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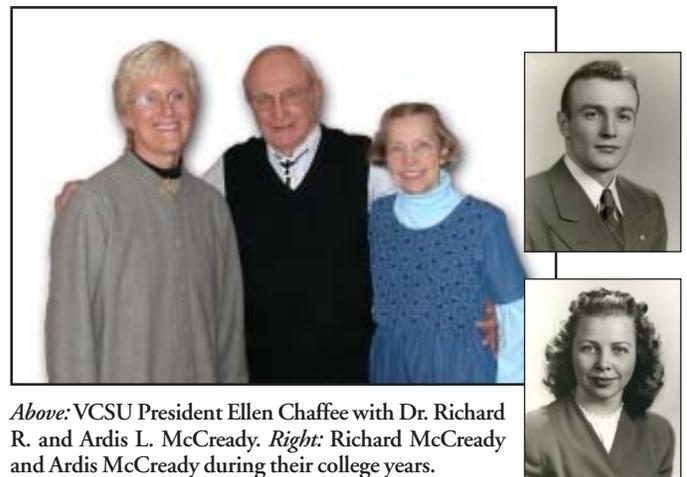
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Dr. Richard R. and Ardis L. McCready of Sun City West, Arizona, announce the establishment of the McCready Scholars Endowment at Valley City State University. The endowment will provide scholarships for outstanding students. Each McCready Scholar will receive full funding for tuition, fees, books,

supplies, room and board. The scholarship will be re-awarded annually for a maximum of four years of support to Scholars who maintain a 3.5 grade point average or above and make yearly progress toward their degree. Students in any academic discipline may qualify as McCready Scholars.

The McCreadys have established the fund with a current gift of stocks and a binding pledge from their estate, estimated to be in excess of \$1,000,000. The first scholarship will be awarded when the interest on the fund is enough to support a student for four years of college study.

Dr. Richard R. McCready was a member of the VCSU class of 1949. He served many years as a Professor of Quantitative Systems at



Above: VCSU President Ellen Chaffee with Dr. Richard R. and Ardis L. McCready. Right: Richard McCready and Ardis McCready during their college years.

Arizona State University, in Tempe, Arizona. In 1982, the VCSU Alumni Association presented Dr. McCready with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Ardis McCready was a member of the VCSU class of 1947 and served many years as a legal secretary and a public school teacher.

According to Dr. Ellen Chaffee, president of Valley City State University, "The McCready Scholars Endowment represents the largest gift in the history of Valley City State, and a major commitment to the university and its students. The McCreadys are making a lasting impact on attracting outstanding students to Valley City State University. We are extremely thankful for this wonderful gift."



VCSU Alumni President

# President's Corner

by David M. Hanson '83

VCSU is the place to be! Serving on the Alumni board gives me the opportunity to keep up with all the exciting happenings and changes at my alma mater. The Alumni board met on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Chaffee shared several items with the board. The VCSU web site will be getting more attention in the future, so be sure to check it out periodically. (<http://www.vcsu.edu>) New major and minor offerings will be in place by

the fall of 2004. VCSU is looking into how it can help area instructors meet the "highly qualified" standards of No Child Left Behind.

The alumni board also made some changes to their by-laws at the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The VCSU Alumni Association has changed it's by-laws to comply with the streamlining of entities and how they function as supporters of VCSU. The alumni board will no longer have fiscal responsibilities but will emphasize it's efforts on the business of "Friendships."

Several Alumni Socials take place around the country each year. I would like to encourage you to attend a social in your area. I always find myself rejuvenated whenever I have spent time with VCSU alumni. I know that I am biased, but I still feel that there are no finer folks!

Working for a rural public school in North Dakota, I am able to see first hand the effect of the declining population in our state. Scholarships for

VCSU take on an even more important role in the battle for students. I would like to present an idea that I am spearheading here at Wyndmere Public School. There are seven graduates of VCSU here at Wyndmere. My goal is to raise \$500 for an annual scholarship for students entering the field of education. The money donated by each staff person is tax deductible and a notification for tax purposes would be sent out by VCSU. If you are not affiliated with a school, your place of business or locale (i.e. Minneapolis Area Alumni Scholarship) could consider sponsoring a scholarship. Scholarships can be designated for a certain academic area or could simply be an open scholarship for any student at VCSU.

The other area I see alumni being able to help VCSU is by donating your time. The last couple of years I have spent time with elementary education majors in one of Mrs. Holcomb's elementary education classes. I have been able to share some of my experiences as an educator and administrator with them and feel that it has been beneficial to them. Call up one of your past VCSU instructors or someone from that department and ask how you might be able to help.

I owe a debt of gratitude to VCSU. It feels very good to give back something to the institution that helped lay the ground work for my professional career. I hope you will be inspired to act on behalf of VCSU.

Sincerely,  
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Class of 1983  
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## VCSU SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION



**Friday, April 23, 2004**  
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Contributions for the auction  
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Val Moritz at  
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This beautiful fireplace donated by Cass County Electric is an example of the many wonderful items featured at this year's auction.



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# President's Message

by Dr. Ellen-Earle Chaffee

## *Thank you on behalf of our VCSU students*

*Note: In this issue Dr. Chaffee would like to give the VCSU students a chance to say thank you to all the financial supporters of V-500.*

The VCSU V-500 Scholarship Program was founded in the early 70's. The first scholarships were for \$75 each. Today, up to \$170,000 in scholarships are awarded annually ranging from \$750 to \$1,500, with approximately 165 students receiving scholarships each year.

This program has been a tremendous success with several thousand students who have benefited from the V-500 scholarships. Below a few scholarship recipients express their gratitude.

The theme for this year's membership drive is "**Sustaining the Vision.**" The goal is to sustain the vision of the founders of V-500 over 30 years ago. This year's goal is to raise \$90,000 for the V-500 Scholarship Program.

V-500 is an investment in our students, our university, and indeed our entire region. Your investment of just 43 cents per day will make a difference at VCSU!

We are very thankful and appreciative of the many people who have supported VCSU and continue to do so. On behalf of our students, THANK YOU!

For further information on the V-500 Scholarship Program please contact the VCSU Advancement Office at 701-845-7203.



