DETROIT COUNTRY DAY HEADMASTER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Mich., March 12, 2007 – After 21 years as headmaster and a total of 40 years at Detroit Country Day School, Gerald Hansen has announced his intention to retire at the close of the 2006-07 school year.

Since F. Alden Shaw founded the school in 1914, there have only been four headmasters, Hansen being the fourth.

“Jerry has been a great leader for us, taking Country Day to a premier position among independent schools in every dimension-including academic, athletic and community service achievements at the highest levels,” said Ken Whipple, Detroit Country Day Board of Trustees Chairman.

The school is currently in the midst of an arduous quest for a new headmaster. The search committee consists of the Executive Committee of Detroit Country Day’s Board of Trustees...
as well as Carney Sandoe & Associates, a leading search firm specializing in private schools. The goal is to have the search completed in time for this change to take place this summer.

Although Jerry will no longer serve as headmaster, he will still be involved with Detroit Country Day. He has agreed to stay on as President of the Detroit Country Day Fund. In this new role, he will concentrate on fund development for significant scholastic, technology and facilities projects.

“Country Day has given my life purpose and direction. Every day, I have been privileged to follow the noble cause of working with a team of educators to develop well-educated students of high integrity and moral character. I have had a fabulous professional and personal experience, and cannot find adequate words to express what my relationship with the Detroit Country Day family has meant to me,” said Hansen.

Detroit Country Day is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school offering a liberal arts pre-kindergarten through 12th grade education. The school was founded in 1914, and provides a foundation for lifelong learning within an environment of educational excellence and cultural diversity.

Detroit Country Day serves more than 1,536 students on its four Birmingham/Beverly Hills area campuses. It has earned a total of 83 state championships in various sports over the years and 100 percent of its graduating seniors are accepted to universities each year.

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