointe, where she has worked since 2006.

"I'm thinking about going on for my masters degree to become a family nurse practitioner," she adds. "But I may wait a year, as I am exhausted!"

Kauppila and her husband of 24 years, Stuart, have seven children ages 11 to 23. She sings with the Keweenaw Ecumenical Choir, took part in the Calumet Player's "The Sound of Music" last fall, and for many years was involved in the Girl Scouts.



*Class of 2008
Valedictorian
Nancy Kauppila*

Class of 2008 Valedictorian: Nancy Lynn Kauppila, BSN (Calumet).

Summa Cum Laude Honors Graduates. These students earned an overall 3.9-4.0 GPA: Mary Elizabeth Arend, B.F.A. (Mohawk); Amy Lynne Cone, B.S.N. (Calumet); Kari Lynn Gervais, B.S.N. (Lake Linden); Kathryn Michelle Holsworth, B.B.A. (Republic); Ronda Kay Jones, B.F.A., B.B.A. (Laurium); Nancy Lynn Kauppila, B.S.N., Valedictorian (Calumet); Sara Ruth Keskimaki, B.S.N. (Houghton); Jennifer Kay Mattila, B.A., Elementary Education (Laurium); Maria Monique Peterson, A.A.S., Physical Therapist Assistant (Ontonagon); Meagan Rae Petros, B.S.N. (Marquette); Jennifer Lynn Raymond, B.S.N. (Ontonagon); Rhiannon Frances Schmidt, B.S.N. (Houghton); Sarah Lou Skoviera, B.A., Human Services (Hurley, Wisc.); Ryan Jay Wakeham, B.A., Human Services (Hancock).

Magna Cum Laude Honors Graduates. These students earned an overall 3.70-3.899 GPA: Julie Therese Anttila, B.A., Elementary Education (Calumet); Ryan Scott Artley, B.A., Liberal Studies (Baraga); Corinne Nicole Czekaj, B.A., Liberal Studies (Livonia, Mich.); Shawn Patrick Gallagher, A.A.S., Physical Therapist Assistant (Lake Linden); Travis Eugene Hanson, B.B.A. (Bark River); Michelle Elizabeth Helminen, A.A.S., Physical Therapist Assistant (Calumet); Helen Marie Helppi, B.S.N. (Bruce Crossing); Bonnie Jean Huhtasaari, B.A., Liberal Studies (L'Anse); Jack Darrell Johnson, B.A., Elementary Education (Bessemer); Anna Maria Koski, A.A.S., Physical Therapist Assistant (Houghton); Matthew Charles Lindgren, B.B.A. (Marysville); Abbey Sue Mishica, A.A.S., Physical Therapist Assistant (Calumet); Michael James Parks, B.S.N. (Marquette); Aaron M Radzwilowicz, B.F.A. (Watersmeet); Toni A. Richards, B.S.N. (Vulcan); Diane Marie Simbob, A.A.S., Physical Therapist Assistant (Crystal Falls); Lori Ann Summers, B.A., Elementary Education (L'Anse); Faith Marie Trebel, B.S.N. (Laurium).

Cum Laude Honors Graduates. These students earned a 3.50-3.699 overall GPA: Kylee Elizabeth Benson, B.F.A. (Iron River); Ryan William Hummel, B.B.A. (Stephenson); Robert Arlyn Jones, A.A.S., Physical Therapist Assistant (Calumet); Elizabeth Marie Jaakkuri, B.A., Human Services (Houghton); Shane Michelle Klimczyk, B.S.N. (Laurium); Kristen Marie Koljonen, B.A., Human Services (Mohawk); Rei Kuroyanagi, A.G.S. (Japan); Andrea Lynn Larson, A.A.S., Physical Therapist Assistant (Chassell); Meagan Rae Larson, B.F.A. (Laurium); Phyllis Elaine Latvala, B.S.N. (Ahmeek); Carolyn Ruth McMurphy, A.A.S., Physical Therapist



Assistant (Hancock); Maiko Ota, A.G.S. (Japan); Laura Reed Peterson, B.A., Liberal Studies (Saint Ignace); Emily Fern Pierce, B.F.A. (Traverse City); Timothy Martin Tracey, Jr., A.A.S., Physical Therapist Assistant (Houghton); Rebecca Ann Walker, B.S.N. (Mohawk); Elizabeth E. Walkonen, B.F.A. (Laurium).

Sampo Society Membership was awarded to Corrine Czekaj (Livonia), Kathryn Holsworth (Republic), Rhonda Jones (Laurium), Sara Keskimaki (Houghton), Jennifer Mattila (Laurium), and Aaron Radzwilowicz (Watersmeet).

The Sisu Award was awarded to Julie Anttila (Calumet), Derek Brumm (Marquette), and Elizabeth Walkonen (Laurium).

The following scholarships were awarded to continuing students:

The Ken & Lois Seaton Scholarship: Lisa Harden (Baraga).

The Philip and Loret Ruppe Community Service Award: Jaimianne Amicucci (Mahopac Falls, New York) and Dane Rasmussen (Stevens Point, Wisc.).

The Samuel Westerman Scholarship: Jill Heide (Lake Linden) and Kimberly Tober (Lake Linden).

The Virginia Fund Scholarship: Amanda Nicole Moyer (Livonia).

The David Lauren Jokela Endowed Memorial Scholarship: Nicole Frantti (Calumet).

Who's Who?