Ellen-Earle Chaffee  
VCSU President



*"Of course the scholarship has eased the financial costs of getting a quality education, but above that I feel that the scholarship meant recognition to me for the hard work I have put into my education. I am thankful for the scholarship."* – Kristel Engelby, Business Administration Major, Hoffman, MT



*"The V-500 scholarship allowed me to pay for my books and supplies for the entire year without borrowing the money. This is a wonderful program."* – Mark Fabian, Biology Education Major, Roseau, MN



*"I am very impressed with the commitment to V-500 and Valley City State University. I personally want to thank all of the members of V-500. You are clearly making a difference at VCSU!"* – Garitt Ireby, Elementary Education Major, Rugby, ND



*"The scholarship I received made a decision as to which college to attend. I am surprised and pleased with VCSU so far, particularly with the technology and our laptops!"* – Sarah James, Business Administration Major, Valley City, ND



*"The scholarships that I have received from Valley City State University have all been very valuable to me. I appreciate the founders of such scholarships and those that help contribute. It is the people who contribute to the scholarships that make my education and that of many others a possibility."* – Kimberly Kuhlmann, Business Administration/Management Major, Wimbledon, ND



*"I am very honored to receive this scholarship. I have worked hard at making the most out of my college career and a scholarship is a great reward. I enjoy being a student at Valley City State University and look forward to completing my degree here."* – Abbey Midthun, Psychology Major, Enderlin, ND

# Former NIH cancer researcher finds a home at VCSU

Can a Dutch Ph.D. toxicologist researcher from the NIH's National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD, find happiness teaching science at a small university on the plains of North Dakota? In August 2002, Hilde van Gijssel (pronounced van-HI-suhl), a researcher from Leek, The Netherlands, traded her NIH job for a teaching position at Valley City State University. Of her life in Valley City, ND, she says, "It's a completely new world. But even if they give me a million bucks, I'm not going back. There's no way." After one year at VCSU, van Gijssel was not only honored as the university's top teacher of 2003, but also raised student interest in science and helped lighten the science faculty's teaching load, providing them with more time to pursue their research. In addition, she's developing a laboratory to pursue research in toxicology, her primary interest. The new lab will enable van Gijssel to collaborate with ongoing research at VCSU, as well as pursue collaborations with the state's research universities at NDSU and UND. "Students are talking about research because it's much more visible now," van Gijssel says. "They're talking to me about working in the lab. They're coming to me and asking questions about what they have to do to get into research." North Dakota BRIN provided the initial funding that enabled VCSU to hire van Gijssel for a tenure-track faculty position as the first step toward creating a health sciences program. Andre DeLorme, VCSU associate professor of biology, said the idea of hiring someone to fill a biomedical research position at the university began at a meeting to discuss how North Dakota's baccalaureate schools could fit into BRIN, a program aimed at

increasing the state's biomedical research capacity. "To be honest, Valley City State didn't really have a n y biomedical research," he recalled. "But then we started brainstorming and it came to us: We could use BRIN funding to get a new position. We could work to get somebody in biomedical research." DeLorme and others at VCSU were hopeful when van Gijssel applied for the job and delighted when she accepted the offer. "There is no way we could have attracted such a candidate without BRIN support," says Les Wong, VCSU vice president for academic affairs. Recalling her initial impression of North Dakota, van Gijssel notes, "You drive over I-94, it's flat, then you have the valley and – surprise! There's a university with up-to-date technology in a state that's known throughout the country as being conservative and rural. A lot of scientists and people in academia talk about the east coast and the west coast as if there's hardly anything in the middle," van Gijssel says. "It's not true. We have a good place here. We have a role in preparing students and showing them something about the world." In less than a year, the addition of van Gijssel is benefiting VCSU by helping to generate potential biomedical researchers for North Dakota. She says that local high school students are expressing interest in her classes. The enrollment for her summer microbiology class swelled from 14 to 36 when students from the surrounding region enrolled. Through BRIN, van



Hilde van Gijssel

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Gijssel last year initiated a program that enables students to present their research statewide over the Interactive Video Network (IVN). Students and teachers in videoconference rooms on the network can watch the presentations and participate in discussions about the research. "For the first one, we started with 17 people at two sites," she says. "The second one was 20 people at four sites. The third one had 26 people over five sites. The benefit of that is that students come to me and say, 'Can we do that, too?'" With the addition of van Gijssel, VCSU hopes to add courses in cell biology and possibly toxicology. The university is moving toward its goal of developing an undergraduate program that prepares students for careers in biomedical research and provides a pre-professional focus for medical school and studies in pharmacy, dentistry, optometry and nursing. When her lab is complete,

van Gijssel will use her toxicology expertise to collaborate with DeLorme, who studies how water quality affects macro invertebrates. "There are a lot of controversial water projects in North Dakota and there's a desperate need for data about what happens when water flow is changed or what happens when levels of sulfate or mercury increase," she says. The opportunity to teach and conduct research attracted van Gijssel to VCSU. She has no regrets about her decision. "Students suddenly realize that chemistry is everywhere around them and that it's something that's always been out there," she says. "It's everything. It's life and it's fascinating. This is what I was born to do. I finally figured it out."

*This article was taken from the Brin website: [www.med.und.nodak.edu/brin/index.htm](http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/brin/index.htm).*

# Student soldiers to be first to earn college credits in Iraq

By Sgt. Amy Dobler, Fargo, Headquarters Company, 141st Engineer Combat Battalion

*CAMP VIRGINIA, Kuwait* – College classes don't typically start in late February, but these aren't your typical college classes.

Students walk half a mile across desert terrain to get to class. School uniforms aren't necessary, but most students are dressed the same nonetheless – tan desert camouflage uniforms, boots and a neck gaiter to help guard against any sandstorm that may blow in on the way to or from class.

The students are soldiers first, learning in their off-duty time in Camp Virginia, Kuwait. They're deployed with North Dakota's 141st Engineer Combat Battalion, which will move north into Iraq within the next month. The soldiers are part of a major first – never before have students been able to earn college credits for classes taken in Iraq.

"Many of the soldiers in the 141st are college students currently enrolled in North Dakota universities and these classes allow them the opportunity to continue their education while serving their country," says Sgt. Joan Aus. There are more than 55 students enrolled in her classes.

Aus, a professor at Valley City State University in North Dakota, who is serving as a logistic loadmaster for the battalion, is the instructor. Her classes have a somewhat different tone in this desert environment. She draws connections to military life and situations while she instructs. Yet, she reminds her students that this is college, not the Army.

