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President Kent Henning with the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark during their visit to Grand View's campus. Photo: KEVIN SANDERS '08

Hosting the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Denmark was one of the true highlights of what has been an historic year for Grand View. It also will be one of the most memorable experiences I have had as president. And without doubt, their visit captured a great deal of interest in and around Des Moines.

During the Royal Couple's brief visit to campus, I thought it appropriate to summarize the history of Grand View's Danish heritage, including our current efforts to establish and maintain ties to

Denmark. My preparations for their visit caused me to reflect on the importance of that part of our heritage.

Even more pleasant were unexpected reminders of the network of friends we now have built with the people of Denmark. During and after the Royal Couple's visit, I received numerous communications from people in Denmark who followed the Royal Couple's visit through the Danish media. There were emails from a couple former students from Denmark, the Danish journalist who visited Grand View during his coverage of the Iowa caucuses in January 2008, the gentleman who hosted the Grand View choir during their recent stay in Denmark (the same person who will bring a Danish gymnastics performance team to Grand View in 2010), and a few education officials I met in Denmark while seeking partners for student-faculty exchanges. And finally, a few weeks after the Royal visit, I met and hosted the parents of Jeppe Ritz, our most recent student from Denmark who helped us greet the Royal Couple during their campus visit. (You can "meet" Jeppe on page 15 of this issue.)

So what about all this history and our current ties to Denmark? Clearly, the Danish Lutheran immigrants who founded

Grand View in the late 19th century wanted to bring with them a style of education they desired for their children and grandchildren. Their aim was to preserve and pass along to successive generations their Danish culture, history and values. It is no wonder that the early presidents of Grand View spent countless hours translating hymns, folk tunes, and literary works into English. It is no wonder that the college sponsored Danish-style gymnastics and supported a folk dancing group.

By the 1960s and 70s, Grand View had become (as I frequently say) "much less Danish and a lot more Des Moines." American students were by that time several generations removed from their European roots. And Grand View, like so many other church-related colleges, needed to adapt to the times and the demands of baby boomer students, many of whom were rebelling against nearly everything their elder generations wanted for them. During those years, many institutions were perceived as forsaking their roots. Underlying those debates were the questions, "for whom are we preserving these old customs and traditions ... and why?"

By the 1990s small, independent colleges and universities realized that they needed to distinguish themselves in the

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Graduates recall time as Grand View students and eagerly look forward to life as GV graduates.

crowded landscape of higher education. Ethnic heritage became one facet of institutional identity and distinction.

Our efforts today to honor our Danish heritage must reach beyond the simple preservation of artifacts, traditions, and customs. We do those things, to be sure. We maintain our archives; we supported the publication of "Songs of Denmark;" we helped host the last Danish American Heritage Society conference; and we've done other things to assist various organizations as they carry on their traditions.

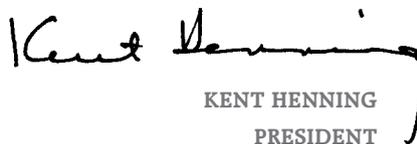
Even more important, we must connect with the values reflected in our history and honor those values as we shape Grand View's future. For example, on a practical level, as we internationalize our curriculum and expose our students to other cultures, it seems only natural to connect with friends in Denmark to create opportunities for foreign travel and study.

When we developed our "faith foundations" document to guide the development of our Lutheran identity, we highlighted some of the values embedded in Grundtvigian theology. That beloved Danish folk tune, "Happiness Never Depends on Success," comes to mind as we work to create an environment that

helps students discern their life purpose. In short, we want our students to understand that happiness does not come simply from the accumulation of "glory and treasure," but rather "pure is our happiness, rich is our gain, when we rejoice in the welfare of others."

Practically every college or university pays lip-service to "lifelong learning." But Grand View, thanks to our Danish ancestors, "walks the talk;" and we need to keep that in mind as we revise our curriculum. Danish heritage is ripe with love of nature. So now, as we contemplate the impact of humans on the natural environment, we should be inspired by how our ancestors enjoyed and honored God's abundant earth. And who knows, as we strive to learn more about renewable energy, perhaps we can identify meaningful educational partnerships with friends in Denmark.

So, is all this focus on our Danish heritage important? Absolutely! And I hope you'll join us in supporting these efforts.

  
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Remembering our  
 Danish roots in  
 relationship to our  
 heritage today.

**ON THE COVER...**



Cover image depicts the 2009 Grand View choir on tour in Denmark, street scene from Denmark, the GV men's gymnastics team in 1913, and the crowd greeting the Danish royalty during their visit to campus.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS CAMPAIGN EXCEEDS GOAL BY 30%

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

The Spotlight on Success Campaign closed with a total in gifts of nearly \$20 million. Grand View thanks friends, alumni, corporations and everyone who generously gave to the campaign, making it the most successful in our history.

In October 2006, Grand View announced its \$15 million goal for the Spotlight on Success Campaign, which focused on several important campus initiatives, including a new academic center, the endowment, and support for scholarships and the Grand View Fund. After receiving a campaign challenge from trustee Richard O. Jacobson, who agreed to match dollar for dollar up to \$4 million, the Board of Trustees increased the goal to \$18 million.

President Kent Henning said, "While the success of our campaign is measured most obviously in the total gifts and pledges received, a figure 30 percent higher than our original goal, the true impact of the Spotlight on Success Campaign is evident all around us."

The university relies on gifts to help keep costs affordable for students and to provide sufficient financial aid to the 98 percent of students who receive need-based or merit-based aid.

Approximately 31 percent of the campaign money was designated for the Grand View endowment. These funds will be used, among other things, to support scholarships that provide access to education, one of the campaign's strategic goals. Nearly half of the campaign money was used to construct the Rasmussen Center for Community Advancement Professions. This new academic building has become a focal point on campus as well as a means of strengthening the sense of community at Grand View, which is a major component in ensuring student success.

*Even as we reflect on the successes of this campaign, we again look to the future with boldness and confidence.*

– KENT HENNING  
PRESIDENT

The state-of-the-art classrooms, technology and spacious meeting areas help facilitate student learning, leadership and engagement. When students are engaged in the campus community, they are more likely to stay in school and succeed in life.

The remaining money supports such things as student success initiatives and faculty development. The Spotlight on Success Campaign helped Grand View maintain access to higher education for students from all walks of life to ensure their academic success, and achieve outcomes valued by employers and the community.

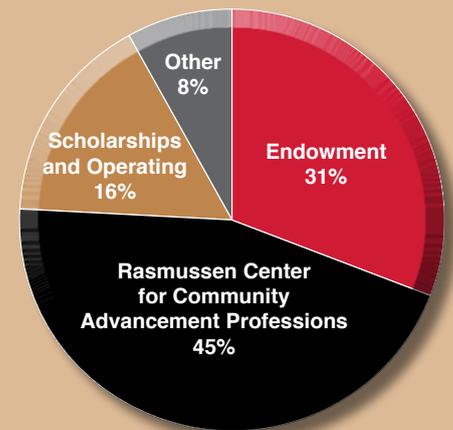
As we look to the future, we especially want to continue to achieve outcomes that matter – another one of our primary campaign goals. Among the outcomes that matter most is the career success of our graduates.

For the past decade and a half, nearly 100 percent of each graduating class was "placed" or went on to graduate school within six months of graduation. Of those who entered the workforce from the class of 2008, 97 percent stayed in Iowa, contributing to our community and its employers. That is an outcome we're proud of ... and with your support, we'll continue to make it happen.

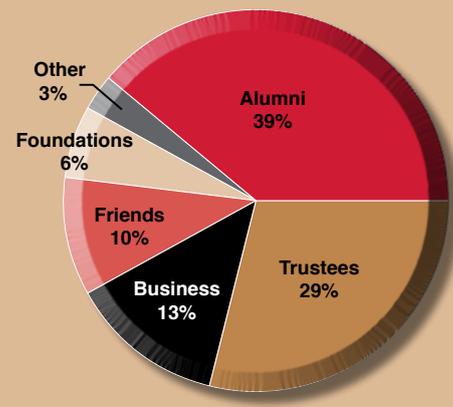
Henning said, "Even as we reflect on the successes of this campaign, we again look to the future with boldness and confidence. Our 'firsts' are not lasts. Our new records will become our new

baselines. Our new facilities, in all their grandeur, set a new standard of quality for our campus. And our awards and recognitions will inspire us to pursue even loftier goals ... so we can better serve our students." **GV**

## AREAS OF SUPPORT



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## ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2009

The 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans, July 22-26. The theme – Jesus Justice Jazz – is derived from the rich faith, history and culture of the area and focuses on what it means to live in relationship and service with each other in the manner of Christ.

Grand View will be represented by student Lindsay Hammon '11 and Rev. Jack Mithelman. They will visit with student groups and show a video for those interested in GV. Hammon attended the 2006 ELCA Youth Gathering, which led to her enrolling as a GV nursing student, playing basketball and getting involved with campus ministry. **GV**



## NEW CAMPUS PASTOR ON BOARD

New campus pastor, Charlene Cox, joined campus pastor Rev. Jack Mithelman in serving the Grand View community. Cox comes to GV from Waldorf College and has served in ordained ministry for 18 years, including a term at Illinois State University.

"As a pastor I have always believed I am to stay someplace until my work there is done or I am called someplace else or some combination of that," Cox said. "Grand View has a vision and a plan and has found its place within the city of Des Moines and that is really exciting to me."

Mithelman is pleased and excited to have Cox join him in worship and fellowship with the GV campus.

"I was impressed by her great commitment to the care of souls," Mithelman said. "I think she is going to bring some very fine gifts to us and to this ministry."

The interview committee looked for someone who would continue to bring vibrancy to the ministry program and be involved in the many aspects of life. Cox



New campus pastor Charlene Cox began her service at Grand View June 15. She will join Rev. Jack Mithelman in serving the Grand View community.

was one of three candidates and replaces former Grand View pastor LeAnn Stubbs who left GV early last year on a new calling. **GV**

## GV NEWS IN BRIEF

### TUITION-FREE SUMMER COURSES FOR UNEMPLOYED

Grand View offered tuition-free summer courses to unemployed area residents whose employment was adversely affected by the economy and who were not already seeking a degree or taking classes at another institution. Two career workshops were offered, covering job prospecting and career transitioning, resume development and interview skills.

Applicants for the tuition-waiver were required to provide documentation of their unemployment status that occurred since October 2008 due to economic

conditions. Those who qualified were able to take as many as 18 undergraduate credits tuition-free during the 2009 summer term on a space-available basis.

So far, GV has received 192 inquiries and 35 are registered summer students.

### CPAL OFFERS ONLINE COURSES

The College for Professional and Adult Learning offered two online summer courses. Principles of Management was offered as a hybrid course from May 9 – August 8. The course had minimal class meeting time and extensive Web-based online learning activities using Blackboard.

Advertising and Promotional Strategies was offered exclusively online from June 29 – August 15, with all class meetings and activities online.

### GV LIBRARY LAUNCHES BLOG

In February, the GV library launched The Information Exchange blog, designed to simplify and improve library communication. It provides links to helpful tools and Web pages, how-to guides, research tips, a forum for discussing books and a place to post questions to the director. The blog can be found at <http://gvulibrary.blogspot.com>. **GV**

# COMMENCEMENT: 2009 GRADUATES EMBARK ON LIFE AFTER GV

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

The Class of 2009 reflected on their time as Grand View students and looked forward to life as Grand View graduates during commencement ceremonies April 25 at Vets Auditorium.

Surrounded by family, friends and classmates, graduates listened to speaker Lieutenant General Ron Dardis and 2009 student speaker Kacey Barrow. Barrow reminded graduates of the journey they had completed and the one they were about to embark upon. She referred to Grand View as an "atmosphere of caring," one in which all students come to depend on and one in which they

learned a valuable life lesson: how to question.

"While this big family we've had could make us dependent and needy, quite the opposite has happened. We have become empowered and encouraged through all the support we've found at Grand View ... It's the comfortable family atmosphere that has emboldened us to question," Barrow said.

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



Photos: DAN VANDER BEEK '90

# student success

**JESSICA FORESMAN '10** was awarded the Life-Long Learners scholarship through the Des Moines Area Retired School Personnel Association. This scholarship was open to all juniors in education. Foresman is majoring in elementary education.

**LAUREN HARPER '09** presented her paper entitled "The Importance of the Southern Backcountry in the American Revolution" at the Missouri Valley History Conference in Omaha, Neb., March 5.

The Math and Computer Science Club participated in the Worldwide Math Modeling Contest and received top honors among thousands of teams from all over the world, with one team receiving Meritorious Award and the other receiving Honorable Mention. Meritorious winners were: **RYAN DAKE '11**, **ANDREW PERRINE '11**, and **JOSEPH STUETELBERG '09**, coached by Sergio Loch, professor of mathematics and computer science. Honorable Mention winners were **KYLIE**

**FLANAGAN '10** and **MONIKA LOCH '11**, coached by Michelle Ruse, assistant professor of computer science.

Grand View has more students interning for the Iowa Cubs in the video department than Drake, Iowa State, University of Iowa or any other college. The video interns are: **GABE COCO '09**, **BLAKE HAVARD '12**, **TYLER IRVING '09**, **MARK WRIGHT '11** and photo intern **TAYLOR HINKLE '10**.

The 2009-10 appointed Viking Council members are: **CHELSEA FRANCISCO '12**, chief financial officer; **BRENDAN PETERSON '10**, vice president of clubs and organizations; **RYAN PHIPPS '12**, vice president of academic affairs; **RYAN SCHMITT '11**, vice president of student life; **NICK ADOLF '13**, vice president of technology and marketing; and **VANESSA MATA '10**, parliamentarian. The cabinet was named by **JEFF ROST '10**, president, and **NATALIE DE REGNIER '10**, vice president, who were elected in a campus-wide student election.

Ten Grand View students, **ERIN FOX '11**, **ANGELLA GONZALEZ '12**, **NICOLE FIIGEROA '11**, **ASHLEY JAPZCZYK '10**, **CHI CHI CHUKWURAH '10**, **AUDREY STONE '10**, **WHITNEY SCHLESSELMAN '10**, and **AMBER VOSS '11**, attended the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) convention in Nashville, Tenn. **MICHAEL LELAND '10** served on the national resolution committee. The resolution on Electronic Health Records submitted by Grand View, authored by **RACHEL SELTZ '09**, was adopted by the House of Delegates. Seltz collaborated with members of the National Nurses Student board and other schools to revise the resolution before it went to the floor for discussion.

Find more student news online.



# upcoming events

## VIKING GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, July 31, 1:00 p.m.  
Otter Creek, Ankeny, Iowa  
For more information, to register or sponsor a hole, call 263-6050.

## IOWA PRIVATE COLLEGE WEEK

August 3-7

## NEW STUDENT DAYS

August 21-23

## HOMECOMING/STUDENTERFEST

October 2-4

## AUTUMN VISIT DAY

Saturday, October 3

## ART ACTION DAY

Friday, October 9

## NURSING ACTION DAY

Friday, October 16

## NIELSEN CONCERT SERIES:

### TERESA WALTERS, PIANIST

Sunday, October 18, 3:00 p.m.  
Student Center Viking Theatre

## ART CLUB CHICAGO TRIP

October 23-25

## ACADEMICS IN ACTION

Friday, October 30

## JULEFEST

Sunday, December 6, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.  
Luther Memorial Church  
Free tickets will be available in the fall.

Find more campus events, including athletic events, online.



## nPOD: NURSING PLACE OF DISCOVERY

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Remember the early days of college life? How those nervous and uncertain feelings overtook the excitement of moving beyond high school and entering adulthood? Grand View strives to make every student feel at home on campus and has taken steps to help ease that transition and make the switch from high school to college easier and more comfortable.

Vicki Campbell, assistant professor of nursing, is preparing to accept her third cohort of nPOD students this fall. nPOD, Nursing Place of Discovery, is a living-learning community for first-year pre-nursing students who live in the same residence hall and take some of their coursework together.

"There is a need for guidance when students come to college," Campbell explained. "nPOD is designed to provide that guidance and lead students toward successful futures in nursing. The college transition is overwhelming, but this group of nPOD students share that together; they know they are all going through the same experience. Once they are through the



VICTORIA CAMPBELL

program, whether they stick with nursing or not, students appreciate the experience and support they received from this instant network of peers and faculty."

nPOD students live in a quieter environment focused on learning and discovering the nursing profession. They learn how to prioritize and manage their personal and academic lives, as well as build interpersonal relationships with peers and professors. nPOD students enroll in the new student seminar together and attend weekly meetings in their residence hall.

"The students live on the first floor of the Nielsen residence hall and we focus on building a sense of community. We try to keep the meetings fairly light; we even invite students to attend in their pajamas if they choose," Campbell said. "The student response has been overwhelming.

Our numbers have increased each year since we started nPOD in fall 2007."

The first year, nPOD admitted 12 students; last fall brought in 24 pre-nursing students, and this coming fall Campbell will welcome 26 first-year pre-nursing students. Students this fall will receive the added benefit of having the same science professors for several classes in order to help keep the class focus the same and aid in studying.

"We've found that nursing students really struggle with the more challenging science courses, and we hope that by scheduling them with the same professors students will be better able to form study groups, develop routine study times and help one another."

New students to nPOD will meet with first-semester nursing students who will talk candidly about what it is truly like to

## faculty & staff accomplishments

**DR. AMY GETTY**, professor of English, was appointed as division head for humanities. Getty joined the Grand View faculty in 2002 as assistant professor of English. She was promoted to associate professor in 2005, awarded tenure in 2008, and has recently been promoted to full professor. Getty's article, "Classroom Management: Discipline Pitfalls in the College Classroom," was published in the April issue of Faculty Focus, an electronic newsletter.

**REV. DR. KEN JONES**, associate professor

of philosophy and religion, received the 2009 Excellence and Innovation in Teaching Award.

**DR. MARK MATTES**, professor of religion and philosophy, received the 2009 Excellence in Innovation and Teaching Award for research.

**PATTY RINKE**, professor of business administration, received the 2009 Excellence in Innovation and Teaching Award for advising.

**DR. WILLIAM SCHAEFER**, professor of

photography, retired with 29 years of service to the university.

**AARON TINDER**, associate professor of art, was selected to exhibit as part of Biennial 25 at the South Bend Museum of Art (South Bend, Ind.). The exhibit is a survey of contemporary art from the Midwestern United States, which features a small number of artists who each present a large body of work. The exhibit runs May 29 through August 23.

**TIM WHEELDON**, director of information

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take their first nursing classes. They cover topics such as uniforms, how to study, and the equipment they need when beginning their initial nursing courses.

“Hearing it first-hand from students who are currently enrolled in their first nursing courses is very beneficial for pre-nursing students,” Campbell said. “They not only get personal student experiences but also begin to question if the nursing profession is truly for them. That’s another benefit to nPOD; students may realize that the nursing profession is definitely for them, but we also have students who discover that this field is not what they thought it would be. For those students, we get them set on another path to a major they enjoy more so they don’t end up spending too much time taking the wrong classes.”

nPOD is made possible by a Title III



nPod students meet with faculty in the Nielsen Hall lobby as part of their weekly meetings.

grant and through an application process. Some students are involved in so many additional activities that it’s difficult to turn their focus to learning. A \$45 fee per semester covers guest lecturers, review sessions for exams, social events and occasional snacks.

Grand View also offers living-learning

communities for edPOD, Education Place of Discovery, jPOD, Jensen Place of Discovery, and IPOD, Leadership Place of Discovery, all designed for ambitious and motivated students who want a quieter living environment in order to focus on academics and leadership. **GV**

technology, received the Excellence in Service Award.

Several instructors received faculty-student engagement grants to enhance engagement of students within the learning experience:

**DR. LINDA ESPEY**, associate professor of education: Pizza party for edPod learning community students.

**CINDY FLEAGLE**, assistant professor of art: Breakfast for students while they participated in post-test project.

**DR. AVILAH GETZLER**, assistant professor

of English: Movie at Varsity Theatre and discussion for English students and faculty.

**DR. BONNIE HALL**, lecturer of biology: Students will prepare posters and present them publicly at national conferences.

**REV. DR. KEN JONES**, associate professor of philosophy and religion: Funding for various service learning projects.

**KRISTIN LARSON**, assistant professor of speech and theatre: Metro Arts Alliance Storyteller experience in theatre arts for children class.

**DR. MO LIANG**, professor of computer

science: Pizza party to discuss trends in computer science fields.

**DR. SERGIO LOCH**, professor of mathematics and computer science: Pizza party finals review session.

**BECKY MCDONNELL**, professor of communication: Movie and tour of Billy Joe’s Pitcher Show.

Find more faculty and staff news online.



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1939 visit by the Danish Crown Prince.  
(photo by Mary (Olsen) Riben '46)



President Kent Henning exits the Humphrey Center with Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary Elizabeth during their March 24 visit to campus. (photo by Kevin Sanders '08)



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BY CAROL BAMFORD, VICE PRESIDENT FOR MARKETING

*It was 70 years ago,* in 1939, when the reigning Crown Prince of Denmark last came to Grand View. On March 24, 2009, his grandson repeated the royal visit.

Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary Elizabeth were on an eight-day U.S. tour to build cultural and historical ties between Denmark and the United States and learn about renewable energy and energy efficiency.

On the Grand View campus they were greeted by more than 100 well-wishers, some waving Danish flags. After touring the Humphrey Center and the Rasmussen Center, the Crown Prince and Princess attended a brief reception, where Crown Prince Frederik greeted the assembled crowd with his observations about Grand View and the strong ties between the U.S and Denmark:

"To me, this special relationship is but one example of the affinity that has always existed between America and Denmark. You may not know this, but diplomatic relations between our two nations were established in 1791. And while the relationship between the United States and Denmark has always been good, it has never been stronger than today. And part of this is thanks to the foundation made by Danish immigrants, Grand View University, Dana College and the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn."

*"...diplomatic relations between our two nations were established in 1791. And while the relationship between the United States and Denmark has always been good, it has never been stronger than today."*

*- Crown Prince Frederik*



*Crown Princess Mary Elizabeth and Crown Prince Frederik during the reception in the Rasmussen Center for Community Advancement Professions March 24. (photo by Kevin Sanders '08)*

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have continued, to this day,  
to characterize the spirit of  
Grand View and its graduates.

### *We laid foundation here*

Grand View was founded in 1896 by Danish immigrants, established as the “Danish Evangelical Church’s university,” a preparatory school for the seminary and a place the youth of the immigrant population could go for higher education while maintaining ties to the Danish community. In the very early days, Grand View was composed of a theological seminary, a teacher-training program, and an assortment of commercial and liberal arts courses. But its primary thrust was to instill in students “a love of knowledge and learning that would continue to motivate [them] to read and study long after formal education had ended,” as Thorvald Hansen points out in his 1996 history, *That All Good Seed Strike Root*.

The Danish folk school tradition, based on the educational philosophies of N.F.S. Grundtvig, a pastor of the Church of Denmark, permeated Grand View from the beginning, although the college wasn’t established as a folk school. Hansen describes the folk school spirit as an “awakening, through enlightenment and inspiration, to an awareness of and an involvement in the fullness of life.” Other elements of the folk school spirit informed life at Grand View, as well – folk dancing, gymnastics, and other forms of physical activity; a deep appreciation of music and nature; regular devotions; coffee socials; and inspiring discussions.

### *Honoring our Danish heritage and values*

From its founding until the early '70s, Danish traditions marked daily life at Grand View. But as society changed, the Danish immigrant population assimilated, and Grand View became less residential, many of the Danish cultural traditions began to fade, at least as integral parts of campus life. Yet values that are uniquely Danish have continued, to this day, to characterize the spirit of Grand View and its graduates.

### *Lifelong learning and the liberal arts*

Lifelong learning has become a watchword in higher education – and to some extent in the culture at large – with many options available today for continuing education and other kinds of training. At Grand View, lifelong learning has its roots in Grundtvig’s philosophies, especially his belief that the purpose of education shouldn’t be career training but rather enlightenment and self-awareness, allowing students to achieve a greater knowledge of their shared humanity and civic responsibilities. He wrote, “This would encourage participation in all great and good things that have been achieved by their people and would continually be achieved.”

The content of Grand View’s liberal arts curriculum, along with its emphasis on engagement, critical thinking, volunteerism, teaching, and close, personal interaction among students and faculty owe much to Grundtvig’s ideals. Regardless of their majors, GV students are encouraged to develop the kind of engaged self-awareness and passion for learning that will carry them through a lifetime. The College for Professional and Adult Learning embodies those same ideals in a format for adult learners.

## Look around you

The artifacts and reminders of Grand View's Danish roots are all around us on campus, from the early photos that hang in the Humphrey Center's Historic Hall to the Danish flag that flies from the flagpole and the stained glass window in the Rodholm Room.



The ship that hangs in the Rodholm Room follows the ancient Danish custom of hanging a replica of a ship in a church sanctuary to assure a safe voyage for the ship and its crew.



The stained glass window in the Rodholm Room, dating back to 1909, depicts a Danish landscape, Danish church and a version of the Danish coat of arms.

The official Grand View seal, updated to reflect our name change, reflects the lions and hearts used in the Danish coat of arms.



The wooden lectern in the Rodholm Room, donated by a Danish-American women's group in Copenhagen and carved by Jens Smidt of Luck, Wisc., depicts the Norse god Hejmdal. The words carved on the left panel, in Danish, are Grundtvig's: "Blessed is that people which has ears for the music from above."



A Danish tradition, Grand View folk dancers performed often in East Hall.  
(Grand View Archives)



Grand View folk dancers performing in the early 80s.  
(Grand View Archives)

Grundtvig maintained that "if the school really is to be an educational institution for the benefit of life, it must first of all make neither education nor itself its goal but the requirements of life, and secondly it must take life as it really is and only strive to shed light on and promote its usefulness."

The lasting impact of an educational culture that inspires a continuing zest for learning and intellectual stimulation is evident when groups of Grand View alumni connect with each other, sharing their heritage and Grand View ties each year at the Farstrup-Mortensen Memorial Lectures in Solvang, Calif., each February and at the Danebod Folk School in Tyler, Minn., at summer camps. The Alumni College, still a part of Grand View's Studenterfest, offers interesting speakers and follow-up discussions – an opportunity for alumni to learn about current topics and gain new perspectives.

### *Farstrup-Mortensen Memorial Lectures*

The Farstrup-Mortensen Lectures "exemplify the Grundtvigian ideal of developing our humanity, including the intellect, to its fullest and best extent in order to be receptive to the Word of God." For three days, participants engage in lifelong learning, spirited discussions, folk dancing, songfests, worship, and the community of those who share their ideals. Representatives from Grand View share in the activities each year, maintaining a connection with the Danish community.

Bill Burma, Grand View's vice president for advancement, comments, "I've had the opportunity to attend nine consecutive Farstrup-Mortensen Lecture Series. On my first trip, I recall Neelna Clausen taking me under her wing. I was struck by the warm welcome I, as an outsider, received from my new Danish family.

## **FOLK DANCING: fun, community and exercise**

Physical activity was an integral part of Grundtvig's philosophy and also of Danish culture at the time of Grand View's founding. From the beginning, GV students were required to participate in vigorous physical education classes, which had a strong foundation in gymnastics. Both men's and women's gymnastic teams gave exhibitions at Studenterfest each spring.

But it was folk dancing that engaged the hearts and spirits of GV students. New GV students who hadn't already learned folk dancing soon discovered it as part of their physical education classes and as an almost daily activity. In one form or another, folk dancing continued to be part of Grand View through the mid-eighties, whether in informal student groups or as an organized endeavor.

Why was folk dancing so popular? Mostly because of the wonderful costumes ... and because it was fun! Karen "Skosh" Bason, who directed folk dancing groups on campus for many years, writes, "It fostered community and fellowship, resulting in the formation of lifelong friendships that remain strong today. It was family!"

Folk dancing is still alive today with GV alumni at the family camps in Tyler and West Denmark and at the gathering in Solvang. And an emphasis on physical activity, through an array of sports programs and majors in health-related areas, is as much a part of Grand View's culture as ever.

Over the years, I've begun to understand the culture, but I'm continually amazed at the passion for lifelong learning. While I expected high quality speakers, I was surprised at the high-level questions and discussions that followed. It's a wonderful mix of philosophy and fun in a perfect setting. Add in the singing of songs passed down through generations, and it equals a weekend I don't want to miss."

### *Danish Family Camps*

The Danebod Family Camps at the Danebod Folk School in Tyler, Minn., are another gathering place for many Grand View alumni with Danish heritage and their extended families. Begun in 1948, the camps meet under the leadership of the campers themselves. In true folk school style, campers become involved in planning and implementing camp activities. Singing, dancing, speakers and lively intellectual discussion are hallmarks of the camps, in addition to typical camping activities such as crafts and campfires. Camps are also held in West Denmark, Wisc. Grand View faculty and staff sometimes attend the camps and participate as speakers.

Joy Ibsen '60 describes her experiences this way, "In 1991 I went to Tyler, Minn., to help my mother accompany the Folk Meeting. While I expected only several days of mere pleasant reunion, I was greeted with laughter, lively folk dancing, story-telling, intellectual stimulation – all with unexpected relevance for life today. A series of Walter Capps' lectures on 'The Future of Grundtvigianism' was for me a life-changing event, one which changed my understanding of the relevance of my Danish tradition.

"I especially enjoy reconnecting with Grand View alums – all the way from people who knew other members of my family, to 'kids' I went to school with. We relate to each other at a special level of understanding, but we happily include spouses and other newcomers in our fun. It has been a special treat to hear Professor Mark Mattes lecture and Rev. Mike Nehls speak, providing a tie between 'Grand View past' and 'Grand View present'."

### *Partnerships in preservation for new generations*

Grand View is an active partner in preserving our Danish heritage and values in the Midwest and in bringing them to new generations. For example, in 2005 Grand View co-hosted, with the Danish American Heritage Society, the international conference "Danish Culture Past and Present: The Last Two Hundred Years." Also sponsored by Dana College, The Danish Immigrant Museum and The Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana College, the conference drew more than 400 participants to Des Moines to hear presentations by modern Danish scholars, filmmakers and artists, such as poet Pia Tafdrup.

The Grand View Danish Immigrant Archives, under the direction of Sheri Muller, associate librarian and archivist, catalog the university's Danish heritage, providing researchers with a window into the lives, philosophies and values of those who influenced Grand View and the Danish immigrant communities in the

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*Aebleskive is a staple at several Grand View events, including Studentfest. A group of volunteers works in the kitchen preparing the popular Danish breakfast food. (Grand View Archives)*



The Grand View Choir practicing tour music in Roskilde Cathedral, Roskilde, Denmark, during their 2009 tour. (photo by Molly Hottle '10)

Midwest. The Archives contain an array of artifacts tracing both the historical and personal aspects of our Danish immigrant connections, everything from official documents to letters, personal histories and journals, photographs, Danish-American newspapers and magazines, and a collection related to N.F.S. Grundtvig.

Grand View, the Danish Brotherhood, the Danish Immigrant Museum, the Danish Windmill, the Danish American Heritage Society, and the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana College work together to maintain our collective Danish immigrant heritage.

### *Songs of Denmark*

One of the most treasured aspects of our Danish roots is the joy of song. It's almost unimaginable to find a group of people with Danish immigrant roots who don't join together in a chorus of *The Danish Hiking Song* or *Happiness Never Depends on Success*.

In 2005 Grand View provided support and collaboration to alumna Joy Ibsen as she compiled and produced *Songs of Denmark: Songs to Live By*, a new book of some of the most treasured songs brought to the U.S. by our Danish forebears. Enhanced by the arresting photos of Danish photographer Sisse Brimberg and a companion CD recorded by the Grand View Kantorei, the book is today's version of *The World of Song*, a staple in Danish-American homes for more than two generations. In fact, the 1958 edition of "the green book" was coordinated under the auspices of Grand View as well.

The Andraesen Endowment Fund for the Advancement and Support of Danish Culture Studies, established in 1972 by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Andraesen, helps fund various activities and initiatives related to Danish culture at Grand View.

### *Current students connect with our heritage*

While the Danish cultural traditions that were once so much a part of the texture of campus life have ebbed, today's Grand View students have other opportunities to experience our Danish connection and live out its values. Further internationalization of our curriculum continues to lead to more opportunities for students to travel and study abroad ... and for international students, including those from Denmark, to attend Grand View.

### *Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS)*

Through a partnership with the DIS, Grand View students have the opportunity to study in Denmark for a summer term, a semester or a full year. Depending on the program they choose, students can study in Copenhagen, taking a variety of courses in English, and participate in study tours of Denmark, Scandinavia and Europe. They experience the Danish academic tradition of a critical, independent, inquisitive, free approach to studying human and cultural phenomena, building on the foundation laid at Grand View.

During study tours or field studies, students visit museums, institutions and cultural-historical sites across the country they're visiting, or they may attend a

Grand View students now have the opportunity to study in Denmark through a collaboration with the Danish Institute for Study Abroad. (photo courtesy of DIS)



sporting event, visit a coffee shop to order in Danish, and take a city tour to make observations.

### *Danish students*

Over the past several years, Danish students have enrolled at Grand View, most of them soccer players. Anders Stendahl and Frederik Soeborg played soccer for GV in 2004, and most recently Jeppe Ritz, a graphic design major and soccer player, pursued his education at Grand View. The Danish students provided other GV students with a window into modern Danish culture ... and vice versa! Ritz has returned to Denmark to pursue graphic design at Mediehøjskolen. Read his perspectives, at right.

### *Choir tour of a lifetime*

The highlight of the Grand View Choir tours in 2005 and 2009 was the Choir's visits and performances in Denmark. The 2005 Choir began their odyssey in Copenhagen with a tour of the city, then on to Odense, where they visited the Hans Christian Andersen Museum and performed at the Cathedral. In 2009 the group performed in Rudkøbing and Aagaard. Both tours also included performances in various German cities.

GV students stayed in the homes of local citizens at some points during their trips, a brief emersion in Danish culture, complete with their efforts to connect with – and thank – their hosts in Danish.

Dr. Kathryn Duffy, professor of music and director of choral activities, comments, "The choir's trips to Denmark were enlightening experiences. We were warmly received and our music was appreciated. As much as we were eager to share our musical skills with them, so were they eager to extend their wonderful hospitality to us. Getting to know the Danes and their history – through visiting the Viking Ship Museum and the burial sites of the kings in Roskilde Cathedral, crawling into pre-historic burial sites, strolling the rocky shore, hiking through the bio-art nature park, visiting a Danish Efterskole and interacting with the students there, hearing a lecture/demo on Grundtvig's hymntexts, and engaging in many late-night talks with our host families – helped us understand the land and people that gave birth to Grand View. The Danish flag that flies in front of the Humphrey Center has taken on a new meaning filled with the faces and generosity of the people we got to know."

The Grand View mission statement concludes, "Informed by its Danish Lutheran heritage, Grand View is a School for Life." For generations, Grand View graduates have gone into the world with an undercurrent of the Danish values that enrich their lives.

## MEET JEPPE RITZ

Denmark exchange student Jeppe Ritz recently returned to his native country at the end of the spring term after spending a year in the states as a student at Grand View. Ritz found his way to GV through his athletic ability as a soccer player but chose GV because of the graphic design program within the Art and Design Department, as well as the great soccer team. He arrived in the states last August as a freshman at the age of 22. "The Danish school system is different from the American school system and that is why I am an older first-year student," Ritz said.

He's uncertain if he will return to GV as a sophomore to study in the fall, partly due to the expense, because schooling is free in Denmark. He has also applied to the specialized graphic design school, Mediehøjskolen, in Copenhagen. "I've dreamed of attending that school since I was fifteen," Ritz said. He passed the first round of the application process and is now ranked in the top 60 out of 400 applicants. The school accepts 20 new students each year and Ritz is hopeful to get accepted in order to pursue his goal of becoming a graphic designer.

Ritz enjoyed his time as a GV student and especially appreciated the campus atmosphere.

"People living on campus creates a special atmosphere," Ritz described. "Students know each other and strong friendships are formed. To eat, live and study with the same people is a privilege we don't have in Denmark. And to study in a country and culture different from one's own is a truly unique and amazing experience."

"This experience changed me as a person and gave me knowledge I would not get in Denmark. Denmark is an amazing country, and I think GV exchange students would receive a fantastic learning experience from studying there."

*Jeppe Ritz, a native Dane, attended Grand View during the 08-09 school year.  
(photo by Kevin Sanders '08)*



# WHAT MAKES GRAND VIEW DANISH: a personal perspective

by Carol Jensen Bamford

As the reigning token Dane at Grand View, I'm sometimes asked, "What makes Grand View Danish?" It's a question I often have difficulty answering, because the answers aren't as obvious as perhaps one might think.

I remember Danish traditions that were still strong when I was growing up on the Grand View campus. Sure, there was Studenterfest, which is still a part of Grand View's consciousness. But there were others, such as Fastelavns, which was my personal favorite as a very young child. Traditionally Fastelavns (the Danish word for carnival) occurs seven weeks before Easter Sunday. On the appointed day, the GV community would gather in what came to be known as East Hall – a building east of the Humphrey Center – that was then the gym.

The highlight of Fastelavns was a game of "hit the cat out of the barrel," which in retrospect seems to me to have been a sort of Danish piñata. A wooden barrel was filled with candy, and in the center was a stuffed black cat. The children and students would whack at that barrel with a baseball bat, taking turns until the barrel was completely shattered and all the candy came spilling onto the floor. A "queen of cats" and a "king of cats" were crowned, based on who was the last to pulverize the barrel and cause the cat to drop to the floor. Of course, there was a mad scramble for the candy – and the cat – and we counted the event a success if no one was seriously hurt.

Fastelavns was also time for Danish food (when wasn't the time for that??), in this case Fastelavnsboller. My sisters and I pined all year long for those cream-filled pastries and fought over helping Mom in the kitchen. They're even better than aebleskive – trust me.

But as special as Fastelavns, Studenterfest, folk dancing and gymnastics were, they were never what made Grand View Danish. When I returned to Grand View as an employee after a long absence from GV and Iowa, I found the essence of that "Danishness" very much alive, in spite of all the years, growth and changes GV has experienced. Perhaps it was best captured by Grand View's first president, Rasmus Rasmussen Vestergaard, a transplanted Dane, who wrote in 1900:

"We seek as far as possible to avoid all sham and pretense which serve to inflate and not enoble. If we do not always reach our goal, we do, at least, constantly have it in sight and we strive to shape our character under the discipline of work ... we believe that the transmission of living knowledge is a good school of humility."

Many students tell us that they sensed Grand View was "different" right from their first experience on campus, a difference most of them can't describe except to say it "just felt like home." I wonder how much of that is the undercurrent of the uniquely Danish characteristic of a humble joy in life and learning.



Students scramble for the candy during the traditional Fastelavns in East Hall during the late 50s. (1959 Yearbook photo)

I am indebted to the priceless information found in these books, from which I borrowed some thoughts and quotations. I hope my academic colleagues will pardon the lack of formal citations and references.

*The Grand View College Reader: Essays by Members of the Grand View College Community*, edited by Mark Mattes, Evan Thomas, Kathryn Duffy and Ron Taylor.

*That All Good Seed Strike Root: A Centennial History of Grand View College*, by Thorvald Hansen.

*We Laid Foundation Here: The Early History of Grand View College*, by Thorvald Hansen.

Other bits of information came from the Web sites of the Farstrup-Mortensen Memorial Lectures, the DIS, the Danish Immigrant Museum, and the Danish Windmill, as well as from my own personal recollections, however inaccurate they may be.

# HEY BATTER, BATTER!

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Bases are loaded.  
 Batter on deck.  
 Player at bat.  
 The pitch is thrown...  
 and it's a **GRAND SLAM!**

The Grand View Viking Connection Team is looking to add to their winning streak.

Are you made for the game?

Do you have what it takes to contribute?

Members of the Viking Connection will be contacting you to describe their gameplan for the Grand View Fund. They will provide you with donation tips, explain the different payment options and help you decide if giving to Grand View will be your legacy in the all-American GV giving game!

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The Viking Connection team is looking strong. Check out a few of the all stars featured on this page.

The season outlook is promising.

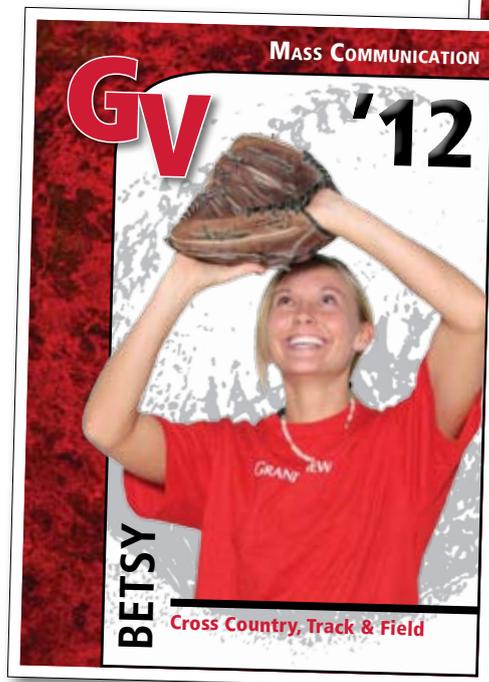
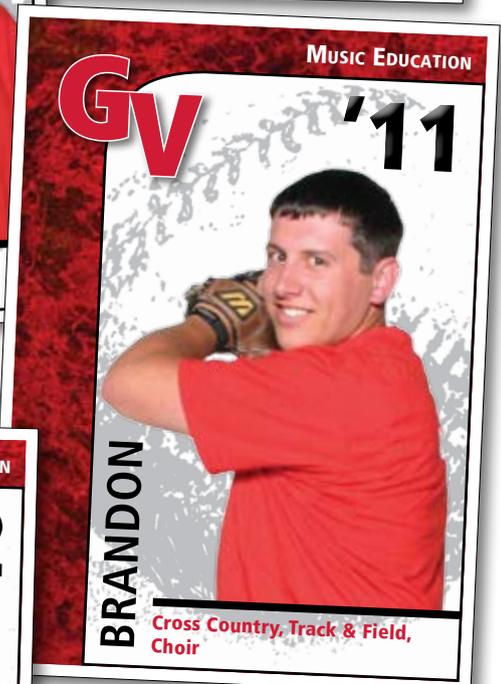
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Are you up for the challenge?

Ready to step up to the plate?

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# spring sports shorts

## Baseball

- Vikings were 17-28 overall and 11-12 for sixth place in the MCC.
- Chris Cutler named MCC Player of the Week in March.
- Cutler and Clay Rominger named to MCC Honorable Mention Team.
- Cory Burnes, George Chace, Brady Eagle, Justin Englund, Jeff Haag, Zach Kinsey, John Most, Brian Perry, Benn Stockton, and Joe Sullivan earned MCC Academic All-Conference recognition.
- Perry and Kinsey were Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes.

## Softball

- Vikings were 35-19 overall and 20-8 for third place in the MCC.
- Kelsey Rethmeier named MCC Pitcher of the Week in March and Courtney Yacinich named MCC Player of the Week in April.
- Whitney Link, Amanda Phillips, Meghan Tomlinson, and Yacinich voted to the MCC All-Conference First Team.
- Megan Anderson, Whitney Grimes, Kelsey Karaidos, and Rethmeier named to the MCC Honorable Mention Team.
- Tomlinson named to the NAIA

Honorable Mention All-America Team. Tomlinson batted .390 this season, recorded 33 stolen bases in 34 attempts.

- Amanda Busch, Kayla Donahue, Gabby Grgurich, Grimes, Kylee Jones, Karaidos, Erin Liebe, Link, Jenny Reed, Rethmeier, Katelyn Snuggs, Tomlinson, and Yacinich earned MCC Academic All-Conference recognition.
- Grgurich, Jones, and Rethmeier recognized as Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes.

## Golf: Men

- Grand View won the Grand View Viking Classic and the William Woods Invitational in April. Mike Nedved was medalist at the GV Classic and Josh Manske was second at William Woods.
- Vikings finished second at the MCC Championships (298-290-289-299=1176), just ten strokes behind first place St. Ambrose (1166).
- Manske was top finisher with a 72-hole total of 294 (71-72-73-78).
- Manske voted to the MCC All-Conference Team. Yousaf Khan named to the Honorable Mention Team.
- Andy Bernholtz, Tyler Collins, Andrew Davis, Graeme Molloy, and Nedved

earned MCC Academic All-Conference recognition.

- Nedved recognized as Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athlete.

## Golf: Women

- Molly Engleman selected to the MCC All-Conference Honorable Mention Team.
- Caitlin Mahoney and Amanda Wilson earned MCC Academic All-Conference recognition.

## Outdoor Track & Field: Men

- Vikings won MCC Outdoor Track & Field Championship.
- Jordan Adams (hammer throw), Tyler Wells (shot put), and the 4x100m relay (Phil Cooper, Lawrence Furlow, Jarvis Henderson, Titus Bland, Andrew Nwaogwugwu) qualified for nationals May 21-23 in Edwardsville, Ill.
- Jon Aldrich, Brian Dewey, Steven Hughes, Tyler Irvin, Drew Neal, Alan Paton and Spencer Williams earned MCC Academic All-Conference recognition.
- Head Coach Jerry Monner was selected by his peers as the Men's Track & Field Coach of the Year.

# ZWASCHKA '92 NAMED FRESNO STATE UNIVERSITY HEAD WOMEN'

BY MOLLY BROWN, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Grand View alum and former soccer standout Brian Zwaschka '92 was recently announced as the head women's soccer coach at Fresno State University. Zwaschka replaced coach Steve Springthorpe who took the head coaching position at North Carolina State.

Zwaschka had been an assistant for the last two years at Cal State where his primary responsibilities were to oversee the program's performance-related tasks, including player development, fitness and wellness, nutrition, recovery, video, scouting, equipment and facilities.

In Zwaschka's first season at Cal State, the Golden Bears posted a 15-5-1 record, advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament and earned a No. 11 national ranking.

Before Cal State, Zwaschka was an assistant coach at Texas Tech from 2005-07. Prior to Texas Tech, Zwaschka was an assistant coach at Grand View and in his two seasons, helped the Vikings to the NAIA national tournament, a No. 11 national ranking and two conference championships. Before working at Grand View, Zwaschka was an assistant coach

at Dowling Catholic High School. Under his guidance, Dowling claimed the 2000 conference title.

Zwaschka also boasts club head coaching experience with the Iowa United Soccer Club (1997-98), leading the Club to a state championship in 1998, and the Waukee Soccer Club (1995), earning them a gold medal at the Iowa Games.

Zwaschka has extensive soccer playing experience as he played for Grand View from 1990-92, earning NAIA All-American and District 15 Player of the Year honors during his junior season. After playing collegiately,

## Outdoor Track & Field: Women

- Vikings won MCC Outdoor Track & Field Championship.
- Obsie Birru MCC Women's Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year.
- Birru and Tabatha Carlson named MCC Women's Track Athlete of the Week; Birru earned the honor four times.
- Birru (5,000m run, 10,000m run), Carlson (200m dash, 400m dash), and Laura Schiltz (javelin) qualified for nationals May 21-23 in Edwardsville, Ill.
- Birru finished sixth in the 5,000m run at nationals to earn All-American status.
- Aubrey Anderson, Sara Hendrickson, Melissa Linde, Chelsea Maas, Brittany Riley, Schiltz, and Bridget Skarda earned MCC Academic All-Conference recognition.
- Riley, Schiltz, and Skarda recognized as Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes.
- Maas was selected as an NSCA All-American.
- Head Coach Jerry Monner was selected by his peers as the Women's Track & Field Coach of the Year. **GV**

## STADIUM RENOVATIONS BEGIN

Renovations to Williams Stadium, home of Viking football, and now track & field, have begun.

Elder Corporation started removing the sod from the football field and began installation of the new FieldTurf Prestige XM surface. Completion is set for mid July.



Photo: GARY WELLS

In addition to new field turf, improvements are being made which will allow the Grand View track & field program to host sporting events. This includes a new pole vault pit, set-up for the steeplechase, and new triple jump/long jump and high jump areas.

The football practice field is also being resurfaced with natural grass and updates are being made to the press box.

Check [www.grandview.edu](http://www.grandview.edu) > Athletics for updates.

## S SOCCER COACH

he played five years as a professional with the USL's Des Moines Menace. Zwaschka also played for the Connecticut Wolves, formerly of the A-League level.

In addition to the domestic game, Zwaschka gained significant experience abroad, playing a season each in Scotland and England, and two seasons in France.

Zwaschka is excited for this coaching opportunity and credits his playing and coaching experiences at Grand View in his journey to become a Division I head coach.

"If you asked me, four years ago when I took my first Division I women's job, I

would have told you I'd be really surprised to be in this position this quickly," Zwaschka said. "The reality is because of hard work and preparation, and being a solid professional with the teams I've had an opportunity to work with along the way that has helped me get to where I am. I've had good mentors and administration that supports my development and here we are now. I feel prepared and I am super excited that I am here."

Zwaschka and his wife, Sara, have two sons, Lochan and Jagozar, and a daughter, Bria. **GV**



Brian Zwaschka '92 named head women's soccer coach for Fresno State University. Photo: COURTESY OF CAL STATE

## 1957

**BEVERLY (DUNLAP '57) SCOTT** resides in Ankeny, Iowa, with her husband, Dwayne, and is the author of three published novels.

## 1960

**KAREN (MADSEN '60) JACOBSON** resides in Monticello, Minn., with her husband, Jerry, and works in accounts payable for ECONAR GeoSystems.

## 1970

**ROBERT SPENCER '70** retired from the Department of Defense Accounting Service where he served as senior accountant for 37 years. He and his wife, Sandy, reside in Pierre, S.D.

## 1977

**DONALD MORRIL '77** published his most recent nonfiction collection titled *Impetuous Sleeper*, where he examines the condition of wakefulness. This is his fourth book in publication. He is



currently an editor of Tampa Review and Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at the University of Tampa.

## 1978

**MICHAEL MCQUISTON '78** resides in Urbandale, Iowa, and is in IT services for Iowa State University.

## 1980

**JERI JAQUIS '80** resides in Galveston, Texas, and is employed by the University of Texas Medical School Branch as an assistant professor.

## 1989

**TAMMY (MODDERMAN '89) JOHNSON** graduated from Regis University with her master's in nursing leadership, with an emphasis in education. She is a clinical instructor for Mercy College of Health Sciences.

## 1990

**JANE A. DEHAVEN '90**, director of career services at AIB College of Business, was awarded the Staff Excellence Award for 2008 and was recently named to the AIB

President's Cabinet, a strategic planning group.

## 1991

**JON MOUGH '91** resides in Houston, Texas, and is the owner of a finance/import/real estate business.

## 1992

**DEANN (WHITAKER '92) AND MARK HENNIGS '94** reside in St. Joseph, Minn., with their children Jacob, Erik and Jared. DeAnn is a registered nurse at St. Cloud Hospital and Mark is an associate professor for the College of St. Benedicts and St. John's University. He recently received a promotion and tenure.

**BRETT ROBERTS '92** married Patricia Anderlik January 24 at St. Patrick's Church in Perry, Iowa. Patricia is the sister-in-law of former Grand View volleyball coach Leanne Stefani-Anderlik.

## 1995

**MATT GRIMES '95** resides in Colorado Springs, Colo., and received his master's of engineering in geographical information systems from the University

# GRAND VIEW ALUMNI EVENTS: ALUMNI ART SERIES SHOW, SHRINE

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Grand View alumni have had several opportunities to reconnect with college friends through events this spring.

The first of ReView: The Alumni Art Series exhibits debuted March 23 through April 9. The exhibit, hosted in the Gallery at the Elings-Wood Center for Art and Design, showcased the works of 13 GV graduates. A reception for the artists was Friday, March 27.

Alumni took advantage of discounted tickets and enjoyed an afternoon at the Shrine Circus with their

families Saturday, May 2, at Veterans Memorial Auditorium. They took an exclusive behind the scenes tour of the circus provided by the circus ringmaster, which included a look at how the event comes together and the animal zone.

Grand View night at the ballpark Thursday, June 11, brought out many alumni who took in a night of I-Cubs baseball, food, and drink.

The Famous Chicken made an appearance at the I-Cubs game versus the Omaha Royals, and everyone in

attendance received an Iowa Cubs souvenir.

New and upcoming events are posted on the Web site and announced in the Alumni e-Newsletter. Go to [www.grandview.edu](http://www.grandview.edu), click Alumni, then Alumni Events to see an updated listing of events.

If you're not already receiving the e-Newsletter, sign up is available in the Alumni section of the Web site. 

of Colorado in 2007. He is currently a senior systems engineer for ITT Corp and founded the local chapter of Engineers Without Borders in 2008.

## 1996

**SARAH DOIDGE '96** married Brent Walters February 28 in Riviera Maya, Mexico. Sarah is a news producer for WCBS-TV and Brent is an attorney for STV, Inc. The couple resides in Manhattan in New York City.



## 2002

**ERIC D. WAHLSTROM '02** resides in Des Moines, Iowa, and joined Des Moines University as a senior accountant.

## 2003

**HEIDI BLOMQUIST '03** is the executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Central-Southwest Iowa and was named the 2008 Adair Citizen of the Year.

**PAULA EDWARDS '03** resides in Chittenango, N.Y., and is the assistant director of patient services for the

Madison County Public Health Department.

## 2004

**JENNIFER CARPENTER '04** resides in Wheeling, Ill., and is employed as a financial pricing analyst for Walgreens Health Services.

**ADAM EDGINGTON '04**, founder of the Central Iowa Lacrosse Association, a program for teen and adult males in the Des Moines metro area, is the assistant coach for the Valley Tigers Lacrosse Club in West Des Moines, Iowa.

**ADAM ROTTINGHAUS '04** completed his master's in communication from North Carolina State and will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to pursue his Ph.D. in communication studies.

**BENJAMIN SCHUH '04** and his wife, Cat, competed in the Des Moines Marathon, the full 26.2 miles, in October.

## 2006

**KELLE BISHOP '06** resides in Des Moines, Iowa, and is employed by Kelly Services,

Inc., as a partnered staffing supervisor.

**STEVE T. DEHAVEN '06** is the informatic nurse for the VA Central Iowa Health Care System, a blend of information technology and training for nursing professionals.

## 2008

**BETHANY DESKIN '08** resides in Des Moines, Iowa, and is a teacher for Des Moines Public Schools.

## 2009

**KATHERINE (DIXSON '09) REDMON** resides in Carlisle, Iowa, with her husband, KC.

## Future Vikings

Joe and **NICOLE (LESTER '94) EKIS**, a daughter, Emerson Marie, born October 9, 7 lbs 2 oz, joins big brother Carson. The family resides in Waukee, Iowa.

Jim and **KRISTEN (LEGG '94) GRAY**, a daughter, McKenna Ellen, born September 20. She joins siblings Megan and Keaton. Kristin works for The Des Moines Register as a consumer marketing manager.

## CIRCUS, I-CUBS GAME



From left: Alumni tour the Shrine Circus with their families May 2; Alumna Trish Toma-Lark '98, holds a circus snake; the reception for the artists of ReView: The Alumni Art Series. Photos: HEATHER GABRIEL '03 AND BRIAN PATTERSON '95





Michael and **KARLA (CRAWFORD '96) KERR**, a daughter, Annika Isobelle Moxie, born December 18, 7 lbs 14 oz, 21 inches

long, joins sibling Maverick who is four. Annika's grandmother, Johanna (Larson '63) Crawford and great aunts, Chris (Larson '66) Reynolds and Nona (Larson) Firch are all proud Vikings. Karla is in her twelfth year at Hawthorne Direct as a senior account executive in marketing/PR and new business. She also serves as co-anchor for the company's Videoactive Report.

**LORI (GABRIELSON '98) AND TRAVIS**



**CLENDENEN '97**, a daughter, Violet, born February 14, 9 lbs 2 oz, joins big sisters Madeline who is four and Zella who is two.

John and **BRIDGET (OSTEBEE '98)**



**CUNNINGHAM**, a son, Aayden Michael, born October 27, 8 lbs 6.9 oz, 21 inches long, joins big brother Ian who is two.

James and **LAURA (FULLER '00) HILDEBAUGH**, a daughter, Geneva Sabine, born January 28, 7 lbs 12.4 oz, 20 ½ inches long. The family resides in Waterloo, Iowa.

**SUZANNE ASHOUR '01**, a daughter, Cayla Savonne Bailey, born December 1, 7 lbs 14 oz, joins brothers Cedric and Chrystian and sister



Ciera. Ashour is an assistant director for MBA recruiting at the University of Maryland, College Park, and resides in Laurel, Md.



Aaron and **LIZ (DURHAM '03) VANDE VOORT**, a son, Evan James, born April 22. The family resides in Pella, Iowa.



**MEGAN (WISSLER '03) AND KEVIN YEAGER '04**, a daughter, Adeline Marie, born November 28, 9 lbs, 21 inches long. She joins big

brother Drew and sisters Afton and Erin.

Josh and **EMILY (JOHNSON '04)**



**SHENDELMAN**, a daughter, Parker Elise, born January 11, 7 lbs 9 oz, 21 inches long. The family resides in Ankeny, Iowa.

John and **ANGELA (VERTZ '05) HOUSLEY**, a son, Tanner Joseph, born June 18, 6 lbs 10 oz, 19 ¼ inches long. Angela is in her second year of teaching in the Norwalk Community School District.

Nick and **KATIE (BIRCH '05) KINTZLE**, a daughter, Olivia Grace, born March 11. The family resides in Omaha, Neb., and Katie is employed by Creighton University Medical Center.



Douglas and **SHARLA (SAVICK '06) RICHARDSON**, a daughter, Meegan Beth, born February 10, 7 lbs 7 oz, 19 ½ inches long.

**In Memoriam**

**ELSE (RIX '39) LINDEGAARD** passed away March 28 at the age of 90. She and her late husband, George Lindegaard '39, who passed away in 2004, met at Grand View and married in 1938.

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# GIVING SELFLESSLY YIELDS GREAT REWARDS

BY LACIE SIBLEY '07, EDITOR

Living in Africa is not something 2003 nursing alumna Lois Niehoff and her husband Brian thought they would ever do. Niehoff completed a six-week internship in 2002 at a children's home in Hammanskraal, South Africa, and greatly enjoyed her time there, which made her realize that she wanted to return to the area in the future. She and her husband took a three-week trip to that same area of South Africa in 2005 and now find themselves establishing their family in Welkom, a city located in the Free State of South Africa. It is a modern city with grocery stores, a shopping mall and restaurants with an estimated population of about 400,000.

"After our visit, Brian and I felt like South Africa was a place we could assist those in need, and we both fell in love with the children," Niehoff explained. "While we were there, we met the directors of Ambassadors International Ministries, Inc., a ministry and outreach organization, who told us about the new children's home they were working to open in Welkom, and that they were searching for a nurse and a builder to assist with the start-up of the home."

Upon returning home, Niehoff and her husband discussed the idea of joining the organization full-time and, through prayers, realized they were being directed back to South Africa. In May 2006 the couple moved to Welkom and helped

establish The Pines Christian Care Center for Children.

"We never imagined that at the age of 28 we would be assisting and running a home for orphaned children in South Africa," Niehoff said. "It has been a huge learning experience for us. We've made a lot of mistakes along the way, but we have learned and gained so much more. We love each child that comes to live at The Pines and care for each one as our own."

Niehoff explained the great need for children's homes in South Africa is due to half the population being HIV positive, along with diseases such as tuberculosis, meningitis, pneumonia and the lack of good sanitation and clean water. Children in the region often become head of the household when parents pass away, so it is not uncommon to find children living on their own or on the streets without supervision or food.

"We currently have 24 children living at The Pines and eight of them are HIV positive," Niehoff said.

Most of the funding for The Pines comes from churches, individual donations and some U.S. businesses. They receive very little from the South African government. The home itself was donated by a mine company that no longer operates out of Welkom and has been renovated to be suitable living quarters. Niehoff hires, trains and manages the housemothers who each live in their own apartments with six children. They cook, clean and conduct



From top: Lois Niehoff '03 visits Boetie, an eight-year-old resident of The Pines; Group photo of The Pines' children and housemothers; The Niehoff family, Lois, Brian and Liam.

all the duties of a mother. Niehoff monitors their diets, making sure they receive balanced meals, cares for all their health needs and organizes doctor's visits. Her husband manages the business side of the home and is responsible for the development of the property.

"We truly love living in South Africa," Niehoff said. "It feels like home now. There are so many children that need help, and we know we can't help them all, but we focus on and cherish the ones that the Lord places in front of us and pray they will remain healthy, grow up to love God and live a long, profitable life." **GV** Find more information online.

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**SAM DORAN '40** passed away November 16.

**MERNA M. (DUE '51) PELLEYMOUNTER**, previously known as Lund, passed away January 26 in Ackley, Iowa. She is survived by her husband, Bernie, their four children, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**TRACY LUANN (CARLE '90) VAN DE POL** passed away in a snowmobile accident March 15 near Lead, S.D. She is survived by her husband, Bret, and their children, Brea, Tabor, and Brody, her parents, John and Joyce Carle '91, step-parents, Phil Nyguard and Connie Carle, sister, Christy Light, and her brother, John Carle '92.

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### GOD'S ZIP CODE

PAUL HARTNEY '72

If God were to have a zip code might it be the number one? Certainly not zero. Unless it was understood that the zero meant the all of everything and not a nothing. But then, zero is zero, isn't it? So number one will have to be the Almighty's zip, although that does rather confine the Deity to a particular place, when at home, that is. The way the world seems to be going The Almighty may not be home all that often. Still, given worldly conditions, God may be home more than not, perhaps finding a measure of peace and quiet there, maybe strolling in the garden creating something new that might work better this time.

### TROLLEY ON THE ST. PETERSBURG PIER

MARK HAMPTON '80



### A LIGHT IN THE NIGHT

PAUL HARTNEY '72

Slowly we drive down dark country roads.  
Dense forest on both sides.  
The moon hidden behind thick clouds.  
Increasing fog drifts across  
The glare of our car's headlights.  
We see a light glowing in the woods.  
A house or cabin that must be occupied.  
We do not stop to ask for shelter.  
We do not wish to impose.  
We pass on with comment,  
Leaving the light in the woods  
Behind us and the impenetrable fog ahead.

### TWO PELICANS WATCHING SUNRISE OVER TAMPA BAY

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