Selections for the annual edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* are based on academic achievement, involvement in leadership roles and community service, and potential for future achievement. Finlandia University Class of 2008 graduates included in the 2008 edition are: Mary Arend (Mohawk), Ryan Artley (Baraga), Kylee Benson (Iron River), Shawn Gallagher (Lake Linden), Kari Gervais (Lake Linden), Michelle Helminen (Calumet), Helen Helppi (Bruce Crossing), Kathryn Holsworth (Republic), Ryan Hummel (Stephenson), Elizabeth Jaakkuri (Houghton), Robert Jones (Calumet), Ronda Jones (Laurium), Nancy Kauppila (Calumet), Sara Keskimaki (Houghton), Kristen Koljonen (Mohawk), Anna Koski (Houghton), Rei Kuroyanagi (Okazaki Aichi, Japan), Phyllis Latvala (Ahmeek), Matthew Lindgren (Emmett), Carolyn McMurphy (Hancock), Abbey Mishica (Calumet), Maiko Ota (Shizuoka, Japan), Michael Parks (Marquette), Laura Peterson (St. Ignace), Maria Peterson (Ontonagon), Emily Pierce (Traverse City), Aaron Radzwilowicz (Watersmeet), Toni Richards (Vulcan), Rhiannon Schmidt (Houghton), Diane Simbob (Crystal Falls), Sarah Skoviera (Hurley, Wisc.), Timothy Tracey (Hubbell), Ryan Wakeham (Hancock), Rebecca Walker (Mohawk).

SPORTS NEWS

Men's Hockey: Finlandia's Travis Hanson Signs with Pros

Things moved quickly this March once Travis Hanson received a call from the Cincinnati Cyclones, an East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) team affiliated with the NHL's Nashville Predators and Montreal Canadiens.

"I was in Panama City Beach, Florida, on spring break when I got a phone call from their assistant coach saying they would like me to join the team," Hanson explained.

That was a Monday night. Hanson, a 2008 Finlandia BBA graduate, left on the first flight Tuesday morning for Marquette, picked up his belongings, and was in Cincinnati Wednesday night.

The Cyclones knew of Hanson through former Finlandia Lions hockey player Avery Wilson, a member of the Cyclones team. They needed a player with Hanson's style of play.

Hanson's first game with the Cyclones was Friday, March 28. "The experience was awesome. Everything you could expect," he said. "My first game was fan appreciation night in front of 10,000 people. I was in awe. The players were great, friendly, and always helping me out."

Hanson says playing with the Cyclones taught him more about the game and he feels he improved as a player.

"Playing professional hockey is your job, so everything is a step up," Hanson said. "The game is different: more systems and faster, the puck moves a lot faster. Also, the guys are bigger," Hanson noted.

For whatever the future may hold for him, Hanson says he is pleased to have this professional hockey experience. He plans to attend the Cyclones' training camp this fall, and says he'll continue to pursue a professional hockey career.

Hanson attended Finlandia and played wing position for the Lions men's hockey team from 2004 to 2008. He was captain of the team as a junior and senior. Hanson graduated this spring with a bachelor of business administration, concentrating in accounting and marketing.

Not only is Hanson an excellent athlete, he's an outstanding student. He earned a place on the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association (MCHA) All-Academic Team multiple times. His overall GPA is 3.70.

Hanson was able to return to Hancock in time to finish the academic year and walk in April Commencement ceremonies. "It was great to be at Commencement with all the people that have been such a part of my life the last four years," he said.

"Looking back, Finlandia has shaped me in a huge way. I grew and matured greatly. The high points of my experience include all of the friends that I have made and memories that I will never forget, especially winning the Harris Cup in 2007."

"I hope to work in the field of hockey for the rest of my life," Hanson concluded. "I would love to coach and be around the game. This summer I am working for Planet Hockey as an instructor. We travel all around the country coaching youth and adult hockey camps."

Hanson started playing hockey when he was three years old. He played in the Escanaba Area Junior Hockey Association and the Michigan High School Athletic Association. He is the son of Matt and Kelly Hanson of Bark River, Mich. Hanson graduated from Bark River-Harris High School in 2004, where he also played football, baseball, and ran track.

Hanson is the sixth Finlandia University men's hockey player to be recruited to play professional hockey. Avery Wilson, who played for the Lions from 2000-2004, is a forward/defenseman for the Cincinnati Cyclones. Others are Joe Welgos who played for the Lions from 2003 to 2007; Bob Rangus who played in 2004-05; Pete Kolasa, who played from 2000 to 2004; Pete Rouleau, who played in 2003-04; and Trent Daavetilla, who played in 2002-03.



SPORTS NEWS

Men's Basketball: Tyler Gordon Earns National Record



During the winter months when he was five or six years old, Tyler Gordon, Bayfield, Wisc., would sit on a snow bank and shoot baskets, said his uncle, Dean Gordon.

This early interest in basketball, combined with a natural ability and the dedication to complete hours of drills and practice, has earned Tyler Gordon, 21, a National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) statistical title and a place in the NCAA record books.

On July 28, 2008, the Finlandia University Athletics Department presented Gordon with a NCAA plaque recognizing his achievement of 99 steals in 25 games (an average of 4.0 per game) in the 2008 basketball season, the highest season average of any men's basketball player in the NCAA.

"Only a handful of students-athletes can say they were the best in their field and it is an honor for which you can be proud," said Jim Wright, director of statistics for the NCAA, in a letter to Gordon announcing the award

"Two thumbs up!" gestured Dean Gordon when asked how he reacted when he heard the news. "He's a great kid!"

At Bayfield High School, where he played four years of varsity basketball, Gordon broke the school record for most steals, most points, most assists, and most points in playoff contests.

Gordon, who has played two seasons of Lions basketball, is heads above the NCAA players who follow him in the record book. NCAA Division III player Aswad Thomas of Elms College, Chicopee, Mass., averaged 3.6 steals last season, matching Garrett Lever of Division II University of Nebraska-Kearney. Division I player Devin Gibson, University of Texas at San Antonio, averaged 3.3 steals.

Gordon didn't expect to attain this level of success in steals. "I did a lot of drills to become quicker on my feet and worked on my hand-eye coordination."

"When I started, I just worked to become very competitive," Gordon added. "Earning this record wasn't really a goal. It just happened. I have been told I have fast hands, but I didn't realize how fast!"

"Sometimes the importance of the role steals play in winning a basketball game is underappreciated," noted Charlie Kemppainen, Finlandia's head men's basketball coach. "But every time the ball is stolen from the opposing team it robs them of opportunities for shots."

Gordon shares his success with Lions student-athlete Ryan Artley and several other 2007-08 starters. "Overall, we had a very good season," he said. "I owe the attainment of this record to Coach Kemppainen and my fellow players."

Kemppainen estimates that basketball players complete close to two steals per game. Gordon has more than doubled that with his of 4.0 steals per game average.

"Tyler has great anticipation and reads the offense very well. This, and his continuous practice and preparation have paid off for him," said Kemppainen.

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Welcome Back!

Left to right: Sophomores Shawnna Hanner and Sara Spangler, senior C.J. Fisher, freshmen Nathan Rosinski and Tyler Otts, and junior Sean McBride

Welcome Back! On August 20 Finlandia students were welcomed to campus with a check-in day celebration at the Paavo Nurmi Center. This fall, for the first time both new and returning students checked in on the same day.

“We wanted to merge our new students and their families into the returning Finlandia community,” explained Kirsti Arko, associate provost for academic support. “And the celebration let students know that faculty and staff members are excited to have them back.”

Instead of a day of running around campus, collecting signatures, and standing in line, in the gymnasium at Paavo Nurmi the students found all the people and services they needed to finalize their enrollment.

The offices of financial aid, student accounts, and the university registrar were all on hand, as were academic deans and faculty members, representatives from student organizations, and others. A free lunch was also available in the gymnasium. “Gathering all the services together improved the efficiency of the check-in process,” Arko said.

Community businesses, services, and organizations also had information tables set up in the gymnasium, giving students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the resources available in the Houghton/Hancock area.

And to further encourage the Finlandia community to shop locally, on August 22 students, employees, alumni, and friends were invited to visit the businesses and service providers that make a Hancock great place to live, learn, and work. Hancock Day participants received a city map, a discount card, and coupons, and many took part in a fun scavenger hunt. Hancock Day was sponsored by Finlandia,

the City of Hancock, and the Hancock Business and Professionals Association.

Safe and Secure. The Office of Campus Safety and Security moved to Finlandia Hall this summer. “The relocation provides support staff to residential students during non-business hours, and allows more one-on-one interaction between students and security personnel,” explained Jim Harden, director of campus safety and security.”

Security upgrades also include an additional full-time security officer, 24-hour residence hall security, strict adherence to visitor sign-in requirements, emergency exit panic bar alarms in Finlandia Hall, and installation of security cameras at the exits and entrances of Finlandia Hall and Portage Campus. Also in place is the FAST System which facilitates emergency cell phone communication with students, staff, and faculty.

“These security upgrades underscore our commitment to the safety and security of the Finlandia University campus and all who visit, study, work, and live on campus,” Harden said.

Finlandia Success. Starting in 2000, the one-credit orientation course, Finlandia Success, has been required for most Finlandia freshmen. Course objectives focus on time management, study skills, and getting to know campus services and resources.

“For several years this intensive college preparation course was completed before the semester began,” said Kirsti Arko, associate provost for academic support. “In 2004 the course was extended into the first five weeks of the semester. This fall, to further improve freshman retention, the orientation course meets the entire semester.”

"For most new students the first semester transition is the most difficult," Arko explained. "The additional time together will strengthen the bonds between and among the new students, an important component for student success."

Finlandia Success instructors work in many positions and departments of the university. "The team of instructors is an amazing group of staff and faculty who voluntarily take on this additional responsibility because of their genuine commitment to our students," Arko noted. "These non-traditional student mentors offer freshmen an additional avenue of support."

Last fall, Finlandia Success instructors shifted from the use of a traditional text to a non-fiction book exploring a current event topic. "This change was a tremendous success in stimulating interesting discussion and guiding students to practice critical thinking and writing," Arko said. "And the common freshman reading experience serves as an additional bond among new students."

This year's book is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. Mortenson is the son of Lutheran missionaries in Tanzania. "The book is a wonderful story of following one's passion to serve," Arko explained. "It also explores the complex relationships the U.S. has with Pakistan and Afghanistan."

Residence Life is Good. Kelley Martin began work as Finlandia's director of residence life June 2. A new university staff position, Martin's job responsibilities include the promotion of a learning atmosphere in the residence hall and organizing health and wellness activities.

"Kelley has solid experience in the counseling field and a deep appreciation for residence life," said Bill Melchiori, dean of student affairs. "And her three years as a resident assistant at Beloit College gives her valuable practical experience."

"I am excited to assist Finlandia RAs and students in developing and defining themselves as a residential community," Martin said. "My hope is to nurture Finlandia Hall as a safe space that fosters positive social growth, personal responsibility, and a sense of community. I'll also

work with the RA staff to create residence hall programming that meets the many interests of Finlandia students."

Resident students noted several more changes at Finlandia Hall, including some suite renovations and other maintenance. "Our maintenance and housekeeping staffs worked hard all summer!" said Melchiori. "The facility improvements bring a level of cleanliness and comfort that students appreciate."

Another important change this fall, especially for laptop and PC owners, is the availability of free wireless Internet access in the residence hall and most campus buildings.

Funded by university employees through this year's campus campaign, a "Design-a-Lounge" project gave resident students the opportunity to design their own space on the first level of Finlandia Hall. The lounge design by art and design students Amanda Moyer, Jessie Millar, Jamianne Amicucci, and Sami Horst features a teal blue and white color scheme and includes fresh paint, new carpeting, hand-made fabric for chair cushions and window coverings, and light fixtures made from recycled glass and wood.

Marimekko on Campus.

Things are looking good in the Mannerheim cafeteria this fall! Not only have the walls been painted a cheerful shade of yellow orange, a collection

of large fabric panels designed by the Finnish textile and clothing design company Marimekko has been hung.

"Our friend Elsa Brule generously donated 11 panels of Marimekko fabric to the university," said Phyllis Fredendall, associate professor of fiber arts and fashion design.

Fredendall said Brule, of Iron Mountain and New York City, wanted to improve the visual aesthetics of campus, and, in this case, the cafeteria. So she sent Fredendall a catalog of Marimekko prints. Brule is a member of the Finlandia University President's Council.

It was a student-driven decision. "A group of Surface Design students made seven choices, and Elsa selected several more," Fredendall said. "Elsa ordered them and arranged for them to be stretched and framed. We hung them over the summer."

"Thus far, if I were to sum up my college experience in one word, it would be 'opportunity.' Right away at Finlandia I got involved as the visual editor of *The Roar*, which led to Student Senate and a greater involvement in Student Life. Student Life activities have given me the chance to wear many hats: student, leader, roommate, friend, visual editor, committee member, volunteer, and more which I am sure are yet to come. I look upon every experience and each challenge as opportunities I feel I am blessed to have been given through Finlandia and Student Life."



Jessica Millar
Junior, ISAD
Acton, California

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The Call of the Wilderness

"Space, the final frontier..."

Finlandia University Elementary Education graduate Amanda Pasonen ('06) never imagined

becoming an astronaut, but she loved the idea of exploring new and unknown places. It's little wonder, then, that she began her teaching career in the state known as "The Last Frontier."

Amanda is pleased to report that she survived her first semester at Martin L. Olson School in Golovin, Alaska, a town of about 150 residents. In the Bering Strait School District, the school has forty students, grades kindergarten through eleven. Amanda teaches reading, social studies, and writing to 23 students.

"There is no such thing as specialization of labor here," Amanda notes. "I am the school's curriculum and instruction representative, the student council advisor, junior high basketball coach, the academic advisor for the eighth and ninth graders, and much more."

"I cannot tell you the number of times I have heard the question, 'What's it like to teach native Alaskans?' Kids are kids! My students just want to know I care about them," Amanda says. "They are intelligent, have amazing senses of humor, and are respectful and perceptive."

For Amanda, everyday in Alaska is different and an adventure. That's why she has opted to stay another year.

"If you aren't afraid of a demanding, but fulfilling, job, 'The Last Frontier' may be your best option," Amanda concludes. "I urge you to check it out online at www.bssd.org or www.alaskateacher.org."



The Martin L. Olson School

ENGAGEMENTS

Amy Baril & Brandon Stevens announce their engagement. Amy is the daughter of Terrence and Shirley Baril, Hancock. She graduated from Finlandia University ('01) and is employed at Our Lady of Mercy Nursing and Rehabilitation, Hubbell. Brandon is the son of Ronald Stevens, Lake Linden, and Cheryl Stevens, Lake Linden. He is a 2002 graduate of Michigan Technological University and is employed at Columbia Forest Products. An Oct. 4, 2008, wedding is planned.

Amy Hansel & Joe Van Tassel will wed August 29, 2008, in Morrison, Colo. Amy is the daughter of Rachelle Bachran, Houghton. She is a graduate of Houghton High School and Western Michigan University. Joe is the son of Mark and Angie Van Tassel, Houghton. He is a graduate of Houghton High School, Finlandia University ('03), and will complete a master of science at University of Phoenix this year. The couple resides in Littleton, Colo.

MARRIAGES

Tessa Hoffman & Mark Erickson were married March 8, 2008, in Hancock. Tessa is the daughter of Mark and Jody Hoffman, Houghton. She is a graduate of Houghton High School and Finlandia University ('04) and is employed at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. Mark is the son of Leo and Joan Erickson, Hancock. He is a graduate of Hancock High School and Michigan Technological University and is employed by the Bureau of Land Management. The couple plans to reside in Alaska.

Sara Keskimaki & Lars Hyrkas were married July 12, 2008, in Houghton. Sara is the daughter of Paul and Susan Keskimaki, Houghton. She is a graduate of Houghton High School and Finlandia University ('08). Lars is the son of Gerald and Cynthia Hyrkas, Laurium. He is a graduate of Calumet High School and Michigan Technological University.

Heather Kangas & Bret Larsen were married July 12, 2008. Heather is the daughter of Ron and Barb Kangas of Calumet. She is a graduate of Calumet High School and Suomi College ('99), and works at Porter Adventist Hospital, Denver, Colo. Bret is the son of Don and Chris Larsen of Lakewood, Colo. He is a graduate of Bear Creek High School and Iowa State University, and works at Wells Fargo, Arvada, Colo. The couple resides in Lakewood, Colo.

Jennifer Lescher & Christopher Gast were married in Wausau, Wisc., February 21, 2008. Christopher is a graduate of Finlandia University ('04) and works as an inventory manager for Storm-Tite International Inc., Mosinee, Wisc. The couple resides in Ringle, Wisc.

Amy Cone & Loren Randell were married June 28, 2008, in Calumet. Amy is the daughter of Philip Cone and Michele Pavolich, both of Calumet. She is a graduate of Calumet High School and Finlandia University ('08) and is employed at Best Western Franklin Square Inn, Houghton. Loren is the son of Stanley and Betty Randell, Mohawk. He is a graduate of Calumet High School and Michigan Technological University and is employed by Center Ice Skate and Sport and Johnson Painting.

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Steven and Sharon (Turnquist) Foix celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sept. 18, 2007. They were married in 1982 in Superior, Wisc., and moved to the U.P. in 1987. Steve is an alumnus of Suomi College ('93-'96) and works as an RN at Our Lady of Mercy Nursing and Rehabilitation, Hubbell. Sharon is employed at By Nature, Houghton. They have four sons and a daughter-in-law.

OBITUARIES

Taimi R. (Nevala) Anderson, 95, Ironwood, died May 5, 2008, in Ironwood. She was born Nov. 26, 1912, in Iron Belt, Wisc., to August and Maria (Nevala) Helmes. She graduated from Iron Belt High School and Suomi College ('31). Until her retirement in 1975 Taimi worked in accounting for several firms. She returned to Ironwood from Phoenix, Ariz., after her husband John's death in 1980.

Viola L. Poyhonen, 91, a former resident of Hancock, died Feb. 2, 2008, in Hancock. Viola was born December 18, 1916, in Hancock to Oscar and Wilhelmina (Tapani) Poyhonen. She graduated from Hancock High School and attended Suomi College ('36). Viola worked as a bookkeeper for Dover Music House and, until her retirement, in the payroll department of Michigan Technological University.

Arthur Rudolph Suvanto, 90, of Hancock, died June 30, 2008, in Hancock. Arthur was born June 23, 1918, in Paavola, a son of Victor and Helmi Suvanto. He attended Hancock schools, Suomi College ('37), and ICS for surveying instruction. He owned and operated the Kaleva Café, Hancock, from 1945 until 1962. He then worked as a surveyor for U.P. Engineering and Architects until his retirement in 1983. He was predeceased by his wife, Seconda "Connie" Basso. He is survived by a son, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and others.

Beatrice L. (Bartanen) Sihvonen, 89, died May 12, 2008, in Dyer, Ind. Beatrice was born May 22, 1918, in Hancock, to Emil and Lillian Bartanen. She graduated from Hancock High School and attended Suomi College and Northern Michigan University. Her husband, Norman, preceded her in death. She is survived by three daughters.

Martha Matilda (Wickstrom) Nichols, 88, of Manistee, died April 26, 2008, in Manistee. Martha was born March 15, 1920, in Laurium, to

August and Matilda (Niemela) Wickstrom. She graduated from Calumet High School and attended Suomi College ('62). She worked at The Glen of Michigan, Manistee, for 15 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth. Five children survive.

Waino (Wayne) I. Stenroos, 86, formerly of Superior, Wisc., died June 16, 2008, in Hawthorne, Wisc. Wayne was born Feb. 6, 1922, in Meadville (Hurley), Wisc., a son of Leander and Maria (Joensuu) Stenroos. He graduated from Hurley High School, served in the U.S. Navy, and graduated from Suomi College ('43). Wayne worked his entire life in the clerical field ranging from bookkeeping to office managing. In 1989 he retired from D.M. & I. R. Railroad, Proctor, Wisc. He was predeceased by his wife, Mildred Hannu. He is survived by a daughter, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and others.

Kathleen "May" (Williams) Chaput, 85, of Tamarack City, died April 3, 2008, in Tamarack City. May was born December 4, 1922, in Tamarack City to

William and Kathleen (Ninnis) Williams. She graduated from Dollar Bay High School and completed a one-year business course at Suomi College ('46). May was employed for 40 years as a secretary/bookkeeper for the Langworthy-Kendall Insurance Agency, Wayne, Mich. She and her husband, Leo, returned to Tamarack City in 1989. Leo survives.

Helen H. (Hukkanen) Harju, 85, died Sept. 19, 2007. Helen was born Feb. 13, 1922, in Alpha to Anna and Job Hukkanen. She graduated from Alpha High School in 1939, and attended Suomi College ('39). Her husband, Toivi, and an infant son preceded her in death.

Marguerite Shea, 85, of Hancock, died July 1, 2007, in Hancock. Marguerite was born June 15, 1923, in Detroit, the daughter of Daniel, Sr., and Mary (Leary) Shea. She graduated from Hancock High School and attended Suomi College ('41). She was employed at Bancroft Dairy and, more recently, at City Snyder Drug, Hancock, from which she



Dr. Walter J. Kukkonen

Dr. Walter J. Kukkonen, 91, of Roseville, Minn., died July 2, 2008, in Maplewood, Minn. Dr. Kukkonen was born June 8, 1917, in Brule, Wisc. He was the son of John and Johanna Huttula. In 1942 he married Edna Ainikki Elson.

In 1941 Dr. Kukkonen graduated from the Suomi College Theological Seminary and was ordained. He received additional degrees from Northern Illinois State Teachers College and Chicago Lutheran

Theological Seminary, including a doctor of sacred theology degree. He studied for one year at the University of Helsinki, Finland.

He served as pastor of congregations in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and was an executive director for Home Missions for the Finnish Lutheran Church, Superior, Wisc. Most of his career he was a professor of church history and theology at Suomi Seminary, Maywood Seminary, and Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

A prolific author, Dr. Kukkonen wrote many books and articles, including numerous theological and devotional articles in the Suomi Conference annual yearbooks.

"Walter had a distinguished career and fought the good fight of faith," said Les Niemi, chairman of the Michigan-area Suomi Conference. "He courageously and prophetically called the church to be accountable to the word of God. Dr. Kukkonen leaves a large hole in our Suomi Conference leadership and the entire church."

"Dr. Walter Kukkonen was a dear friend and colleague to me in ministry, as in life," said 1958 Suomi Seminary graduate Duane Westfield. "He will be sadly missed, but he has left us with his clear, straightforward message. Let us grieve his memory, but celebrate his life."

Surviving Dr. Kukkonen are his wife, Edna, two sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren, and many others relatives and friends.

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retired. She is survived by a brother and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joyce E. (Gaabo) Taivaloja, 84, of Mohawk, died November 1, 2007, in Houghton. Joyce was born August 29, 1923, in Allouez to Louis and Sadie (Vanni) Gaabo. She graduated from Calumet High School. Joyce worked for the Excello Corp., Army Signal Corp., and Michigan Tech, and retired in 1970 from Suomi College where she was a secretary for President Ralph Jalkanen. Her husband, Wilho, preceded her in death. She is survived by a step-son.

Sister Jean Frances Haug, 81, of St. Louis, Mo., died May 13, 2008, in St. Louis. Sister Jean Francis was hospital administrator at the former St. Joseph's Hospital, Hancock, from 1960 to 1976. In 1976 she returned to St. Louis where, until her retirement in 2004, she served in various positions

for the Sisters of St. Joseph in the St. Louis Province. In 1973, Sister Jean was awarded the Michigan Technological University Distinguished Service Award. In 1980, she received the "Highest Award" from Suomi College. Proud to receive these acknowledgements, Sister Jean saw them as a way of recognizing not her, but the community of Houghton and Hancock.

W. Arthur "Art" Tapani, 80, of Hancock and Chassell, died June 22, 2008, in Hancock. Art was born in Detroit March 27, 1928, a son of Jacob and Anna (Pikku) Tapani. He graduated from Chassell High School and Suomi College ('46). Art was employed as a bookkeeper for Superior Oil in Ripley, and later worked for Anderson and Jarvi Lumber Company, Chassell. He was on the Chassell Co-op board of directors. Art is survived by his wife, Phyllis, two sons, two daughters, numerous grandchildren, and others.

Rev. Wilbert H. Tormala, 80, of Atlantis, Fla., died April 7, 2008, in Atlantis, Fla. Rev. Tormala was a graduate of Jeffers High School, Suomi College, and Suomi Theological Seminary ('47). He received a bachelor of arts degree at Boston (Mass.) University, and attended the Lutheran Bible Institute, Chicago, and Gordon College, Wenham, Mass. Rev. Tormala led congregations in Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, and Florida. He served as vice president of the Eastern Conference of the Suomi Conference, L.C.A., and as vice president, and later president, of the Lake Erie Conference. His wife, Ruth, preceded him in death. He is survived by two daughters.

Charles R. "Kalle" West, 79, of Lakeview, Fla., died Dec. 10, 2007. Charles was born in Chicago and raised in Finland. He retired from Alto Manufacturing, Chicago, and was a member of the Sibelius Male Chorus and the Finnish-American Singers. His wife, Riitta, preceded him in death. Donations may be made in his name to the Finnish American Heritage Center, Finlandia University.

Ila A. (Kaskinen) Wuorinen, 79, died March 5, 2008, in Lima, Ohio. Ila was born March 11, 1928, in Manistee to John F. and Saimi (Hagelberg) Kaskinen. Ila graduated from Kaleva (Mich.) High School and received an associate degree in music from Suomi College ('48). With her husband, Pastor Gust A. Wuorinen ('48, '51), and family, Ila lived in Maynard, Mass.; Newberry and Saginaw, Mich.; Ashtabula, Ohio; and, most recently, Elida, Ohio. She was a talented organist, a soloist, and served many people as the family moved from parish to parish and then chaplaincy ministry. Survivors include her husband and three children.

Ethel M. (Jaehnig) Isaacson, 78, of Hancock, died in Hancock May 7, 2008. Ethel was born August 11, 1929, in Ripley to Benjamin and Elizabeth (Campbell) Jaehnig. She graduated from Hancock High School. Ethel worked at Suomi College until her retirement. Her husband, Lloyd, preceded her in death. She is survived by eight children and others.

Alfred Dovichi, 76, of Menominee, died Feb. 16, 2008, in Stephenson, Mich. Alfred was born May 4, 1931, in Trimountain to Guido and Bruna (Nelli) Dovichi. He graduated from Jeffers High School and attended Suomi College ('50). He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Alfred spent his working career in the Detroit area as a project manager in the heavy construction field. His wife, Lucy, and two children are among his survivors.



The Life of Arthur Wolcott

January 10, 1918, to December 6, 2007

Arthur Wolcott described his early beginnings this way: "I started life as Artturi Ripatte. My parents were Finnish. My dad was a lumberjack. I was born in a tar paper shack alongside one of the last stands of giant white pine that covered much of northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula."

Art's mother succumbed to mental illness when he was very young. His father contracted tuberculosis in 1906 and died in 1937.

"I lived with my grandparents until my granddad was killed in an accident with a runaway team of horses. I was four at the time. My grandmother

and I moved to town to live with an aunt and another maiden lady. . . . My aunt was concerned that I would follow my dad into the "godless" ranks of the IWW (International Workers of the World), so she arranged a scholarship for me to Suomi College. . . . It was there that I met my wife, a hard rock miner's daughter from Butte, Montana, name of Kerttu Tellervo Autio, a.k.a. Gertie or Trudy."

Art attended Suomi College from 1937 to 1939 then completed a bachelor of science at Michigan State University. He and Trudy were married in 1940. After the war, Art completed his M.S. at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and later received a Ph.D. in soil microbiology from Purdue University.

For more than 20 years Art taught and conducted research at Michigan State University. He retired in 1979. He published numerous scientific papers and monographs, and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi. He was particularly proud that a cadenza for baritone was written for him by march composer, John Phillip Souza, for a high school band performance.

Trudy died in 1988. He is survived by his children Kathy, Courtneay, and Bruce, two grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. As his wife Trudy once said of her husband, "There isn't a bad bone in his body."

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Jean (Kolehmainen) De Mars, 75, of Houghton, died May 13, 2008, in Houghton. Jean was born in Chassell January 20, 1933, to Henry and Olga (Marttila) Kolehmainen. She graduated from Houghton High School. Jean was employed by U.P. Power Co., Herman Gundlach, Inc., Suomi College, and S.S. Peter & Paul Lutheran Church. Her husband, Arthur, and four children are among her survivors.

Gordon T. "Gordie" Moilanen, 74, of Hancock, died Jan. 17, 2008, in Houghton. Gordie was born April 17, 1933, in Salo Location to Toivo and Anna (Tiura) Moilanen. He graduated from Hancock High School. Gordie worked for Detroit and Northern Savings and Loan Bank, Hancock, and was the dean of financial aid for Suomi College until his retirement in 1995.

George A. Kiiskila Sr., 72, of Lake Annie Location, died May 30, 2008, in Lake Annie Location. George was born in Hancock October 26, 1935, to John and Mable (Klintti) Kiiskila. He attended Hancock High School and was a graduate of Suomi College and Northern Michigan University. From 1955 to 1957 George served in Korea with the United States Army. For 25 years, until his retirement in 1992, he was a social worker for the State of Michigan. His wife, Jane, and five children survive.

Marion L. Roberts, 69, of Dollar Bay and Houghton, died June 23, 2008, in Houghton. Marion was born in Hancock February 2, 1939, a daughter of Einard and Lillian (Maki) Anderson. She was a graduate of Hancock Central High School and attended Suomi College ('42). Marion was a certified nurse aide, and a soldier of the Salvation Army, Hancock. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, numerous grandchildren, and others.

Arthur Kuusisto, 67, of Calumet, died Feb. 8, 2008, in Marquette. Arthur was born March 20, 1940, in Trimountain to Eli and Thelma (Niemi) Kuusisto. He graduated from Calumet High School. After

serving four years in the U.S. Air Force, Art attended Suomi College ('67) and graduated from Northern Michigan University. He taught industrial arts at Dollar Bay High School and worked as a mechanic and maintenance person for Isle Royale Park Service.

Joy (Siira) Thurner, 66, of Laurium, died January 11, 2008, in Laurium. Joy was born October 26, 1941, in Kearsarge to Charles and Helmi (Lehto) Siira. She attended Calumet High School and, later, Suomi College. For 18 years, Joy worked for Copper Country Mental Health. She is survived by a daughter.

Albert Charles Perrault, 63, of Hancock, died May 31, 2008. Albert was born in Hancock October 20, 1944, to Albert D. and Kathryn (Stefanac) Perrault. He graduated from Hancock High School, and served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era. Albert completed a criminal justice degree at Suomi College. He was a police officer for Houghton County and worked as a mason. He is survived by five children.

Christine (Federighe) Johnson, 60, of Lewiston, N.Y., died April 25, 2008, in Buffalo. Christine was born in Hancock December 15, 1947, to Sebastian "Bim" and Amanda (Pearson) Federighe. Christine graduated from Suomi College ('65) and Michigan Technological University. She is survived by her husband, Richard, three children, and others.

Warren P. Mattson, Sr., 60, of South Range, died Feb. 8, 2008, in Iron Mountain. Warren was born May 17, 1947, in Trimountain to Ernest, Sr. and Helen (Linna) Mattson. He graduated from Jeffers High School in 1965. He served in the U.S. military during the Vietnam era, receiving multiple medals. In 1977, he received an associate degree at Suomi College. Warren worked in construction and as a deputy sheriff. His wife, Kathy, preceded him in death. He is survived by three children.

Kathleen Diane (Roberts) Kesti, 50, of Bootjack, died May 13, 2008, in Houghton. Kathleen was born on November 25, 1957, in Hancock to

Leonard T. and Margaret K. (Dorvinen) Roberts. She graduated from White Pine High School and Suomi College ('79). She was employed in the Copper Country and Grand Rapids, Mich. Kathleen is survived by her husband, Frederick, and three sons.

Cindy L. (Nordstrom) Burdett, 42, of Hancock, died Feb. 20, 2008, in Houghton. Cindy was born March 15, 1965, in Hancock. She was a graduate of Houghton High School and earned a nursing degree at Finlandia University. Cindy was a nurse at the Houghton County Medical Care Facility. She is survived by her husband, Bruce, three children, and others.

Carrie Harju, 28, of Calumet, died April 1, 2008, in Calumet. Carrie was born May 7, 1979, in Hancock to Calvin and Candace (Hendrickson) Harju. She graduated from Calumet High School and, later, attended Gogebic Community College and Suomi College. Carrie worked as a nurse aide for Keweenaw Home Services and Team Care, Calumet, and as a private duty home nurse.

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Memorials & In Honor Gifts

MEMORIALS

Jan. 1-May 31, 2008
Jorma (Jerry) Aho
Rev. Herbert Amala
Sofia Ojala Bernhardt
Jean Drey
Emil & Agda Erickson
Dolores Sormunen Fennell

Charles Gebhardt
John A. Haapala
Betty & Martin Halttunen
Toini Heini
Albert Heino
Esther Hillila
Pearl Jalkanen
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Signe Maki
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Martha Oksanen
Meeri Ahola Pavelich
Arne & Lempi (Ranta) Posio
Irene Ranenen

Sigrid Kaarre Rothman
Wilho Saari
Rev. Matti Sallmen
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George B. Soorus
Ronald Thompson
Trudi Tienson
Kasper & Elina Toivonen

Rev. Wilbert Tormala
John Raymond Tuuri
Charles R. West
Charles & Rita West
Ila Wuorinen

IN HONOR

Jan. 1-May 31, 2008
Anna Leppänen

CALENDAR

FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY CALENDAR FOR 2008

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

AUGUST

- 20th Community Welcome, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (Paavo Nurmi Center)
- 22nd Hancock Day, 1:00-5:00 p.m. (Downtown Hancock)
- 25th Fall 2008 semester begins

SEPTEMBER

- 10th Free Business Counseling, 1:30-4:30 p.m. (Portage Campus)
- 11th Closing Reception: Jari Arffman, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Finlandia Gallery)
- 18th Opening Reception: Bird Ross, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Finlandia Gallery)
- 18th-30th Exhibit - Bird Ross: *Speaking Volumes* (Finlandia Gallery)
- 24th Free Business Counseling, 1:30-4:30 p.m. (Portage Campus)
- 26th-27th Board of Trustees Meeting

OCTOBER

- 1st-16th Exhibit - Bird Ross: *Speaking Volumes* (Finlandia Gallery)
- 7th Lecture - "The Artistry of the Saarinens," by Susan Saarinen and Mark Coir, Finlandia Foundation Lecturers of the Year (FAHC)
- 18th Music workshop featuring Frigg, a Finnish-Norwegian folk band, 1:30 p.m. (FAHC)
- 23rd Opening Reception: Christine Flavin, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Finlandia Gallery)
- 23rd-31st Exhibit - Christine Flavin: *Vanishing Points* (Finlandia Gallery)

NOVEMBER

- 1st-13th Exhibit - Christine Flavin: *Vanishing Points* (Finlandia Gallery)

ATHLETIC EVENTS

AUGUST

Women's Soccer

- 29th Robert Morris College at Mount Mary College Tournament
- 30th Mount Mary College at Mount Mary College Tournament

Women's Volleyball

- 29th St. Norbert College Tournament
- 30th St. Norbert College Tournament

Cross Country Running

- 29th U.P. Collegiate Cross-Country Opener (Houghton, Mich.)

SEPTEMBER

Men's Soccer

- 1st Northland College
- 4th Ripon College
- 6th Bethany Lutheran College
- 7th Rose-Hulman University
- 14th University of Wisconsin-Superior
- 16th Olivet College
- 17th Alma College
- 21st Marian College

Women's Soccer

- 1st Northland College
- 4th Ripon College
- 6th Bethany Lutheran College
- 7th Rose Hulman University
- 13th University of Minnesota-Morris
- 14th University of Wisconsin-Superior
- 16th Olivet College
- 20th Mount Mary College
- 30th Northland Baptist Bible College

Women's Volleyball

- 5th Northland Baptist Bible College Tournament
- 6th Northland Baptist Bible College Tournament

- 12th Beloit College Tournament

- 13th Beloit College Tournament

- 23rd Northland College

- 24th University of Wisconsin-Superior

- 26th Marian College Triangular

- 27th Edgewood College Triangular

- 30th Northland Baptist Bible College

Men's Golf

- 6th-7th Northern Michigan University Invitational

- 12th Lawrence Invitational

- 20th-21st Ripon College Invitational

- 27th-28th Grand Valley State University Invitational

Cross Country Running

- 6th University of Minnesota - Duluth

- 13th Maast Hiihto Invitational

- 20th University of Wisconsin - Parkside

- 27th Lake Forest Invitational

OCTOBER

Men's Soccer

- 3rd North Central University
- 4th Robert Morris College-Lake County
- 5th University of Wisconsin-Superior
- 7th Carthage College
- 11th Taylor University-Fort Wayne
- 12th Lakeland College
- 17th Grace Bible College
- 19th Robert Morris College-Springfield
- 25th Concordia University-Ann Arbor

Women's Soccer

- 3rd North Central University
- 4th Robert Morris College-Lake County
- 5th University of Wisconsin-Superior
- 7th Carthage College
- 11th Taylor University-Fort Wayne
- 12th Lakeland College

- 14th Northland Baptist Bible College

- 19th Robert Morris College-Springfield

- 25th Concordia University-Ann Arbor

Women's Volleyball

- 3rd Wisconsin Lutheran Triangular

- 8th St. Norbert College Triangular

- 10th Finlandia University Quadrangular

- 11th Finlandia University Quadrangular

- 18th North Central University

- 21st Northland Baptist Bible College

- 28th University of Wisconsin-Superior

- 29th Northland College Triangular

Men's Hockey

- 28th University of Wisconsin-Superior

Women's Hockey

- 28th University of Wisconsin-Superior

Men's Golf

- 13th-15th Glen Oaks Community College Invitational

Cross Country Running

- 4th Wisconsin Lutheran
- 11th U.P. Championships (Marquette, Mich.)
- 18th Northland College

NOVEMBER

Women's Volleyball

- 1st-2nd NCAA D-III Independents Regional Tournament

Men's Hockey

- 1st Toronto Rattlers (Exhibition)
- 7th Concordia University-Wisconsin
- 8th Concordia University-Wisconsin
- 14th Adrian College
- 15th Adrian College
- 21st Northland College
- 22nd Northland College

Women's Hockey

- 7th Hamline University
- 8th Hamline University
- 9th The College of St. Catherine
- 15th University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- 16th University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- 22nd Lake Forest College
- 23rd Lake Forest College

Men's Basketball

- 18th Northland College
- 21st Bethel University at Bethel Tip-Off Tournament
- 22nd TBA at Bethel Tip-Off Tournament
- 24th Northern Michigan University
- 25th Michigan Technological University

Women's Basketball

- 18th Northland College
- 21st Wisconsin Lutheran College at Warrior Tip-Off Tournament
- 22nd Calvin College or Elmhurst College at Warrior Tip-Off Tournament
- 24th Northern Michigan University
- 28th Pacific Lutheran University at Pacific Northwest Thrivent Lutheran Classic
- 29th Concordia College, Portland, Wash., at Pacific Northwest Thrivent Lutheran Classic

Cross Country Running

- 8th NCAA D-III Regionals at Augustana College (Davenport, Iowa)

Finlandia home games in bold

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