"When we're in here, I'm not Sgt. Aus, I'm Professor Aus," she tells her students on the first day of speech class.

It's the first college course some of the soldiers have taken.

"I think it's nice to be able to keep busy, and I'm excited to start college, even though it is in the desert," said Pfc. Ashley Aune, 19, of Mayville.

She's enrolled in Speech and Composition I. While she's nervous about public speaking, she's at ease with the small class size and her fellow soldiers.

"Speech is one of the best classes for this environment because it's really low-tech, and the emphasis is on the student, rather than the surroundings," Aus says.

The lower tech the better in this field environment. Power is sporadic and the accommodations are often coated in sand. There are other things to overcome, as well. For instance, the textbooks for the speech class were in Aus' footlocker

on a ship still a few days from arriving in a Kuwaiti port when her class started.

Minor obstacles are easily overcome with the professor's knowledge and the students' enthusiasm, however.

Students attend class twice a week for three hours. The students will earn three credits per class, which will be applied to the degree they're pursuing at their respective

colleges. For students who have not yet begun college, they will be granted credits as itinerant students and be able to apply them to their degrees once they are accepted to a college.

Once the current semester wraps up at the end of May, students will be able to take Composition II and Introduction to Literature during the battalion's second semester.

## Valley City State University HOMECOMING 2004

### Friday, October 8

Class of 1944 &  
Class of 1954 Reunions  
Hall of Fame Banquet &  
Induction Ceremonies



### Saturday, October 9

Alumni Honors Breakfast  
Homecoming Parade  
Tailgating Picnic  
Library Luncheon  
Football Game  
Alumni Social  
Homecoming Dance

### Class of 1944 60-Year Reunion

Vera Swartout Aalgaard  
Ethel Heuer Backstrom  
Agnes Eissinger Dammel  
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Donna Keidel Moxness  
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Eleanor Johnson Ramsey  
Shirley Strand Ruud  
Raymond Ryberg  
Cliff Schlosser  
John Sisco  
Charles Solum  
Gail Steele  
Jeanette Stone  
Robert Taylor  
Betty Wellman Tillapaugh  
Herb Tillapaugh  
Jessie Belanus Urlaub  
Owen Wallace  
Francis Weber  
Marjorie Ackerman Weston

## Two VCSU interns recognized

Recently two VCSU students Josh Kasowski and Kristel Engelby were recognized by Northwestern Mutual Financial Network as top performers from among the more than 1,000 college interns participating in their 2003 program.

The company, nationwide, has a summer lives contest for its interns. The goal of the contest is to sell 10 lives (lives being a life insurance, disability insurance, long-term care insurance or fixed annuity policies) over the summer. Both Josh and Kristel sold at least 10 lives so the company ran an ad in their local newspapers which featured their pictures. Their pictures were also included in the company newsletter along with the other interns that reached their goal.

"It was a summer long goal for us and it felt awesome to achieve it," said Kristel.

In addition Josh was also recognized in *Time* magazine as a top performer for selling more than 15 lives.

Since 1967, Northwestern Mutual's Internship Program, currently available through The Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, has provided over 16,000 students from all over the country an unmatched opportunity to learn more about themselves, the world of business and the financial services career. In fact, their internship program was named "One of America's Top Ten Internships for 2001" by the Princeton Review's annual publication, America's Top Internships.

# Brewer competes on Elite Degree Ironman Team



Kevin Brewer '82, a member of the Degree Ironman Team, exits the surf at the Nautica Malibu Celebrity Triathlon on his way to a second place finish in his age group.

Kevin Brewer, a 1982 VCSU graduate and Viking Hall of Fame inductee, recently completed the Triathlon racing season as a member of the elite Degree Ironman Team. Kevin was selected to be a part of the new Degree Ironman Team, a first ever team that will carry the Ironman name. The Degree Ironman Team selected Kevin for displaying passion and commitments, for participating in a minimum of seven triathlons, and for epitomizing Degree's "Kicks-In the Clutch" mentality.

The Degree Ironman Team of

triathletes will participate in triathlons, marathons, and endurance events throughout America.

"The Degree Ironman Team will give me the resources and the tools to reach the pinnacle of my performance and endurance ability," said Kevin. "This past year has been a dream come true for me. The highlight of the year was completing Ironman USA in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho."

Kevin and his wife, Donna (Skramstad) reside in California with their daughters.

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You can plant your own evergreen endowment at Valley City State University – a lasting legacy that will bear your name and beautify the financial landscape for generations to come.

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Valley City State University  
101 College Street SW, Valley City, ND 58072

# VCSU Foundation Corner

Larry Robinson, Director of Advancement



Larry Robinson '71  
Director of Advancement

## Thank you alumni!

By the time you read this article, we will be wrapping up the VCSU Alumni Phone-a-thon for 2004. Thank you to all of you who have supported this important effort. Each February, we conduct a phone-a-thon during which we attempt to make contact with all of our alumni across the country.

The phone-a-thon is the source of funding for all Alumni sponsored programs, events, and services. The goal for the 2004 Phone-a-thon was \$65,000. These dollars offset a host of expenses for the Alumni Association. Included in these expenses are the costs associated with the publication of *The Bulletin* (three issues annually, 10,000 copies), alumni reunions, homecoming festivities, Alumni Board meeting expenses, alumni scholarships, recognition programs, postage, and a variety of miscellaneous expenses. The

Alumni Association Board of Directors meets three times each year and directs the activities of the association. They are great folks committed to Valley City State University.

For the past couple of years we have hired VCSU Music Department students to make the calls. Needless to say, we have been very impressed with our students. They are hard working, energetic, dependable, outgoing, personable, and genuinely concerned about their university. For those of you who had an opportunity to visit directly with one of these students, we hope that you had an enjoyable conversation. The students are very busy. Most of them are carrying a full academic load and working at the same time. They not only attend their classes, recitals and drama rehearsals, they also have their work responsibilities. In

addition, they spend several hours each week, during the month of February, making the phone-a-thon calls.

We look forward to the annual Phone-a-thon event. It is a great opportunity for us to make contact with our alumni across the country. It is a time to reminisce about those "good old days" on the campus. In some cases, the conversation focuses on a particular professor. In others, it is an opportunity to reflect on athletics, music, fraternities, sororities, or that biology field trip. Whatever the case, it is an opportunity for us to exchange a few thoughts and memories about those "good old days" here on the campus of Valley City State University.

Thank you for your support of your Alumni Association. If by chance we missed you during the Phone-a-thon, there is still time to

make your contribution. Simply drop your check in the mail to the VCSU Foundation, 101 College St. SW, Valley City, ND 58072.

Better yet, use our on-line donation option at [www.vcsu.edu](http://www.vcsu.edu). We accept Visa and MasterCard. All donors are listed in the Donor Edition of *The Bulletin*.

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 Robert Lukes  
 Marlys Lund  
 Eileen Mayer  
 Carol McHaney  
 Dorothy Morford  
 Dorothy Odden  
 Helen Turnquist Parker  
 Louise Peterson  
 Velette Peterson  
 Jacqueline Petterson  
 Isabel Prescott  
 Joseph Quinn  
 Meredith Rasmussen  
 Vera Ringsaker  
 Boneta Roesler  
 Kay Mindemann  
 Sandberg Evelyn Sandhei  
 Donald Sandness  
 Delores Schwengler  
 Judy Solheim  
 Claudia Stokes  
 Manuel Tesch  
 Charlotte Tolton  
 Vynn Walter  
 Ianthe Weir  
 Janice Williams  
 Donald Wiltse  
 Naomie Reich Wolf  
 Robert Woods  
 Carl Ziegelmann

## **Class of 1962**

Charles Anderson  
 George Anderson  
 Elmo Arndt  
 Athneal Bader

Lavonne Hartley Beard  
 Edna Dieterich  
 Boelter-Fischer  
 Phyllis Christensen  
 Ronald Dagner  
 Donna Desizlets  
 Elaine Dianne  
 Jacqueline Dunphy  
 Orville Duval  
 Barbara Engebretson  
 Judith Ensrud  
 JoAnn Vangsness Erickson  
 Hilda Holmes Ettleman  
 Ronald Grieger  
 Catherine Grip  
 Bonnie Gross  
 Florence Gryth  
 Emilie Halvorson  
 Nancy Herr  
 Alice Holter  
 Barbara Hovde  
 Janet Fitzgerald Hunter  
 Charles Huss  
 Laura Peterson Kapka  
 Sharon Kaul  
 Wayne Kenner  
 Douglas Kessler  
 Kathleen Heitkamp King  
 Esther Koenecke  
 Dennis Kretchmer  
 Marion Krueger  
 Doris Schuffletowski  
 Lageson  
 Ruth Kramer Lee  
 Sharon Lee  
 Jean Lemmon  
 Lucille Light  
 Douglas Lutz  
 Larry Lynne  
 LeRoy Mackove  
 Joseph Mayer

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Roger McHaney  
Ina Mekvold  
Edythe Mittleider  
Robert Mitzel  
Devonne Naatus  
Grace Naatus  
Maxine Naatus  
Irene Dockter Powers  
Violet Lutz Reykjalin  
Nina Seppanen  
Russel Sethre  
James Sosalla  
Caroline Sundstrom  
Gary Swenson  
David Thielman  
Michael Vanyo  
Lillian Wagner  
Phyllis Walker  
John Walmsley  
Ida Walter  
Clarence Wanner  
Gary Whiteman

**Class of 1963**

Jerome Anderson  
Margaret Anderson  
Margaret Anderson  
Elizabeth Barnett  
Arlene Himmerich Beal  
Emma Beck  
Virginia Benedict  
Donald Birkholz  
Donald Brandt  
Bonnie Close  
Beverly Ethen  
Kenneth Fry  
Helen Hendricks Harper  
Janet Havis  
Ronald Jewett  
Boniavee Johnson Jukam  
Delores Klusmann  
Wesley Lines  
Sandra Holden Lovaas  
Jerry Miller  
Sharon Mohberg  
Iva Neumann

Janice Enstad Philip  
Catherine Polasky  
Richard Riedmann  
Mary Rossum  
Mary Rufsvold  
Evelyn Shipley  
Marlene Bartz Vollmer

**Class of 1964**

Janice Olson Hanson  
Joyce Kivley Heinonen  
Arla Johnson  
Maxine Kindem  
Joann Plaggemeyer Meyer  
Carol Neers Myers  
Mary Wagner Paolini  
Arne Pedersen  
Dick Wagoner  
Janna Zaun

**Class of 1965**

Norris Abrahamson  
Wes Aldinger  
Beverly Anderson  
Margaret Corrigan  
Susan Strand Henrickson  
Lynne Jacobson  
Marjorie Jendro  
Chris Kuffenkam  
Peggy Hakanson  
Matsumoto-Ritchie  
Luverne Wastvedt Monson  
William Morrison  
Lavonne Myhre  
Susan Bohrer Nyhusmoen  
Cheryll Erfle Rousseau  
Brenda Carter Shaw  
Joy Senne Van Ornum  
Anton Vetter  
Sandra Vetter  
Gerald Vollmers  
Dean Zimmermann

**Class of 1966**

Amelia Amoth  
Thomas Brophy  
William Chambers

Jim Dawson  
Dorothy Eberle  
Sheridan Erickson  
Pamela Middleton Halcrow  
Dennis Heley  
Marilyn Huss  
Lloyd Lorenz  
Frank Maas  
Donald Nelson  
Susan Lloyd Pederson  
Deloris Beauchamp Schindler  
Rachelle Wilhelm Sorensen

**Class of 1967**

Laverna Hatch Andress  
Edith Backes  
Carol Gaugler  
Mary Greening Greene  
Constance Friskop Johnson  
Ronald Kemmet  
Lawrence Malaney  
Peggy Mayle  
Roger Moen  
Delores Rodman  
Carol Salaba  
Bonita Kaylor Seghers  
Rosalind Nordstrom Sorensen  
Thomas Trautman  
Richard Vetter  
Robert Werlinger

**Class of 1968**

Carol Amoth Aamodt  
Richard Anderson  
Gwen Berger Arnold  
Ginger Bendickson  
Wayne Benz  
Raymond Clark  
Arllys Muonio Degerman  
James Gulland  
Julie Helgeson  
Ray Hinsch  
Joanne Watne Hofstad  
Laurie Thorlidsen Holtz  
Ellen Jorgensen  
Shirley Jorgensen

Darryl Justesen  
Alan Lindemann  
Tom Nelson  
Jerome Peterson  
Roland Priewe  
Joyce Rice  
William Vossler  
Earl Wanner  
Sandra Wisdom

**Class of 1969**

Charlotte Berdal  
Fred Berg  
Carla Burman Bergh  
Ann Connery  
Linda Hood Field  
Marcia Hildremyr Griffin  
Carol Joyce Haag  
Daryl Haas  
Patrick Hardina  
Timothy Harvey  
Robert Kohler  
Connie Lacher  
Peggy Lipp Larson  
Paul Mark  
Richard Martin  
Daniel McMahan  
Myron McMillan  
Christy Miller  
Gary Nelson  
Michael Neuschwander  
Leslie Olafson  
Becky Ortiz Olson  
Judy Torson Olson  
Lucille Olson  
Orville Olson  
Violet Palm  
Thomas Pieterick  
Glen Roberts  
Marcella Wilen Ruff  
Susan Settelmeyer Ryden  
Connie Juntunen Shaw  
Linda Van Enk  
Shirley Wallace

# Places & Faces.....

## Mesa, AZ



Janice (Anderson) Persinger '57 and twin sister Janet (Anderson) Carvell '57



Bill Osmon '42 and Bob King '55



Betty Thorkelson and Helen (Strasser) Kuzel '46



Marilyn (Peterson) Baumann '55, Eileen (Olson) Peterson '56 and Dale Peterson '57



Bob and Pauline (Elston) Lentz, Dick Voss and Bill Zink



Deanne (Roseth) '60 and Robert Horne '59



Jon and Mary (Hanson) Koeplin '70



Steve Koenig '93 and Dr. Ellen Chaffee



Dorothy (Ratzlaff) Olson, Vince Olson '57, Leona Mott, Leonard "Buzz" Ratzlaff '50 and Roman Ertelt '52



Karen (Paczkowski) '67 and Sieg Wenzel

*Thank you Myron & Jenneice Sommerfeld for the great dance!*

# Washington, DC



Curtis and Myrna (Johnson) Olson '62, Mark Friestad '97, Sara (Goffe) and Larry Schafer '89

# Miami, FL



*Left:* Gregg Horner '90, Phyllis (Paulson) Hallberg '55, Frank "Paco" Rojas '91, Diane (Kunze) Cunningham '82, Patrick "PJ" Cunningham '82, Anthony Pecorino '94, Phil Chickillo '94, Randene (Prawdzik) Chickillo '96, Kasey Kottsick '00 and Tony Piccalo '02



*Far left:* Frank "Paco" Rojas '91, PJ Cunningham '82, Anthony Pecorino '94, Phil Chickillo '94, Tony Piccalo '02

*Left:* Gregg Horner, Steve Quinn '90, Paco Rojas '91, Pete Quigley '80, PJ Cunningham '82, Tony Piccalo '02, Phil Chickillo '94 and Anthony Pecorino '94



Tony Piccalo '02 and Kasey Kottsick '00



Diane (Kunze) and PJ Cunningham '82



*Left:* Gina Chickillo, daughter of Phil and Randene



## ~ ATTENTION ~ Football Alumni

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# On the brink: ND music to his ears

By Tom PanteraThe Forum

Brad Lambrecht expects to leave North Dakota, but he promises he'll be back.

And when he does return, it'll be to teach music.

Lambrecht, 21, will graduate in spring 2005 from Valley City State University with a degree that



will enable him to teach in any grade through 12th. His zeal to teach—and a list of activities that's exhausting just to read—made VCSU's music department nominate Lambrecht as a young person on the brink of success.

As a musician, his main instrument is French horn. He also plays flute, trumpet, handbells, organ, piano, clarinet, flute, sax, trombone, tuba and cello, although he admits to playing all those with varying degrees of proficiency.

While at VCSU, he's been a member of the concert choir,

concert band, University Singers, percussion ensemble, jazz ensemble, brass ensemble, horn quartet, handbell ensemble, woodwind quintet and recorder ensemble. He is a two-time member of the North Dakota Intercollegiate Honor Band and plays with the Sheyenne Brass Quintet.

As a French horn player, Lambrecht recently won the Music Teachers National Associating recital competition in

“It's considered something extra, (but) I believe it's something that should be studied above all else.”

Bismarck and will advance to this spring's regional competition in Colorado.

He is a member of VCSU's Music Students Advisory Council and Collegiate Music Educators National Conference. He gives tours to prospective VCSU students, heads the school's chapter of Young Democrats and is involved in collegiate theater.

And in his spare time, he directs the children's choir at a Valley City church and works with Valley City's Open Door program, which provides support for the developmentally disabled.

He does all that with a broad smile, infectious enthusiasm and a passion for his dream of becoming a high school music educator.

“A dream would probably be teaching at a smaller college,” he said. “But I'll shoot for the stars and if I hit the moon—hey, I got somewhere.”

VCSU music professor Sigurd Johnson said Lambrecht has picked the right dream.

“He has a very winning personality,” Johnson said. “He is a positive person. ... I think he'll make an excellent teacher, the type of teacher who'll build up and not cut down.”

While he said he may attend graduate school elsewhere, and understands the attractions of living in larger urban areas, Lambrecht fully intends to return to North Dakota for a career as a small-town, high-school music teacher. Small-town North Dakota students deserve that education as much as anybody, he said.

In tough financial times, music education often is regarded as a frill, Lambrecht said. “It's considered something extra, (but) I believe it's something that should be studied above all else,” he said.

“The arts teach us to understand who we are. They teach us to become sensitive to the aesthetic world around us. Me being able to teach that, it's what I can give to this world.”

# Uncovering History at the Historic President's House

The historic President's House of VCSU was built near the turn of the century. Now used as a Guest Inn for visitors to the Valley City area, the home is available for use by the day, night or week. The home accommodates small meetings, family gatherings, and parties. The Guest Inn is available by single room or the entire house, which sleeps a maximum of nine, in a family atmosphere. Consider staying at the home on your next visit to Valley City. Recently the home's exterior has been returned to its historic paint colors and paint scheme.

The President's House Preservation Society has begun research to develop an interior restoration plan for the historic home. Research has uncovered original wallpaper designs, decorative moldings, and other items to assist in the planning. However, some missing decorative elements have left very little trace of what they looked like historically. For example, there are indications that several room entrances contained decorative interior, wooden, fretwork or “gingerbread.” But, with no interior photos

depicting the designs, the group can only make educated guesses as to what the fretwork looked like originally. “It is like turning back the pages of time,” says Becky Heise, co-chair of the Society, “We are really hoping someone with photos or memories of the home's interior will assist us.”

The interior restoration plan hopes to return the house to its early 1900s grandeur. There are other questions that remain unanswered, and the group is seeking historic photos, trying to locate original furnishings, and hoping to speak with former residents/visitors of the home to gather information to assist with the development of the interior restoration plan over the next few weeks.

If you have information, or would like to help, please call: Becky Heise at 701-845-3617 or 701-490-0060. Donations for the restoration of the President's House may be sent to the VCSU Foundation.

# ALUMNI PROFILE

Valley City State University is a beautiful place. But more than that, the university is its people. In this issue of The Bulletin we want to introduce you to LaMonte Johnson and Charlene Stenson. Both are alumni and are currently employed on the staff of VCSU.

Bill E. Wambeke has provided editorial for these features. Wambeke is interning in the President's Office at Valley City State University for the spring semester. As part of his duties, he is writing a weekly article for the Valley City Times-Record, talking about happenings on the VCSU campus. He is originally from Wyoming where he graduated from high school in 2000. He attended the University of South Dakota for two years and transferred to VCSU in 2003. He expects to graduate in December with a degree in media communications.

## LaMonte "Monte" Johnson '74



Lamonte "Monte" Johnson, Registrar at Valley City State University, has aided the school in numerous ways. Starting with being an admission counselor and assistant basketball coach, where he eventually took over the reigns for two years, to director of admissions to finally having the position of registrar, he has climbed the ladder with each job he's had.

Monte started at the University in 1978 as an admission counselor and assistant basketball coach under Darrell Anderson. He assisted for 10 years until he was the interim basketball coach from 1989 to 1991. While coaching, he taught in the Physical Education department. During his time in the admission office, he moved from his position of admission counselor to director of admissions. Then in 1999 he took over the office of the Registrar.

Working in admissions and records has allowed Johnson to see different trends the college has gone through in recruiting new students. "We've changed in several ways. There's been a big development in technology and with that there are different ways to deliver courses in different modes," said Johnson. Johnson acknowledged that as the college expands its horizons to reach further, so do other schools. "We can't afford to miss a beat; it's a tough market out there but we just keep learning along the way."

Before Johnson came to VCSU to work, he grew up in the Nome/Fingal area and graduated from Fingal High School in 1970. Once he graduated, he said that he was looking for a local college and VCSU fit the mold. It didn't hurt that his older brothers and sisters went there as well. Monte enrolled in the fall of 1970 and graduated in the spring of '74 with a Bachelor of Science in English as well as a minor in Physical Education.

From there he went to Hope where he taught English in grades 7-12. He was also the head basketball and track coach. While teaching there Johnson said the teaching methods he learned at VCSU were "very valuable." He noted outstanding teachers he had that more than helped him along the way. "Annie Gunderson in English and Dr. Larry Grooters in physical education were excellent role models. They were great teachers."

Monte and his wife Pat have three children, Heather, 30; Josh, 27; and Justin, 24. Pat is the Principal of the Maple Valley Elementary and she teaches there as well.

## Charlene Stenson '83



Former Valley City State University women's basketball standout Charlene Stenson has come back to the University to work as an Admissions Counselor. After substitute teaching in the Valley City area for two years, Stenson took the job in the fall of 1999. "My husband was hired by a local phone company here and I saw there was an opening so I decided to apply," said Stenson.

Many may remember Stenson's skills on the basketball court, she was a four year starter and a three time all conference selection for the Vikings. She came to Valley City from Cooperstown after graduating from High School in the spring of 1979. After being recruited by Coach Linda Roberts, Stenson enrolled in the fall '79 majoring in physical education and recreation. Stenson said she got into the starting line up about half way through her freshman year and started until the end of her senior season. Along the way her team won the conference championship in 1980 and 1981.

Stenson also played a year on the softball team her junior year and ran track her senior year. "I really wish that I had been in track for more than one year. It was a great experience," added Stenson. All her hard work paid off, Stenson was inducted into the Valley City State University Basketball Hall of Fame in 1995 and into the Softball Hall of Fame in 1997.

After graduating in the spring of '83 she got married to her husband Dean and moved to Fargo where she worked at a bank; while working she also coached basketball at Ben Franklin Middle School. Then Stenson went back to college and got her Elementary Education degree from Moorhead State University in 1986. After that they moved to Page where she taught the sixth grade, coached basketball and track and field as well as officiating volleyball games.

From there she accepted a new job in Limon, CO, where she taught sixth grade for a year and third grade for five years. She was also the assistant girls basketball coach at the high school in Limon and coached boys junior high track for four years. They moved back to Valley City in the summer of 1997.

Stenson said the skills she learned here at the University allowed her to be an effective teacher and coach. "Being involved in athletics helped me form many friendships and helped me become more outgoing. Coming here brought that out of me."

# VCSU launches new music business programs



Beginning Fall, 2004, students attending Valley City State University will have the opportunity to train for careers in the music business, as VCSU launches a new major and

minor in Music with an emphasis in Business. The entertainment industry in the United States is estimated at eighty billion dollars and growing. Those who work in music business serve as liaisons between artists or manufacturers and the consumer in various positions, such as instrument, music, and textbook sales, sheet music publication, arts management, sound engineering and recording, promotion, distribution and retail, publicity, and as an independent musician.

Strong musical skills and knowledge are an important aspect of the degree. In addition to courses in music, the new programs will focus on administrative skills in management, accounting, marketing, finance, economics, and professional writing. Students who are interested in music, but not in public school teaching or performance will want to maximize their musical training and focus on music with a strong emphasis in business management.

Many opportunities are available for practicum and internships within a 100-mile radius of VCSU, with many more options nationwide, including radio and television stations, music stores, and recording studios. Valley City State University also provides excellent opportunities for students-in-training as technicians running sound and lights for theatrical and musical productions, writing promotional materials, recording concerts, and assisting with administrative work for the Community School of the Arts. Students from VCSU will have the opportunity to discover careers within the state of North Dakota as well as elsewhere.

More information about these degree programs, may be obtained by calling Dr. Diana Skroch at 1-800-532-8641, ext. 3-7273, or by writing to: Department of Music, 101 College Street SW, Valley City State University, Valley City, ND 58072-4098.

## Your dreams come true

Have you ever dreamed about making a difference at Valley City State University? Would you like to establish an endowment that provides a continual flow of annual gifts to VCSU long after you are gone? Would you like to support a particular department or program? Would you like to erect a new building, or completely refurbish an older one such as Vangstad Auditorium? What is your dream? Would you like to make it come true?

Our University Advancement Office can help you realize your dream. We have available a wide variety of information on Planned Giving opportunities and programs for your consideration.

Perhaps you are interested in establishing an endowment program that will fund a scholarship in your name after you are gone. We can show you how you could provide a bequest and create a fund that will help you realize that dream. Maybe you would like to support a particular program at the university but you need the money to live on during retirement. If that is the case, perhaps a charitable trust is the planned giving tool that you should consider.

A charitable trust will allow you to make the gift now and retain a lifetime flow of income.

Whatever your dream, we would like to help you make it a reality at Valley City State University! Why not schedule a visit to share your dream with us and discuss the many planned giving opportunities that are available. Many of these tools have very attractive tax incentives. Our conversation will be kept completely confidential.

To receive free information about the many planned giving opportunities available, please use the handy response form below, or call us toll free at 1-800-532-8641.

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- Please send me your complimentary Will Kit.
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Place the completed form in an envelope and mail to:**

Larry Robinson, Director of Advancement  
Valley City State University  
101 College Street SW  
Valley City, ND 58072

# GOLF NEWS & NOTES

## Valley City State University "Viking Scramble"

**Saturday, June 5, 2004**

Valley City Town & Country Club  
and  
Bjornson Park Public Course

**5 Person Scramble Entry Fee:**

\$65 per person if payment  
is received by May 1, 2003

Registration after May 1, 2003,  
is \$75 per person

**Register Now by Contacting:**

Cory Anderson  
Valley City State University  
101 College St SW  
Valley City, ND 58072  
1-800-532-8641 Ext. 37413

**Register on-line at:**

[vikings.vcsu.edu/vikingscramble/](http://vikings.vcsu.edu/vikingscramble/)  
All proceeds provide scholarship support  
for student athletes attending VCSU!

## In Remembrance

Thomas Lillehoff, Minot  
James Wagner, Napoleon  
Dorothy (Kent) Hofstrand '30, Mesa, AZ  
Judith (McFarland) George '39, Roodhouse, IL  
Leona (Axtell) Trautman '42, Jamestown  
Jean (Lang) Carlson, Jamestown  
Margaret (Johnson) Monson, Cooperstown  
Florence (Vining) Short '22, Moorhead, MN  
Evelyn (Weber) Corcoran '42, Fargo  
Ana (Zeis) Miller, Fargo  
Dorothy Skov '28, Fargo  
Rachel (Hackey) Jordheim, Fargo  
Al Hallberg '51, Miami, FL  
Donald Piehl '57, Valley City  
Esther (Heine) Buchholz, Bismarck  
Eleanor (Borg) Lewis '40, Valley City  
Augusta (Johnson) Engebretson, Valley City  
Zena (Miller) Selmanson '40, Portland, OR  
Alice (Hesch) Berntson '56, Valley City  
Ruby Christ Conitz '36, Jamestown  
Laird Martilla '49, Anaheim, CA  
Viola (Strading) Kautz, Wishek  
Georgia McTavish '63, Valley City  
Doris (Thorkelson) Lee '34, Tucson, AZ  
Richard Christofferson '50, Highland, CA  
Harriet (Kjelland) Scott, Valley City  
Viola (Newgard) Puhl '33, Conrad, IA  
Andrew Foley '39, Medford, OR  
Ruth (Haas) Lukes '32, Bellefonte, PA  
Lydian (Boyce) Nygard '30, Fargo  
Lois (Konshok) Reini '37, Duluth, MN  
LeRoy Tollefson, Carrington  
Leonard Sherman, Valley City  
Lillian (Sunde) Lauritson '35, Santa Rosa, CA  
Mildred (Dale) Bjornson, Valley City  
Freda (Spitzer) Barnick '27, Jamestown  
Glenna (Sad) Johnson, Ada, MN  
Gladys (Sears) Lee, Grand Forks  
Isabel (Muir) McLaren '35 '43, Fargo

## VCSU Alumni Reunion Decade of the 1960's

**June 18 & 19, 2004 ~ Valley City State University**

Join your classmates for a reunion at Valley City State University.  
Plans are still being made so watch your mail for specific details.

**Friday, June 18**

- ❖ Lunch with VCSU Board of Directors and VCSU Retired Faculty and Staff
- ❖ Campus and community tours
- ❖ Picnic
- ❖ Evening activity

**Saturday, June 19**

- ❖ Valley City "Rally in the Valley" Parade (VCSU 1960's members will have a float!)
- ❖ Car Show
- ❖ Lunch with Dr. Chaffee
- ❖ Campus and community tours
- ❖ Flea Market
- ❖ Street Dance

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connected to you!

# Vikings on the Move

## 1920's

**Dorothy (Sisson) Temanson '29** received her standard degree in 1929. She taught in North Dakota from 1929-1935 and then taught in Minnesota. Her husband was employed by the Minnesota Department of Education until his death. Dorothy is 95 years old living in a retirement home. She sends greetings to her Philo sisters.

## 1930's

**Luella (Boettcher) Reisenburg '36** is involved in volunteer work for her church, Eastern Star and Red Cross. This year she is chair of the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) and Educational Loan Committee for North Dakota Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**Alton Bjork '37** celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. The Bjorks are enjoying their five children and seven grandchildren. Four children and four grandchildren live near the Bjorks.

**Frances (Hartl) Hitz '37** taught school in Wells and Eddy counties for 8 years after graduation. In 1944 she enlisted in the Marine Corp Women's Reserve and was sent to motion picture technicians school on the naval base in San Diego, CA. Frances operated the base theater and served as base librarian at the night fliers bases in Texas. She was honorably discharged a year later. Frances married and raised nine children on the family farm. She is now 87 years old.

**Matha (Liebig) Iverson '39** and her husband are great grandparents. They moved to Walla Walla, WA, last year to be near their daughter.

**Edythe (Gould) Butcher '39** and her husband, Donald, are enjoying retirement. Donald and Edythe have been married for 61 years.

## 1940's

**Agnes (Wutzke) Sanborn '41** is a widow and lives in Lodi, CA. She is thankful to VCSU for her education which allowed her to spend many happy years teaching.

**Loren Law '42** is enjoying the Florida weather from November to May at their condo in Palm Beach. He and his wife, Arlene, will celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in April. Both are in good health.

**Janet (Dawkins) Boysen '42** will soon move from her home in Colorado to California to be near her daughter. Janet and her husband lived in the area in the 1980's and she is happy to be moving back there.

**Helen Hoyt '43** is happily retired and enjoys reading, social and musical events and keeping up with friends, old and new.

**Dr. Buell '43 and Virginia (George) Lewis '43** will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in September. After retiring from a dental practice of 34 years in Grand Forks, they retired to Phoenix, AZ. They do spend half of the year at their mountain retreat in Munds Park, AZ. It's a great life!

**Alan McLees '44** lives in Illinois. His wife, **Marian Melby '42**, died over three years ago. Alan has been retired from Caterpillar, Inc. for 21 years. He looks forward to news about his VCSU friends.

**Lloyd and Erna Anderson** reside in rural Valley City. Lloyd sells Mycogen seeds, Wishek discs, and Gates Harrows and double coulter.

**Beatrice (Ockert) Pease '46** enjoys painting and gardening during the summer months.

**Roy Peterson '47** is retired after 35 years with Detroit, MI, public schools.

**Eunice (Pera) Hafemeister '48** is anticipating a move to Minneapolis where she will be closer to family. Her husband, Lester, has passed away.

**Harry W. Moore '48** and his wife, Yvonne, observed their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 27, 2004, with a dinner hosted by their four children and grandchildren.

**Ward '49 and Mary Lou (Peterson) Wilkins '53** reside in Coon Rapids, MN. Ward has published his second book of remembrances. His first book, *And Some Went Hungry: A Town Kid's Memoirs of the 1930s*, was published in 2002. His new book is a mini-portrayal of day-to-day public school life, and features experiences as a teacher at the Barnes County schools in Leal, Rogers and Hastings, in Havre, Montana, and as principal in the Anoka-Hennepin, Minnesota, school system for 21 years. Along with his recollections, Ward includes many photographs from his public school years. Both books sell for \$10 plus \$2 postage and can be ordered from Ward at 11534 Yucca Street NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

## 1950's

**Robert Price '50** says "Hello" to all. He is still enjoying retirement although less since his wife, Betty, passed away a little over a year ago. Bob tries to keep busy with Meals on Wheels, watching grandson Andrew's sporting events, and some travel. Go Vikings!

**Peter '50 and Darlene (Rasmussen) Granlund '55** returned to VCSU for homecoming last fall as Darlene was invited as past royalty. They didn't know what to expect after such a long absence. They were often amazed as how much VCSU has evolved since the 1950's.

**Donna (Lunde) Niemann '53** enjoyed her 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion at VCSU last fall. She was impressed with the campus and had fun listening to a rehearsal in the music building.

**Letha (Umbler) Lewis '55** moved to Bismarck from Langdon after 31 years. She had taught, subbed and volunteered for the Langdon school district.

**Al '55 and Judy Dosch** are enjoying retirement. They enjoy visiting their seven children and fourteen grandchildren.

**Phyllis (Paulson) Hallberg '55** retired from Miami-Dade County Public Schools in June 2003 and is currently working part-time at Florida International University as the clinica coordinator in the counseling education program. Her husband, Al, died December 27, after a brief illness.

**Donald Johnson '56** is celebrating his 10<sup>th</sup> year of retirement this year. The Johnsons enjoy traveling and seeing their children and five grandchildren in Utah and California. He's looking forward to the VCSU Alumni Reunion in Elk River, MN, on March 20, 2004.

**Joan (Ertelt) Olson '56** and her husband, Glen, are retired. They still have their home in Iowa, but spend the winter in Naples, FL.

**Don Bigwood '57** retired from Bismarck State College in 2000 after teaching mathematics there for 29 years. He currently teaches two classes per semester on an adjunct basis. Don and his wife, Lynne, have three grown children and two grandchildren. Don was awarded the Teaching Excellence Award for the seven state central region of the American Mathematical Association of two year colleges in 2000.

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**Tilford and Mary (Christiansen) Kroshus '59** live in Wahpeton, ND. Mary is employed at the NDSCS library. Tilford is giving private piano and voice lessons plus playing in his Kroshus and Krew Band. Tilford and Mary have a beautiful grandson, Joshua, who also lives in Wahpeton and is a frequent visitor.

#### 1960's

**John Leininger '62** is the director of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers for six school districts located in Griggs-Steele-Barnes and Foster Counties. The program includes K-12 programs and after-school and adult education programs.

**Curtis and Myrna (Johnson) Olson '62** are enjoying their 4<sup>th</sup> year of retirement in their home in Arlington, VA. They have completed remodeling and yard renovation at their home and are looking forward to relaxation, recreation and travel.

**Cleo (Stein) Pewe '63** and her husband, Ed, moved to Ashley, ND, seven years ago to be near their daughter and family. They had lived on their farm near McHenry, ND, for 56 years.

**Roger Rieger '63** and his wife, Fae, have enjoyed retirement since 1999. When he retired, he was Director of Approval and Accreditation for the ND Department of Public Instruction. Fae was also an educator with her last position being librarian at Standing Rock High School.

**Bob Bender '64** and his wife, Judy, are enjoying good health and some great cross country skiing. On a recent trip to Peru, they helped build two protestant churches in the jungle where they had to backpack and boat to remote areas. It was a most primitive experience.

**Mike LaLonde '64** taught for seven years after graduation and then spent five years with the state board for vocational education. He was employed with Basin Electric Power Cooperative since

1978 as their training and development coordinator. Mike retired in February 2004 and will take a month off before going to work for Bismarck State College in their corporate and continuing education department.

**Duane Zwinger '64** retired as superintendent at Gackle-Street Public School in 1997. Since then he has been a substitute teacher and was most recently the School-to-Work Coordinator for a consortium based in Carrington. This school year Duane has been part time principal at his alma mater, Sykeston Public School. In his free time, Duane and Mary Ann enjoy visiting their three grandchildren.

**Connie (Cink) