Recently, in collaboration with several local Finnish-American entities, Finlandia University hosted a program by Dr. Arne Alanen, the 2010-11 Finlandia Foundation Lecturer of the Year. Dr. Alanen has produced a powerful and far-reaching work on Finnish America through an extraordinary array of photographs. The images he has gathered poignantly capture the altered rural landscapes that reveal the presence of Finnish American immigrants throughout the U.S. and Canada. Construction techniques and materials, homestead configurations, house, barn, and church designs and, of course, the ever-present sauna building have clearly left a distinctive thumbprint on our land. Like all ethnic immigrant populations, Finns have created an enduring and distinctive cultural landscape on this continent.

As I listened to Dr. Alanen, I grew in my appreciation for the innovation and adaptation required of mid-to-late 19th century Finnish immigrants. The emerging New World techniques and the resultant structures were—and at the same time, were not—Finnish. The North American environment presented early Finnish Americans with similar, but not identical, challenges to those left behind in Finland. This change of context called for new and modified applications of old skills and techniques, and demanded fresh perspectives on former patterns of thought. The new lives of our forebears were forged by stubborn, tireless adaptability. They did not abandon their old-world designs or ways of thinking. They built upon them—and they built beyond them.

The 21st century world of higher education in which we now live demands a corresponding degree of innovation and adaptation. I believe we are up to the task. Finlandia University continues to respect and build upon what has brought us this far: historic relationships, enduring successes, and proven strengths. At the same time, we are casting new molds as we encourage emerging relationships, maximize more recent strategic successes, and reinforce new-found strengths.

The Lutheran Finns that came to this small corner of the world so many years ago left a very large thumbprint indeed. As you read this issue of the Bridge, you will learn how Finlandia is building upon, around, and beyond that substantial foundation. In these pages you will find new imaginings of older ideas, fresh innovations grown from established applications, and new variations on familiar themes. Adaptation marked the lives of the early immigrants. It marks our lives here at Finlandia today. Enjoy your read.

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Top: A 1956 photo of Suomi College out-of-state students (left to right) Karlo Rintala, Clair Avery, John Bispada, Donna Wargelin, Chuck Altonen; Bottom: (left to right) Lincoln Marshall, Gwinn, sophomore Criminal Justice/Communications major, Men’s Golf, Student Athlete Council, and University Singers; Samantha McNeil, Muskegon, freshman pre-Nursing major, Women’s Soccer; Jonathan Salmi, Chassell, sophomore Radiography major
Old World and New World premieres of the opera *Rockland* will take place next summer. In Finland, the recently-composed opera will be performed June 9 to 13 at the annual Jokilaaksojen Music Foundation Festival. On July 15 and July 17, it will be presented as part of the 2011 Pine Mountain Music Festival (PMMF) at the Michigan Tech Rozsa Center, Houghton.


“The *Rockland* opera tells a story of the Finnish immigrants from whom we descend,” says John Kiltinen, a member of the Finlandia University Finnish Council in America. “Our ancestors endured many hardships to build this better life in America, sometimes giving up things, such as a formal education, so later generations could have better lives. I believe we owe it to them to tell their story.”

The opera is based on miner Alfred Laakso’s written account of a long-forgotten 1906 incident in Rockland, Ontonagon County, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, in which a group of striking Finnish copper miners was confronted by sheriff’s deputies. Shots were fired, and two Finnish miners were killed.

Kiltinen says the intent of premiering the opera in Finland is to help descendants of immigrants to the U.S. in Finland understand what their family members endured and to illustrate that today, several generations later, the immigrants have successfully integrated into the broader American fabric, while retaining pride in their heritage and a meaningful sense of who they are as Finns.

To help promote the opera, PMMF is working with Copper Country community artist Mary Wright on “The Story Line,” a project for which school children and many others are invited to write a one-page story about an ancestor who worked hard to overcome adversity, as noted on the PMMF website, www.pmmf.org. Each of the stories is transferred to a dish towel-sized piece of fabric and groups of them are hung from “clotheslines” to honor our ancestors and spark young people’s curiosity and awareness of the history on which their lives are built. The clotheslines have already begun to appear in western U.P. communities, and their display will increase as July 2011 approaches.

Although the itinerary is not finalized, there is some interest in visiting Iceland en route, so a side trip is being considered. Following a three-day visit to Helsinki, June 8 the group will travel by bus to Nivala and the next day attend the Old World premiere of the *Rockland* opera. The travelers will depart June 10 to return to the U.S. For additional information about the trip and to express your interest, please contact Doreen Korpela, assistant to the president, at 906-487-7201 or doreen.korpela@finlandia.edu, or Gloria Jackson at 480-998-7121 or gjjxn@aol.com.
19th Century Household Items and Tools Gifted to Archive

Finlandia University archivist Kent Randell’s October trip to Sunset Park (Finntown) in Brooklyn, New York, brought to the Finnish American Historical Archive and Museum a noteworthy collection of Finnish antiques and artifacts.

Articles from the estate of Veikko Suominen, gifted to the archive by Veikko’s wife, Ethel, include an 1851 spinning wheel, 19th century handmade ice skates, a wooden ice chopper, a 1936 fishing net made by the teenage Veikko, an umbrella swift, a niddy-noddy, and numerous other hand-made 19th century household items and tools.

“Veikko was very proud of his antique collection,” Randell said. “Mrs. Suominen felt that donation of the Finnish items in his collection to Finlandia’s archive was a meaningful way to honor his memory.”

The 100-piece Veikko Souminen collection can be viewed in the Archive Reading Room on the lower level of the Finnish American Heritage Center (FAHC).

“The Finnish American Historical Archive and Museum is always grateful for donors such as these,” said James Kurtti, director of the FAHC. “The preservation of Finnish-American history is largely dependent on people with the foresight to keep the materials that tell their ancestors’ stories — and on those who understand that an archive is the ideal home for such materials.”

FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY GALLERY EXHIBITS 2010-2011

December 2 to January 14 - Dina Kantor: Finnish and Jewish • Opening reception: December 2, 7:00 p.m.
January 20 to February 19 - Ilkka Väätti: Mundus • Opening reception: January 20, 7:00 p.m.
February 24 to March 22 - Finlandia ISAD Faculty Exhibit • Opening reception: February 24, 7:00 p.m.
March 31 to April 16 - Finlandia ISAD Juried Student Exhibit • Opening reception: March 31, 7:00 p.m.

FINNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS 2010-2011

Through December 7 - Photo Exhibit: “People, Place and Time: Michigan’s Copper Country through the Lens of J.W. Nara”
December 5 - Finnish Independence Day Program
December 9 - Nordic Film: “Christmas Story” (Joulutarina), 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
January 13 - Nordic Film: “Shadow of the Two-headed Eagle” (Kaksipäisen kotkan varjossa), 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
January 22 to 30 - Hekinpäivä Mid-winter Celebration
February 10 - Nordic Film: “Last Cowboy Standing” (Skavabölen pojat), 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
March 10 - Nordic Film, 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
April 14 - Nordic Film, 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
It was a fantastic visit,” says Finlandia University International School of Art & Design (ISAD) associate professor Rick Loduha of international designer Wendy Brawer’s recent visit to Finlandia.

“She was especially inspiring to my students because she is so approachable,” Loduha adds. “Famous designers can sometimes be intimidating for students. She’s an example of how to be global without losing a sense of community.”

Wendy Brawer has written about, taught, and shared information and inspiration about eco-design for more than a decade. Her New York-based company, Modern World Design, consults and creates services and products that promote ecological stewardship.

“Green Maps of the World: Charting a Sustainable Future,” an exhibit created by Brawer, was displayed at the Finlandia University Gallery September 20 to October 16. The exhibit featured Green Maps from around the world, and introduced the Keweenaw Green Map, which was initiated by the Sustainable Keweenaw Resource Center (SKRC) with support from Finlandia University.

Loduha, who directs ISAD’s Integrated Design program, became acquainted with Brawer in 1993 at an Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA) conference.

“We were both speaking on sustainable design, but she (Brawer) packed the house,” Loduha recalls. “At the time, she was working on the Green Apple Map, which charts the environmentally and culturally significant places in New York City.”

The Green Apple Map sparked a revolution in the way cities are mapped. In 1995, Brawer launched the Green Map System, an internationally-shared visual language of icons and programs for mapmakers. Today, nearly 700 online and printed Green Maps in 55 countries highlight and link local nature, culture, and green living resources.

While she was on campus, Brawer worked with Integrated Design majors in several settings. With Loduha’s Sustainable Systems class, she participated in a trip to Estivant Pines, Copper Harbor. The students are designing an off-the-grid caretaker cabin for the 377-acre Michigan Nature Association wilderness preserve.

It was the kind of one-on-one sustainability discussion that genuinely inspires. “It’s one thing to attend a workshop—when the presenter is at a distance,” Loduha explains. “It’s another experience for that person to be right there beside you. Wendy spent so much one-on-one time with the students that she knows the projects they are working on. She is still asking me about them with great interest.”

Brawer has offered to ISAD senior Amanda Moyer (Livonia) a Spring 2011 semester three-week internship for which Moyer will work with Brawer and her staff at the NYC office of Modern World Design.

“To land an internship with a world-class designer working on a successful and notable undertaking like the International Green Map System is fantastic,” Loduha notes. “It can be difficult to find an internship of this caliber. I’m thrilled for Amanda.”

“When Rick told me about Wendy’s visit, I did some research and visited the Green Map website,” Moyer notes. “It all looked really fascinating and it’s a perfect fit for my career goals.”

“She was really great, really personable,” Moyer says of Brawer. “She was excited about our projects and you could tell she had worked with college kids before.”

“I handed it (my resume) right to her and she offered me the internship in an e-mail three days later,” Moyer explains. “It was pretty easy. It helped that I had plenty of time to spend with her and to get to know the Green Map projects she is working on.”

For her internship, which she will complete in February 2011, Moyer says she is especially interested in working on the international components of the Green Map System, along with other Modern World Design community activities.

Moyer plans to begin her sustainable design career as part of a small company that focuses on green systems design, while also creating her own art. She will complete her BFA in April 2011.

For information about the Green Map System, visit www.greenmap.org. To check out the Keweenaw Green Map, visit www.skrconline.net or stop by Jutila Center 316.
When I was young, like most kids growing up in the Upper Peninsula, I was outside almost every day, every season, rain or shine. As a teenager, sometimes I would leave the house with my music Walkman and my Dad would just shake his head, not understanding why a person would wear headphones while going on a long walk near the Chocolay River or Lake Superior.

“Son, you need to listen to the woods,” my father always told me.

I remember my father pulling out a World Book Encyclopedia and showing me where my great-grandfather was born in the Vaasa province of Finland. We ‘took sauna’ and swam in Lake Superior in November. My grandparents’ generation spoke Finnish when they didn’t want us kids to know what they were saying, and the sermons at church were translated from Finnish.

But there was not an organized effort on my parents’ part to formally teach me and my siblings about being Finnish, or to self-consciously engage in Finnish-themed activities, it just was.

A few years after leaving my hometown for Boston, Mass., I accidentally began to connect with my Finnishness after stumbling upon Aki Kaurismäki’s movie, *Man Without A Past* and relating to it in a way that I had never before related to a movie.

Then a distant cousin posted my great-grandfather’s Bible record online and I was off to the races. In two years time I was visiting the place of my great-grandfather’s birth, the Hernesharju farm in Isojoki, Finland. I couldn’t wait to special-order Richard Impola’s translations of Kalle Päätalo’s *Over the Land* series from Finlandia University’s North Wind Books, and little did I know at the time that years later I would be working at Finlandia.

Connections to Finnishness are everywhere, whether they are framed as such or not. It can be as simple as a quiet walk in the woods. Sometimes it takes a while, even decades, to put all the pieces together.

I often read or hear the phrases “Finnish shyness” and “Finnish melancholy,” but I also think of another phrase, “Finnish mystery.” A common experience that I share with many of the researchers who visit the Finnish American Historical Archive is that we wished we would have asked more questions, even though our parents might have been laconic, to say the least, about their heritage. And our grandparents—well, they were even more tight-lipped.

A lot of Finns may find themselves searching for connections, whether, in my case, it is remembering the valuable and not-often-spoken words of my grandparents (when I should have been listening more attentively), or searching through old church books and ledgers.

However, I think the new generations of Finnish-Americans have one advantage: the struggles that sometimes may have divided Finnish-American communities are becoming part of a distant past. While the distinctions between this congregation and that congregation, or this cooperative and that cooperative are still important, they don’t seem to carry the same weight of divisiveness, and finally some of our questions can now be answered.

When a researcher sees the name of Rev. Heideman on the marriage document of his or her great-grandparents, it can now lead to a discussion about the Laestadian Revival and the different Apostolic Lutheran congregations that the researcher, who may come from a non-Finnish part of the U.S., was unaware of.

And what were those little red booklets published by organizations such as the *Työmies Society* that someone found in grandpa’s attic?

Researchers sometimes note that ministers wrote the word “Lapp” in front of some names in the old church books of northern Norway, Sweden, and Finland, and in the process discover Saami heritage that was forgotten or
unmentioned—a heritage now, rightfully, looked upon with pride.

Finnish connections are everywhere. While living in Boston, a co-worker and recent émigré from mainland China would sometimes struggle with her English, but, unlike many Americans, she was able to “properly” pronounce the word sauna (rhyming with “cow-na” instead “Lana”).

The films of Aki Kaurismäki are available in the foreign film sections of most video stores and techies everywhere use Linus Torvalds’ Linux operating system. One afternoon while driving through Kansas I heard a Sibelius composition on public radio, while earlier in the day I had passed by Eero Saarinen’s Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

Connections to Finnishness are not bounded by the Finnish-American community. Sometimes passersby at the Finnish American Historical Archive and Museum ask if someone needs to be Finnish to attend Finlandia University. Of course, the answer is “no.” Rather, Finlandia provides international and diverse two-way connections with Finnish-America, Finland, and the larger global community.

Recently, a man stopped by the Archive and Museum only because his wife was Finnish, but he happened to be an instrument-maker and had never before seen a kantele. We talked for over an hour.

Another visitor learned of the *Kalevala* through J.R.R. Tolkien’s writings, prompting the researcher to stop by. Upon seeing Akseli Gallen-Kallela’s illustrated *Kalevala*, he became an instant admirer of Finland’s national painter.

Another researcher, a women’s studies scholar, became fascinated with a Finnish-American woman’s turn-of-the-century Victorian poetry. The list goes on and on.

Archivists, historians, and researchers do a lot of listening to seemingly silent dusty manuscripts, small-print-run rare books, and obscure photographs, but there is a lot of listening to be done. As the archivist for Finlandia University’s unique collection—and 100 percent Finnish and Saami—I am often personally enriched and reminded of values I may have taken for granted—or perhaps never realized were there.

I’m trying to follow my Dad’s advice to listen, even if I’m not always sure what to listen for. This informs my own life experience, as well as my task of connecting Finns and non-Finns everywhere to the material culture and archival records that Finnish-Americans have left behind and continue to produce.

As we approach the year 2013, marking 100 years since the 1913 Copper Strike and the Italian Hall Disaster, I am hopeful that it will be a time of reflection and healing for all members of the Finnish-American community, regardless of past political or religious affiliations.

Kent Randell is the archivist for the Finlandia University Finnish American Historical Archive and Museum.
Enrollment Up 18%

Finlandia welcomed 673 students to campus this fall, an 18% increase over fall 2009 enrollment, the largest fall enrollment in 25 years, and the highest since Finlandia began offering four-year degrees in 1996. “This year’s enrollment growth is extraordinary,” said President Philip Johnson. “We have met or exceeded three key strategic university goals in retention, recruitment, and resident student numbers. This is exactly what Finlandia needs.” Finlandia’s enrollment goals remain aggressive over the next three years.

Recruitment and retention numbers for the Hancock Award program are also encouraging. Launched in 2009, the Hancock Award is a key component of Campus and Community: Together for Good, an innovative exchange of two school district properties for a multi-year package of tuition awards for Hancock Central High School grads. Of the original 25-student Hancock Award cohort that began in fall 2009, 23 of the Hancock High Class of 2009 graduates have returned this fall. And Finlandia has welcomed 26 new college freshmen from the Hancock High Class of 2010, which is a significant percentage of that graduating class.

Business School Adds New Majors

Finlandia’s International School of Business (ISB) has added two majors to its bachelor of business administration (BBA) degree. First, the ISB and Finlandia’s International School of Art & Design have combined resources to offer a BBA in Arts Management. The BBA-Arts Management is designed to build fundamental business skills and explore the arts background needed to pursue administrative or management careers in arts-related enterprises (e.g., galleries, studios, theaters, etc.). The Arts Management major begins in the Fall 2011 semester.

Second, the 2+2 BBA degree program in Applied Management is an option for students who have already completed an associate degree in a professional field. The BBA-Applied Management is intended to complement the student’s previous professional studies and expand career options to include administrative- or management-related employment. Students may begin the BBA-2+2 degree immediately.

TRiO/SSS Financial Literacy Education

Beginning this fall, in accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008, Finlandia’s TRiO Student Support Services program offers financial literacy education to program participants. Upon completion of a comprehensive online curriculum, Financial Literacy 101 by Decision Partners Inc., incoming freshman participants will understand financial health, create and manage a realistic personal budget, establish optimal banking relationships, and learn to manage credit and debt and avoid identity theft.

Grant Will Build College Access Network

Finlandia is among 14 Michigan communities to collectively receive more than $350,000 from the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) to support student access to, and success in, college. Grant coordinator Joe Zerbst, director of Finlandia’s Upward Bound program, will administer the 12-month, $8,000 planning grant and lead a team of community leaders to determine college access needs in the western U.P. The group will develop a network—tentatively dubbed the Keweenaw College Access Network—that will coordinate programs, services, and resources to lower the barriers preventing students from pursuing postsecondary educational opportunities, particularly for low-income and first-generation students. Ultimately, the goal of the grant is to increase the rates of college attendance and completion in the western U.P.

Aino Martikainen

Finnish artist Aino Martikainen has donated her photograph “Kajaani River” (2007, photograph mounted on aluminum, 17.5” x 27.5) to the Finlandia University Gallery. The photograph is pictured above. “On the Wide Waters,” an exhibit of Martikainen’s photographs of Lake Oulujärvi in central Finland inspired by the seventh poem of the Kalevala, was featured at the gallery this summer.
Late News from the Wilderness

Elinor Benedict read from and signed copies of her latest collection of poetry, *Late News from the Wilderness*, at North Wind Books September 21. Benedict has worked as a journalist and a teacher, and she is the founding editor of *Passages North*, a prominent American literary journal published by Northern Michigan University. Benedict and her husband, Sam, spend their time in the Upper Peninsula and southern Florida. Sam Benedict is an emeritus member of the Finlandia University Board of Trustees. He served on the university’s Board from 1983 to 2007.

Further North!

Finlandia adjunct instructor Laura Smyth, also a poet and book designer, has brought Thimbleberry Press—and a stunning new magazine—to the Keweenaw. This summer Smyth launched *Further North*, a print-on-demand journal devoted to the life, art, and beauty of the Keweenaw Peninsula. Its first issue features writing by Finlandia associate professor Suzanne Van Dam and adjunct instructor Katie Alvord, and photos by local artists. Topics include curling in Calumet, the Brockway Mountain Hermit, the Keweenaw’s cold-but-changing climate, and the magnetic draw of Lake Superior. To order a copy, visit thimbleberrypress.magcloud.com.

Author Sherman Alexie Visits Campus

Best selling author Sherman Alexie was on campus September 15 to talk with students, faculty, and staff about Finlandia’s Fall 2010 campus read, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Freshmen were required to purchase and read the book, and other students and faculty and staff were encouraged to do so.

Oral History Being Digitized

Finlandia’s Finnish American Historical Archive (FAHA) was recently awarded a $4,000 matching grant from the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission to digitize and preserve the original analog cassette tapes and transcripts of the “Finnish Folklore and Social Change in the Great Lakes Mining Region Oral History Collection.” The oral history collection was recorded in the 1970s under the direction of Rev. Dr. Arthur Puotinen, with funding from the

Faculty and Staff News


Hunting Hemingway’s Trout, a novel by English professor Lauri Anderson, was recently re-published by North Star Press. Anderson’s 2009 collection of short stories, *Mosquito Conversations: More Stories from the Upper Peninsula*, was one of six finalists for the Peace Corps Writers’ 2010 Maria Thomas Fiction Award. Anderson was a Peace Corps volunteer in Nigeria from 1965 to 1967. This October, Anderson participated in “The Vibrant Word 2010 Lutheran Festival of Writing” at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, where he read from his works of fiction, conducted a book signing, and participated in a panel discussion about the creation of setting and a sense of place.

Scott Blake, director of information technology, chaired the June 2010 Houghton Rotary Club Seafood Fest fundraiser, which raised over $26,000. Blake is past president of the Houghton Rotary Club (2001-02) and this summer he was named a Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow.

Earl Brogan, adjunct professor, will be part of a roundtable discussion entitled “Medieval Studies in the Middle and Secondary School Curriculum” at the 46th International Congress on Medieval Studies in May 2011 at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. In summer 2009, Brogan took part in an NEH seminar, “The Isle of Man: Crossroads of Medieval Cultures and Languages” on the Isle of Man and in Scotland.

The art work of Yueh-mei Cheng, ISAD professor of studio arts, was featured in a solo exhibition this summer at the Frank Lloyd Wright Studio at Taliesin, Wisc. Also at Taliesin, in August Cheng taught a painting workshop and conducted a walking tour of the oriental collections at the Frank Lloyd Wright House. In June, Cheng attended the Women’s Caucus for Art (WCA) national meeting in San Francisco where she promoted three AY 2010-11 Young Women’s Caucus national art projects in which Finlandia ISAD students and graduates (continued on page 10)
National Endowment for the Humanities. The oral histories include recordings of immigrant and first-generation Finns, including first-hand accounts of the Italian Hall fire. A searchable online exhibit of the oral history project will also be created. Work began on the project this June.

Wilho and Lillian Harju at their home with the 19th century cranberry scoop and dibble

**Archive Builds Records and Artifacts Collections**

Wilho Harju and his wife, Lillian, were cranberry growers for more than eight decades in Carver, Mass., also known as Finntown, which was at one time the cranberry capital of the world. Judging by the cranberry memorabilia found throughout their home, the Harjus know cranberries. It’s no wonder, then, that their sons are proud to be Carver’s largest cranberry producers and among the few remaining Finnish-American cranberry growers in the U.S.

James Kurtti, director of the Finnish American Heritage Center, recently paid a visit to Wilho and Lillian at their home in Carver. Kurtti was thrilled to accept from Wilho a full-size, handmade wooden cranberry scoop and a dibble (a tool used to set cranberry vines). The scoop and dibble are now part of the Finnish American Historical Archive and Museum (FAHA) collections.
To learn more about the Finns of Carver, Mass., a book about Carver written by Wilho Harju is available through the Carver County Historical Society.

Walter Lamppinen, Cedar River, has donated to the FAHA numerous one-of-a-kind items that tell the Finnish-American story through the eyes of Menominee County immigrants and their ancestors. Among them are records from the Daggett Chapter of Finnish Socialists, minutes from a 1903 Finnish Sewing Society, and minute books from the Daggett Finnish Lutheran Church Society. The documents were delivered to the FAHA this fall by junior Finlandia student-athlete Hannah Buechler, the granddaughter of Lamppinen’s cousin, Stella Wetthuhn.

Scott and Andrea Corpolongo-Smith, Woodspur, have donated to the FAHA the original communion rail, lectern, and altar, circa 1957, from the Woodspur School, which is in Ontonagon County. From the 1930s to the 1970s, three Finnish Lutheran congregations concurrently used the Woodspur School. The donors are the current owners of the building.

Campus and Community Garden Grows

Finlandia University, the City of Hancock, and the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department are collaborating to create Hancock’s first community garden. Finlandia is hosting the garden on a plot of recently-cleared land on Ryan Street across from North Wind Books. The city will provide soil and water, and Ryan Street Community Garden members and volunteers will govern and maintain the site. The first phase of the garden is expected to be operational in time for the 2011 growing season. The site will demonstrate how to apply ecological design principles to create abundant, diverse, and beautiful landscapes. On this year’s national “Make a Difference Day,” October 23, Barbara Hardy, coordinator of the garden project, and a group of AmeriCorps volunteers and Finlandia students continued work on one of eight to ten individual raised garden plots. For more information about the community garden, visit http://ryanstreetgarden.blogspot.com.

2011 Weavers’ Conference

The Midwest Weavers’ Association will host their 2011 conference, “Northern Wefts,” on the Finlandia University campus June 23 to 25. Conference activities include a selection of two-day workshops, “maxi” and “mini” learning sessions, a non-juried fashion show, and several fabric arts exhibits. Phyllis Fredendall, Finlandia University associate professor of fiber arts/fashion design, is helping to organize the event and she will present a felting workshop at the event. The primary mission of the Midwest Weavers Association is to promote learning, particularly through their biennial conferences.

Weaving Studio Donated to Fiber Arts Program

Art Puotinen, former provost and dean of faculty at Suomi College, has donated the weaving studio of his late wife, Judy, to Finlandia’s Fiber Arts/Fashion Design program. Judy Puotinen, who died in September 2009, earned a BFA at Finlandia in 2000. Included in the gift are an eight-harness Schacht floor loom, a Finnish table loom, lots of other equipment, and boxes and boxes of beautiful weaving yarns. “Judy was in our first BFA graduating class. She was an outstanding student and artist,” said Phyllis Fredendall, associate professor of fiber arts. “It is a wonderful gift. I am very grateful to Art for remembering us.”
Finlandia University has strong connections with many Finnish universities, and each year the International School of Business (ISB) hosts from six to ten Finnish students; this fall eight are on campus.

Discontinued for a couple of years, the ISB has reinstated its International Business (IB) major and is encouraging BBA students to consider an international learning experience.

“The IB major expands students’ understanding of how ‘international’ and ‘domestic’ business differ, and instills an appreciation for different cultures,” says ISB dean Terry Monson. “In addition to General Education courses and BBA core curricula, students study international economics, business, and marketing, take at least two semesters of a foreign language, and complete courses in international politics, history, and culture.”

So why is an international perspective important? Monson explains that in the 20th century the international sector played an important role in the United States’ development as the world’s preeminent economic power. In the 21st century exports will become an important source of growth for the U.S. economy as emerging countries such as Brazil, China, and India, and small, open economies such as Finland, drive world economic growth.

“Exports currently account for 8% to 10% of U.S. GDP and employment,” Monson adds. “And they are particularly important to certain states, including Michigan, which is the nation’s fifth largest state exporter. Michigan export activity employs roughly 300,000 Michigan workers.”

Even in the Copper Country, international trade is important. “A local sawmill produces birds-eye maple steering wheel blanks for Japanese and UK luxury cars, several firms supply software to call centers and for brokerage activities across the world, and another processes copper waste, some of which is imported, into cupric oxide and other chemicals,” Monson notes.

So why study in Finland? Monson offers these excellent reasons. “A world leader in technology, Finland has a world-renowned educational system, it has made considerable direct investment (about $15 billion) in the U.S., and its environment and culture are similar to the U.P.”

The International Business major is just one facet of Finlandia’s emphasis on globalization. The ISB is also working to build relationships with Finnish firms operating in the U.S. and elsewhere as employment possibilities for its students.

Terry Monson’s educational background is in international economics and his overseas employment experience is considerable. A U.P. native, Monson’s first international experience was as a college exchange student in Nigeria. This experience Monson says inspired in him an appreciation for the importance of a global approach to higher education, and led to his pursuit of a Ph.D. in international economics.
Marilyn Clark’s job title—International School of Business (ISB) outreach coordinator and assistant professor of management—clearly indicates the multi-faceted role she plays at Finlandia.

As assistant professor, Clark teaches Fundamentals of Business (BUS 138) and several junior- and senior-level Business courses, and she is developing a two-semester senior-level capstone course. The capstone, expected to be up and running in the 2011-12 academic year, will combine theory with practice to provide to Business seniors direct experience working with business start-ups at Finlandia’s Jutila Center and in the community.

As outreach coordinator, Clark is working closely with Jutila Center director Bonnie Holland and corporate relations director Fred Knoch to build ISB and Jutila Center interactions within the local economy. This includes identification of internship and employment opportunities for Business students, arranging guest lecturers for ISB classes, prospecting for real-world student learning projects, and helping Holland and ISB dean Terry Monson identify appropriate grant opportunities.

Funding for Clark’s position draws on ISB and Jutila Center resources, along with a modest grant from the Coleman Foundation. As a Coleman Faculty Fellow, Clark attended the 2010 National Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization (CEO) Conference November 4 to 6 in Chicago. As Faculty Fellow she is also working to establish an entrepreneurs’ club at Finlandia, and she is continuing development of an entrepreneurial certificate program, an initiative begun by Ronda Jones, Finlandia Coleman Faculty Fellow in 2009, and a 2008 alumna of both the Business and Art & Design bachelor degree programs at Finlandia.

“The business world is finding a ‘new normal’ which makes it a very exciting time to prepare students for the world that will be, not the world that was,” Clark says. “I especially enjoy working with students who, when presented with a challenge, are eager to rise to it.”

“The ISB is enjoying Clark’s enthusiasm and forward-thinking to improve the educational experiences of all Finlandia students,” notes Dean Monson.

Marilyn Clark served as an adjunct ISB instructor in the 2009-10 academic year. A Copper Country native, she completed a B.S. in mathematics and an M.S. in business administration at Michigan Technological University. She is currently working on a Ph.D. in human resource management. Clark brings global work experience to Finlandia, having served four years as supply chain director of the Cummins Engine Plant, Darlington, UK, in addition to other positions with the Cummins Engine Company in the U.S. She is professionally certified to teach project management and team building, a member of the American Production and Inventory Control Society and an APICS-Certified Professional, and active in Michigan Tech alumni affairs. She is a former board member of the Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance (KEDA).
New beginnings…

As I write this letter, I reflect on a day this summer when I carried out one of my proudest moments as a Dad: walking my daughter down the aisle to be married. And as I look out the second floor window of my Hoover Center office, I see vehicles with license plates from Wisconsin, Oregon, California, Colorado, and Michigan, many of them belonging to students new to Finlandia this fall. My son is among these eager new students. I also attended an orientation session this fall for new faculty members—who are also starting a new page in their lives.

These are all examples of new beginnings. By the time you read this article, however, the honeymoon will be over, the students will be nearing the end of the Fall semester, and new faculty members will be well into predictable daily routines.

New beginnings—regardless of the type—are exciting. But to sustain that motivation demands perseverance, which in turn requires commitment, hard work, patience, and endurance. The history of Suomi College and Finlandia University is full of examples of perseverance—sisee—that help define its identity and enrich the experience one can expect here, as a student, or as a faculty or staff member.

It was many years after my graduation from Suomi College in 1971 that I realized what I had gained at Suomi was foundational to my life. Now, as a staff member, I am working to ensure that today’s students can begin their own positive life changes at Finlandia.

I first met President Johnson in 2007 when I was the alumni speaker at Commencement that spring. It was Dr. Ubbelohde’s final Commencement as president, and the first for President Johnson—another new beginning. I recall that the final words of President Johnson’s talk that day were, “Finlandia Matters.” These two words have stuck with me ever since.

Allow me to repeat those words as a call to action: “Finlandia Matters.” If you are a Suomi or Finlandia alumni, a friend of the university, or simply a recipient of this publication—and you haven’t yet supported Finlandia—consider your own new beginning. Your gift makes it possible for our students to benefit fully from the distinct and uncommon Finlandia experience.

Thank you for considering your own new beginning with regard to your support of Finlandia University. Even small gifts help support the new beginnings of the students who have chosen Finlandia.

Warm regards,

Duane Aho

Chief Advancement Officer

EVP, External Relations

Student volunteers may be calling YOU!

Finlandia University student volunteers are calling university alumni and friends to generate support for the Finlandia Fund. “These students have a vital role in connecting with our donors and friends,” notes Ross Rinkinen, Advancement officer and director of the Finlandia Fund. “Not only are they securing pledges and commitments to the Finlandia Fund, but they’re sharing good news from campus. I appreciate their hard work and determination.”

So, when a Finlandia student calls, we hope you will share with them your memories and connections to Finlandia and Suomi College, and pledge your support for the Finlandia Fund, as well.

Your Gift Matters!

Left to right: Alan Freis (’76), President Johnson, and Don Sterling (’67) at an alumni gathering July 31 in Appleton, Wis. President Johnson threw the opening pitch at that day’s Timber Rattler’s baseball game.
Sakari Jutila was born October 18, 1926, in Helsinki, the fourth of five children of Finnish politician, professor, and diplomat Kalle T. Jutila and Hilja Lenora Jutila, a schoolteacher.

At the start of Finland’s Winter War, November 30, 1939, Sakari and three of his siblings were at school in Helsinki when the Russian bombing began. He recalls that they and some of their classmates found temporary shelter in a nearby cemetery, hiding among the tombs.

For the Jutila family, and all citizens of Finland, that day began an extended interruption of life as usual. The Jutila children continued their schooling at home and Sakari’s oldest brother lost his life in that war.

When the Continuation War began in 1941, Finnish citizens of all ages were mobilized to assist in the war effort. So Sakari, now 15, along with a brother, were sent to safety at his Uncle Arvo’s farm and for three years worked 12 hours per day, six days a week, helping tend the farm.

“I got a lot of learning out of it,” Sakari said of his years in the country. “Farm work is a heck of a good education.” For Sakari, this early hard work, education, and service to his country would define the course of his life.

In January 1944, the 17-year-old Sakari enlisted in the Finnish National Guard and a short time later was drafted into the Finnish army, serving as a machine gunner until the war ended in the fall of that year.

In 1945, Sakari’s father was appointed Finland’s ambassador to the U.S. and the family lived in Washington D.C. for a time. In the U.S., Sakari completed a one-year electrical technician course, remaining in the U.S. to study experimental physics and applied mathematics at Purdue University, completing a bachelor’s degree in 1950 and a master’s in 1951.

Sakari met his wife, Shirley, in Washington D.C., where Shirley was working as a secretary at the Finnish Embassy. Sakari and Shirley married in 1951, then lived in Finland for two years while Sakari completed his military service.

Sakari worked for General Electric in Syracuse, N.Y., for 13 years, while completing doctoral degrees at Syracuse University in electrical engineering (1960) and economics (1965). In 1956 he joined the faculty at Syracuse. His work with General Electric and at Syracuse connected him with a number of prominent inventors and scientists, notably Nobel Prize winner Peter J. W. Debye.

In 1967, Sakari accepted a faculty appointment at University of Toledo, Ohio, earning a full professorship and tenure in 1971. One colleague wrote in his tenure recommendation that Sakari “is unquestionably the most completely qualified and competent member of the faculty in the Department of Operations Analysis.” The remaining 26 years of his career at Toledo were of equally high caliber. For example, he was chairman of his department for 5 years and was a Senior Fulbright Research Scholar in Finland for one semester. He retired in 1997.

Sakari’s professional resume enumerates scores of scholarly and professional accomplishments, including research, publications, editorships, visiting professorships, and numerous honors.

Given these noteworthy accomplishments, one might assume that Sakari has had little time for recreational pursuits. Not so. During his lifetime he has pursued, alone and with his family, birding, painting, hunting and fishing, flying, boating and rowing, wilderness hiking, running, skiing, and pole walking. Sakari and Shirley have traveled in Mexico, South America, Europe, and Eastern Europe.

Sakari and Shirley are members of Finlandia’s Finnish Council in America. They live in Toledo. Shirley was born in Painesdale in 1926 and graduated from Jeffers High School in 1943. Their four children are dual U.S./Finnish citizens and all of them are well-educated, successful professionals. They have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Writing about oneself is difficult for most of us. It is especially difficult if you are of German-Scandinavian-Lutheran-Midwestern stock, as I am (think Garrison Keillor’s Lake Wobegon). We are brought up not to bring attention to ourselves in direct ways. For example, in my home congregation in Cherokee, Iowa, the congregants still do not applaud the children’s performances. The children are performing for God’s glory, not their own.

In the Lutheran tradition in which I grew up, we were encouraged to give of our three Ts: time, talent, and treasure. That foundation, along with the common-sense values instilled in me by my parents, provided me with a strong launch into adult life. I am pleased to draw on this foundation in service to Finlandia University.

When most of us are asked about ourselves, we speak of our jobs, our families, our hobbies—the “safe” topics. Here are some of my safe things. I have one son, Geoff, who is graduating from high school this year in Iowa. My partner, Todd, is a native of Jackson, Michigan. Our hobbies are live music, reading, and outdoor recreation. We have a black lab named Nitro and a beautiful tortoise shell cat named Mica.

What do we learn about each other from the “safe” descriptions? What are the things about which we are truly passionate? Those can be our jobs, our families, our hobbies—and for many of us they are. But what do we do with our time, talents, and treasures? What causes do we support, what rights do we fight for, what organizations do we contribute to? These are all windows into our definitions of ourselves that we are often reluctant to share.

As I begin my new responsibilities at Finlandia, I look forward to learning not only the “safe” things about those who are part of the Finlandia community, but also their passions. My vision is of a learning community that measures the success of our students not only by their job placements, but by their life placements—their passions.

I want our students to feel safe to explore and express their special interests and passions. Through in- and out-of-classroom experiences, our learning community can support student awareness of the interconnected nature of life and profession. Our graduates will live and work in a world that is increasingly divided and economically and environmentally challenged. They should be prepared for both a rewarding profession and a meaningful place in the world.

TyAnn Lindell was appointed Finlandia University executive vice president for academic and student affairs effective October 1, 2010. Lindell has been working in the education profession since 1983, serving first as a middle school language arts and computer teacher, then as a technology coordinator for a pre-K-12 school district. She shifted to higher education in 1997, taking a position at the University of Northern Iowa, then served eight years as assistant dean for academic affairs at Wartburg College, which, along with Finlandia, is one of 26 colleges and universities associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
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Many thanks to all who have supported Finlandia University/Suomi College between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010, and in years past.

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Jubilo Kustaa Nikander (1855–1919), born in Lammi, Finland, helped found Suomi College and served as president from 1896 to 1919. An ordained Lutheran pastor, Nikander traveled to the Copper Country from Finland in the fall of 1884. As a national leader of Finnish-American communities, he helped advance local congregations and fight the discrimination many of the immigrants faced.

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In 1922 Martti Nisonen (1891–1946) left Finland with his wife and four children to become Suomi College’s music instructor. He created a music program that drew many Finnish-American musicians. A noted composer and arrangeer of cantatas, operas, and several orchestral works, Nisonen is remembered as a tireless and dedicated instructor, not only of music, but also of cultural and moral development.

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Dr. John Wargelin (1881–1970) was president of Suomi College from 1919 to 1927 and 1930 to 1937. In 1896, at the age of 15, Wargelin enrolled in the college’s first class, graduating in 1904. In 1906 he graduated from Suomi’s former seminary, Wargelin served as a Suomi College trustee for 36 years. In 1966 the university’s library and science building was officially named for him.

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Waino “Pop” Lehto graduated from Suomi College in 1918. From 1920 until 1962 he served as instructor and dean of the business, commerce, and liberal arts programs at Suomi College.

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Built in 1899, for many years Old Main was the sole Suomi College building. In early years it housed classrooms, offices, a cafeteria, and a dormitory. Today it is the home of the Office of Admissions and other administrative and student support services.
Hancocksitson a hillside oncemined by the Quincy Mining Company. Finns, including many who helped establish and support Suomi College, Finlandia University’s campus on Quincy Street in Chicago, Duluth, and at the University of Helsinki. Minnie Perttula-Maki (1880–1957) was Suomi College’s only woman president to date, serving from 1922 to 1923. She was born in Lohtaja, Finland, and was a member of the college’s first class, graduating in 1904. She continued her education in Chicago, Duluth, and at the University of Helsinki.
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Finlandia University Paloheimo Professor Dr. Beth Virtanen has been internationally recognized for her work in Finnish and Finnish-American studies. At a July 2010 reception in honor of the 175th anniversary of the Kalevala at FinnGrandFest in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Virtanen’s appointment to Silver Membership in the Kalevala Society was announced by Hannele Jönsson-Korhola, director of the Society.

Virtanen is the 138th foreign member of the respected Finnish organization established in 1911. Professor Börje Vähämäki, the 137th foreign member, read aloud Virtanen’s commendation, noting the accomplishments for which Virtanen was awarded Silver Membership.

Vähämäki specifically noted Virtanen’s research, which “has focused on immigrant literature, with emphasis on Finnish North American Literature,” and Virtanen’s work “in compiling and editing a monumental anthology, Finnish North American Literature in English (Edwin Mellen, 2009).

Virtanen was also commended for her mobilization of Finnish–North American writers through the Finnish North American Literature Association and editing the Association’s newsletter and its literary journal, Kippis! Finally, Virtanen was congratulated for her 2009 appointment as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Finnish Studies and her joint work in 2010 with the Kalevala Society to publish a special issue of the Journal about the Kalevala.

For Finlandia, Virtanen has developed a series of four courses in Finnish-American studies that focus on the important contributions of Finnish Americans to ethnic literature and cultural studies. These courses are Finnish-American Literatur; Finnish-American Autobiography, Biography, and Memoir; Finnish-American Culture; and Finnish-American Social Thought. Each course examines its subject from the late nineteenth through the twentieth centuries. Taken together, the courses form a comprehensive study of Finnish-American literary and cultural experiences in the U.S.

Virtanen is currently working on a collection of essays focused on Finnish-North American literature. The edition will address Finnish-American literary expression as immigrant literature, and from that perspective examine aspects of ideology, memory, folk poetry, generation, and gender. Two particularly interesting articles included in the compilation address manifestations of Finnish-American immigrant generation in the spectrum of imaginative literature, and depictions of gender in mainstream Finnish-American fiction. Virtanen projects that she will complete the essay review process by early spring, when the collection will be proposed for publication to Edwin Mellon Press. She anticipates a 2011 publication date.
A record number of people—close to 1,500—attended the six performances of the 12th annual Finlandia University Sibelius Academy Music Festival, September 19 to 25, 2010, in Chicago, Hancock, Ishpeming, and Calumet. Represented at this year’s festival were three music genres and three nations.

In follow-up e-mail messages, each of the five musicians expressed their appreciation for taking part in this year’s Sibelius Festival. Estonian classical pianist Maria Aru wrote, “I will proudly advertise it among other musicians in Siba.”

Spanish Accordionist Arantza Aguirre, who performed with her duo partner, clarinetist Ana León, said, “It was awesome. I really enjoyed everything.”

And Pauliina Pajala, who plays violin and viola in the Finnish folk duo PAJU with Juulia Salonen (voice, nyckelharpa), wrote, “You gave us wonderful memories. I hope to come there again someday.”

New venues and new audiences also distinguished this year’s seven-day event. Two special daytime concerts for middle and high school music students were especially well-received, with combined attendance of nearly 1,000 students, teachers, and community members.

Traveling from Manistique for the afternoon concert September 22 at W.C. Peterson Auditorium in Ishpeming were the two fifth grade sons of homeschool parent/teacher Susie Muxlow. She wrote the following day that Benjamin and Elijah “LOVED it!” adding that, “It was great last night to have them come home and search for the countries and places that the performers were from. Thanks for planning such a great event.”

Ann Campbell, Houghton Central High School music teacher, reported to President Johnson that the overwhelming response of Houghton students to this year’s morning concert, September 24, at the Calumet Theatre was very positive. She said the feedback she received from band and choir students was exceptional and they were very excited about their participation.

Julie Badel, Alice Kellogg, Norm Berg, and Ray and Lois Lescelius, members of Finlandia’s Finnish Council in America and coordinators and hosts of the festival’s Chicago-area itinerary, all felt that the Chicago Estonian House festival concert was a huge success. Close to 100 attended the September 19 event.

Oscar Forsman of the Estonian House reported that he heard many great comments about the quality of the performances, and that the Estonians in attendance considered it the cultural highlight of the year.

Promotion for the Chicago-area concert was generously arranged by Lake County Clerk Willard Hellander, host of “A Word with Willard,” which is aired weekly on the Lake County, Ill., cable television channel.

Additional Sibelius Festival concert venues were Finlandia’s Finnish American Heritage Center and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Hancock. The Sibelius Academy musicians also presented a brief concert at The Bluffs Senior Community, Houghton.

Finlandia University offers sincere thanks to all who attended and helped organize and support the 2010 Sibelius Academy Music Festival. See you next year!
“Fools rush in where angels fear to tread” cautions the old adage. And so, a couple of years ago, I located a Finnish language class at a local university and began the struggle to learn what many regard as an impossible language to learn in a classroom as an adult. This perception ignores that indefinable Finnish characteristic known as *sisu*—an indefatigable sense of determination.

An Internet article actually bears the subtitle, “Who’s afraid of Finnish?” The answer, of course, is all adults of sound mind who did not learn Finnish in their childhood. My grandmother knew that. She spoke nothing but Finnish to her grandchildren in what I now know to be a not very successful attempt to force us to learn the language. I discovered many years after her death that she spoke perfect English, a language I thought she did not know at all, when I heard her speaking with a cousin’s fiancé.

But apart from learning the names of many kinds of food, a few swear words, and the simple declarative sentence, “I am going to bed” (“minä menen nukkumaan”), I remained devoid of linguistic ability in Finnish.

So, armed with a lesson book bearing the off-putting moniker, “Finnish for Foreigners,” I leapt into the fray in a beginning Finnish class. It was the most terrifying of textbooks—the second page of this tome lists 17 diphthongs, which one must memorize at the outset to know whether to pronounce two vowels as separate sounds or as one. What my mother taught me about Finnish—every letter is pronounced—turned out to be quite true. However, she never warned me about the similar sounding words distinguished only by a single letter. While “kuka” means “who,” adding another “k” to form the word “kukka” instead means “flower.” How about trying to pronounce “täytyy” (meaning “must”)?

The second rule on pronunciation is equally simple—the emphasis is always on the first syllable, a concept quite foreign to native English speakers when the first syllable contains a short vowel, such as “anteeksi,” meaning “sorry.” And how can an American mouth possibly emphasize the correct syllables when dealing with a word like “mannerheimintiella,” meaning “on the Mannerheim road”? This serves as a simple example of the Finnish habit of stringing words and case endings together to form a new word or phrase.

Worst of all are the sheer number of cases for nouns, some of which find no parallels in the English language. Finnish has fifteen cases for nouns, three of which are “inner” local cases, denoting prepositions such as in and into, and three “outer” local cases. Perhaps the most perplexing of cases is called the partitive, often used to refer to an indefinite quantity of things.

To be fair, some aspects of Finnish are easier than other languages. For example, nouns do not have a gender. So the Finnish word “hän” means both “he” and “she.” There are fewer letters in the Finnish alphabet than the English one. And Finnish uses many words borrowed from other languages. Who couldn’t recognize “banaani” and “kasetti”? Finally, the order of words in a sentence is not critical, unlike other languages, such as German.

Despite the near impossibility of learning our mother tongue, the most beautiful language in the world, an inexpressible pleasure results from being able to eke out a simple Finnish sentence and to understand one in return. But one thing is for certain—it takes a heap of *sisu* to learn Finnish!

Julie Badel is the current chairman of the Finlandia University Finnish Council in America. She lives in Chicago and is an attorney with Epstein, Becker, and Green.
Steve Lishinski, Head Baseball Coach

During his tenure as an assistant Finlandia Men’s Baseball coach from 2003 to 2005 and in 2009-10, Steve Lishinski worked with all phases of the Finlandia Men’s Baseball program, especially with Lions’ catchers and hitters and as first base coach. He was also head Women’s Softball coach in the 2005-06 season.

This academic year, Lishinski has been appointed head coach of the Finlandia cagers. His 2010-11 twenty-player team includes six returning letter-winners and 14 new student-athletes that hail from around the country. They kick of the 2011 playing season with a season opener March 5 to 12 at the Gene Cusic Classic, Fort Myers, Fla.

Lishinski was a four-year baseball starter and letter winner at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. His senior year college batting average was .410 league and .370 overall. He has a B.S. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Superior, a B.S. in secondary education from Michigan Technological University, and a master of education in special education from Grand Canyon University. He is a special education teacher at Jeffers High School and resides in Painesdale with his wife, Nikki.

Peter Rouleau, Women’s Golf Coach

Former Finlandia University and Michigan Tech ice hockey standout Peter Rouleau is coach of Finlandia’s Women’s Golf program, which completed its inaugural season this fall.

The five-player 2010 Women’s Golf team competed in three invitational tournaments this season, all in September, at the BluGold Invitational, Eau Claire, Wis., the LSSU Invitational, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and the Ripon Falls Invitational, Ripon, Wis.

Coach Rouleau played four years of golf at Hancock Central High School. When he was a junior and senior there, the Bulldogs golf team won consecutive Upper Peninsula High School Golf Championships. For five years, Rouleau has been instructing youth golf lessons at Portage Lake Golf Club, Houghton. He was winner of the golf club’s 2010 championship tournament, and runner up in 2009.

Rouleau has also been hired as head assistant Women’s Hockey coach. He lives in Hancock with his wife, Maren, and daughter, Kaelyn.

John McCabe, Men’s Hockey Coach

John McCabe is Finlandia University head Men’s Ice Hockey coach effective this academic year. McCabe takes over the Lions Men’s Hockey program following his sixth season as an assistant men’s hockey coach at University of Alabama-Huntsville (UAH), now an NCAA Division I school.

McCabe brings with him a wealth of hockey knowledge from UAH, first as a player from 1995 to 1998, a period during which the UAH Chargers won two NCAA DII national championships, the second in his senior year as captain of the team.

As a coach, McCabe helped lead the UAH Chargers to two College Hockey America tournament titles and two NCAA Regional Semifinal appearances, most recently the 2010 Midwest Regional in Fort Wayne, Ind. At UAH, McCabe worked under Danton Cole, former Michigan State All-American and Stanley Cup winner with the New Jersey Devils.

McCabe also played seven seasons of minor-professional hockey, most notably four seasons in the East Coast Hockey League with the Mobile Mysticks, the Greensboro Generals, and the Toledo Storm.

McCabe lives in Hancock with his wife, Carla, daughter, Annslee, and step-daughter, Lillie.

The 2010 Women’s Golf team, left to right, are Mariah Mumford, Alyssa Erspamer, Amber Outilien, Hailey Ohltonen, and Kelly Poelstra.
Like everyone on campus, Criminal Justice sophomore Bobby Harry, Hancock, is excited about recent improvements to the Paavo Nurmi Athletic Center. When he entered the Center’s Fitness Center one day this fall and saw all the new equipment, he says his face broke into a huge grin.

Built in 1969, the Paavo Nurmi Athletic Center has been the home of the Lions for more than four decades. This fall, students, athletes, faculty, staff, and community members are enjoying significant improvements to the interior of the 41-year-old structure.

Spearheaded by facilities manager Curtis Wittenberg, with help from athletic staff, local contractors, and university maintenance, the Paavo Nurmi Center has received upgrades to overall lighting, the boiler system, the Fitness Center, a classroom, a training room, and the mezzanine area.

Electrical contractor Bay Electric installed high-efficiency fluorescent lighting throughout the building, including the pool area, which will save energy and improve visibility, and improved the building’s public address/audio system. Swick Plumbing and Heating installed a new boiler system, which heats the building and the pool, which is expected to reduce winter heating bills.

The Fitness Center has been completely remodeled with fresh wall paint and graphics, rubber flooring, and new high-tech weight training and cardiovascular equipment. The new equipment includes a variety of dumbbells, kettle bells, treadmills, spinning bikes, and weight training machines. Also still in use is some of the better older equipment.

Dave Hendrickson, Liberal Studies junior, Escanaba, has been working out at Paavo Nurmi for three years. He says he feels more motivated to work out now. “It’s exciting to use everything. The new equipment is nice to have and safer to use.”

Integrated Design junior Carl Roscoe, Romulus, plays soccer and baseball for the Lions. Roscoe agrees with his classmates that everything about the Fitness Center is better. He notes in particular the new full set of free weights, and two pull up bars and two squat racks.

“I come here more often now,” adds freshman PTA major Mike Calhoun, Birmingham, Ala., a point guard for the men’s basketball team.

Other improvements to Paavo Nurmi include a new coat of paint and the addition of a high-definition projector in a lower level classroom, which is a space for student-athlete study tables and team meetings.

The floor and walls of the gymnasium mezzanine area, a training area for all teams and the location of a baseball/softball batting cage, was the recipient of a new high-gloss paint job. The Portage Health training room floor was also given a fresh coat of paint to spruce up the office of Finlandia’s sports medicine providers.

Finally, wireless internet routers have been installed on all three levels of Paavo Nurmi, providing building-wide wireless internet access for all Finlandia students, faculty, and staff.

“The improvements make for a better overall environment for our student-athletes,” concludes Wittenberg. “I invite everyone to come on up and see the changes because pictures won’t do them enough justice.”

Athletics News: Paavo Nurmi Interior Gets A Facelift
This fall, Finlandia Campus Ministry (FCM) welcomed new and returning students with a renewed sense of mission and vision to share. Last academic year, FCM more than quadrupled the activities within our four core areas—Worship, Study, Outreach, and Service—through a campus-wide effort focused on awareness of Campus Ministry and its functions, activities, faith development, and ecumenicism.

We are excited about the technical and liturgical “upgrades” we are enjoying this fall, such as new ELW worship materials, a new chapel sound system and other electronics equipment, and additional Bible study and outreach materials. We feel better equipped than ever to reach out with the desire and passion to devote ourselves to God’s work.

Our theme for the year, “Come and see” (John 1:39), calls us to invite all others to share in discussions of both togetherness and diversity with open hearts. In this way, we are free to know that the “old self” does not need to be discarded in favor of becoming “someone else.” We simply need to embrace the gifts that God has given each of us and use them to grow the community that surrounds us.

We are developing a strong sense of discipleship and faith study in Finlandia Campus Ministry through social activities and open opportunities for worship, learning, and service—for people of all ages and faiths.

So, be on the lookout! Finlandia Campus Ministry is growing and maturing. We are aiming for nothing less than transformation. Come and see.

We’re chopping wood for Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, collecting food for those in need, walking in faith to end hunger, spending our Alternative Spring Break in Texas, hosting TGIF community events, worships, and Bible studies, spreading the word through Fellowship of Christian Athletes, building global awareness through Progressive Dinners, easing finals week stress with care packages, and more.

Stewart Smalley, a character on “Saturday Night Live,” stated it best when he advised us to tell ourselves, “I only need to be the best (insert your name here) I can be!” That, with Christ, is what we are working to achieve here at Finlandia by way of the university’s mission, “a learning community dedicated to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service.”

By the way … the flags and magnets did change, but the dinner table has become quite a mouth-watering and diverse smorgasbord (or should I say “seisovapoyta”). God is good!
It’s not always easy when it comes to long-distance relationships between two countries, two continents, and thousands of miles. But Helena Paananen, Viitasaari, Finland, and Ryan Sullivan, Marquette, Mich., are giving it their best shot and hoping to “settle down” in January 2011.

Helena and Ryan met at Finlandia University in spring 2007. Ryan was a sophomore Business student and hockey student-athlete; Helena was a Finnish exchange student from Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences. But it wasn’t until the next fall, when Helena returned to Finlandia for her second semester, that they discovered how much they had in common. Before long, they were spending most of their spare time together.

At the end of the Fall 2008 semester, Helena returned to Finland to finish her undergraduate degree, returning to Michigan that winter for a five-week independent study opportunity. Since then, a lot has happened.

Here is a summary of their life together, so far.

**Summer 2008:** Ryan visits Finland for the first time, travels to the Finland birthplace of his maternal grandparents, and tours Italy, France, and Monaco with Helena and her family.

**Fall 2008:** Ryan and Helena spend about a month in New Mexico where Ryan is playing professional hockey. Helena visits Las Vegas for the first time.

**Christmas Eve 2008:** Ryan proposes to Helena in Marquette with a sign that spells out, “Will you marry me?” in Christmas lights. Helena’s answer, after she recovers from the surprise, is “YES!”

**Spring 2009:** Ryan and Helena graduate from college: Ryan from Finlandia, Helena from Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences.

**Summer 2009:** Ryan visits Helena in Finland and they tour Estonia.

**Fall 2009:** Ryan begins a full-time a job with a Marquette insurance firm.

**November 2009:** Helena returns to Marquette for several months and begins to plan the wedding. She returns to Finland in February.

**Spring 2010:** Helena comes to Marquette for a short visit.

**Summer 2010:** On July 10, Helena and Ryan are married at a celebration in Viitasaari, Finland. Two weeks later, July 24, Helena and Ryan are married, again, this time at a celebration in Marquette.

**August 2010:** Helena returns to Finland.

**November 2010:** Ryan has been employed by Mommaerts Mahoney Financial Services, Marquette, since May, and he is completing coursework to become a Certified Financial Planner (CFP). Helena works in her family’s transportation business in Finland. “This is the longest we’ve been apart,” Ryan says of his and Helena’s separation since August. “But we’re on Facebook a lot, chatting and sharing photos.” They also talk by telephone, but Ryan says it’s difficult to find a good time of day given the seven hour time difference between Finland and Michigan.

**December 2010:** Ryan will travel to Finland to spend the Christmas holiday with Helena and her family.

**January 2011:** Helena expects to return to Marquette with a “green card” visa in hand, and, finally, the couple can officially begin their married life together.

Ryan is the son of Tom and Cathy Sullivan of Marquette. Ryan’s older brother, Brad, is an assistant coach for the Lions Men’s Hockey team. Visit the couple’s wedding website and view more photographs of Ryan and Helena at [www.mywedding.com/helenaryan](http://www.mywedding.com/helenaryan).
Greetings to all—especially the class of 1975!

It has been 35 years since I attended Suomi College and the world has changed drastically since then. However, in the quiet oasis of the Copper Country remains a staple of the past at today’s Finlandia University. I don’t mean that the university isn’t changing. This fall, Finlandia has its highest enrollment in over 20 years, and their current leadership is taking the university to the next level. Many exciting things are happening at Finlandia and you owe it to yourself to visit campus.

My time at Suomi ranks among my top ten life experiences. Finlandia made a difference in my life, as it likely has in yours. I believe we are all responsible to give of our time, talent, and resources to help those people, places, and things that have made a difference in our lives. Finlandia is one of those places.

As Suomi and Finlandia alumni, it is up to us to help Finlandia thrive and prosper. At Finlandia, you began to fulfill your dreams and learned that you could become anything you wanted to be. Now, you have the opportunity to help other Finlandia students realize their own dreams and learn that their own possibilities are endless. We can make a difference.

–David Greenhoff (’75)
Vice President, International Alumni Board

David Greenhoff

James V. Hill, Robinson, Ill., a retired judge of the Illinois Circuit Court, wrote with news about his mother, Leah (Huhtala) Hill (’35). Now 94 years old, Leah is living in an assisted living residence in Melbourne, Fla. Judge Hill believes his mother may be among the oldest living graduates of Suomi College. In 1988, at age 72, Leah earned a master’s degree from the University of Central Florida, at that time the oldest person to receive an advanced degree from UCF.

Ann Anttila (’52), a member of Finlandia’s Finnish Council, wrote to say how much she is enjoying the Finlandia University News, the university’s e-newsletter. Ann recalls that at Suomi College she was a staff writer for Inklings, the student newspaper at that time. “Times sure have changed!” she said.

Jeff Carlson (’71) is married with two grown daughters and three grand children. He lives west of Chicago in Glen Ellyn, Ill. Jeff works in packaging and pre-press services and is producer and announcer for Wheaton College radio (88.1 FM). His wife is a first grade teacher. “Every so often I hear from one of my Suomi classmates and marvel at the lives they are leading,” Jeff said. “Some I can’t find, for instance my roommate from Finland, Pekka Salomma, and some have passed, including Wayne Carlson.” E-mail Jeff at plater70@aol.com.

Randy A. “Harpo” Miller (’78), Union, Mich., has worked in management for 33 years. He has two children and a grandson. For 25 years, Randy has fundraised for and held office in an organization focused on helping crippled and burned children. “My college days were some of the best in my life,” he wrote. “Dean David Strang and so many of the staff were life-changers for me. The heritage of the college, its location, the community, and most of all the people, made it so very special.” E-mail Randy at rmiller@homanlumber.com.

Eduardo Rivadeneyra (’78) believes he was the first student from Mexico at Suomi College. Eduardo works in public and media relations for the Cancun Airport, Mexico. “I write now just to stay in touch with you,” he said in a recent e-mail. “I have cherished memories from my Suomi days. It was a great learning experience to be there.” E-mail Eduardo at erivadeneyra@asur.com.mx.

Calvin M. (Skip) Lucado, Jr. (’79), Spotsylvania, Va., wrote to share memories of two Finlandia University professors who made a great impact on his life. “Lauri Anderson really opened my eyes to what was taking place in the world outside of where we grew up, and that there was a lot to see and learn if we ever got the chance to venture outside our comfort zone,” Skip said. “Wally Anderson was my Western Civ instructor and he really made history come alive. Since then, history has been one of my favorite subjects, and I have been

The Suomi College Class of 1960 gathered for a photo June 25 during this summer’s Suomi/Finnlandia all-school reunion.


2011 ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

January 21 - 5:30 p.m., Winter Social for Finlandia friends and alumni, Finnish American Heritage Center

January 22-28 - Homecoming/Spirit Week

June 24-26 - Reunion for the Class of 1961 and friends
heavily involved with history, restoration, and reenactment. Suomi holds a special place in my life. I learned not only academics, but life lessons."

Skip spent 22 years in the Marine Corps, traveling to 29 countries and serving in three combat zones. He currently works as senior imagery analyst/branch head at Marine Corps Intelligence Activity, Quantico, Va. He has been married for 21 years to Patricia. They have two children. E-mail Skip at skip03@comcast.net.

Matthew Crawford ('84), Flint, has been an emergency medical technician for 26 years, and he is an aspiring novelist. "I enjoyed my time at Finlandia and hope to keep in touch," he wrote. E-mail Matt at mwcmcz@gmail.com.

Krissy Kovachich ('04) and Mike Delesha were married Aug. 22, 2009, in Calumet. Krissy is a project manager for Gexpro/G.S. Mike is a construction representative and remodeling contractor.

Carin Paupore ('05), Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., recently completed 27 months service in the Peace Corps. Carin served in Ybytymi, Paraguay, as a crop extension volunteer, and then extended her tour for 13 months in Asuncion, the capital, to work as an agriculture coordinator. "I joined the Peace Corps because of my love for travel and cultures, and my desire to make a positive impact in the lives of others," Carin said. Her next goal is to earn a master’s of arts in international studies at University of Denver, and ultimately work with Latin American immigrants. E-mail Carin at carin.paupore@gmail.com.

Holly Marie Jewell ('05), Bath, and Jason Mead Seidenstucker, Robinson, Ill., were married September 24, 2010, in Mohawk. Holly is a financial reporting analyst at MHA Insurance Co., Lansing. Jason is a project engineer for Marathon Petroleum Co.

Mia Collins ('05) and Jerrod Moilanen, both of Chassell, will be married this December in Riviera Maya, Mexico. In 2009 Mia completed an M.B.A. through University of Phoenix. She is employed at Michigan Tech Federal Credit Union, Houghton. Jerrod is employed at Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc., Pelkie.

Bobbi Megan Teddy ('09) and Jason Scott Edwards were married September 4, 2010, in L’Anse. Bobbi is a registered nurse at Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids. Jason is employed by Wightman Jones, Inc., Allegan.

Lisa Marie Harden ('09) and Timothy James Wilson were married August 28, 2010, in L’Anse. Lisa teaches Kindergarten for Baraga Area Schools. Timothy is a fisheries biologist.

In Memory

Russell F. Hoyer, 99, died July 2, 2010, in Hancock. Hoyer served on the Suomi College Board of Trustees in the 1960s. He was instrumental in successful fund raising programs for the building of Finlandia Hall, Maki Library, and the Paavo Nurmi Athletic Center. He received a Suomi College Distinguished Service Award in 1961.


Oliver F. Aho ('38), 93, Ripley, died Sept. 9, 2010.


Reynold Maurice Burbank ('40), 90, Gas City, Ind., and Hubbell, died Jul. 10, 2010.

Winifred “Winnie” (Kangas) Ruotanen, 85, Ontonagon, died Apr. 24, 2010.

Martin Marin, 83, Marquette, died May 27, 2010. Martin was a member of the Finlandia University Finnish Council in America. Memorials may be made to the Finlandia University Finnish Heritage Fund.

Pastor Richard David Rintala ('51 and '54), 80, Niles, Ohio, died Jul. 9, 2010.


Bruce Tambellini ('76), 67, Laurium, died Sept. 24, 2010.

Evelyn Kuusisto, ('73), 66, Calumet, died, Jul. 4, 2010.


The Rev. Karlo Juhani Keljo, 88, died Oct. 18, 2010, in Columbus, Ohio. Born in Finland, Karlo graduated from Suomi College and Theological Seminary, and was ordained June 12, 1946. He earned a master’s degree at Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary and pursued doctoral studies at Princeton Theological Seminary. He taught at the Suomi College seminary, at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and at Hartwick College. For most of his career, he was a pastor to congregations in Brooklyn, N.Y., Detroit, and Ishpeming. After studying at the University of Helsinki post-retirement, he founded the Northern Great Lakes Lay School for Mission. Karl was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters from Finlandia University in 1996. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Eunice (Isaac) Keljo, two sons, a daughter, and grandchildren. Donations may be made in his name to Hope Lutheran Church, Columbus, or Finlandia University.
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