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We're building again...more student housing. When completed next summer, this student apartment project will be the largest building on our campus.

Why such a significant investment in student residential space?

First and foremost, we firmly believe campus life is integral to fulfilling our mission. "Grand View engages, equips, and empowers students..." both in and outside the classroom. Our mission statement goes on to say we develop the whole person – mind, body and spirit. And the last line of the mission asserts that Grand View is a "school for life."



We're equipping and empowering students for life, not just a first job. Rest assured, our students are very well prepared for their careers. Consider our placement rate, which is always between 98 and 100 percent. But we commit to more than career preparation

– much more. Fulfilling that mission involves facets that go beyond classroom teaching and learning. It happens best in the context of community – a vibrant and rich campus community where student outcomes are driven by our programs and policies.

Yes, our society offers students many post-secondary options that involve little more than parking lots and classrooms, hopefully adjacent to each other so students can quickly return to their part-time jobs and other activities outside their educational pursuits. While important learning takes place in those classrooms, I worry that those students are missing opportunities to develop vital personal, social, and leadership skills.

In the cover story of this issue, you will read that national research and our own data confirm that students who live on campus and engage fully in their college experience are more successful. They perform better in the classroom and persist to graduation at higher rates. Evidence of personal and social development is expressed best in the words of the alumni interviewed for this issue of the magazine.

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CONGRATS, CLASS OF 2010!

Graduates recall time at Grand View and celebrate commencement festivities.

I note two things regarding what these alumni say about living on campus. First, their descriptions of how they grew as individuals echoes what employers and civic leaders say they expect from college graduates. Second, their testimonials of personal growth and development are remarkably similar, even though their times on campus were separated by as much as 50 years or more. I firmly believe Grand View graduates of the mid-21st Century will say the same things, even though those students have not yet been born.

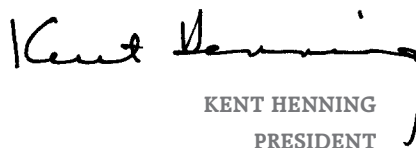
Another reason why this investment in student housing is so important relates to our strategic plan and the health of the university. When we had space for only 200 or so students to live on campus, we were limited to serving students primarily from central Iowa. The demographics for this region, at best, show no change (more likely a decline) in college-age students. And those students who were seeking a vibrant residential college experience by-passed Grand View, seeing us mostly as a commuter school.

With the completion of these apartments, we will have capacity to

house nearly 800 students on campus. And because we are building housing for upperclass students, we will have more of our juniors and seniors living on campus; they provide important maturity and leadership for campus activities.

Further, we now offer a comprehensive athletic program, more than 40 student clubs and organizations, and many other co-curricular activities. As a result, we see growing numbers of students from other parts of Iowa and from other states, particularly Texas and California. Students who want to "go away to college" can come to Des Moines, live in a robust residential campus environment, and enjoy the richness that the Des Moines metro area has to offer.

So, yes, we're building again... building to support our mission, to enhance student growth and development, and to strengthen the university.


KENT HENNING
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ON THE COVER...



A progression of residential life at Grand View.

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PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL GATHERS FOR INAUGURAL MEETING

BY LUCAS CASEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

President Kent Henning recently called together a group of Grand View alumni and friends for the first meeting of the President's Advisory Council. More than twenty individuals from the Greater Des Moines community and beyond visited campus to participate.

The roster of members includes a cross-section of community leaders with unique work experiences and personal connections to Grand View.

The initial group is comprised of the following alumni and friends: Samuel Bernabe '79, Connie Boesen, Kurt Bogseth '00, Diane Bridgewater, Chris Calos, Eric Carlson, Robert Chittenden '66, Peter Cownie, Steven DeVenney '84, Thomas Downs, Thomas Fischer '83, Jane Fogg, Travis Foltz '07, Javier Gutierrez '93, Peter Kiernan '94, Bradley Long '74, Eric Lothe, Christopher McDonald '97, Christian Murray '98, Gary Palmer '72, Michelle Reynolds '89, James Ross '85, Richard

Rue '75, and Tony Wilson '76.

The advisory council was formed with the intent of involving a wider circle of alumni and friends, in addition to the Board of Trustees, for input into the university's strategic matters. At the first meeting, Henning updated the advisory council on the current direction for Phase II of the Campus Master Plan.

The group affirmed the importance of the student housing and student center projects and verified Grand View's continued efforts to develop a traditional, yet dynamic, college environment in the changing landscape of higher education.

"I'm excited to begin involving this accomplished group of friends and alumni as we continue to plan for Grand View's future," Henning said.

Henning plans to reconvene the advisory council on a regular basis to provide additional perspectives on a wide range of timely and strategic topics. **GV**

08-09 PLACEMENT STUDY RESULTS

For the 17th successive year, the most recent Grand View graduating class secured 98% job placement within six months of graduation.

A recent survey shows that members of the Class of 2009 are succeeding in a difficult economy by turning their college education into careers or continuing their education at graduate schools.

The telephone survey, conducted annually by Career Services and to which 384 graduates responded, provides a snapshot in time in the lifelong career development of graduates.

Most of the class of 2008-2009 stayed in Iowa, particularly within the Des Moines metropolitan area, after graduation – an astounding 98% of those entering the workforce. **GV**

SUMMER EVENTS ON CAMPUS



GV MAJORS: NEW, ENHANCED

Two new majors, Church Music and Biochemistry, increase the number of Grand View majors to 38. Church Music majors will take courses similar to Music majors, as well as religion courses like Theology and Church History. Biochemistry majors will explore chemical characteristics of biomolecules in classes like Genetics and Cell Biology.

Beginning fall 2010, the Broadcast major will be redesigned and renamed Digital Media Production. The enhancements were made due to increasing needs for multi-skilled professionals and include multimedia-based classes such as web, video and audio. New and redesigned courses will also enrich the other majors offered in the communication department. **Gv**

DANISH GYMNASTS TO VISIT GV

Danish gymnasts representing the DGI Southeast and Southwest Jutland Gymnastics Performance Teams will be on campus October 16-19, with a performance in Sisam Arena October 17 at 6:30 p.m. The team members, consisting of 39 men and women ages 18 to 30 and two instructors, were chosen from many skilled athletes in the southeastern and southwestern parts of Denmark. The performance is a mix of rhythmic gymnastics, tumbling, highly skilled vaulting, acrobatics, dancing and entertainment, with demonstrations of many different expressions, moods and moves. **Gv**

LONG-TIME HISTORY PROFESSOR DIES

Rudolf "Rudi" Thill was born July 18, 1924, in Katscher, Germany, and passed away Sunday, March 7.

During WW II, Thill was drafted into the Afrika Korps and was captured by the Allies. He spent three years in prisoner of war camps in Tennessee and Texas, where his respect and understanding of democracy grew. He later returned to the U.S. to become a citizen and his first job was as a night porter at the Hotel Savery. He enrolled at Drake University and received his undergraduate and master's degree, then continued to work on a PhD at the University of Iowa. He spent many years as a professor of history and German at Grand View, and, in his

retirement, he wrote *Adrift In Stormy Times*, a memoir of his life in Germany and America.

Thill enjoyed travel, art, photography, music, cooking, gardening, all nature, and especially bricklaying, a craft learned in Germany. The Gardenhouse, his most prized project, was where he and his wife were married.

Thill is survived by his wife, Sigrid, son, Stephen, stepchildren, sister, Margarete Schmid of Germany, and several grandchildren. **Gv**
(The Des Moines Register March 2010)



Rudi Thill



Left to right: Assistant Professor of Communication Doug Wells works with a student during photography camp.

Several junior high and high school students participated in the first Extreme 180 Camp, a health and wellness focused camp. Kids participate in drills during one of the Viking men's soccer camps. Fifty children kindergarten through 5th grade created collage art during the Children's Art Workshops, led by Grand View art and design students. photos: KELLY (DEVRIES '00) DANIEL, LACIE SIBLEY '07

DANA COLLEGE CLOSES

GV's sister institution, Dana College, located in Blair, Neb., is closing its doors after the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools denied its application for accreditation. GV representatives were on campus at Dana July 7 assisting students through a "teach out" agreement and talking with them about options. President Kent Henning said, "This is a difficult and sad situation for Dana students, faculty and staff. We are here to assist them in every way possible."



40 YEARS IN RETROSPECT

September 23 – November 5

Artist Reception: October 1, 4 – 7 p.m.

Rasmussen Center for Community
Advancement Professions Gallery

**DENNIS KAVEN:
40 YEARS IN RETROSPECT**

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

In 1970, Grand View was still a junior college with an art department consisting of two faculty and approximately 30 students. The art department was located in East Hall, the old gymnasium; the faculty didn't have offices, bathrooms, or telephones, and the heat was controlled by a thermostat in Old Main.

This was the year Dennis Kaven started teaching art at Grand View.

The program eventually grew into a three-year program and later into a



Dennis Kaven

bachelor's degree, with the first art degree being fine arts, followed by graphic design. Today there are four art degrees offered, as well as a certificate in art

therapy and a minor in web design. The department now has approximately 150 students, five full-time faculty and four adjuncts.

"Grand View has grown a base of graduates in the arts who have been very successful," Kaven said. "Much of the influence you see in the Des Moines art community is a direct result of our graduates and their dynamic impact."

Being an artist has a large impact on the influence Kaven has as a teacher over his students. He relates to students, their struggles, their successes, and gives personal credibility to the skills and techniques he teaches.

"There has never been a time in the last 40 years that I wasn't working in my studio either as a painter or graphic designer," Kaven said.

Kaven's excitement for art trickles down into his students. Mirium Alshouse '73, art curriculum coordinator for Des Moines Public Schools, entered GV in 1972 during the second semester.

"We were painting and Dennis said, 'Not bad for someone who just walked in off the street.' It is that kind of gentle humor that is typical of his teaching style. He has a way of simultaneously rewarding and challenging students to achieve," Alshouse said. "Dennis shares his rich experience of art with such effervescent enthusiasm it is difficult to take a class from him without catching the fire as a working artist."

Director of Design and Channel Integration for Relationship Marketing, Bill Miksich '03, could tell Kaven was

genuinely excited about what he did from his first impression.

"He was like the owner and operator of a large graphic design boutique – every day students under his direction showed up to churn out logos, brochures, posters, websites, book covers and anything the imaginary client needed. It was a machine, and we had a pretty great 'boss,'" Miksich said.

Kaven's exhibit, September 23 through November 5, will feature art that spans his 40 years at GV. The work from the 70s, focusing on environmental realism, was featured in galleries across the country. The more recent works are of social commentary with an emphasis on the content of the piece and its relationship to contemporary life, as well as the relationships of the elements of design in the creation of non-objective art.

"At this stage of my artistic development I'm working on art that interests me and not worrying about trying to tie it all together," Kaven said. "It's all about doing art. Somehow worrying about putting it all together has taken a backstage to just doing what I want to do." **GV**



student success

GV RHA was awarded the regional 2010-2011 Building RHA of the Year award. The RHA executive board: **AMY MCNAUL '12**, **ALICIA KRONES '11**, **WHITNEY SCHLESSELMAN '10**, **KATELYN CARLSON '12**, **MICHAEL TALLMAN '13**, **JENNY PARSONS '12**, and **MEGAN CROGHAN '12**, wrote a 35-page report explaining how GV's RHA has grown throughout the year.

Five students: **JOEY BELTRAME '10**, **BETH EHLERS '11**, **BLAKE HAVARD '10**, **LARAMIE LOWE '11**, and **MARK WRIGHT '10**, are on the summer Iowa Cubs video production team and will be full-time interns broadcasting every home game.

BRIAN JONES '12, **ALAN PATON '11** and **BEN TJADEN '10**, business students, participated in the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) State Leadership Conference in Iowa City and won six awards. In addition, they qualified to represent GV's PBL Club at the National Conference this summer in Nashville, Tenn.

THE GRAND VIEWS, the weekly student newspaper, was named the Iowa College Media Association's Best Iowa Student Newspaper of 2009. Grand Views staffers won 16 awards, including four firsts.

ASHLEY ERICKSON '10 represented GV at Poster Day hosted at the Capitol in Des Moines March 2. She presented a poster entitled "Measuring the Stability of Carbocations via a Chemical and Computational Approach." The research was accomplished by Erickson, **STEVEN HUGHES '10**, **MARY VANZEE '09**, **CORBIN ZEA**, associate professor of chemistry, and **LAURA SALAZAR**, professor of chemistry.

Nielsen CONCERT • SERIES

Spectacular Beauty!

ENSEMBLE CHACONNE

October 10, 2010

SOLO PIERCE, PIANO

November 7, 2010

PETAR JANKOVIC, GUITAR

April 10, 2011

All events are held in the Student Center Viking Theatre at 3 p.m. No admission fee.

Julefest 2010 – Let Heaven and Nature Sing

Sunday, December 5 • 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. • Luther Memorial Church
featuring Grand View Choir and Instrumental Ensemble
Julefest Reception at 5:30 p.m. in the Humphrey Center

Watch your email and mailbox for ticket information.

upcoming events

GV NIGHT AT LIVING HISTORY FARMS

Wednesday, August 4, 6:30 p.m.
Living History Farms, Flynn Barn

NEW STUDENT DAYS

August 27 – 29

HOMECOMING/STUDENTERFEST

September 24 – 26
Find details on page 20.

DO THE VIEW AUTUMN VISIT DAY

Saturday, September 25

NIELSEN CONCERT SERIES:

ENSEMBLE CHACONNE

October 10, 3:00 p.m.
Student Center Viking Theatre

WORLD FOOD PRIZE CONVOCATION

October 14, 11:00 a.m.
Grand View Lutheran Church

NURSING AND BIOLOGY VISIT DAYS

Friday, October 15

DO THE VIEW VISIT DAY

Friday, October 29

GRAND VIEW FAMILY DAY

Saturday, October 30

ART ACTION DAY

Friday, November 5

NIELSEN CONCERT SERIES:

SOLO PIERCE, PIANIST

Sunday, November 7, 3:00 p.m.
Student Center Viking Theatre

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Imagine learning about Amazon natives hunting with spears, living in bamboo huts, and using animal skins and mud to hold their hut walls together...

Now imagine traveling to the Amazon, actually seeing those bamboo huts people still live in and watching the natives hunt with spears and cell phone pouches on their belts – quite the contradiction!

For ten years, professor of mathematics and computer science, Dr. Sergio Loch, has either sponsored or co-sponsored international student trips, mostly to Latin America and Africa. Originally from southern Brazil, Loch has lived and experienced different cultures and can speak from true-life familiarity with his understanding of how different cultures live.

"I love traveling and have been to many of the places we take students," Loch said. "I enjoy working closely with students, and these trips give me the opportunity to do so. And I love



DR. SERGIO LOCH

giving back to the communities we visit through our service projects."

While traveling through these countries, the student groups spend time working with impoverished communities teaching basic living skills. Loch finds it very rewarding to watch students perform under unfavorable and rudimentary conditions. He says service projects are the highlight of the trip for many student travelers.

"Most students are in a state of awe and disbelief that people actually live in the conditions that they do," Loch said. "It is rewarding to see students working with these people, facing adversity and language barriers but still doing a wonderful job."

International trips are life-changing experiences that are impossible to

gain in the typical classroom setting. Many students have not traveled far and don't have much experience with diverse cultures. They learn to adapt to unfamiliar environments and develop a willingness to challenge themselves and enhance their communication skills.

"A college-educated person needs an awareness and experience of the world in order to be competitive. Classroom activities and lectures will never have the same impact as actually traveling to places and experiencing them," he comments.

Loch hopes that students change their attitudes toward other cultures and they return from these trips with a sense of pride and satisfaction for the way they live. And in most cases, students do.

faculty & staff accomplishments

DR. AHMADU BABA-SINGHRI, associate professor of sociology, presented his paper "Political Correctness, Corruption and Homeland Security: The Case of a Nigerian Cell," at the International Conference on Criminology on Homeland Security: Global and Domestic Perspectives hosted at the University of Central Missouri in March.

BILL BURMA, vice president for advancement, received the 2010 Distinguished Education Leadership Award from the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute Distinguished Leadership Awards.

DAN CHIBNALL, user services and instructional design librarian, **PAM REES**, director of the library, and **MEGAN TEDELL**, access and instruction librarian, presented the session "Informing the Future: Easing the Transition to College," at the Annual Spring Conference of the Iowa Library Association – Association of College and Research Libraries.

DR. KEVIN GANNON, associate professor of history, served as chair and commentator for a panel on the economics of plantation slavery in the

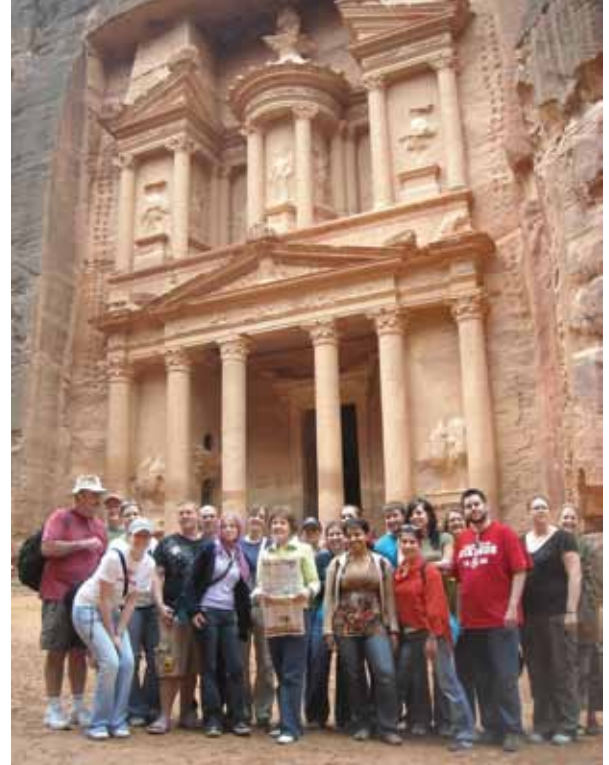
Old South at the Missouri Valley Historical Conference in March. Gannon received the Excellence in Scholarship Award.

DENNIS KAVEN, professor of art and design, was featured in KCCI's The Artist's Studio May 9.

DR. DEBRA FRANZEN, professor of nursing and head of the Division of Nursing, **DR. JEAN LOGAN**, professor of nursing, and **DR. CAROLYN PAULING**, associate professor of nursing, had their Critical Analysis Model accepted for

“Students usually return with a different perspective and value much more what they have and many times took for granted,” Loch said. “They understand that the American way of living is not the only way to be happy and lead productive lives. They also develop a better understanding of their values and biases which makes them more tolerant and understanding of others.”

According to Loch, there will never be another opportunity for learning so much in such a short period of time as there is through international travel. Students will never forget their experiences and they'll have stories to tell forever. **GV**



Clockwise: Student travelers in downtown Buenos Aires, Argentina; Loch (far left) poses with his students in front of the Treasury at Petra in Jordan; Students pose after completing a service project for a local orphanage in northern Kenya. photos: SUBMITTED BY SERGIO LOCH



publication in the Journal of Nursing Education.

DR. MARK MATTES, professor of religion and philosophy, was the featured speaker at a conference at Christ Episcopal Church in Pensacola, Fla., in January. He also presented a lecture to students at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and another to history and theology faculty. He had an article published in the Journal of Lutheran Ethics and on the Lutheran Theology web page.

MICHELLE RUSE, assistant professor of computer science, had a publication entitled, “Analysis & Detection of SQL Injection Vulnerabilities via Automatic Test Case Generation of Programs,” published in the 10th Annual International Symposium on Applications and the Internet. She presented her work in Seoul, Korea, in July. She is also serving as registration chair for the 34th Annual IEEE International Computer Software and Applications Conference.



ADAM VOIGTS was named vice president for administration and finance and began his duties at Grand View June 1. Voigts comes to GV after eight years as associate vice president for business services/controller at Simpson College.



TIM WHEELDON was promoted to vice president for information services and CIO in May. He served as GV's director of information services for seven years. **GV**



Returning to our residential roots

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

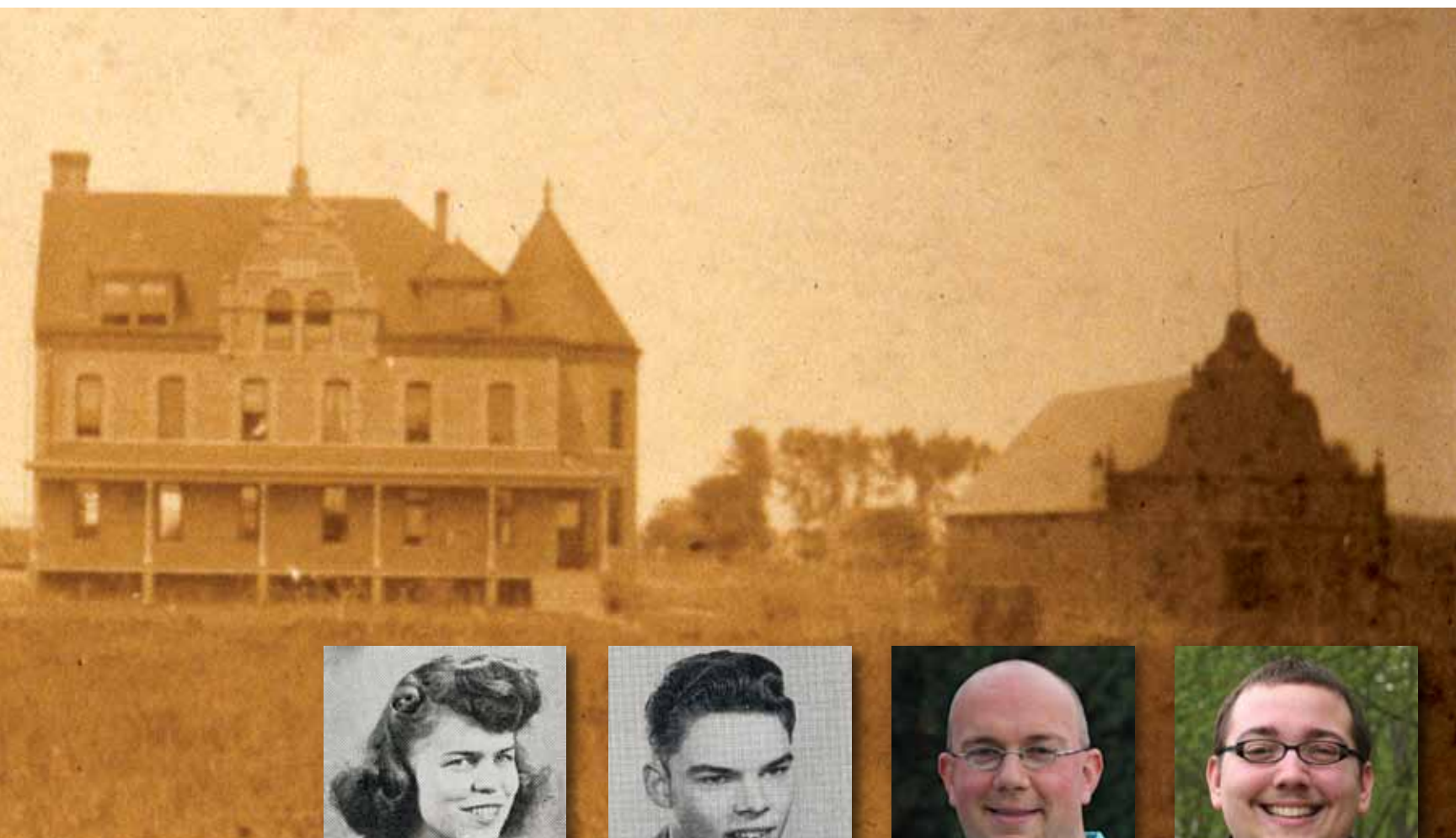
When the suggestion was made to plan for a university, a place young people might turn to further their education as well as a preparatory school for the seminary, Grand View needed somewhere to house its students because those expected to come were not from the area. Many came from surrounding states, some from cities around the Des Moines area, and still others from overseas.

A committee went to work and eventually created plans for a building that could be erected in stages as need increased and funds allowed. The finished building would house 200 students. In the meantime, each unit constructed would be self-contained, with all the necessary facilities, and would house 18 students, with the potential to house as many as 42. So construction commenced and in 1895, the east wing of Old Main was completed.

During the second winter the building was already over capacity, and the overflow of students had to find boarding rooms in private neighborhood homes. In the fall of 1898, construction on the west wing began, which was to be a mirror image of the existing building and would connect to it by an outside walkway. By early 1899, the second building was complete and became the women's dorm.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND REVELRY

With the increase in students, it became clear that some



Old Main, circa 1900, was home to Grand View's first residential students. Dagmar (Jensen '44) Schiaqua, Don Petersen '48, Jason Rosa '01 and Jeff Rost '10 relished their residential experience at GV.

rules for life at Grand View were needed. The waking bell sounded at 6:30 a.m., and students were to be ready for breakfast with their rooms clean and swept by 7:00 a.m. At night, the outside doors were locked at 10:30 p.m., and permission from the president was required to be out any later. Boys could not visit the girls' rooms and vice versa, and there were to be no parties without the consent of the president. A petition for visiting privileges was later passed – and annulled soon after because it became an annoyance and interrupted study time.

Student obligations included keeping rooms clean, tending personal kerosene lamps, and peeling potatoes in the kitchen; boys were required to get the mail and milk the cow. Between classes, studying and daily obligations, students enjoyed leisure activities. One unusual activity was rat hunting. The garbage pit behind the building attracted many of these mangy rodents, as did the kitchen and dining room in the basement of the west building. The boys had fun pouring pails of water down rat holes with the intention of driving the rats into the open to meet their fates, which ultimately did not result in the demise of many creepy critters.

Room and board costs at the turn of the century were considerably less than today. Fourteen dollars covered room, board and tuition for a four-week period. That was later increased to \$15, with an extra charge for heat. The student

body ranged from 18 to 24 years old, a big difference from the 2009 student body of 2,000, with ages ranging from 16 to 68. Peak enrollment for Grand View's first year was 34 students, and the high for the first 50 years was 141 in the 1915-16 school year.

As enrollment increased, residential housing continued to be a priority. Old Main was completed with the addition of the third phase of the building in 1904. On the college's fiftieth anniversary in 1946, the new women's dorm was constructed; the men's dorm, Knudsen Hall, was built in 1964 and housed 120 male students; and in 1968 yet another new women's residence, Nielsen Hall, was built and was home to 120 female students.

A GROWING EXPERIENCE



Don Petersen '48, a resident of Old Main during the last year it was co-ed, has several fond memories of his time here...

"There were no showers in the washrooms in either end of the building, so everyone traipsed outside to shower in the old gym locker rooms.

It was an unusual practice for bathing, and there were rumors that a peephole existed between the men's and women's locker

rooms. Our dorm rooms were small, barely enough room to turn around, with bunk beds, a small dresser and two desks.

"I lived on the second floor with about 20 other students, and most of the men were veterans who served in World War II, which made for an interesting and mature culture and atmosphere in the dorms. The place was very sociable and much like home. Everyone left his or her door open, and the room across the hall from me was the main gathering place for us all. The coffee pot was always on, and there was usually a card game in progress – that's where I learned to play pinochle and drink coffee without cream because we didn't have refrigeration...we tried keeping things cool on the window ledge, but that didn't work out well.

"All the meals were in the basement and although there were not assigned places, it was quickly defined who sat where and with whom and that didn't change. I was the bread boy, which was part of earning my tuition. I went to the bakery a few blocks north of the school each day to pick up bread for meals.

"We also had the usual college shenanigans... I recall party-raids in the women's halls and once a pair was flown from the flagpole! Water balloons were known to fall from upper dorm room windows, and

I recall one hitting Dr. Knudsen but no one ever confessed to it. A very artistic and imaginative student formed the unofficial organization named the Royal Order of the Danish Nasties and created membership cards, which I still carry today.

"I made many great friends, as Grand View was one of the most important experiences of my life. Being away from home, we learned to live and associate with others and it was a very growing experience."

STILL A SMART MOVE



Jason Rosa '01 was also a campus resident during his time at Grand View. He came to GV because it was a good distance from home and in a city large enough to provide many opportunities. During his campus visit he felt like he fit right in...

"I decided to live on campus because I felt it was a good way to experience college life, and it had a profound impact on me. When I first came to Grand View I was pretty shy, but my RA got me out of my room and involved with Hall Council and campus activities. I was so influenced by my RA that I became one as soon as I had the chance. I learned to meet people, came out of my shell and grew more sociable – which are skills I use

in my career. Living on campus is one of the smartest things a college student can do, because it's not only fun, but also prepares you to enter the workforce.

"There were approximately 200 students living at Grand View when I was a student. I started out in Knudsen, which was an all-male residence hall, my freshman year. I was on a committee that worked to get cable in the residents' rooms. As a sophomore, I was part of a committee that worked to get co-ed residence halls and during my junior and senior years, I was an RA in Nielsen Hall. By the time I graduated, ground had been broken for the new Wellness Center and Old Main had been renovated and was then called the Humphrey Center.

"The memories of my time at Grand View are some of the best I have. We had a good time stealing Bud the Bird and sneaking out at night to paint the Rock. Another memory, while

not entirely pleasant but pretty funny in hindsight, is when I was the RA for Nielsen. I came back from winter break and noticed an odd, funky smell. As I set up the floor for the new semester, the smell didn't get any better. Residents started to return and noticed it too, but no one knew where it was coming from. My next-door neighbor returned, and when he opened his door, the smell intensified. I heard yelling and

cursing and went in to check out the situation. My resident had gone hunting in December before the end of the semester and killed a pheasant. He stored it in the freezer of his mini-fridge and, as per policy, all appliances were unplugged during break – so the fridge had been unplugged and the pheasant had thawed. Needless to say the fridge, along with the table it was on and some of the resident's furniture, was thrown out.

"Looking at campus today, I can tell the environment has really changed in a positive way. A focus has been given to residential living, and I'm very pleased to see that it's resulting in a positive outcome. I was proud to be a Viking as a student, and I can say I'm proud to be a Viking alum today."

TIMES ARE A CHANGIN'

When Grand View first opened its doors to residential students, they moved in with one suitcase that contained everything they needed for dorm life, mainly clothes and toiletries. Now when students move onto campus, they come with a truckload...microwaves, televisions, stereos, computers, additional furniture, and several totes of clothes.

Today's students are used to having their own space. Homes are larger, allowing most students to have their own rooms, although they may have shared a bathroom with siblings.

"Grand View is something which we want to preserve and pass on to our posterity...the thought came to me that possibly it was not the building itself that I wished to preserve but something that dwelt within it. Here we learn by experience. Other colleges may teach the same things as we learn in our classes here, but they do not teach us how to live."

**– Dagmar (Jensen '44) Schiaqua
1943-44 Viking Yearbook**

Coming to Grand View is a bit of a change for some younger students because they share a room with at least one other person, sometimes three others, and have one bathroom to share as well; or in the case of the student residence halls, they use a communal bathroom. Older students get the benefit of having their own room in an apartment shared with four, five or six people. Grand View's early students were accustomed to sharing a room at home. Families were somewhat larger during that time and lived in smaller homes, making it nearly impossible for children to have their own spaces.

Student expectations have changed over the years and, as a result, amenities have increased. All student residences have beds, desks, cable, wireless Internet, and phone services, as well as safety and security measures including keycard access. Although students who reside in the residence halls and the suites must bring some appliances of their own, those in the apartments are supplied with phones, refrigerators, microwaves, and ovens. Rather than the dorm mother of the early Grand View days, a resident assistant lives in each of the campus residences and is available to students who have difficulty adjusting to campus life or have roommate issues, and to keep students involved in campus life so they can reap the benefits of campus living and get in on all the fun!

BREAKING GROUND

According to Thorvald Hansen's 1972 book, *We Laid Foundation Here*, "Grand View ... bears little outward resemblance to the tiny school that was begun in 1896 ... Where there was once one building, there are now many." And that statement rings even more true today, almost 40 years later.

However, although the "bricks and mortar" of campus have evolved, Grand View's purpose and dedication to students are just as strong as the day the doors opened.

In order to continue to support and provide future GV graduates with the resources and college experiences they need, the campus has expanded further, adding apartments, residential suites, a new academic building, an addition to the Wellness Center, and several new sports, all within the last ten years. GV recently broke ground on yet another new apartment building, set for completion in the fall of 2011.

The new four-story residence building, located near the corner of Hull and East 14th Street, will house 232 students in approximately 95,000 square feet. It will contain two- and four-bedroom units, complete with full kitchens, community living area and a large private bathroom. Seventy-two parking spaces will also be added adjacent to the building. Students residing here will have all the amenities of home, be able to further develop their

In 1999, Jason Rosa '01 led President Kent Henning on a campus tour during Henning's interview process. Henning recalled Rosa's wish was to see the residential community grow. In June, Rosa returned for a tour in which Henning showcased renovations, additional facilities and a construction site for the next phase of growth.



independence, and grow into their roles as responsible adults.

From fall 2003 to fall 2009, Grand View's enrollment has grown nearly 25% and its residential population has increased more than 60%. Studies have shown that students who live on campus have higher retention and graduation rates than those who live off campus. Residential students are more involved on campus, tend to complete their degrees faster and have a higher GPA.

SEEDS OF INDEPENDENCE

The benefits to living on campus are plentiful. Students are in proximity to campus resources and faculty, making it easier to connect with professors and fellow students. They maximize their opportunities to be engaged, build relationships and discover more about themselves and their purpose.

From the 1943-44 Viking yearbook, alumna Dagmar Jensen writes, "It depressed me to think that Grand View should ever change. Grand View is something which we want to preserve and pass on to our posterity...the thought came to me that possibly it was not the building itself that I wished to preserve but something that dwelt within it. Here we learn by experience. Other colleges may teach the same things as we learn in our classes here, but they do not teach us how to live. This is not taught in classes nor are you examined before you leave to see if you have attained this knowledge. The test is life itself!" (22)

Residential living sows the seeds of independence by creating a total immersion experience. For students leaving the nest, it's important to find a place of belonging, and Grand View serves as a stepping stone into adulthood. But students don't have to undertake this task of growth on their own. Grand View's residential community and resident assistance program support and assist new students through that critical first time living away from home.



Jeff Rost '10, a recent Grand View graduate, said it's important for students to live on campus because it helps socialization skills blossom, fosters strong involvement, helps students develop a stronger sense of independence, and builds community. He grew up just blocks from

Grand View but wanted to have the full college experience, which included living on campus. He wanted to make new friends and develop the independence college students should feel.

"Residential students are more engaged with the campus community because of their proximity to events on campus," Rost said. "While I served on Viking Council, there were some

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very involved commuter students on the board, but I think residents are more likely to attend events and activities that are a five-minute walk as opposed to a 15-minute drive."

Starting in the early days, students soon realized that they didn't fully have the college experience unless they lived on campus. From the 1943-44 Viking yearbook, alumna Clarice Mason wrote, "For the first part of the year I lived at home, coming to school only for classes, and that isn't college life. It wasn't until I moved into the dorm, that I felt part of the school and entered into the spirit that makes Grand View the school that it is." (27)

The first couple years of college are critical. Grand View works to ensure those years are dynamic and full of positive experiences by invoking the Viking EDGE: through a web of people, services and opportunities that define a unique college experience, students maximize their opportunities, strengthen their integrity, develop relationships, and discover what makes them come alive. The Viking EDGE is more of a way of thinking and interacting in ways that connect students to the campus community, the broader community, and to their life ahead.

Engaging in community. Students will get connected right from the start, with faculty, staff and fellow students. Their personal



growth and well-being matter to the whole campus community, and they'll be encouraged to support others in their growth. That's what community is all about.

Discerning life purpose. We call it vocation, a "calling" that will help guide students through their college experiences and beyond, as they decide on a major and craft an educational plan. We'll help them get in touch with what really matters to them personally, with what makes them come alive.

Growing in leadership. They'll have unique opportunities to develop and demonstrate their leadership skills, experience, and abilities. They'll be able to describe how they developed as leaders ... how they made a difference through leadership at Grand View ... and how their skills can benefit the community and the workplace.

Educating with integrity. We appreciate and respect the dignity and worth of each student, honoring and promoting a community of open interaction, personal integrity, active intellectual engagement, and academic honesty among students, faculty and staff.

Since he resided on campus, Rost believes he was more involved with activities than he would have been if he had been a commuter. He worked for Alpha Psi Omega and was a

member of Logos Club, View Crew, Admissions Ambassadors, Multicultural Leadership Institute and Viking Council, along with several committees. He met more people, built strong relationships with friends, and networked with staff and faculty more effectively because of his willingness to lead and having so many opportunities readily available.

"I loved my residential experience. I met so many people, and while there were times I had to deal with something out of my comfort zone, I grew because of my choice to move into the residence halls," Rost said. "I enjoyed walking out my door and into activities such as luaus, plays, scavenger hunts, street painting, float building, and sporting events. While commuter students do get involved, I know that if I had been a commuter I certainly wouldn't have gotten as involved as I was during my four years as a resident."

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Grand View has more big plans for the future. With the completion of the new apartment building in fall 2011, focus will then be directed toward campus beautification with the construction of a pedestrian mall in place of Grandview Avenue, giving west campus more of a "quad" feel with pathways, benches and trees. Next up on the drawing board are possible renovations and an addition to the Student Center.

But what's important about all of the changes on campus isn't really the buildings, it's the vibrancy that an increasingly residential campus brings. The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), administered in the spring by hundreds of colleges and universities across the country, shows that Grand View students are benefitting. In 2004 – the first year Grand View participated in the survey – GV students reported that they spent less than one hour per week participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.). In 2009, GV students spent approximately six hours per week in co-curricular activities. The data also shows that students have made increases in learning how to work effectively with others, have a deeper understanding of themselves and of others, and have developed a greater understanding of people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds. In the 2009 NSSE survey of freshmen, Grand View outscored, on average, all of its peer and NSSE institutions on providing "enriching educational experiences."

That's not so different from Dagmar Jensen's thought in 1944 that what's important is what dwells within the buildings. That's the enduring and unique spirit of Grand View, renewed and refreshed for future generations. **GV**

Some of the information for this article is excerpted from We Laid Foundation Here: The Early History of Grand View College by Thorvald Hansen.

Congratulations **CLASS** ○



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BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR • PHOTOS BY DAN VANDERBEEK '90

GRADUATION. It seemed so far away but when April 24 arrived, it brought a mix of elation, eagerness, and confidence, sprinkled with a little nervousness and apprehension as the reality of life after college was minutes away.

Graduates and guests gathered at Hy-Vee Hall and listened appreciatively to Dr. Christopher Nelson, president and CEO of Kemin Industries, and senior class speaker, Abbie Strother, who spoke of walking with confidence, with faith, and finding one's true purpose in life, stating:

"The word 'faith' is about completely trusting someone – or something – we cannot see, and then accepting that that someone – or something – brings purpose, meaning, and direction to our lives in a way we often cannot explain or prove. So, here's the key: walking with confidence – with faith – means that we trust the bigger plan for our lives, even when we don't understand, and we allow it to guide our decisions in life ... if we are passionately committed to finding and living out our true purpose – our life's calling, our vocation – we will get to that place intended just for us where we will find meaning beyond our understanding and the freedom to be ourselves. That's the essence of walking with confidence, living by faith."

Hooding and Baccalaureate ceremonies were earlier that morning at St. John's Lutheran Church. Spring nursing pinning took place the previous evening. **GV**

RICHARD PINNEKE: TURNING LEMONS INTO LEMONADE

THE YEAR 2009 started badly for Richard Pinneke. His oldest son unexpectedly passed away, his employer shut down and then permanently closed. That was also when Pinneke heard about the free tuition Grand View offered during the summer term that year.

"My original intention was to take remedial classes at GV and finish my degree at the University of Iowa," Pinneke said. "I already had 110 credit hours and free is a great way to take classes."

His wife, Kathy, encouraged Pinneke to make the best of a bad situation and finish his degree. With his wife's support,

Pinneke weighed his options and chose GV for the opportunity to attend classes, rather than take online courses, and for the more personal instruction GV offered.

Pinneke credits the staff of the College for Professional and Adult Learning with taking a personal interest in his success and creating a plan to achieve it. He also pays tribute to Susie Stearns, director of the Career Center, who helped him take advantage of job search and networking opportunities and resume writing workshops.

"Overall, I had a very positive experience. Not one professor required

that he be addressed as 'Dr,' and the entire staff was supportive," Pinneke said. "But my sense of accomplishment is complicated as I do not see it as a major accomplishment in my life; rather, I view it as an experience that has changed my goals and priorities as far as employment. I'm not necessarily looking for the same outcomes as a typical graduate." **GV**





CARRIE CHRISTENSEN: TAKING THE HIGH

IT TAKES TIME to become a positive person when you grow up jumping around from house to house and town to town, when your father is a chronic gambler and your mother won't leave him because of her strong religious beliefs, when you were abused as a child, when your best friend died in high school, and your grandma, who helped raise you, passed away...but Carrie Christensen has overcome her hard knocks and finds herself on the brink of life after college, looking forward to all she has yet to experience and all she has yet to give.

"I didn't become a person until I came to Grand View," Christensen said.

Throughout high school she skipped class and didn't participate in activities, not caring about the

consequences or her future because in her mind, she really didn't have one. A heart condition forced her to give up her love of track and her counselors said she wouldn't get in to college. Her best friend died in a car accident and at that point she began suffering from depression.

Christensen, born in Florida, moved to Iowa and lived in nine different homes within a three-year time span. Her father was a gambler. He committed theft to fulfill his addiction and would eventually run to avoid arrest. Her mother, sticking to her religion, didn't believe in divorce. So each time her husband ran, she packed up Christensen and her younger sister and followed.

In fourth grade, Christensen, her sister and her mother returned to their home to find it ransacked and robbed – they guessed by someone trying to even

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DEREK HART

AS I UNPACKED things my first day of college, I unpacked everything I had ever known. I was entering new territory; I knew no one and couldn't even find my way to the nearest grocery store.

Before college, I was the guy cracking jokes in class, but once I arrived at Grand View, my confidence disappeared in the classes full of unknown faces. I didn't know anyone and felt uncomfortable in a new place where no one knew me. I was completely lost, but looking for a new way to define myself.

As the semester began to fly by, I started to find my place at Grand View.

I got acquainted with my professors and found the old jokester within myself. I began to feel comfortable with my routine and the people I interacted with. But most of all, I felt comfortable enough to fail, so that I could learn how to succeed. I took risks and branched out to new ideas and theories that helped shape who I am today.

As I packed up my things on Commencement Day, I packed everything that has helped define me the past four years. I packed away projects, pictures of new friends and souvenirs that hold the best memories of my college years. I packed away the new me, the me that

my college experience and peers helped shape. I am no longer the uncomfortable and lost student, but a graduate, ready to take on a world full of opportunities. **GV**



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the score with her father. Now homeless, they moved to Carlisle to live with family; a year and a half later, her mother went back to Christensen's father and moved the family to Creston. Shortly after, her father was sent to prison and Christensen basically raised her younger sister because their mother worked in Des Moines, a two-and-a-half-hour drive one way. Her mother finally decided to move back to Des Moines and the family was going to stay with an aunt and uncle on the terms that Christensen's mother would divorce her husband.

"I wasn't a child for long; I grew up quick," Christensen said. "I told my mom she had to leave my dad. She kept dragging us along whenever he ran but I think she understood she had to do this for us."

When Christensen's mother could afford an apartment, they moved to

Carlisle, where Christensen attended high school. Since that time, she's had no contact with her father's side of the family, nor does she know her father's whereabouts.

On top of having a compulsive gambler for a father and bouncing from house to house, Christensen was abused twice as a child. Because of Christensen's tough life experiences and growing personal strength, she spoke out and both perpetrators are still in prison.

"I'm pretty open; I don't keep things hidden," Christensen said.

Christensen is an advocate for children's safety. In the past she volunteered for Big Brother Big Sister. As the Viking Volunteer Coordinator for Grand View, she visited schools and spoke with students about the importance of going to college. Even if they have a bad history, that doesn't mean they can't

better themselves.

Her time as a GV student was enjoyable; she feels connected to the GV community and views it like a family. She was involved with Viking Volunteers, was an admissions ambassador for two years, a multicultural ambassador, and a resident assistant.

"I've made some very strong friendships but that took time because whenever someone was close to me, I lost them," Christensen explained. "But I'm over it now. I have great friends and a great boyfriend."

Christensen graduated GV with a psychology major and will start graduate school this fall at St. Thomas St. Kate's in St. Paul, Minn. She has hopes of becoming a social worker and using her life experiences to help others who may be going through similar situations to her own. **GV**

FLECTIONS

NO ONE TELLS you how hard or easy college will be; it's up to you and the choices you make along the way. No matter what college or university you attend, at the end of the day it all has a similar theme. Everyone experiences their own unique

and special moments throughout their college years, and all our journeys share similar characteristics. We all endured long nights – sleep is not a word in the college student's vocabulary. At some point we all found ourselves relying on classmates to pass a class; and we definitely formed lasting friendships.

College is where you explore who you are and strive to become the person you want to be. It's home away from home where some of us take advantage of the newfound freedom. It's where we make mistakes but emerge with confidence and maturity. College is

YOLANDA PADILLA

where you live, love and learn while discovering your true self.

Now four years later and a new GV grad, I step back and reminiscence on my college memories. I came to Grand View a shy, scared freshman, and I'm leaving a strong, educated woman. In my eyes, my journey at GV has been unique; no words can describe it to incoming freshman or my fellow classmates. The only thing that comes close to capturing what my life has been like at GV is to say that my experience has been a rollercoaster – sometimes up and other times down – but it has all been a very enjoyable ride. **GV**



GV AWARDED COMMISSIONER'S CUP

BY MOLLY BROWN, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC MEDIA AND GAME OPERATIONS

The Midwest Collegiate Conference announced in May that Grand View is the recipient of this year's Commissioner's Cup award, which honors all-around athletic excellence among MCC member schools. It is awarded to the institution with the highest cumulative score as determined by a rating system that includes points awarded at the end of the regular season of each championship MCC-sponsored sport. Points are awarded per finishing position, with a bonus awarded to conference tournament winners.

GV's 2009-10 athletic season was highlighted by five regular season team championships in men's basketball, men's indoor track & field, women's indoor track & field, baseball, and men's golf, and conference tournament championships in women's soccer, men's basketball and baseball.

Six teams qualified for NAIA national championships – women's soccer, men's basketball, women's basketball, wrestling, men's golf, and baseball. GV also finished in the top 20 in both women's indoor and outdoor track & field championships.

Head Coach Chris Winkel congratulates All-American Josh Manske at the NAIA Men's Golf Championships. photo: ANDREW DAVIS '09



WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team defeated No. 1 seed St. Ambrose in the MCC Tournament championship to qualify for the NAIA Championships for the first time in program history. Senior midfielder Holly Winter scored the winning goal with 40 seconds remaining.

"Qualifying for the National Tournament was a milestone for the program and testament that we are moving in the right direction as a program," Vensti Stoimirov, head women's soccer coach, said.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Viking men held the No. 1 seed for the MCC Tournament and plowed through their opponents to earn the MCC Tournament title and an automatic berth to the NAIA Div II Championships.

This was GV's second consecutive trip to the Championships – and the program's fourth trip – under head coach Denis Schaefer. The season ended with a first round 69-65 overtime loss to the University of Sioux Falls. Senior Corey Viet was awarded his second NAIA All-America Second Team honor.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MCC Tournament runner-ups received an at-large bid to the National Championships in the second national tournament trip under head coach Garey Smith.

Fourth-seeded GV topped No. 5 Minot State in the opening round, 63-53. The Vikings upset top-seeded Hastings 69-61 to earn the program's first trip to the NAIA Div II Women's Basketball Championship's Elite 8. Shawnee State halted the Vikings' run with a 75-55 loss.

Freshman Jennifer Jorgensen averaged 21 points and eight rebounds at



The women's soccer team defeated No. 1 St. Ambrose to advance to the NAIA Championships for the first time in program history. photo: SUBMITTED

the national tournament and was named to the championships' All-Tournament Second Team, followed by an NAIA Second Team All-American award.

WRESTLING

In the second year of competition, the Vikings qualified 12 wrestlers – the maximum number a team can qualify – for nationals. Glenn Rhee was the national champion at 174 lbs. Brad Lower placed 5th at 165 lbs. and Jordaryl Logan was 8th at 184 lbs. All three earned All-American status. The team placed ninth in team standings with 61.5 points.

MEN'S GOLF

Winners of the MCC Championships, the men's golf team competed at the NAIA Championships. Grand View, who went into the tournament as the No. 14 team in the nation, finished in sixth place.

In individual standings junior Rick Fee placed 11th overall with a four-day score of 294 (77-74-71-72), and sophomore Josh Manske finished 14th (69-78-72-77). Manske and Graeme Molloy were named NAIA First and Third Team All-American, respectively.

BASEBALL

After winning the MCC Tournament Championship, the Vikings advanced to the NAIA Baseball Championship Opening Round Group Five Tournament. In the first game of the opening round double-elimination tournament, the Vikings fell 7-2 against Northwestern College (Iowa). In the elimination game, the Vikings faced Union University and again fell, 17-3. **GV**

GV CROWNS TWO NATIONAL CHAMPS

On March 6, junior Glenn Rhees used a single-leg takedown on the edge of the mat to take a 3-1 decision in sudden victory over California



Glenn Rhees
photo: SCOTT LOWER

Baptist for the national wrestling championship at 174 pounds. Rhees became GV's second national wrestling champion in the Vikings' two-year program history. Grand View finished tied in ninth place with Dana College (Neb.) in the team standings with 61.5 points.

The women's track & field team crowned its first-ever national champion as sophomore Obsie Birru won the 10,000m run at the NAIA Championships May 27 with a time of 36:17.88. Birru also placed fifth in the 5,000m run with a time of 17:45.17 to become an All-American in both events. The Vikings had their highest team finish ever and placed 18th out of 64 teams in the team standings with 18 points.

On April 22, Birru won the 10,000m at the Drake Relays, finishing ahead of eight NCAA Div I runners. She became the first Grand View female runner to win an event at the Drake Relays, with a GV school record and personal best time of 35:50.18, bettering her previous school record by 47 seconds. **GV**

Obsie Birru photo: DOUG WELLS

spring sports shorts

Baseball

- Finished 29-20 overall and 17-7 in the MCC; tied for regular-season first place.
- Won the MCC Tournament to earn automatic bid to NAIA Championships.
- Jeff Brooks selected to the MCC First Team; Chris Cutler, Jason Davila, and Marc Mericle to the MCC Honorable Mention Team; Lou Yacinich named MCC co-Coach of the Year.
- Cory Burnes, Austin Denny, and Mericle received MCC Player/Pitcher of the Week honors.

Golf: Men

- Three tournament wins, including first-ever MCC Championships.
- Qualified for May NAIA Championships.
- Josh Manske and Graeme Molloy were MCC First Team selections; Chris Winkel named MCC Coach of the Year.
- Manske named to the NAIA Ping All-America First Team and Molloy to the Second Team.
- Manske selected to the GCAA All-America First Team and Molloy to the Third Team.
- Manske and Molloy received MCC Golfer of the Week honors.

Golf: Women

- Finished fourth at MCC Championships.
- Third at the William Woods Invitational.
- Amalia Mejia selected to the MCC First Team.

Softball

- Finished 22-30 overall and 13-8 for third place in the MCC.
- Advanced to Final Four of MCC Tournament.
- Emily Gilbert, Meghan Tomlinson, and Megan Tompkins selected to MCC First Team; Sheila Finnell, Lauren Vitiello, and Courtney Yacinich selected to the Honorable Mention Team.
- Tomlinson and Vitiello received MCC

Player of the Week honors.

- Gilbert and Tomlinson were named to the NAIA All-America Second Team.

Track & Field: Men

- Placed second at MCC Championships.
- Tyler Wells (shot put and discus) and Chris Nealy (3000m steeplechase) were MCC champions.
- Wells (shot put) and Nealy (marathon) represented GV at the NAIA Championships. Nealy set a school record and placed 13th at nationals.
- Wells and Matt Smalley received MCC Field Athlete of the Week honors.

Track & Field: Women

- Finished 18th at NAIA Championships.
- Represented at the NAIA Championships by Devon Jensen (javelin, discus), Chelsea Maas (hammer), Latasha Moore (100m hurdles), and Obsie Birru (10,000m). Birru ran in the 5,000m semis and the 4x100m Relay team of Aneisha Parrish, Gretchen Lamar, Jessica Hamell, and Tabatha Carlson.
- Birru won the 10,000m to become GV's first female national track & field champion; took fifth in the 5,000m to earn All-American status in both events.
- Jensen placed fifth in the Javelin for All-American status; Moore and the 4x100 Relay team of Parrish, Lamar, Hamell, and Carlson, set school records at nationals.
- Birru won the 10,000m to become Grand View's first female champion at the Drake Relays.
- MCC Conference champs: Maas (hammer throw), Moore (100m hurdles, high jump); Birru (1500m, 5000m, 10,000m), Jensen (discus). Birru named athlete of the year.
- Birru and Jensen received MCC Track & Field weekly honors; Birru five times. **GV**

1948

ELLEN M. (FROST '48) PETERSEN has moved to Lutheran Homes, Muscatine, Iowa.

1956

SALLY (JENSEN '56) BLOUNT received the American Horse Council's 2009 Van Ness Award. She has been involved with the horse industry the past 45 years, including FFA, 4H and the annual spring Iowa Horse Fair.

1958

PHYLLIS (RAYMOND '58) BERGE and her husband, Richard, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary August 6.

1962

WENDY SMITH '62 is an area sales manager for Drury Hotels, Inc. She resides in Overland Park, Kan.

1969

KEITH BERG '69 is the mayor of Ogden, Iowa. He is a registered representative for Investment Centers of America, Inc., and has been a branch manager in Ogden since 1987.

1973

TODD WILLIAMSON '73 is an account manager and landscape contractor for Brickman.

1981

STEVEN PATTERSON '81 is a technology specialist for Drake University in the security department.

1982

ELIZABETH PALMER '82 works for Healthways doing telephonic care management. Palmer educates members of BlueCross/BlueShield of Iowa who have chronic health conditions.

1985

LUCIEN PETERS '85 is a controller for the European Parliament.

1987

MICHELLE (WIMMER '87) SANDERS is a pet food nutrition specialist for Nutro Products/Pet Food Demonstrations. She resides in Mason City, Iowa.

KELLY SEBASTIAN '87 is a media consultant for Warren Sentinel in Cheyenne, Wyo.

1988

MARLA J. DE JONG '88 received the Flame of Excellence Award from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN). The award honors sustained contributions to acute and critical care nursing at a high level and with a broad reach. De Jong has published more than 35 journal articles, several book chapters and a book. Her work has shaped military and civilian nursing practice and education, healthcare delivery, management, and policy.

DANIEL BEMUS '88 is a senior specialty sales representative for Ventiv Commercial Services.

TANYA (KAZOS '88) SCHLEMMER is a nurse practitioner for SW Pulmonary Associates and Texas Health Presbyterian Home Healthcare. She resides in Flower Mound, Texas, with her husband, Layne.

1995

KELLY (JORDAN '95) SEARCT is a research associate for Pioneer Hi-Bred.

1996

TAMMY (THORN '96) REBHUN is a nurse practitioner for Mercy Medical Center.

1998

BANGFEI HAN '98 is a senior engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

GRETA DEGEN '98 successfully completed her doctorate in April and is currently employed as an assistant nursing professor at Grand View.

KAYLENE R. (ROGERS '98) HARKIN is employed at the Iowa Heart Center.

ANTHONY LUCIA '98 illustrated a cover for Juice magazine in November and it was chosen as one of the top-ten favorite covers in the five-year anniversary June Juice issue.

1999

JENNIFER (STRABLE '99) FULLER is an RN for Mercy Medical Center. She resides in Indianola, Iowa.

2001

MELANIE (SMITH '01) PAREDES is the chief nurse for the United States Public Health Service.

AARON RICHARDSON '01 is an RN for Greater Regional Medical Center.

2002

APRIL (BLOCK '02) LAFFERTY is a medical social worker for Iowa Health Home Care.

AMY LINDER-HEWITT '02 is a public health nurse for Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment. She resides in Farmington, Minn., with her husband, Scott.

AMY (KNELLER '02) MILLER is a clinical trial educator for Quintiles Transnational Corp. She resides in Alexandria, Va.

LINDSAY (ANDERSON '02) WELLS is a supervisor for Wells Fargo.

2003

SHAWNA (STEEN '03) DAVIS is a staff accountant for Eurofins Scientific.

TERRI WOLF '03 was accepted into the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis. She begins study in the fall.

2004

ELIZABETH KARDELL '04 is a high school business teacher for Clay Central Everly Community Schools.

SARA (CROSS '04) WIENTZEN is a nurse for Luther College Health Services. She resides in Decorah, Iowa, with her husband, Dan.

ERICA (KNIPE '04) NIGGEMEYER is a special education high school teacher for Earlham Community School District. She resides in Windsor Heights, Iowa, with

her husband, Kurt, and their daughter, Eleanor.

BEN SCHUH '04 will have an exhibition in Kansas City, Mo., September through October featuring his paintings.

2005

TARESSA (HENDERSON '05) BURGESS is a charge nurse for Mercy Medical Center.

JENNIFER SCHAFER '05 works for the American Cancer Society.

2006

KASSANDRA FOSTER '06 is a marketing assistant for Consumer Safety Technology.

TIFFANY SUMMY '06 and **CHRISTOPHER**



CONWAY '07 were married August 1, 2009, at St. Anthony's Church. The couple resides in Scotland where Christopher is a firefighter for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and Tiffany is a business manager for Benefit Cosmetics.



SCHEDULE of events

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

8:00 a.m.	Registration
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Alumni College
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 – 2:00 p.m.	Campus Tours
1:15 – 4:00 p.m.	50-year Class Reunion
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Song Fest with GV Choir
Noon – 6:00 p.m.	Viking 5K & Kid Trot Registration & Packet Pickup
5:00 p.m.	Cross County Viking Invitational
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	President's Club Dinner

9:30 a.m.	Kid Trot
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Dennis Kaven Retrospect Art Exhibit Open House
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Leisure Garden, featuring: Homecoming Picnic (11:00 a.m.) Kid Zone Viking Ride Car Show The Aebleskive Experience Student Float Contest & Judging
1:00 p.m.	GV vs Waldorf Football Game
4:00 – 7:30 p.m.	All-Play Alumni Welcome Home Reception

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

6:30 – 7:30 a.m.	Viking 5K & Kid Trot Registration and Check In
8:00 a.m.	Viking 5K
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	GV Baseball Scrimmage

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

10:00 a.m.	GV Choir/Instrumental Duo – Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Brunch

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ANGELA (FULLMER '07) KELLER is an RN traveling nurse for Nurse Choice. She resides with her family in Alton, Texas.

AMINA NUHANOVIC '07 passed the CPA exam in August. She is currently working for Community CPA & Associates, Inc. on the audit team.

ERIN REED '07 is a staff nurse for St. Joseph Health System in Kentucky.

LINDSEY (RUSTVOLD '07) VENTEICHER is an RN for St. Luke's Hospital

2009

LETICIA (AGUIRRE '09) PINEDA is a registered nurse for Greene County Medical Center.

Future Vikings

JONATHAN WILSON '94 and his wife, Melissa, a daughter, Addison Lou, born January 15, 6 lbs. 8 oz., 20 inches long. Addison joins big brother Michael who is ten. Jonathan



is a social studies teacher and the family resides in St. James, Minn.

JILL (LOESCHEN '95) COLLUM and her husband, Chris, a son, Aaron Christopher, born February 10, 4 lbs. 11 oz.

JARRET RUDDY '95 and his wife, Andrea, a daughter, Allison Rose, born February 2. Ruddy is employed as an investment analyst with Aviva Investors in Des Moines and the family resides in West Des Moines.

SARAH (DOIDGE '96) WALTERS and her husband, Brent, a son, Leo Donovan, born April 6 in New York City. The family resides in New Jersey.



SHELLEY (DELGER '97) BOUGHER and her husband, Daniel, a son, Drew, born February 8, 11 lbs. 4 oz., joins big brother Carson.



JENNIFER (WALKER '98) and ALAN '96 DOWNE, a daughter, Alyssa Anne, born February 19, joins siblings Haley and Addison.

BRIAN L. JASCHEN '01 and his wife, Becca, a daughter, Meliah Rae, born December 24, 6 lbs. 13 oz., 20 inches long. The family resides in Malvern, Iowa. Jaschen is a graphic designer for Mutual of Omaha.



DAVID '01 and **MELISSA (ZINGALE '01) SHARKEY**, a son, Noah Timothy, born February 25, 8 lbs. 6 oz, 21 inches long. Melissa was promoted to director of residence life at



Central College in February. In May, she graduated from Drake University with a Master's of Science in Education in the Adult Learning and Organizational Program. The family resides in Pella, Iowa.

In Memoriam

OLUF CHRISTIAN "CHRIS" LUND '45 passed away April 10. Lund immigrated from Denmark and received his bachelor's degree in music from Grand View, later returning to serve as choir director in 1947 until he was called to serve in the Korean War.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

It starts with a thought ... 'Gee, I could do that,' and is followed with action.

This is exactly what 1995 Grand View grad, Matt Grimes, thought when he read an article about Engineers Without Borders (EWB). Grimes, an adult student, took evening classes while working fulltime for the Iowa Army National Guard as a telecommunications manager. He retired from the Guard and



Matt Grimes '95

relocated to Colorado Springs, Colo. After completing his master of engineering degree in geographical information systems, he began

searching for something productive to do with his newfound free time.

"Each of us has the ability to make the world a better place," Grimes said, "and when I realized there wasn't a local chapter, I saw an opportunity to give back some of my knowledge and experience by building and leading a Colorado Springs chapter."

Grimes is a senior systems engineer for the satellite communications division of ITT Communication Systems, spending most of his time integrating hardware and software systems on a mobile 5.4m tri-band antenna system for the United States Air Force.

After his interest was piqued, he set to work putting together presentations and speaking with students, professionals, engineers, architects and business people about EWB. It took him eight months to build interest and gain enough members to found an official EWB chapter.

"Getting involved in EWB provided a depth to my understanding of what poverty really means. It's difficult to envision the stark reality of how much of the world exists in poverty by watching

the occasional news report. I use the word *exists* in lieu of *lives* because *having a life* is something we in the developed world associate with success," Grimes said. "Lacking the basic necessities like clean drinking water and sanitation facilities leads to an ever-present threat of disease and death. It's no wonder people cannot escape from the poverty cycle when their basic needs are not being met."

EWB-US is a nonprofit humanitarian organization that partners with developing communities worldwide to improve the quality of life. Professionals and students from a variety of professions make up the volunteers in the 300 chapters within the nation. Each chapter makes a five-year commitment to a developing community to design, implement and maintain low-cost, sustainable water, sanitation, renewable energy and other projects, all while respecting the community's history and culture. EWB volunteers train local community members to monitor and maintain the completed projects.

"We want to get to know these people; how they live, what makes them happy, and what their greatest needs are," Grimes explained. "Our initial focus is on creating the basic infrastructure for delivering clean drinking water, sanitation, and irrigation. When we talk about a partnership, we mean the people must be willing to commit their time, resources, and money to improving their community. We strongly believe that you cannot donate people out of poverty. People must be invested in their



A young girl in her home in Suncallo, Bolivia. Her parent's room is in the main house and the outside building serves as the kitchen and bedroom for her and her sister. This image is fairly representative of most of the dwellings in this area. photo: SUBMITTED

future. If we can shift a community away from a survival mentality and toward an entrepreneurial focus, then we've made a difference."

Economic prosperity depends on perspective, according to Grimes. An American consumer believes it's the ability to purchase luxury items, while to a rural Bolivian farmer it means having potatoes left over to take to market and sell. EWB can instill simple agricultural advancements to improve crop production and show farmers how to produce higher value cash crops. This would enable them to purchase medical supplies, education, and expand their business.

"We recognize the importance of providing hands-on experience alongside academic training and encourage people to develop an attitude that reflects global responsibility," Grimes said. "A little personal responsibility can go a long way. Whether it's cleaning up our environment or starting an organization that will touch the lives of hundreds, it all starts with the thought 'Gee ... I could do that,' and then following through with some action." **GV**

HELEN (HEDE '47) THOEN passed away March 28.

ERNST "ERDIE" CHRISTENSEN '49 passed away February 22 at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife, **Elizabeth "Betty" (Hansen '50) Christensen**, three sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

THOMAS THOMSEN '53 passed away March 29, 2009, at the age of 75. He is survived by his sister, Ellen Thomsen Copeland and his wife, Mary Ann Grossman.

DONNA MAE (ANDERSEN '54) KOCH passed away April 28 in Dike, Iowa. She is survived by her husband, **Dennis Koch '53**, and their children **Denisa**

Matthes '75, Karla Koch, Paul Koch and John Koch.

JOHN R. CALHOUN '60 passed away.

DALE L. ROBERTS '69 passed away.

MICHAEL J. THURSTON '71 passed away.

JEANNINE ORR '73 passed away May 30.

SUSAN E. (THOMASON '91) RUIZ passed away in October.

ANN LARSON, wife of honorary trustee Bob Larson, passed away June 30. Survivors include her husband, Bob, children Jim Larson, Jane Larson and Jean Mineart, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

JERRY MILLER passed away unexpectedly at his home from a stroke April 1. Miller purchased Acme Printing in 1976 and the company grew from a three-person crew to a staff of 100 employees. Miller took classes at GV in the early '90s and was a strong Grand View supporter.

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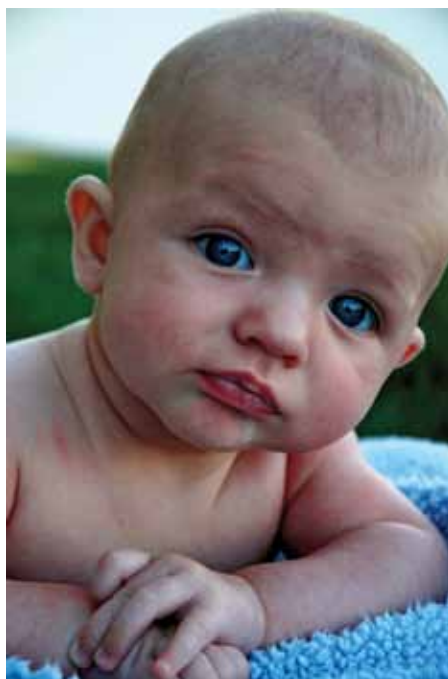
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ABOUT THE ARTIST

Jackie Ditsworth '02 transferred to Grand View from Iowa Western Community College and graduated with a major in graphic design. She has worked as a graphic designer for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association in Ames since the fall of 2002.

Photography is a hobby but is something she hopes to do more of in the future. She discovered her passion for the art when her children were born. She enjoyed photographing them and eventually shooting photos of nature, family, pets, and then experimenting with natural light, camera settings and software. She loves the end result after a photo session – a memory forever. Ditsworth and her husband, Kevin '03, reside in Bondurant, Iowa, with their two children, Hannah, five, and Brody, one. 



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ALUMNI AT THE SPEEDWAY

One hundred Grand View alumni and friends experienced the Iowa Speedway in Newton June 19. The GV hospitality tent was visited by Indy car race driver Sarah Fisher. Alumni also had the opportunity to walk through the garages and pit row as well as watch two races, including the Iowa Corn Indy 250 qualifying.



Clockwise from top: Future Viking Carter Patterson meets Danica Patrick. Jerry Jenkins, Jr. '83 and wife, Colleen, visit the garages. Toni Greenhorn-Swee '88 and husband, Erik, meet Sarah Fisher in the Grand View hospitality tent. Liz (Stahl '93) and David Cox outside the garages.

