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From the President PHILIP JOHNSON

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Exams and the examined life ... I believe that at its best, the higher education experience—the Finlandia experience—tends to both.

As I write this greeting, our students are preparing for final exams. For some, it will be their last exams at Finlandia. For many, these exams will determine final course grades. Exams can, as well, have a significant influence on one's overall college GPA. Not everyone, of course, finishes the academic year or their collegiate career with an exam. Some will complete projects, research papers, capstones, clinicals, internships, and so on. But you know what I mean. Exams mark the college experience; they are a given. Exams matter.

And what of the examined life? Many are familiar with Plato's recollection of Socrates' declaration, "The unexamined life is not worth living." The examined life, I believe, is one in which the individual purposefully and perennially reflects upon what it means to be human in the world.

Does this purposeful reflection belong to the college experience? Of course it does. Deliberate or not, this kind of learning occurs on campus every day ... in the classroom and at the library, on the court or field, in the chapel and the residence hall, and during internships and clinicals. It happens individually and collectively ... in classes, among classmates, with academic advisors and the chaplain, and with university faculty and staff.

But does reflection on one's inner journey matter as much as preparation for exams and the outward journey? Are exams to be required and the examined life elective? The former scheduled and the latter accidental? To what degree are we willing and able to purposefully create the conditions for, and intentionally capture, this kind of learning?

In the past two spring issues of *the Bridge*, I invited readers to engage in conversation about Finlandia's best self. In spring 2010 I wrote of "uncommon attention," an emerging expression of Finlandia's core commitment to accompany our students with an individualized blend of support and challenge. In spring 2011 I expressed this developing idea more fully in a re-imagined vision of Finlandia's best self.

Finlandia University will deliver a distinctive experience

- Marked by whole learning;
- Delivered with uncommon attention; and
- Valued for graduates who thrive as persons and professionals.

This January and February, I facilitated 22, two-hour discussions with my campus colleagues. More than 120 full- and part-time faculty and staff participated. Our topic was Finlandia's best self. These conversations were rich and helpful for me, as I believe they were for all who participated. We reflected on the above vision statement, and various iterations of the same. We discussed a number of related questions and ideas.

I also shared with colleagues my convictions about the importance of accompanying the whole student, the whole human being, in higher education. I think of this as Human Higher Ed.

The loudest refrain from these conversations is this: Finlandia's faculty and staff members genuinely value each student as a whole person, and they desire to accompany each student in his or her entirety.

Both exams and the examined life matter to us at Finlandia. The work that remains ahead is to more fully deliver a higher education experience that encourages purposeful reflection on what it means to be human in the world today.

I agree with Mark Roche, award-winning author of *Why Choose the Liberal Arts*, who writes, "Students of course want to get a job and make a living, but they also want to be able to say why the life they have chosen makes sense, in what way it is connected to something bigger."

This is true, I believe, for all of us.

Philip Johnson, Ph.D.
President



"Teaching children well is an investment in the future."



"Try things while you can. Who knows where it will take you."



"The best thing you can do for your future is to gain experience in the field in which you want to work."



Cover Photo: Students enrolled in the spring Entrepreneurial Workshops take a break in the FUEL Studio retail store at the Jutula Center. They are (left to right) Lauren Jarvinen (Jr., Fiber/Fashion Design), Reece Anderson (Jr., Sports Management), Scott Kalinec (Jr., Accounting), Alexandra Churskoff (Fr., Pre-professional Science), and Wesley Williams (Fr., PTA). Not pictured is Mike Simila (Jr., Art & Design). See page 28.

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It Takes A Village

“It takes a village,” the well-used adage asserts. For Finlandia, a glance at the annual list of university donors confirms the saying as true.

In this issue of *the Bridge*, we’ve featured some of the individuals, foundations, and agencies that support and enrich the university’s educational mission and help make college more affordable for Finlandia students.

Among them are the Coleman Foundation and the Siebert Lutheran Foundation. Respectively, the two grant-making entities have advanced cross-disciplinary entrepreneurial opportunities on campus and helped to launch a new Health Sciences degree program.

You’ll read about TRiO Student Support Services and Upward Bound, federally-funded programs which are helping to “close the gap” by encouraging and supporting student success in post-secondary educational endeavors.

You’ll get to know Kevin Korte, an alumnus who is working on campus as an AmeriCorps member, Fulbright Scholar Päivi Hakkarainen and the Hei

Suomi! community outreach program, and four of our Campus and Community “Hancock Award” students.

Campus pastor Soren Schmidt has shared some insights about the sport of curling, and 1970 alumna Marlain (Birdi) Therrian tells *Bridge* readers about her family’s inspiring work. And you’ll learn about several donors and the loved ones they have honored through annual and endowed scholarships, which are so important for Finlandia students.

As always, the production of each issue of the Finlandia University *Bridge* is a labor of love, from identification of the issue’s theme and the generation of individual story ideas to collecting information, interviews, and arranging to take photographs to graphic design and layout, photo editing, and proofreading. It’s also a cooperative undertaking, requiring lots of *sisu* and the help of dozens of Finlandia students, faculty and staff members, university alumni and friends, and community members.

I hope you enjoy this issue and the people and initiatives we have featured this spring.

– Karen S. Johnson, Editor
Executive Director of Communications



Medical Assistant students (left to right) Back row: Robin Wakeham, Samantha Buth, Lauren Hodges, Sara McCue; Center: Kelly Ylitalo, Jean Tracey, Heather Broniec, Tia Heikkinen; Front: Jamie Clishe and Shelby Stevens

Home-grown Healthcare Workers

Since 1991, the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, Inc., has awarded grants totaling more than \$2 million in support of Finlandia University academic programs. The College of Health Sciences, especially, has benefitted from the foundation's significant, long-term support.

Most recently, in 2010 the Siebert Lutheran Foundation awarded grant funds to equip a dedicated classroom lab for Finlandia's Medical Assistant degree program.

"The Medical Assistant associate degree program was initiated in direct response to the priority personnel needs of community health care providers," says Pam Audette, director and assistant professor for the Medical Assistant program. "The Siebert grant was a huge surprise and our program is extremely appreciative. The \$50,000 grant was used to help 'jump start' the new program, including the purchase of state-of-the-art furnishings and equipment."

The Medical Assistant classroom has been fitted with computers and handicapped-accessible desks and chairs to seat up to 21 students. And new mannequins, medical instruments, examination tables, lights, and trays create a realistic and modern physician office atmosphere. Informational brochures were produced to help recruit students for the program.

"With the new classroom equipment, instruments, and mannequins, Medical Assistant program students are completing first aid and CPR training, and practicing EKGs, spirometry testing, and various other laboratory tests," Audette says.

The associate in applied science degree in Medical Assistant is a two-year, five-semester program. Freshman-level students take courses including English, math, anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, and computer applications. Later, students complete courses in medical office administrative procedures, and clinical and lab procedures. Two externships are required, one administrative and one clinical.

Audette notes that classroom and hands-on clinical lab learning, coupled with the externships in professional medical offices, prepare Medical Assistant graduates to begin their careers right away.

"The Medical Assistant curriculum is also designed to prepare students for bachelor degree studies in related disciplines, such as health care administration, nursing, nutrition, or health care law," Audette adds.

The Medical Assistant program graduated its first class of three students in spring 2011. The Medical Assistant Class of 2012 is expected to number 11.

Finlandia University has been educating health care professionals for 30 years. Its College of Health Sciences is anchored by two nationally-accredited degree programs, the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) and the associate degree in physical therapist assistant (PTA).

Albert F. Siebert (1879-1960) was born in Ohio, the son of a Lutheran pastor. After graduation from Wittenberg College, Siebert pursued a sales career, and in 1924 started the Milwaukee Electric Tool Company. The company thrived until the Great Depression of the 1930s. Siebert vowed that if his company survived, he would designate a large part of it to the work of the Lord. The company not only survived, it prospered. In 1952, Siebert created the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, funding it with his entire interest in Milwaukee Electric Tool. Now an independent foundation, the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, Inc., makes annual grants to Lutheran congregations, organizations, associations, and institutions.



Eeva Holappa (left) and Sanna-Mari Suopajarvi engage South Range Elementary School third graders March 21 in their Hei Suomi! class. The class was brainstorming topics for video postcards.



Eeva Holappa



Sanna-Mari Suopajarvi

Hei Suomi! (Hi Finland!)

"Teaching children well is an investment in the future, and teachers are doing very important work," noted Sanna-Mari Suopajarvi, 22, a media education student at the University of Lapland in Rovaniemi, Finland.

Suopajarvi, and Eeva Holappa, 21, a student in the class teacher training program at University of Lapland, were in the Copper Country February 23 to March 30. They shared with South Range Elementary School third graders information about contemporary Finnish culture and language, nature and geography, and the everyday lives of Finnish children.

"It's important (for children) to know something about other countries, not only Finland," Holappa said. "Many Finnish people live in the U.S., so it's good to know something about them, too. People also may have some stereotyped images of Finland, so it's nice to share information which we know is accurate."

Working with South Range Elementary School teachers Steve Aho and Lisa Pyykkonen, Suopajarvi and Holappa participated in Hei Suomi!, a collaborative project among South Range Elementary School, Finlandia University, the Finnish American Heritage Center, and the University of Lapland. South Range is a village located about five miles south of Hancock, Mich.

"South Range is very excited about this collaboration," said Kim Harris, South Range Elementary School principal. "Our area, and our school, is very rich in Finnish culture, and the relevance is very real for our students as many of their ancestors were Finnish immigrants."

Harris added that as the third graders continue their studies in Michigan history this spring, they can begin to connect what they've learned of Finland with further learning about other countries and nationalities.

The Hei Suomi! program began with 2011-12 Finlandia Fulbright Scholar Päivi Hakkarainen. One component of her Fulbright academic program was to offer Finnish culture and language instruction to local youth.

Hakkarainen, who is a lecturer at University of Lapland, and her family moved from Finland to Toivola in July 2011, and one of her daughters attended Kindergarten at South Range Elementary School.

"I was walking down the hallway of South Range Elementary, and on the wall I saw lists of students' names," she said. "Although I knew that many people in the area have Finnish roots, I was positively shocked to read all the Finnish surnames. I felt an instant connection with the school."

After observing the depth of Finnish roots in South Range and the Copper Country, Hakkarainen, with Wade Tillett, Finlandia assistant professor of elementary education, decided to establish a program that would present opportunities for South Range Elementary School students to explore Finnish culture, language, and heritage.

In their Hei Suomi! class, Holappa and Suopajarvi engaged the South Range third graders in learning some basic Finnish words, such as names for animals and colors and how to say hello, writing their own Finnish animal fables, and producing radio plays and video postcards, among many other activities.

"Children are active constructors of knowledge and our teaching methods are based on that viewpoint," Holappa noted. "We noticed the children's own experiences and built (on that)."

And children are always interested in other children, so the Finnish student-teachers incorporated Finnish films and children's literature in their lesson plans, and arranged to collaborate via the Internet—through a shared blog—with an elementary school in Rovaniemi.

The South Range students' work was posted regularly to the shared blog, and included drawings, photos, stories, videos, and student diary entries.

"Information and communication technologies provide wonderful opportunities to enhance teaching," noted Holappa.

It goes without saying, perhaps, that the Finnish student-teachers' time at South Range Elementary was an excellent learning experience. For 90 minutes each day, Monday through Thursday, the young women had opportunities to develop their teaching and English language skills and practice inter-cultural communication.

"This was a great opportunity to visit the U.S. as something other than a tourist," Holappa said. "The trip gave me a

chance to learn about a different educational system, and that naturally enhances my studies."

"International experiences are always vital to one's career in the globalizing world," Suopajarvi added, noting that it may be more common in Finland for university students to participate in international exchanges, than not to.

Ritva Koukku-Ronde, Ambassador of Finland to the United States, is Protector of the Hei Suomi! program. "In Finland, it is customary that happenings, programs, or competitions have official honorary Protectors," Hakkarainen explained.

Located on the Arctic Circle, the University of Lapland is an international, multidisciplinary university that welcomes foreign exchange students and encourages its Finnish students to study abroad.

Outi Kyrö-Ämmälä, a lecturer in teacher education at University of Lapland, is in charge of field teaching practice there. She worked closely with Hakkarainen to arrange the Hei Suomi! student exchange.

Kyrö-Ämmälä explained that the students' work with the Hei Suomi! program is linked to their guided field practice.

"The Finnish teacher education includes both theoretical studies and guided practices," Kyrö-Ämmälä said.

"The teacher student can choose his/her own class and school for the guided field teaching practice based on his/her own interest."

Even after leaving the U.P. in May, Hakkarainen hopes the Hei Suomi! project can be continued. "I see this as a pilot project," she said.

Sanna-Mari Suopajarvi will complete a bachelor of education in media literacy issues this year, and then pursue a master of education.

Eeva Holappa, from Oulu in central Finland, will complete her bachelor of education in December 2012, and then pursue a master of education degree. She hopes to become an elementary school teacher.

For more information about the Hei Suomi! program, visit www.finlandia.edu/hei-suomi. Visit the third graders' Hei Suomi! blog at <http://heisuomi-sres.blogspot.com>.





The Hancock Award

"Campus and Community: Together for Good," launched in 2009, is a strategic and creative long-term exchange of resources among the City of Hancock, Hancock Public Schools, and Finlandia University. The innovative collaboration trades a long-term package of Finlandia University educational and recreational resources for two Hancock School District properties.

A notable component of Campus and Community is the "Hancock Award," a 12-year tuition award program which began with the Hancock Central High School (HCHS) Class of 2009. There are 43 Hancock Award students currently enrolled at Finlandia: 17 from the HCHS Class of 2009; 14 from the Class of 2010; and 12 from the Class of 2011.

One of the Hancock Award recipients, Lauren Hodges, graduates this spring with an A.A.S. in Medical Assistant; another, Jason Stromer, will complete his A.A.S. in Criminal Justice this summer.

Below are updates from four of the Finlandia University Hancock Award recipients. Please visit www.finlandia.edu/campus-community for more information about Campus and Community: Together for Good and the Hancock Award.

Jessica Heinonen



Jessica Heinonen, 21, Hancock, graduated from Hancock Central High School in 2009. Now a junior at Finlandia, and a sophomore in the university's Nursing program, Jessica plans to pursue a master's degree in nursing after she completes her B.S.N.

Two Finlandia classes Jessica has found particularly interesting so far are Substance Abuse and Pharmacology. She identifies assistant professor of nursing Judy Crotty as her favorite teacher.

"In my view, Judy Crotty is by far the best teacher at Finlandia," Jessica says. "I adore her! She is very understanding, intelligent, and she's always more than willing to help out with anything!"

Jessica works part-time as a CNA at Aspirus Keweenaw Home Health Services, Calumet. In her free time, she enjoys running, baking, and hanging out with friends.

Jessica is the daughter of Gordie and Sue Heinonen of Hancock. Her brother, Alex Heinonen, is a freshman Finlandia Hancock Award recipient majoring in Business.

Jared Korpela

Finlandia freshman Jared Korpela, 18, graduated from Hancock Central High School in 2011.

Jared enjoys working with numbers and analyzing various aspects of business, so he has chosen a major in Business with a concentration in Accounting.

After he completes his bachelor's degree, Jared plans to pursue a master's degree at Michigan Technological University. Eventually, he hopes to work for the I.R.S. in Minneapolis.

So far, Jared's favorite classes at Finlandia include a computer class, "because I feel we all need to be knowledgeable about computers," and an English class with assistant professor Mark Lounibos.



"He (Lounibus) made English interesting," Jared explains. "He's the only teacher who has been able to do that for me."

Jared works part time at his father's business, World of Wood, Hancock. In his free time, he enjoys playing hockey and fishing. He is the son of Mark and Thelma Korpela of Hancock.

Dylan Peterson



Freshman Dylan Peterson, 19, is a 2011 graduate of Hancock Central High School. He is majoring in Integrated Design at Finlandia because, "I have always been a good illustrator and creator of anything and everything."

Dylan is also a student-athlete on the Finlandia Men's Golf team. "It's been great so far; the competition is awesome," he notes.

Dylan feels that the best part about Finlandia is the Art & Design program as a whole. He says, "I just hope more 'artsy' Hancock grads realize what a (great) opportunity the Hancock Award is."

"Life drawing has been a blast," Dylan says of that class. "I have always been partial to drawing people and their many faces and feelings."

"My advisor, Rick Loduha, is great," he says, adding that all the Art & Design teachers are awesome.

Dylan works part-time at the Portage Lake Golf Course, Houghton. In addition to golf, he enjoys working out and playing guitar. Dylan is the son of Patty Markham Peterson, Hancock, and the late Glenn Peterson. His brother, Mitchell, is a junior Hancock Award student at Finlandia majoring in Business.

Michael Simila

Michael Simila, 21, is making the most of his time at Finlandia, taking full advantage of the opportunities coming his way. "I encourage others to do the same, because it's life," Mike advises. "Try things while you can. Who knows where it will take you!"

Mike graduated from Hancock Central High School in 2009. He is a junior Graphic Design major at Finlandia,

and president and founder of the Finlandia student CEO Club, a business networking club.

Mike is interested in, and good at, both business and art, and he has set his sights on a career in advertising and commercial art.

"I picked something I was good at and would like doing the rest of my life," he explains. He plans to move to a bigger city to pursue his career. Eventually, he wants to open his own graphic design business.

Mike expects to complete his B.F.A. in spring 2013, and then "stick around long enough" to finish his minor in Business at Finlandia.

"The Hancock Award really is a blessing," Mike says. "It gives a lot of students the opportunity to go to college at a low cost, which some may not have been able to do without this award. Finlandia is an overall great university; the teachers are always there to help you."

Mike's favorite teacher at Finlandia is Integrated Design professor Rick Loduha. "He's one of the most interesting people out there," Mike says of Loduha. "A lot of the time I would show up to his classes just to listen to him speak. He has such a different outlook on things."

Mike stresses, however, that he likes all the teachers at Finlandia. "In a smaller school, it's important to interact with faculty. I feel comfortable enough here that I could go to any of them for help."

Mike has a work-study position as a graphic designer for Finlandia Admissions, he works part-time as a sales associate at Dunham's Sports, Houghton, and helps coach the Hancock Central High School basketball team.

In his free time, Mike likes to have fun anywhere he finds himself. "I hang out with my friends, watch movies, play football, basketball, and baseball, and snowboard and mountain bike," he says.

Mike's parents are Mary and Michael Simila of Hancock. He is a member of the Church of the Resurrection, Hancock. Mike's cousin, Josh Jaehnig, recently graduated from Finlandia's Art & Design program.





Archivist
Joanna Chopp

A Change Is as Good as a Rest

by David Maki

Is there any truth to the old saying that “a change is as good as a rest?”

If so, Finlandia University’s Finnish American Heritage Center and Historical Archive must be feeling quite refreshed.

Spearheaded by Finnish American Heritage Center staff and the university’s Finnish Council in America, the Heritage Center building, including the archive, is undergoing a series of facelifts this winter and spring. Improvements will enhance not only the Center’s community outreach mission, they’ll help prepare the building for the thousands of visitors expected during FinnFest USA 2013.

Perhaps the most notable of these changes is the construction of a custom-designed display case in the archive’s reading room. Pictured above, the secure display case includes a climate control system and glass that blocks ultraviolet light,

making possible the display of items that otherwise could not be due to fragility, light-sensitivity, or other concerns.

The building of the display case was a collaborative undertaking among local contractors World of Wood and Lancet Glass, both of Hancock, and Bay Electric of Dollar Bay. Monetary funding was from Finlandia Foundation National, the Keweenaw National Historical Park, and individual donations.

A particular artifact recently donated to the archive could appropriately be exhibited in the new display case during FinnFest USA 2013, June 19 to 23. The event will celebrate Midsummer in Michigan’s Copper Country, and also mark the 100th anniversary of the 1913 Italian Hall disaster.

The new item is a shadow box that sisters Elaine Lada and Alice Manley of Detroit discovered while cleaning the basement of their parents’ home in 2010.

“We don’t know who made it,” Elaine said. “We thought it could have been the funeral home, but (we’ve learned) it was probably a photographer.”

The shadow box, pictured at left, was created as a tribute to Elina Manley and her four-year-old son, Wesley, the sisters’ paternal grandmother and great-uncle. It is an intricate display of flowers, photos, and other elements.

Elina Manley and her son were among the dozens of people killed in the Italian Hall disaster in Calumet, Mich., on Christmas Eve in 1913.

“My mother thinks it hung somewhere in my grandfather’s home,” Elaine said. She guesses that her parents acquired it in 1967 when items from her grandfather’s estate were transported to Detroit from the Upper Peninsula.

Since the shadow box had been in storage for decades, Elaine and Alice decided to find it an appropriate home.

“My sister and I belong to the Finnish Center here (in Farmington Hills),” Elaine said. “We were at the Scandinavian Bazaar in November and we found out that (FAHC director) Jim Kurtti was coming (to speak at a Finnish Independence Day event). We said (to each other), let’s donate it to the Finnish American Heritage Center.”

“With the 100th anniversary of the Italian Hall disaster coming up, we figured it’d be appropriate,” Elaine said. “Now it can be appreciated instead of sitting in mom’s basement.”

For information about the Finnish American Historical Archive, contact archivist Joanna Chopp at 906-487-7347 or archives@finlandia.edu. For information about FinnFest USA 2013, call 906-487-7205.



Community Partner: Jim Bogan, CEO, Portage Health

Jim Bogan has been CEO of Portage Health, Hancock, for 23 years. "I have had the opportunity to work with a great group of people, all of whom have contributed their many wonderful talents," Bogan says. "The journey we have taken in healthcare delivery has been blessed with great results.

We could not have accomplished what we have without the support and collaboration of the community and institutions like Finlandia University."

What is the impact of Finlandia Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, and Medical Assistant students and graduates on Portage Health?

"Finlandia has provided us with the best source of quality nurses within the region. Portage Health has served for many years as a clinical site for student-nurse training, and we believe this has fostered a win-win-win relationship for Finlandia, Portage Health, and the students.

"Portage Health Rehab has had the privilege of mentoring students in the Finlandia Physical Therapist Assistant program, also. The graduates we have hired from Finlandia's PTA program have proven to be excellent clinicians who provide excellent care to the people we serve. We have also noted that Finlandia students are well-trained and motivated to advance their clinical knowledge."

Portage Health has a long-term partnership with Finlandia's Athletics programs. How is that going?

"For many years, Portage Health athletic trainers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and physicians have been providing medical care and injury prevention services for Finlandia Athletics programs. Our Sports Medicine team has enjoyed cheering on the student-athletes and keeping them healthy and competitive by providing the best injury and preventive medical care."

How do you see Finlandia contributing to the vitality of the Copper Country, now and in the future?

"Finlandia provides an opportunity for local students to enter the workplace with the applicable skills necessary to succeed. Finlandia is looking to the future in many ways, and one of those includes opportunities for non-traditional students to enhance their skills for transition into new professions. The investment Finlandia is making in its facilities and curricula should aid in realizing increased enrollment and an even better educational experience for the students. This, too, will positively influence the overall quality of life and the economic conditions here within our own community. It has been amazing to be a part of Finlandia's growth in our community over the past few years."

How has the relationship between Finlandia and Portage Health grown and evolved?

"Portage Health and Finlandia University have grown together since their beginnings in 1896. In recent years, we have increased collaboration with the start of new programs that have been beneficial to the achievement of the missions of both organizations."

How does Community Partners help you as a business leader?

"The Community Partners program has provided a venue for all groups in the community to interact and dialogue about opportunities present today."

Established in 1997, the purpose of the Finlandia University Community Partners advisory board is to engage Upper Peninsula community leaders, business people, and educators in the life of the university. The Community Partners gather three times yearly to learn more about Finlandia's successes and challenges, to hear about the university's plans for the future, and to share their thoughts and concerns with university leaders.

"Finlandia values historic relationships, and I am grateful for the positive impact that Portage Health has had on our students and programs over the decades," says Finlandia president Philip Johnson. "I look forward to working with Jim and Portage Health in the years ahead as we continue to generate new expressions of support and collaboration."





Duane Aho (left) and Nick Stevens with the Keweenaw Chamber "Project of the Year" award

McAfee Field Is "Project of the Year"

Finlandia was awarded the 2011 Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce Project of the Year award for renovations at McAfee Field, Hancock. The \$2.3 million first phase of the project includes a lighted synthetic collegiate competition field and a 27' by 25' electronic scoreboard. The Hancock Central High School football team played its first varsity game at the new field last September. "It's an honor to receive an award from a group of peers," said Nick Stevens, Finlandia EVP for business and finance. "Finlandia is excited about McAfee Field and our growth."

Smoke- and Tobacco-free Campus

In the university's ongoing effort to maintain a healthy campus environment for all, and in keeping with a trend on college campuses nationwide, all university areas, activities, and properties will become completely smoke- and tobacco-

free by August 1, 2013. For the interim period, designated campus smoking areas have been established. The Smoke- and Tobacco-free Campus Task Force, a committee of the Institutional Planning Council, will guide the transition. The task force includes faculty, staff, students, and smokers and non-smokers. An online comment form can be found at www.finlandia.edu/smoke-free-comments.

Elementary Education Update

Finlandia has announced that its Elementary Education bachelor degree program is no longer accepting new students. Current junior- and senior-level Elementary Education program students in good standing can complete their Elementary Education degrees at Finlandia, and their eligibility to apply for Michigan licensure is not affected. "Our number one priority is our students' success," said Finlandia president Philip Johnson. "This was a difficult decision but, ultimately, we are certain that it is in the best interest of both our students and the university." For more information, contact TyAnn Lindell, EVP for academic and student affairs, at 906-487-7301 or tyann.lindell@finlandia.edu.



John Lantto



Dan Maki

Two Long-time Employees Retire

Finlandia recently bid farewell to two long-time employees. John Lantto retired January 31 after 30 years in Facilities Management. Dan Maki, who has been teaching history at

Finlandia for 35 years, retired at year-end; he continues to teach as an adjunct instructor.



Phyllis Fredendall at the Finnish-style loom donated by the estate of Paul Lahti

Hand-built Finnish-style Loom Donated to Fiber Arts

The Finlandia Fiber and Fashion Design program was gifted a loom from the estate of Paul Lahti of L'Anse and Herman. Fiber arts professor Phyllis Fredendall believes the loom was constructed around 1900. Although not from Finland, she says the design of the loom is distinctly Finnish. Lahti received a special tribute from the state of Michigan in 2002 recognizing his dedication to the preservation of Finnish history through his rag rug weaving craft. His rugs were known for their tight weaves, careful designs, and handsome colors. A partially-completed rug that Lahti was weaving prior to his death remains on the loom. Fredendall is working to complete the rug.



The Finlandia University Quincy Green

Quincy Green

The lawn sometimes referred to as “adjacent to the Heritage Center” or “in front of the historic middle school building” has officially been dubbed the “Finlandia University Quincy Green,” which can be shortened to “Finlandia’s Quincy Green” for off-campus communications, or simply “the Green” for on-campus audiences.



Tanya Stanaway and Tom Hiltunen at the 2011 Finnish Folk Music Camp

Finnish Folk Music Camp

Finlandia’s Finnish Council in America and the Finnish American Heritage Center announce that the second annual Finnish Folk Music Camp will take place July 17 to 19 on Finlandia’s campus. For the musician, 2012 Music Camp classes include guitar, mandolin, fiddle, kantele, bones and spoons, harmonium, voice, and accordion. Classes for the non-musician include workshops to make your own piccolo or kantele, Finnish tango and folk dancing instruction, Finnish food arts classes, and Finnish language classes. For more information, visit www.finlandia.edu/finnish-music-camp or call 906-487-7514.

Faculty and Staff News

English professor **Lauri Anderson** was the fall 2011 Iron County Library Association guest author/speaker at Iron River Library.

Yueh-mei Cheng, professor of studio arts, is among the artists featured in the book *100 Artists of the Midwest*, by Ashley Rooney. Cheng was one of ten artists and educators to speak on the panel, “Multiplicities in Dialogue,” at the 2012 College Art Association 100th anniversary conference this February in Los Angeles. Cheng’s presentation was titled, “Making Art from History and Memory.”

Sharon Cuffe, assistant professor of accounting, has successfully completed part one of two of the CMA (Certified Management Accountant) exam. The CMA is similar to the CPA (Certified Public Accountant), but with greater emphasis on cost accounting, financial planning, and management issues. Achieving the CMA credential demonstrates mastery of advanced accounting and financial management knowledge in financial planning, analysis, control, and decision support. CMA certification is awarded by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA).

Phyllis Fredendall, professor of fiber and fashion design, participated in “FELT Inspired,” an exhibit at the Saugatuck (Michigan) Center Nov. 4 to Jan. 2. A solo exhibit of Fredendall’s work, “Mining Memory,” was featured February 3 to 29 at the Vertin Gallery, Calumet.

Research by Fulbright Scholar **Päivi Hakkarainen** and assistant professor of elementary education **Wade Tillett** was presented by Hakkarainen at the March 2012 Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education Conference in Austin, Tex. The paper presents findings from their research of how Finlandia Elementary Education students represent aspects of the Internet, such as social networking sites.

Leslie Johnson, assistant professor of psychology, presented a poster at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychologists, Jan. 26 to 28, in San Diego, Cal. The poster, “Weighing our words: The impact of terminology on perception of body size and expressed prejudice,” was co-authored by Elizabeth C. Pinel of the University of Vermont.

President Philip Johnson and his wife, **René Johnson**, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, participated in the Lutheran College Presidents Annual Meeting Feb. 4 to 6, in New Orleans, La.

Amber Weber, assistant professor of nursing, was awarded a master of science in nursing, with a specialization in nursing education, by Walden University in December.

Job Promotions and New Full-time Employees

Pam Audette was promoted to assistant professor, Medical Assistant program.

Liz Baumann was promoted to a full-time combined position as office coordinator for both the Jutila Center and the Office of Residence Life.

Kim Gundlach was promoted to Upward Bound grant coordinator.

Travis Hanson ('08) was hired as an enrollment officer.

Julie Jennerjohn was hired as manager of the Office of Admissions.

Kevin Manninen is a visiting assistant professor of management.

Joanna Chopp was hired as FAHC archivist.

The ROAR is Back!

Finlandia's student newspaper, *The ROAR*, is back and now completely online! Link to www.finlandiaroar.org. You'll find new articles every day, a new and improved look, an events calendar, classified and personal ads, and more. "Check it out to see what students are saying about Finlandia events and how regional, national, and global events are affecting our campus," says Liberal Studies student Kailee Laplander (Hancock), ROAR campus and community coordinator.

2012 Campus Read

The spring 2012 Finlandia Campus Read was Jon Krakauer's 1996 non-fiction book, *Into the Wild*. The book chronicles the experiences of Christopher McCandless in the Alaskan wilderness, which ultimately led to his death. In a variety of ways, faculty incorporated the work, or part of the work, in their spring semester classes. A limited number of books were available free of charge to students and faculty thanks to a university donor. Campus-wide activities presented in association with the Campus Read included a hands-on wilderness survival presentation by Brian Rajdl, a discussion by author Jeff Foltz about his book, *Birkebeiner*, and a student writing contest.



Jeff Foltz

CopperDog 150

Finlandia was a Team Dog sponsor of Main Street Calumet's CopperDog 150, March 2 to 4. By all accounts, the third annual sled-dog race was a big success. Finlandia was represented by more than 20 volunteers, including the Women's Softball team and coach Shawn Hendrickson. "Finlandia spirit is alive and well at these types of community events," says EVP Duane Aho. "No matter how many times we ask for university volunteers, they come through in good numbers."



Aurora MacKenzie

The musher whose sled carried the Finlandia banner was Racer #2, teenager Aurora MacKenzie of Bruce Mines, Ontario. She and her ten sled dogs (Harley, the lead, Pepper, Julian, Beano, Earl, Norton, Pretty, Amber, Jawa, and C.Z.) finished the 137.7-mile course in 15 hours, 7 minutes, 34 seconds, placing 19th among the 23 teams that completed the race.



Get Athletics Updates on Your Cell Phone

Attention Finlandia Lions sports fans! You can receive Athletics text updates (scores, scheduling, announcements, etc.) on your cell phone. To sign up for text

updates from any or all of your favorite Lions teams, link to www.fulions.com/member/sms_signup.aspx.

Sibelius Fest/Road Scholar

The 14th annual Sibelius Academy Music Festival is September 23 to 28, 2012. Performing this year are a cello/piano duo and a folk music quartet. In conjunction with this year's festival, Finlandia will host a one-week Road Scholar program (formerly Elderhostel) titled, "Finnish-America's Copper Country and the Sibelius Academy Music Festival." Visit www.finlandia.edu/sibelius-fest for details as they become available.



Soprano Annika Lumi and pianist Maarja Plink performed in the 2011 Sibelius Festival

Finnish Cultural Ambassador Is Keynote Speaker

Anneli Halonen, cultural counselor of Finland's embassy in Washington, D.C., was keynote speaker at Finlandia's 94th annual observance of Finland's Independence Day, December 1, at the Finnish

American Heritage Center. Halonen shared the history of Finnish art and the role it has played in the country's culture. Held in conjunction with the observance was the opening reception for the Finlandia University Gallery's "20 Years of Contemporary Finnish-American Art" retrospective exhibit. Finnish American artists Joyce Koskenmaki, Bruce Niemi, Kathleen Oettinger, and Dee Immonen, the wife of artist Gerald Immonen, shared comments about the influence of their Finnish roots on their work.



Anneli Halonen

Art Therapy Degree Announced

The Suomi College of Arts & Sciences (SCAS) and the International School of Art & Design (ISAD) have announced a new major designed to provide an integrated understanding of the visual arts and human psychology. The B.A.: Liberal Studies-Art Therapy degree program incorporates learning in fine arts, art history, and psychology, and culminates in a capstone project for which the student completes an internship in the field and prepares a professional portfolio. The Art Therapy degree is intended to lay the foundation program graduates will need to pursue a master's degree in art therapy, the standard qualification for practice in the field. For information, contact SCAS dean Christine O'Neil at 906-487-7328 or christine.oneil@finlandia.edu.

2+2 B.B.A. Reintroduced

The International School of Business (ISB) recently reintroduced its 2+2 B.B.A. in Applied Management degree program. The 2+2 B.B.A. is targeted to the student who has completed, or is working to complete, an associate degree in a non-business, professional area of study, and who wishes to expand his or her primary field career options to include administrative and management careers. The 2+2 B.B.A. was designed with Finlandia Physical Therapist Assistant majors in mind, but the degree program is available to students completing non-business, professional associate degrees at any institution. Typically, two years of study beyond the associate degree are needed to complete the 2+2 B.B.A. For information, contact ISB dean Terry Monson at 906-487-7338 or terry.monson@finlandia.edu.



Harvey and Susan Desnick at the February 10 opening reception for the Keweenaw Wildflowers exhibit

Keweenaw Wildflowers Up Close

"Keweenaw Wildflowers Up Close," an exhibit of wildflower photography by Harvey Desnick, is on permanent display on the sixth floor of Finlandia's Jutila Center campus. The museum-quality exhibit includes photos of 302 varieties of wildflowers found on the Keweenaw Peninsula. The collection, arranged from early spring to late summer, took six years to photograph, Desnick said.

JV Men's Hockey Added

Finlandia Athletics and the Office of Admissions have announced a new enrollment opportunity for future student-athletes. Starting this fall, a junior varsity men's hockey team will take to the ice. "A thorough study was completed which reflects that the demand for such a program is there," said Finlandia athletic director Chris Salani. Enrollment officer and assistant Men's Hockey coach Travis Hanson ('08), with the Finlandia Admissions team, are actively recruiting new students for the JV sports program; their initial goal is to enroll a minimum of 12 new students this fall. For information, contact Travis Hanson at 906-487-7234 or travis.hanson@finlandia.edu.



The Finlandia Women's Softball team at the 2012 CopperDog 150 sled dog race, March 2 in Calumet

One Team ... One Heart ... One Mind ... One Goal ... FOREVER FAMILY

The Finlandia Women's Softball team, coached by Shawn Hendrickson, began the 2012 season with high expectations. In an outstanding 2011 season—achieving a school record of 25 wins and 11 losses—the team just missed qualifying for NCAA regional and national play. This spring, the team is headed in a direction beyond their expectations.

With an exceptional 15 and 5 record at the conclusion of their Florida spring trip this March 4 to 13—defeating some of the best teams in the nation—the team returned home with yet another school record of 11 wins and 3 losses. (As of April 3, the team's win/loss record is 21 and 5.)

"Each girl plays a vital role on the team and understands that role completely," remarked team captain Brittany Garland. "From pinch runners and hitters, to the starting infield or outfield player, we all support one another 100 percent."

What these young women have in mind is nothing less than NCAA Nationals. They are a team on the field, friends off the field, and most importantly family all the time. They believe their ultimate goal can't be met without the combination of all three.

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Closing the Gap

TRiO Grant Aid recipients (left to right): Bethany Fontaine, Christine Laitila, Jestina Poissant, Haley Neri, and Kirisha La France

While college access for all has expanded and campuses have grown more diverse, college attrition continues to contribute to the gap in educational attainment between disadvantaged students and their classmates, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Finlandia University and numerous western Upper Peninsula, Michigan, and federal organizations are working hard to encourage area youth to attend, persist, and graduate from college and other post-secondary opportunities.

TRiO Student Support Services Lends a Financial Hand

Each academic year, Finlandia University's TRiO Student Support Services (TRiO/SSS) empowers up to 180 qualifying students to achieve their personal, educational, and career goals through services, resources, and support systems that promote retention and graduation.

"TRiO Student Support Services launches students into higher education," says Rob McTaggart, TRiO/SSS director. "If a student simply completes a TRiO/SSS application, meets at least one of the program qualifications, and completes an intake interview, he or she has open access to TRiO/SSS services, free."

In 2003, Finlandia TRiO/SSS added a financial resource to its menu of support services: Grant Aid. Special federal

legislation makes it possible for TRiO/SSS to set aside approximately \$11,000 of its annual budget to offer selected program participants a financial boost of at least \$555 to supplement educational expenses.

McTaggart explains that to qualify, Grant Aid applicants must be a current participant in the TRiO/SSS program, in their first or second year of college, and receiving a Pell Grant as a part of their overall financial aid package at Finlandia.

"There is a positive effect on the persistence of disadvantaged students when institutions have a strong student support services program AND provide more financial grant aid to students," notes the Department of Education website. "The goal of providing these grants is to help reduce students' unmet need or loans, so that they are more inclined to stay in school and graduate."

"Each fall semester, as new low income, first generation students are recruited into Finlandia's TRiO/SSS program, they receive information about our services, including the Grant Aid application process," says McTaggart. "They have until late October to complete and submit the application, which includes four essay questions."

McTaggart explains that the essay questions invite Grant Aid applicants to think about and articulate their plans to use

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TRiO/SSS support services, describe in writing their academic and career goals and the obstacles they anticipate, and express how a Grant Aid award may contribute to overcoming those obstacles and the achievement of their goals.

Depending on the number of students who follow through with the Grant Aid application process, a qualified student can receive an award of from \$555 to \$1200. In fall 2011, ten TRiO/SSS participants were awarded \$1,056 each. Following are some of these students' comments about how the award will help.

"The Grant Aid will give me the extra push I need to get through college and get my bachelor's degree. Academics will be a lot easier to concentrate on when I don't have money concerns to worry about. It's like a push or a helping hand that says, 'You can do this. Do your very best in school. You deserve it.'"

– Bethany Fontaine, Hancock
Criminal Justice freshman

"A Grant Aid award will most importantly take away some of the everyday stress of not knowing how I will afford pending expenses, such as textbooks or a proper winter jacket and boots as the weather gets colder."

– Kirisha LaFrance, Hancock
Physical Therapist Assistant sophomore

"A Grant Aid award will definitely help me in achieving my academic goals here at Finlandia. Having a financial burden makes it very difficult to focus 100% on school."

– Christine Laitila, Atlantic Mine
Elementary Education sophomore

"This award will help ease the financial burden on my and my family's shoulders."

– Haley Neri, Riga, Mich.
Art & Design sophomore

"I am paying for college on my own, so I am taking out a lot of loans to attend. I can use all of the help I can get with paying for college."

– Jestina Poissant, Lake Linden
Physical Therapist Assistant sophomore

TRiO Student Support Services at Finlandia University, established in 1984, is funded 100% by a grant through the U.S. Department of Education. Students eligible for TRiO/SSS are first generation college students; and/or have financial need; or have a physical or learning disability and academic need. Services include academic counseling, career/transfer assistance, personal counseling, financial aid assistance/planning, tutoring, and a copy center. All services are free and confidential.

A Wide Network of Resources, Encouragement, and Support

TRiO Student Support Services and Upward Bound are just two of a large network of organizations that support post-secondary educational achievement. Finlandia University participates in many local, state, and national organizations and initiatives that encourage preparation for and the completion of college and other post-secondary educational opportunities. Following is information about some of them.

Educational Talent Search (ETS), a TRiO program, identifies and assists middle school-age children from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants, and encourages them to graduate from high school and enroll in and complete postsecondary education. (www2.ed.gov/programs/triotalent)

Mentor Michigan supports nearly 250 Michigan organizations that match mentors with young people. An agency of the state of Michigan, Mentor Michigan provides training and research, fosters partnerships, and builds public awareness of the importance of and the need for youth mentors. (www.michigan.gov/mentormichigan)

Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) is a coalition of college and university presidents committed to fulfilling the public purposes of higher education and encouraging Michigan college students to become civically engaged citizens. (www.micampuscompact.org)

College Positive Volunteers (CPV), part of Michigan Campus Compact, engages in efforts to increase college enrollment and success for all students, and especially underrepresented students, by providing support and information about college preparation, paying for college, and career selection. (www.micampuscompact.org/cpvmain.aspx)

Keweenaw Compass is a College Positive Volunteer initiative by Finlandia, the Keweenaw College Access Network, and the Copper Country Intermediate School District. It works in the Keweenaw Peninsula's tri-county area to close the gap between students intending to pursue a postsecondary education opportunity and students who actually complete postsecondary education. (www.keweenawcompass.org)

Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) is working toward a significant increase in the rate of college participation and completion in Michigan, particularly among low-income, first-generation, and minority students. (www.micollegeaccess.org)

KeweenawCAN! (KCAN!) works to raise the awareness, access, and success of Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw county residents in postsecondary education. (www.micollegeaccess.org)

Michigan College Access Portal (MichiganCAP) provides free support for all students and families in Michigan to simplify the process of transitioning from high school to college and career. (www.michiganap.org)

KnowHow2GO is a national multi-year, multi-media effort that encourages 8th, 9th, and 10th graders to prepare for college. Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) is the lead partner for the KnowHow2GO campaign in Michigan. (www.knowhow2go.org)



TRiO Upward Bound

An Impressive Success Rate

As director of Finlandia's TRiO Upward Bound program, Joe Zerbst takes pride in knowing that each day he has an opportunity to give back to others. "It's something the Finlandia community should celebrate," he says of Upward Bound's work on behalf of area youth.

Zerbst is a 2000 alumnus of Finlandia's Upward Bound (UB) program. "I have a great sense of ownership and pride in what the program is about and who is represented. I believe UB represents an important building block for life-long success," he says.

"I was fortunate," Zerbst reflects. "With the guidance and encouragement I needed to move beyond my comfort zone, and inspired by UB's support of my sister, Jessica Zerbst (a 1994 UB alumna), I not only attended and finished college, I completed my master's degree. In college, I discovered my passion for helping others, which translated nicely to a professional job with UB."

"With great power comes great responsibility," says Zerbst, quoting "Uncle Ben" Parker, the surrogate father of Peter Parker, Spider-Man's alter ego. "UB has armed me and my peers with the power of believing in personal success."

Zerbst stresses, however, that UB has "never been about just one person." Instead, he says, "the program is about changing young peoples' lives by providing them with opportunities that otherwise may have been overlooked."

At an impressive rate of success, for 30 years TRiO Upward Bound at Finlandia University has opened doors for hundreds of high school youth and their families in Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw counties.

Nationally, only 40% of high school students from families representing the bottom income quartile move on to post-secondary education, according to research by the Pell Institute.

"In tracking the past 15 years, 78% of local UB graduates (which represent the same low income population) entered college in the fall following their high school graduation," Zerbst proudly notes.

And only 12% of low-income students graduate with a four-year degree within six years, also according to national Pell Institute data.

"In comparison, over the past 15 years 26% of local UB alumni completed their four-year degrees within six years of high school graduation," Zerbst says.

"These TRiO UB participants have moved on to represent all walks of life, and I believe they would have been half as likely to succeed without the intervention of TRiO programs like UB," Zerbst concludes.

TRiO Upward Bound is 100% grant-funded by the U.S. Department of Education and hosted on the campus of Finlandia University. Finlandia UB-eligible students live in the counties of Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw, neither parent possesses a four-year post-secondary degree, and their families show financial need.



The Upward Bound Team (left to right): Kim Gundlach, Joe Zerbst, Lee Luoto, and Heidi Mensch



Building a College Positive Community

Kevin Korte (second from left) with College Positive Volunteers Finlandia student Jim Gorzinski (left) and Superior AmeriCorps members Ashley Juntunen and Lukas Dietz

AmeriCorps member Kevin Korte ('11) has been working with Finlandia University and a number of college- and career-access initiatives to help accelerate a college-positive culture in the western Upper Peninsula counties of Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw.

Korte's AmeriCorps position is supported by Mentor Michigan, Michigan Campus Compact (MCC), and Finlandia. Finlandia was one of only nine sites in Michigan to be awarded the MCC's 2010-2011 College Positive Communities/Keweenaw Compact grant.

Korte says he was drawn to AmeriCorps because of the community service side of it.

"I like the idea of giving back and helping future college students," he explains. "It wasn't very long ago that I was in their shoes. I know now that college is an achievable goal, and it has been rewarding to help others realize that, too."

Since September 2011, Korte has been recruiting and training a cadre of College Positive Volunteers (CPVs). So far, he has engaged and trained about 50 volunteers to serve as role models, mentors, and sources of information and resources for high school-age youth.

"In training sessions, the volunteers were armed with information about various college-readiness tasks, such as tips for preparing academically, finding the right college, applying for financial aid, and completing other college-related tasks," Korte notes.

Among the College Positive Volunteers are Finlandia students, Superior AmeriCorps members, and the Michigan Technological University Mind Trekkers.

Superior AmeriCorps members work in various capacities at high schools throughout the Upper Peninsula. The MTU Mind Trekkers travel nationwide, presenting programs to interest high school students in science-related careers.

The Finlandia students trained as CPVs helped organize and staff several FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) completion events held at local and regional high schools this January and February. Korte estimates that about 50 families attended the four FAFSA completion events.

At the top of Korte's agenda this spring is organizing a Touch the Future career fair event for 7th and 8th graders.

To take place May 10, 2012, at Houghton-Portage High School, the Touch the Future career fair will present opportunities for middle school-age students to explore career options. Korte is aiming for the participation of at least 100 local businesses and professionals, and the MTU Mind Trekkers will be on hand, too.

Korte says that serving with AmeriCorps has presented many valuable professional development opportunities, like time management, leadership, coordinating programs and events, and networking.

"It's fantastic working with Joe Zerbst and the Finlandia Upward Bound staff," Korte adds. "Joe is a great person to work with and a great supervisor. He and all the Upward Bound staff members are exceptionally motivated and passionate about what they are doing."

From Kennewick, Wash., Korte is a 2011 graduate of Finlandia's International School of Art & Design with a B.F.A. in interdisciplinary design/product design.

Korte's AmeriCorps commitment ends August 31, but he's hoping funding for the position will be renewed for another 12 months.

Contact Kevin Korte at 906-487-7264 or kevin.korte@finlandia.edu. His office is in the Jutila Center Annex, along with KeweenawCAN! and TRiO Upward Bound.



Duane Aho

Magical Moments

Perhaps when you reach the "Advancement News" section in each issue of *the Bridge*, you flip by the pages quickly, thinking that all we do on these pages is ask for money. In essence, there is some truth to that thought, but I encourage you to linger for a few moments.

I am confident that if you talked with those whose gifts are featured on these pages, they would share not only how their investment will help Finlandia students, but how the donors themselves have benefitted personally. Why? Because giving often fills a human need to help others.

Those in the profession of raising money will tell you that it has its magical moments. It's a great feeling when the commitment you are seeking is made. And not just because of the positive impact it will have on your cause. There's more to it than that. For me, the magic comes in when I witness the happiness of the donor who, through helping a cause in which he or she believes, has met a deeper, more personal need.

So why do individuals give? It's an interesting question with many answers. I know it's more than just responding to what they read in *the Bridge* every few months. Giving is about a

belief in the vision of the recipient organization, often coupled with personal experience. This is referred to as affinity. A second element is capacity. There are many people with an affinity for Finlandia, but some with affinity may not enjoy the financial capacity to give as they would like to.

A third key element in giving is that the individual has to be asked, and of course, asking for support in person is the best way.

It may surprise you that only 30% of *Bridge* readers are annual givers to Finlandia University. So, here's a challenge to the remaining 70% of *Bridge* readers: Given your affinity for Finlandia and Suomi College, won't you consider making a gift within your capacity to give?

My hope is that your consideration is fueled by what you have learned in *the Bridge* about our educational mission, and that you have concluded that an investment in Finlandia's educational mission is a worthy choice.

Let us know how we can nurture your affinity for Finlandia. Check out the university's e-newsletter and browse the many photo galleries on our website, then give me a call or send me an e-mail. I look forward to answering your questions and telling you more about the educational, spiritual, and service-related activities here on campus.

With sincere regards,

Duane W. Aho

Duane R. Aho

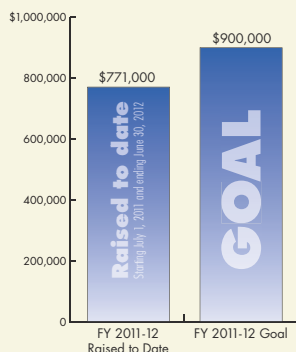
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Your Gift Matters!



The Finlandia Fund: 85% of Goal

As of mid-April 2012, the Finlandia Fund is shy just 15% of its goal for fiscal year (FY) 2011-12, which ends June 30, 2012. If you haven't yet given your annual gift in support of Finlandia students, please consider it today. Your tax-deductible annual fund donation supports the following essential areas of Finlandia operations:

1. Affordable education. 98% of Finlandia students qualify for financial aid.
2. Qualified instruction.
3. Modern facilities and instructional technology.
4. Career-focused degree programs in Health Sciences, Business, Liberal Studies, and Fine Art & Design.
5. NCAA Division III athletics. Finlandia's motivated student-athletes typically earn higher GPAs and are more likely to persist in completing their academic degrees.

Mail your gift in the post-paid envelope included within this magazine, or make your gift online at www.finlandia.edu/online-giving. We hope you agree that an investment in Finlandia's educational mission is a worthy choice.

The Sandra (Keranen) Westen Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sandra Lee (Keranen) Westen, born in Hancock, died January 6, 2012, in Alton Bay, N.H. In Sandra's honor, her family has established a scholarship fund to help Finlandia University students fulfill their academic goals.

Sandra attended Suomi College in the 1957-58 academic year, and sang and toured with the college choir. Her husband, Charles, still has Sandra's blue choir pin, which she received in 1958. Later, Sandra continued her passion for singing as a member of a Sweet Adelines group, performing in Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and the New Jersey area.

Sandra's parents, Sylvia (Helman) and Milbert "Mickey" Keranen, were both first-generation Finnish Americans who also had ties to Finlandia

University. Sandra's great grandfather, Jacob Storves (Storviis), was among the builders of Old Main, the first Suomi College building and the dorm in which Sandra stayed during college. In addition, both Sandra's mother, Sylvia ('36), and her uncle, Ray Helman ('32), attended Suomi College. Sandra was extremely proud of her

Finnish heritage; she traveled

to Finland with her family to explore her roots, and was a founding member of the Finnish-American Society of Delaware Valley.

The Sandra (Keranen) Westen Memorial Scholarship Fund will be awarded during the fall semester of each academic year, in the amount of \$500, to a full-time Finlandia University student entering his or her sophomore year of study. Scholarship criteria include a cumulative, minimum GPA of 2.75 and financial need. Preference will be given to students of Finnish descent who are studying sociology, music, or fine art and design. Scholarship recipients may be eligible to receive the award in consecutive years.

The scholarship will continue to be funded through gifts made by family, alumni, and friends in memory of Sandra Westen. To make a gift, please contact Duane Aho, Finlandia EVP for external relations, at 906-487-7349 or duane.aho@finlandia.edu.



Sandra Westen

Scholarship Corner....

The gift that keeps on giving

Finlandia University is grateful to the following individuals and their families and friends for their recent scholarship gifts in memory of loved ones. Endowed and annual scholarships have an immediate and lasting impact on the lives and educational goals of Finlandia students.

Endowed Scholarships

The Norma Lois Laukanen Johnson Memorial Endowed Scholarship, established by husband Melvin Johnson and daughters Kristin Hebrank and Melanie Jane Johnson. (See article on page 20)

The Sandra Keranen Westen Memorial Scholarship Fund, established by husband Charles Westen. (See article on page 19)

Annual Scholarships

Robert K. Foster Memorial Scholarship, established by wife Sharol Foster.

William and Aune Kinnunen Memorial Scholarship, established by niece Clare Atwood. (See article in fall/winter 2011 issue of *the Bridge*)

The Lloyd Ratkovich Memorial Scholarship, established by wife Audrey Ratkovich and memorial gifts from friends.

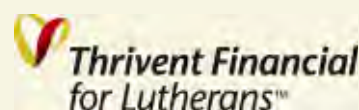
The Max Shupe Annual Memorial Scholarship, established by grandparents Ron and Cindy Lawrence.

If you are interested in establishing an endowed or annual scholarship at Finlandia University, please contact Duane Aho (906-487-7349 or duane.aho@finlandia.edu) or Shannon Vairo (906-487-7206, shannon.vairo@finlandia.edu).

Creating New Opportunities with Thrivent Choice DollarsSM

Thank you to the individuals who directed their Thrivent Choice DollarsSM to Finlandia University through March 31, 2012. We are extremely pleased with the results of this program and looking for more ways these gifts can enhance student learning. One recent activity supported with Thrivent Choice DollarsSM was a weekend trip to Chicago and Milwaukee by the fall 2011 Art History III class. The intent of the journey was twofold: to experience fine art and design in person, and to encourage the students to think more deeply about the art they had so far only seen in books.

To direct your Thrivent Choice DollarsSM to Finlandia University, contact your Thrivent Financial representative, visit www.thrivent.com, or call 800-847-4836.



The Norma Lois Laukkonen Johnson Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Finlandia University trustee Rev. Melvin Johnson and his daughters, Kristin Hebrank and Melanie Jane Johnson, with contributions from family and friends, have endowed a scholarship in memory of their wife and mother, Norma Johnson.

“Norma was a devoted wife and helpmate, and a fantastic, caring mother to Kristin and Melanie,” Melvin said. “She also managed to carve out a successful professional career for herself.”

Norma worked as an administrative assistant for the superintendent of schools in Gilbert, Minn., and for Harper Community College, Chicago. She worked as a financial manager, and in the major gifts offices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Colorado and the Lutheran Center in Chicago.

Norma’s commitment to her career was a leading factor in Melvin’s and his daughters’ decision to endow a scholarship in her name at Finlandia. The scholarship is available to

students studying in the university’s International School of Business.

Norma faithfully and actively supported Melvin’s career as a pastor, for which the family lived in Chicago, Denver, Colo., and the Minnesota towns of Virginia, Palo, Gilbert, and Woodbury. For ten years, Norma was editor of the ELCA Suomi Conference monthly newsletter. She was also a gifted seamstress and quilter.



Norma and Melvin Johnson

Norma Lois (Laukkonen) Johnson, 77, died August 6, 2011. She was born April 6, 1934, in Eveleth, Minn., to Richard and Helen (Puurula) Laukkonen. She graduated from Gilbert (Minn.) High School, and attended University of Minnesota-Duluth.

Norma is survived by her two daughters and their spouses, a granddaughter, and a brother. She was a member of King of Kings Lutheran Church, Woodbury.

A Conviction for Stewardship

“Melvin Johnson was an individual who acted on his convictions,” notes Finlandia EVP for external relations Duane Aho. “He accomplished so much throughout his life.”

Rev. Johnson served on the Finlandia Board of Trustees since 2003, and for many decades was a loyal university friend and supporter. At the Board’s January meeting, Johnson presented to university trustees a personal testimonial, expressing his firm belief in stewardship and giving back.

“It was very powerful,” says Aho of Johnson’s testimonial. “In his more than 50 years of work as a pastor of the ELCA, communicating the importance of charitable giving and stewardship became a priority for Melvin.”

“Melvin educated himself on all aspects of giving—annual giving, specific gifts, and end-of-life giving,” Aho adds. “But his work to educate and encourage others on the importance of giving back was more than that. It was also a personal conviction.”

“Melvin and Norma lived it themselves, drawing on their faith and love, and out of gratitude for what they themselves had been given.” Aho explains.



“Finlandia is greatly appreciative of Melvin’s enduring advocacy for and support of the university,” Aho says. “The scholarship he recently established at Finlandia in memory of Norma is only one of so many examples of his leadership and service to the university, and on behalf of many Lutheran institutions.”

Rev. Johnson passed away March 23, 2012.

It's more than work ... Student-callers are making a difference.

Finlandia University students play an important role in university fundraising. Already this academic year, the student-callers have raised more than \$15,000 in annual fund dollars.

Student-callers phone alumni and friends throughout the year to encourage their support of Finlandia. "The call not only serves as an update on campus activities and events, but the students can also answer your questions about what's happening here on campus," says Shannon Vairo, Finlandia external relations coordinator.

"We know and understand that life is busy these days and that your time is valuable. We respect that," Vairo adds. "However, when the phone rings and you see that it's Finlandia University, won't you please take a moment to speak to one of our student-callers? Your support makes an important difference for Finlandia students ... every day."

Below, you'll meet a few of our callers and learn about their role in making a difference at Finlandia.

Sarah Juntunen (Nursing freshman, Houghton)

Sarah shares the following comments she heard from a university alumna during a recent call. "I was part of the process of creating the Nursing program at Suomi (Finlandia), and I love to hear how the program has progressed! That it is now a baccalaureate degree is amazing. It's wonderful to know that donations to the Finlandia Fund can help students attend when they otherwise might not be able to, especially if it means they get to go through the Nursing program like I did!"

And another caller's comments, this time a friend of the university: "I love the strong moral and ethical example that Finlandia sets as a university. It's so nice to get phone calls from students who fill me in on all the wonderful things that are happening! I've only visited the university once, in the early '80s, but I will continue to support Finlandia because of all the amazing things they do for their students and community. I am especially supportive of the work that the Student Leadership program has done in Tanzania!"

Anna Kluck (Art & Design freshman, Lapeer)

"Working as a student caller is important to me because I received a scholarship from Finlandia University this year. It



Finlandia student-callers (left to right) Anna Kluck, Sarah Juntunen, and Chandra Murrell

is nice to know that the money is from dedicated university supporters. I am also grateful for the opportunity to talk to alumni and friends and learn more about their experiences at Finlandia. It's great to hear alumni praising the university that I'm attending, because it encourages me to get involved with all the events on- and off-campus."

Chandra Murrell (Nursing sophomore, Houghton)

"I like calling because it gives me a sense of purpose at the university. I like knowing that I am helping out, even if it is a small contribution. I enjoy talking to the alumni about their time here and how Finlandia has changed. I recently spoke with a woman who said that she loves receiving *the Bridge* magazine because she likes to keep tabs on what is going on, especially information about the Art & Design program. Many alumni that I have spoken with truly appreciate the call and that we take the time to really talk with them about the university. In return, they are more than happy to donate to Finlandia. These are the calls that make the experience of this work-study job worthwhile. I like knowing that I am making a difference for Finlandia!"

P.S. Thank you, Mr. Mattson, for the heater!

A Look Back ... Martha Wiljanen

Suomi College Board of Directors



Martha Wiljanen
in 1930



The Suomi College Board of Directors as pictured in the 1960 Suomian, the Suomi College yearbook (left to right) Front row: Pastor Olaf Rankinen, Dr. Bernhard Hillila, Pastor John E. Hattula, Miss Martha Wiljanen, Dr. Robert Renlund; Back row: Pastor Robert Hetico, Mr. Leonard Johnson, Mr. Onni A. Malila, Mr. W. W. Salmi, Dr. Raymond Wargelin; Not pictured: Mr. E. E. Erickson, Pastor Melvin Hagelburg, Mr. Russell Parta

Martha Wiljanen (1912-1987) served on the Suomi College Board of Directors from 1957 until 1963.

Born in Dorsey, in central Upper Peninsula, Martha was the second of three daughters of first-generation Finnish immigrants Selma (Kuivila) and John Wiljanen.

Martha was valedictorian of her Negaunee High School graduating class, and attended Northern Michigan University for one year. What began as a summer job prior to Martha's sophomore year of college turned into a decades-long career.

Martha worked as executive secretary to Ralph S. Archibald, president of the North Range Mining Company, until 1967, when the company went out of business. Martha was likely one of very few women to go underground at Champion Mine, a hard-ore mine in Marquette County.

Martha's nephew, John Kiltinen of Marquette, notes that North Range Mining Co. relied greatly on Martha's abilities and knowledge. John and his wife, Pauline, are members of the Finlandia University Finnish Council in America.

"Her ability was recognized to the extent that she was elected to the Suomi College Board," notes John, whose mother, Eva, was Martha's youngest sister. John remembers accompanying Martha to a Suomi College Board meeting in Hancock, where they stayed at the Scott Hotel.

Martha's foster-son, Paul Williams, now of California, also recalls accompanying Martha to a Suomi College Board meeting, this one in Chicago. Paul notes that Martha's work on the Suomi College Board was very important to her.

"These were exciting years for me to be on the [Suomi College] Board," Martha recounted in an oral history recorded in the 1970s. "Mr. Archibald was very proud of the fact that his secretary was picked to be on this Board."

Martha served as secretary of the Suomi College Board for a number of years, "at a time when the life of the college was in the balance," she said.

"There were some ... who said, 'Let's throw in the hat,'" Martha recalled. "But, there were enough of us who said, 'No,' so that Suomi College now lives."

"I also was on the Board ... when Dr. Jalkanen became president, and it's just been a great thing to see that college grow the way it has under his leadership," Martha said. "I feel very honored and very flattered that I was able to be on that Board at that time."

Rev. Les Niemi, who served on the Suomi College Board from 1960 to 1967, often traveled to Hancock from Negaunee with Martha. Les worked for Suomi College as director of planned giving from 1983 to 1994.

"She was a wonderful person," Les says of Martha. "She was extremely loyal to the college and especially wanted to preserve the Finnish-ness of the college."

"During that time we built Mannerheim and Wargelin Halls and the Paavo Nurmi Center. Martha rejoiced over those three buildings," Les notes.

In 1967, Martha and her mother moved to Marquette where Martha worked as an executive secretary at Northern Michigan University. While at NMU, Martha began to take classes, earning her B.B.A. in 1977.

"Martha took great pride in finally completing her college degree," Paul notes.

Martha retired when she was in her mid-60s, "but would have worked longer if her health had allowed," Paul says.

Martha Wiljanen died in 1987, perhaps due to complications of rheumatoid arthritis.



Sarah Schumacher (left, sweeping), Nathan Jarvi (center, taking the curling shot), and Soren Schmidt (right, sweeping)



The Finlandia Curling Club (left to right) Front row: Sonia Schumacher, Ashlee Kranz, Sarah Schumacher; Back: Soren Schmidt (advisor), George Kallas (student leader), Nathan Jarvi, Joe Beaudoin

Faith-Filled Curling

by Soren Schmidt, Campus Chaplain

Campus Ministry here at Finlandia has found another interesting setting in which to reach out to those college students that seem lost in our shuffle. It's the Finlandia Curling Club, started in fall 2010. Of course, the Finlandia Curling Club is not just for Campus Ministry. In fact, it's not a religious club of any sort...but a fun sports club for all students.

Yet, some Campus Ministry has continued on through this venue, oddly enough, eerily bringing up familiar words and phrases.

The objective of the sport of curling is to *prep*, *deliver*, and *clean the way* for your *rock* to land closest to the center of *home*. So that's what we do.

The Finlandia curlers have *put on their sliders* and *delivered stones from the back* in their 3-point balanced position. They've *released* and let their teammates and their brooms *sweep hard the way* to pass the *hogline* and get our rock closest to the *button in the house* for a *good end*. All this, while *the skip* gives directions and helps focus the team to correctly do their part, while the team lets the skip's words work through them.

Any of this sounding familiar yet?

Christ, our skip, is always there for us. Giving us directions and by our side. And He is there at the end to say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We are introduced to faith and given time and guided instructions to figure it out. We grab hold of our solid rock and seek to center ourselves. We sweep a pathway to ensure

we don't curl away too soon, and we stay the course until we are gently tucked around those that guard us, safe and snug at home...on the button...at the very center of where we should be.

This brings to mind *The Centered Life* by Jack Fortin. The book tells of centering—not balancing—our lives to find true purpose, meaning, and comfort. I wonder if Jack Fortin is a curler. If not, I think he'd approve of its message.

Curling is a wonderful way to be together and share in faith, fellowship, and fun. Because of the sweeping, we don't even feel the chill in the air, and we are filled with one another's presence and the warmth of a job well done.

Curling has found a home with me. As I delve further into the sport and persuade others to partake, my faithful imagination reveals so many interesting correlations—in words and ideas—and so many similarities. (I almost feel a book coming!)

I encourage you, brothers and sisters, to seek out new forms of fellowship, and to find the places where Christ inspires you to work in new ways to share faith, invite others, and ... maybe even ... *gasp* ... evangelize a little.

God is calling and pointing the way. Deliver this message and make straight the path to bring it safely home. Amen.

Follow Finlandia Campus Ministry and the Finlandia Curling Club on Facebook, and visit the club's webpage at www.coppercountrycurlingclub.com.





**FUEL
Studio**

Designed & made at
Finlandia University

A Different Kind of Classroom

What kind of business would you start if you were given a free retail space? What if you could earn academic credit for opening and running your own store?

This spring semester, in a cross-curricular initiative of Finlandia University's International Schools of Art & Design (ISAD) and Business (ISB), Finlandia students are doing just that.

For Entrepreneurial Workshop I and II (BUS 398/399), an intensive seven-week class, six students have opened a retail outlet—as part of the Finlandia University Experiential Learning (FUEL) Studio—in Finlandia's Jutila Center business incubator.

The FUEL Studio store sells art and other items created by university students, staff, faculty, and alumni. It is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., until the end of the spring semester; arrangements for summer hours are in process.

The six students agree that completion of the Entrepreneurial Workshop is a great opportunity. Scott Kalinec, a junior Pre-professional Science major, adds that this sort of learning experience is a great addition to one's resume.

Each of the workshop students is overseeing a particular aspect of managing the store, such as sales, advertising, accounting, and product development. They are taking field trips to learn from local business owners, and scouring second-hand retail outlets for shelving and other items and fixtures needed to furnish the store.

The FUEL Studio was started in 2009 when Jutila Center director Bonnie Holland applied to the Coleman Foundation Entrepreneurship Fellows program. Each academic year since, the Coleman Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellows program has awarded modest grants to Art & Design and Business faculty members, who in turn have engaged in projects and activities to advance entrepreneurship education on campus, and particularly in non-traditional curricular areas.

Holland says, "The Coleman Fellowship program shows students that it's OK to start a business while you are in college. And at Finlandia, the Jutila Center business incubator is here to help them. This student-run store represents three years of student and faculty entrepreneurial development at Finlandia."

Originally a resource for junior-level, project-based ISAD courses, in the 2010-11 academic year FUEL Studio learning was integrated into the freshman Art & Design student experience.

Then, in fall 2011 Fred Knoch, Jutila Center corporate relations director and adjunct instructor, led a team of seven students in Art & Design Project Management (ARD 329) in creating a preliminary framework for a FUEL Studio retail store, including business structure, physical layout, and the design and production of store inventory.

At the same time, Lisa Kahnke, adjunct instructor of Art Entrepreneurship (BUS 325), challenged students to conduct market research and devise a marketing plan for the FUEL Studio store.

The fall 2011 ARD 329/BUS 325 collaboration led to the opening a pilot retail store last December. Knoch says that the student-entrepreneurs produced more than 100 items, including kitchen towels, jewelry, apparel, and dishware.

He remarks, "As a first run through, it was a victory to realize positive cash flow just two weeks into a business."

Also this spring, students in Entrepreneurial Leadership (BUS 435), led by adjunct Business instructor Mike Bausano, are helping to take the FUEL Studio venture to the next level, exploring opportunity recognition, value creation, and the meaning of business ownership.

"Instead of starting from scratch, the BUS 435 students are drawing on the lessons learned last fall, delving more deeply into the rich learning that can only happen by doing," says Bausano.

"Whether you want to be an entrepreneur, business manager, artist, or designer, the best thing you can do for your future is to gain experience in the field in which you want to work," says Kahnke. "Both potential employers and business investors value individuals who have taken a chance and stepped out from behind the textbook to understand the challenges of the real world."

TyAnn Lindell, executive vice president for academic and student affairs, agrees, adding, "The FUEL Studio is exactly the type of experiential learning we want to incorporate as part of the Finlandia experience."

The FUEL Studio store will be a continuing experiential learning opportunity for Business, Art & Design, and other students. "It's such a rich environment for learning," Knoch says. "Everywhere I look in the store, I see

opportunities, such as modules in marketing, promotion, merchandising, inventory, accounting, price point, and product selection."

Finlandia students, staff, faculty, and alumni interested in selling their artwork or products in the store may contact Fred Knoch. The students are also seeking donations of shelves and fixtures.

For information about the FUEL Studio, and other cross-disciplinary learning opportunities at Finlandia, contact Terry Monson (906-487-7338, terry.monson@finlandia.edu) or Fred Knoch (906-487-7510, fred.knoch@finlandia.edu).

Since 2005, the Coleman Foundation has generously supported student entrepreneurship at Finlandia through its Entrepreneurship Excellence in Teaching Colleges program.

A competitively awarded grant of \$150,000, disbursed over three academic years from 2005 to 2008, was a significant resource in establishing the ISAD degree programs, which focus on the "Finnish Model" of design education where design and business education collaborate in a cross-disciplinary curriculum with a focus on entrepreneurship.

The Coleman Foundation, Inc., is a not-for-profit, private, independent foundation established in 1951. One of its major areas of grant making is education, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship. The Coleman Foundation's national Entrepreneurship Excellence in Teaching Colleges program recognizes and supports entrepreneurship education in colleges and universities with 4,500 students or fewer. The competitively awarded grants are awarded to schools with existing entrepreneurship programs that have plans for program expansion, cross-campus outreach, and/or community involvement. Visit the foundation's website at www.colemanfoundation.org.



FUEL Studio retail store items

Get to Know: Dmitry Antipin

Finlandia Men's Hockey Freshman Forward



Where are you from? Novosibirsk, Russia

How are winters here compared to your hometown? Winter is MUCH colder at home, and we get similar amounts of snow.

What do you miss the most from your hometown? What I miss most is being around my family, the food, and just some of the things that I am used to.

What do you like most about the U.S.? What I like most is playing hockey for a university.

How did you discover Finlandia University? Finlandia felt like a good fit after conversations with Coach McCabe and Athletic Director Chris Salani.

What is your major? Business Administration with a concentration in International Business.

What is your favorite class so far at Finlandia and why? My favorite class is any business or math class. I find business interesting and I enjoy working with numbers.

How and when did you start playing hockey? I started playing hockey at age six after my dad took me to a professional hockey game in my hometown. I enjoyed the game and decided to give hockey a try. I have been passionate about the sport ever since.

How does the level of NCAA DIII play compare to other teams on which you have played? The level in a DIII school is a very good skill level, and similar to what I was used to before. But the style is different and the game is a lot faster because of the smaller rink.

What would you like to accomplish during your playing career at Finlandia University? I would like to get my degree, grow as a hockey player, and hopefully continue to play hockey after college.

How has your experience with the Finlandia Hockey team been so far? My experience has been good. We are a young team with new players, and we are going through some minor growing pains. We had a tough start at the beginning of the season, but we have continued to grow and improve. We have a good group.

What is your favorite NHL team and why? Any teams with Russian players.

What would you consider your best and worst hockey moments? Any tournament in which my team wins I would consider a best moment. My worst moment is any time we lose. I am a very competitive person and I hate to lose.

Do you have any interesting pre-game superstitious activities or routines? I have some, but I am not going to tell you. They are a secret.



Where are you from? Riga, Latvia

How does the weather in Hancock compare to the weather in Riga? The weather is very similar; there may be a little more snow here.

What do you miss the most from your hometown? While Hancock is a small town and the atmosphere is similar to back home, I really miss having my family around.

What do you like most about the U.S.? In the U.S., everything costs two or three times less than it would back home.

Why did you choose Finlandia University? I started by sending inquiries to D-I and D-III hockey coaches. Coach McCabe contacted me about the possibility of coming to Finlandia. I really liked what he had to say about the school and the hockey program, and he sold me on coming to Finlandia.

What is your major? Business Administration with a concentration in International Business. I like business, and as an international student I thought it would be a good choice.

What is your favorite class so far at Finlandia and why? My favorite class so far is Business Communications. It's a class I really look forward to attending.

What position do you play for the Finlandia Hockey team? I play goalie. I became a goalie because when I was younger, I thought it was the easiest position to play.

When did you start playing hockey? I started playing hockey at age eight. I wanted to get involved with sports, but wasn't sure which one. When my father suggested hockey, I gave it a try and have stuck with it ever since.

How does the level of NCAA DIII play compare to other teams on which you have played? For the previous three years, I played hockey all over Europe for about 20 teams. There is a difference in the styles of play, and one is not necessarily easier than another. Here at the college level, the play is more straightforward. In Europe, it is more tactical with less forward movement and more passing and positioning on the ice.

What would you like to accomplish during your playing career at Finlandia? What I feel is important is to finish a degree and make contacts that will help me in the future.

Would you like to continue playing hockey after Finlandia? I would like to continue to play hockey beyond college, and I am willing to work hard to do so. I will be happy either way knowing that I have put into it everything I've got.

How has your experience with the Finlandia Hockey team been so far? It's been very good. I enjoy playing with the team.

What is your favorite NHL team and why? The New Jersey Devils because of their goalie, Martin Brodeur.

What hockey player did you idolize growing up and why? When I started, I didn't have anyone in mind, but over time I came to respect how goalie Patrick Roy played the game.

What is your favorite American meal and your favorite meal at home? My favorite American meal is a steak, cooked well. My favorite meal from Latvia would be grilled fish. It doesn't matter what type of fish; as long as it's grilled, it's perfect.

Do you have any interesting pre-game activities or routines? No. I feel that as long as you work hard, you will be good; the routines are just an excuse for when you fail.



Get to Know: Dainis Vasilevs

Finlandia Men's Hockey Freshman Goalie



1972 to 2012



*The Therrian family (left to right):
Jonathan, Isabelle, Marlain, and Feliz*

Missionaries Sharing God's Love

Marlain (Birdi) Therrian ('70) was born in Calumet in 1950—in the middle of a snowstorm, according to her mother, Angie. Her father, Albert, was a businessman. “I was the oldest child, and given and dedicated to the Lord at my birth by my Mom,” Marlain notes.

As a youth, Marlain attended the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Calumet, where she sang in the choir—in both Finnish and English. “My Pastor, an old timer, Rev. Kokkenen, and his Swedish wife didn’t have children, and they would invite me to their pastorate in back of the church,” Marlain recalls. “I loved reading the ‘life after death experience’ books about people’s experiences with Heaven that he had brought from Finland. It had a profound effect on me.”

Marlain’s gift for singing, “passed on by the Lord from my Mom and her mom” also contributed to Marlain’s realization of God’s presence in her life. “My Mom had a real love for Jesus and the Bible, which she also passed on to me,” Marlain adds.

Marlain graduated with honors from Calumet High School and she was happy that Suomi College was available. “I preferred a small college, which would be more personal and less intimidating than the big campuses,” Marlain says. “I also wanted to live at home and still attend classes.”

During her two years at Suomi, in addition to studying and making the dean’s list each semester, Marlain made many friends and participated in a variety of extracurricular activities.

She was president of the Suomi Musical Club for two years; vice president of the Student Council, the Bowling Club, and the Student-Faculty Committee; secretary for the Science Club; and vice president of the Suomi Choir and the Intramural Volleyball Club.

“I also had the honor of being chosen in the 1969-70 academic year as one of the ‘Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges,’” Marlain adds.

Marlain recalls several excellent Suomi College teachers. “Mrs. Holyoak, the music director and choir director, treated me like a younger sister,” Marlain says. “At 19, I learned to play the guitar and the piano with her. I received good singing training and was able to use my gift to sing solos on choir tours.”

Marlain also recalls history teacher Walter Anderson, for whom she did odd jobs as a work-study. “Mr. Anderson was a good father figure and an encouragement to me. And I loved Don Wanhala’s botany and anatomy classes. Science wasn’t my main forte, but he had such a passion for his subjects.”

Marlain describes her time at Suomi College as invaluable, especially when she became a missionary a few years later.

“I believe I grew a lot in the areas of communication and leadership,” Marlain notes of her time at Suomi. “I guess my fondest memories in those two years would be the bonds of love and friendship I built with fellow classmates and teachers and staff. All in all, for me it was a meaningful growing experience.”

Marlain completed an associate of arts at Suomi College in spring 1970, then pursued a bachelor’s degree in secondary education at Michigan State University.

From a young age, Marlain says she always had the thought of wanting to commit her life to Jesus as a missionary, although she didn’t quite know if it was just a dream, or even how it could or would happen.

In her junior year at MSU, Marlain recalls “saying an earnest prayer to the Lord, asking Him to lead and guide me as to His will in my life, not only for myself, but doing what would be best for Him and others, to do the most with my life that would count.”

The next year, in 1972, Marlain met a group of dedicated missionaries and she knew it was more than a dream. It was an answer to her prayer and her calling.

“It was what I had been looking for in my life,” she confirms. “I made my decision then for full-time service, and I have been serving Jesus as a missionary for 40 years now.”

Marlain started her missionary work in the inner cities of Chicago, New York, Detroit, and Cincinnati. Then, she spent a year in England doing similar work. In 1975, she arrived in India. She was busy in India,

"Go into all the world
and proclaim the good news
to the whole creation."

—Mark 16:15

Nepal, Afghanistan, and Pakistan for 1-1/2 years. Then she returned to India where she met her husband, Jonathan.

"Jonathan is from England and of Indian origin; he received the Lord in 1972 and has been an active full-time missionary for 40 years now," Marlain says.

Jonathan studied sociology and Spanish at Thurrock Technical College, Essex, England, then for 18 months shared the Christian message with drug addicts and delinquent youth in Brixton, "the Harlem of London." He then spent three years in Spain before going on to India where he and Marlain met and married.

Together with their children, Feliz and Isabelle, now 34 and 32 years, respectively, the Birdis spent many years "on the mission fields of the Subcontinent," mainly India and the neighboring countries of Nepal, Pakistan, and Bangladesh, as well as in Indonesia and Singapore.

"Feliz has continued on in full-time missionary service," Marlain says. "He was in Tanzania for four years and spent a short time in Ghana and South Africa. He also spends time with us in Romania, where we have been working for more than eight years, and also in India."

Isabelle was a missionary with her parents for many years, and also spent ten months as a missionary in Mexico. Most recently, Isabelle has been attending college in the U.S., studying performing arts and music and mass communications and marketing.

"She just graduated at the top of her class and is faithful to share her faith with others," Marlain reports proudly.

Today, in Brasov, Romania, and also in India and Nepal, Marlain, Jonathan, and Feliz share God's love through social gospel, arranging musical programs for needy institutions, schools, orphanages, and in elders' homes. "We also do personal counseling, assist with material needs, and distribute sponsored audio-visual materials to these institutions and needy individuals," Marlain says.

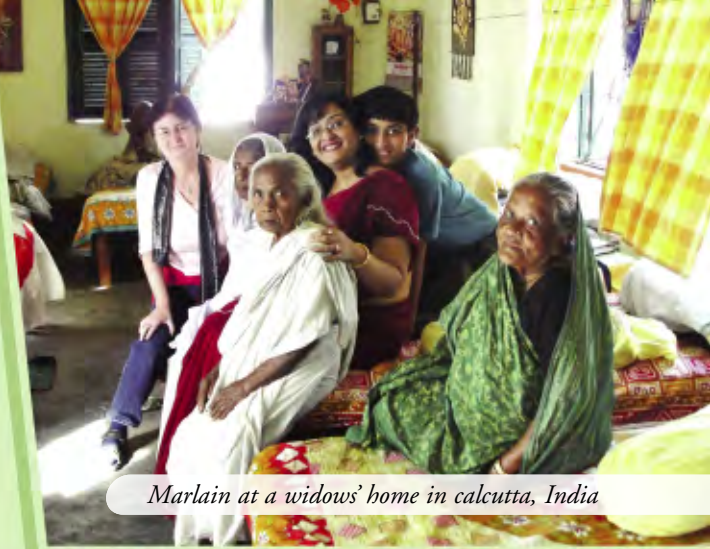
"We have been blessed in so many ways and have found in our lives that true happiness comes from making others happy," Marlain says of her family and their work. "Our goal is to become more and more like Jesus and share His love with others on a daily basis. There is always so much to do."

"To me friends are forever," Marlain says. "So, for all those whom I knew, or even if I don't know you yet, I love people. I would love to communicate with fellow Suomi College alumni and other readers of *the Bridge* who are interested in our work, and those who want to get back in touch."

Marlain invites readers of the Bridge to contact her by e-mail at marbirdi@hotmail.com.

"Your love, prayers, and support are greatly appreciated. May God Bless and continue to make you a blessing to many, as you are to us," Marlain concludes.

The Therrian family regularly returns to their home in Calumet.



Marlain at a widows' home in calcutta, India



Marlain and Feliz at a children's hospital in Romania



Jonathan delivers donations to a hospital in Romania



Feliz with orphans in Tanzania



*Patty (Watson) Sikowski and
Lori (Kaspala) Anderson*

An Unexpected Connection

My son, Tyler, recently married a wonderful young woman named Shea. They dated for four years, and during that time I had the pleasure of meeting Shea's immediate family and learning about her extended family, many that live in the Ann Arbor area.

This January, my daughter, Michelle, and I were spending a week in Lansing when we acted on a 'spur of the moment' idea to host a wedding shower for Shea. Shea flew in from North Dakota and Shea's mother, who lives in Ann Arbor, gathered her side of family.

Things worked out beautifully! More than 20 women from Shea's family attended the shower at my sister's home in Ann Arbor. As we were playing a shower game, I learned that two of Shea's aunts, both there that day, were Suomi College alumnae! Over punch and chocolate-dipped strawberries, Patty (Watson) Sikowski ('89) and Lori (Kaspala) Anderson ('90) shared with me their Suomi stories! Shea had talked so much about her aunts that I felt I knew them.

Shea and Tyler ('09) were married March 6, 2012.

Cheryl Ries

Cheryl Ries
Director of Alumni Relations

Jim Godell ('55), Marquette, attended Suomi College from 1953 to 1955, when he joined the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in January 1958, and through the GI Bill he completed a bachelor of arts, a master of arts, an Ed.S., and a Ph.D. Jim still hopes to complete his associate degree at Suomi College. He writes, "I don't need the degree, but I would like to say I graduated from Suomi College." Jim recalls that Pops Lehto was his favorite Suomi College business teacher. Jim is a professional photographer and retired professor from the Northern Michigan University College of Business. He teaches digital photography classes for The Northern Center for Lifelong Learning, a non-profit group affiliated with NMU that offers informal educational programs and activities. Contact Jim at fotoz34@msn.com.

Robin Lee Berry ('76), Boyne City, started her professional singing and songwriting career in the folk clubs of East Lansing in the late 1970s. After a few years of touring, she returned to northern Michigan to put down some roots. She has performed in clubs and at festivals for over 20 years, and has released four music CDs. She and her husband, Homer Williams, own Freshwater Studio, an art gallery and concert venue in Boyne City where they display their exotic cedar furniture and the work of over 200 Michigan artists. View their websites at www.freshwaterstudio.org and www.logartinc.com. E-mail Robin at robin@robinleeberry.com or visit her website at www.robinleeberry.com.

Meg (Beardsley) Gustafson ('76) and Gary Gustafson ('75) were married in 1987. They live in the Siskiyou Mountains in southern Oregon. For 27 years, Meg has worked as a registered nurse at Asante Health Systems. Gary is a contractor. They have two sons in college, and a daughter in high school. Meg and Gary are looking forward to the September 2013 reunion of the Classes of 1975, 1976, and 1977. They love hearing from Suomi College alumni and encourage alumni to join the Suomi Roomies Facebook page. "It's such a blast from the past!" Meg says. Contact Meg and Gary at gustafsonmeg1@gmail.com.

Monica (Githens) Hill ('76), Inman, S.C., married Duncan Hill in 1982 and spent several years moving between the U.S. and Germany with Duncan's job. Now retired, Monica lives in South Carolina where she serves on the Children's Foster Care Review Board and helps raise money for the Heart Gallery, a national project that uses the power of photography to find homes for children in foster care. She also chairs the Congregational Nursing Advisory Board at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Monica loves to travel, especially visiting Paris off-season to shop and drink coffee. "I am soooooo excited!!!!!" Monica writes, referring to the September 2013 Suomi College reunion of the Classes of 1975, 1976, and 1977. She loves to hear from Suomi Roomies! Contact Monica at monica.hill@charter.net.

Patty (Watson) Sikowski ('87), Clarkston, completed an associate degree at Suomi College, continuing her education to receive credentials in early childhood development. She was director of Teddy and Me, Hancock, then operated her own preschool in

Belleville, Pattington's Childcare Resort. She has since closed her business and is a pre-K teacher at Academic Adventures, Waterford. Patty is married to Matt Sikowski and has four children, ages 13 to 27, and one granddaughter. Contact Patty at patrwats@sbcglobal.net.

Lori (Anderson) Kaspala ('90), Brighton, completed an associate degree at Suomi College. She previously worked at Rehab Associates, Ypsilanti, as a physical therapist assistant and office manager. For 12 years she has been employed by the Lincoln Consolidated School System and is currently the lead secretary at Childs Elementary School. Lori has three daughters, ages 5, 14, and 18. Lori is engaged to Randy Veihl of Muskegon.

Teri Taucher ('05) and Patrick Matlock were married June 24, 2011. Teri is working as a physical therapist assistant. Patrick is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and recently completed a B.S. in survey engineering. They reside in Big Rapids.

Hey, Suomi College Classes of 1975, 1976, and 1977! It's Reunion Time!

Mark your calendars for September 27 to 29, 2013, dust off your bell bottoms, and find your 8-track tapes of Aerosmith, BTO, and Styx.

You've got more than a year to find your Suomi College yearbook, start your exercise program, and prepare for the reunion of all reunions. Bring your memories and rekindle

old friendships. Get ready to talk about ice cream runs to Traub's, pizza at the Library Restaurant, and kicking up your heels at the Duck. Can't remember these? What about the annual color tour, Conway's grocery, sledding on cafeteria trays, Rudy's, choir, basketball, the White House, Faller House, Old Main, Burritt House, and the Outhouse?

Check out the "Suomi Roomies" Facebook page to catch up on what your classmates have been up to in the past 37 or 38 years! There are lots of photos, great memories, and fun stories to get you geared up and ready to reunite. To join the Suomi Roomies page, e-mail Meg (Beardsley) Gustafson ('76), gustafsonmeg1@gmail.com, or Monica (Hill) Githens ('76), monica.hill@charter.net. Get in the groove! If you're not on Suomi Roomies you are missing out!

Please spread the word. Let's make it happen!

– Meg (Beardsley) Gustafson ('76)



The Suomi College "Spirit of '76"



Gary Montgomery

Gary Montgomery ('83), Clarkston, is chief sales officer and PMO executive for Trillium Teamologies, Inc., Royal Oak, which provides technology services including consulting, technical support, software development, creative design, and more. He is also CEO of LM Business Process Consulting, Clarkston, which provides IT and engineering consulting to the automotive industry.

Gary is the senior instructor (Master) at Calvary Martial Arts, White Lake, a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Clarkston and White Lake, and involved in numerous professional and industry organizations and associations.

Gary has been a member of the Finlandia University International Alumni Board since 1999. In addition to Finlandia (Suomi College), Gary has studied at the

University of Michigan, University of Maryland (Munich, Germany), and the Community College of the Air Force.

Gary loves music, cars, full-contact martial arts, and travel. He is manager for the Detroit urban rock band, Critical Bill, which was awarded the 2010 and 2011 Detroit Music Award. He is a collector of Corvettes and races Porsches. His short-term travel plans focus on the last few places in Europe and South America that he has not yet visited, such as some former Soviet-bloc countries and Peru's Machu Picchu.

Gary's daughter, Kaitlyn, is pursuing a dual degree in international relations and German. She studies at Michigan State University's Madison College during the school year, and in Germany and Belgium during the summer.

Gary has lived in Germany, Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina, and he is fluent in German, Spanish, and English. As a Master black belt, in 2001 he was the National and World Tae Kwan Do and Tang So Do Heavyweight Champion.

Contact Gary at gary.montgomery@trilliumteam.com.

Alayna Gianunzio ('08) was recently hired by Larsen Sports Medicine & Physical Therapy, Hudson, Wis. Alayna earned an associate degree in Physical Therapist Assistant at Finlandia. She lives in Hudson, Wis., and she is working to complete a bachelor of science in human health and performance at University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Laura Peterson ('08) and Jeff Mlynski have announced their engagement. Laura is employed by Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Ga.

Danielle Clishe and Joseph Schwandt were married Dec. 17, 2011. Danielle is pursuing a B.F.A. at Finlandia. Joseph is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and currently serves with the National Guard.



Alumni Ideas Needed!

The Finlandia University International Alumni Board and the Office of Alumni Relations are gearing up for FinnFest 2013, which will take place in the Copper Country June 19 to 23. What are your ideas for alumni events to be held on our campus in conjunction with FinnFest 2013? How about a "Met & Married" event co-hosted with Michigan Tech's Alumni

Relation's office? Perhaps your graduating class had a fun tradition that you would like to re-create? Or maybe you have an idea for a new event, one that could become a tradition. I am all ears! Please contact me by phone, e-mail, or regular mail, and we will get something cooking!

Cheryl Ries, Director of Alumni Relations
906-487-7317, cheryl.ries@finlandia.edu

Rinkinen Joins Thrivent Financial

Ross Rinkinen ('04), Chassell, has joined Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as a financial associate with the organization's East Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Regional Financial Office. Rinkinen can help clients with comprehensive financial strategies and a range of financial products. His office is at 507 Sheldon Ave., Houghton. Before joining Thrivent Financial, Rinkinen worked at Finlandia as an advancement officer. Contact Ross at 906-231-4630 or ross.rinkinen@thrivent.com.



Ross Rinkinen

Class of 1988 to Host 25-year Reunion

The Suomi College Class of 1988 recently announced plans to host a 25-year class reunion in 2013. Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations for more information.



Jim Kurtti raises the Finnish flag

Alumni Boards Helps with FAHC Project List

In anticipation of FinnFest 2013, which will take place in the Copper Country June 19 to 23, the International Alumni Board voted to purchase and install an item on the Finnish American Heritage Center's (FAHC) project list. A 25-foot flagpole, now flying a Finnish flag, was completed in December, just in time for Finlandia's annual Finland Independence Day celebration. A dedication ceremony for the flagpole, which is in front of the Heritage Center, is scheduled in conjunction with the IAB's annual meeting this May.

Men's Hockey Alumni Social

Every year, a number of Finlandia University Men's Hockey alumni skate in the annual Old Timers Hockey Tournament, which is held in March in the Copper Country. This year, in conjunction with the tournament, Alumni Relations and Finlandia Athletics co-hosted the first annual Finlandia Hockey Alumni Social, catching up with many former Finlandia student-athletes. Current Men's Hockey head coach John McCabe welcomed the alumni and shared a brief update about the current Men's Hockey team.

In Memory

Jorma "Ole" Sarto, 95, Mackinaw City, Feb. 5, 2012.

Memorial gifts may be directed to Finlandia University and other organizations.

Marie (Panattoni) Criger, 90, Charlotte, N.C., Feb. 25, 2012.

Edith V. (Niemela) Koski ('43), 88, Three Lakes (Spurr Twp.), Sept. 23, 2011.

Lloyd D. Ratkovich, 78, February 5, 2012. Memorial gifts may be directed to Finlandia University and other organizations. See article on page 33.

Margret A. (Petrelius) Mattila, 79, Toivola, Jan. 4, 2012. See article on page 33.

Melvin Johnson, 79, Woodbury, Minn., Mar. 29, 2012. See article on page 20.

Arnold F. Sarya, 77, Traverse City, Aug. 29, 2011. Dr. Sarya served on the Finlandia University Board of Trustees from 1984 to 2007.

Sandra Lee (Keranen) Westen ('59), 71, Alton Bay, N.H., Jan. 6, 2012. See article on page 19.

Georgeanne "Georgie" (Laitala) Taylor ('60), 70, Denver, Colo., Oct. 30, 2011.

Judith Dell (Williamson) Watson ('64), 67, Detroit, Nov. 1, 2011.

Patrick L. Cane ('68), 64, Denton, Tex., Sept. 19, 2011.



Lloyd Ratkovich

A Good Friend and Advocate

Recently we introduced you to Lloyd Ratkovich, a good friend of Finlandia. He had taken on a role as a philanthropic advisor for the university, building relationships in the Twin Cities and western Wisconsin.

"The truth is, Lloyd was an advocate for Finlandia no matter where he was," says Duane Aho, Finlandia EVP for external affairs. "If you ever met Lloyd, you'll know what I mean."

"Lloyd was a gentle man who was easy to like and grateful for all that he had been blessed with here on this earth," Aho adds. "It was a great pleasure to know him, however briefly. We are grateful for his work on Finlandia's behalf and our thoughts and prayers are with his family as they grieve."

Lloyd D. Ratkovich, 78, of Oak Park Hts., Minn., died unexpectedly February 5, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, four children and their families, and others. Memorial gifts may be made to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Minn., Luther Seminary, or Finlandia University.



Margaret Mattila

Margaret A. (Petrelius) Mattila, 79, a 60-year resident of Toivola, died January 4, 2012. She was born April 18, 1932, in Tapiola, to Victor Petrelius and Anna (Torro) Petrelius-Plough. As a child, Margaret attended the Doelle School. For many years, Margaret and her late husband, Walfred, owned and operated a dairy farm. She was a member of the

Toivola Apostolic Lutheran Church and taught Sunday school for many years.

Margaret was a devoted volunteer for Finlandia University's Finnish American Heritage Center and translated from the Finnish many articles for the *Finnish American Reporter*. Margaret was a well-known maker of *juustoa* (Finnish squeaky cheese). Her daughter, Rebecca Hoekstra ('77), is a regular FAHC volunteer, and her granddaughter, Joanna Chopp, was recently hired as Finlandia's archivist.

MEMORIALS & IN HONOR GIFTS

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Iron Will is a thorough, well-organized history based on extensive archival research and interviews with company personnel. It will appeal to those interested in industrial and mining history, and Great Lakes and Michigan history. Wayne State University Press, 2011

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A Billion Years of Copper Country History

Dan Leskinen presents a major revision of Lauri and Christine Leskinen's original 1980 work. Topics include the geology of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula, prehistoric mining, and mining companies and the lodes they worked. An almanac includes charts of mine production, population, snowfall, registered mining companies, and a chronology. Reprint 2011, Daniel Leskinen

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Becoming Wilderness: Nature, History, and the Making of Isle Royale National Park

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Explore the little-known backstory of Isle Royale's twenty-year journey from a largely unknown island to the nation's first wilderness national park. Black and white photos. Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association, 2011

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Three Queens: 1971 and the Kilpela Years at the Gateway to Isle Royale

by Ben Kilpela

In commemoration of the 40th anniversary of Don and Betty Kilpela's purchase of the Isle Royale ferry service, *Three Queens* tells the story of acquiring the ferry, the family's first summer in Copper Harbor, and offers a delightful history of Copper Harbor ferry operations from 1930 to the 2000s. Personal reflections by the Kilpela family and others are included. Bennett Kilpela, 2011

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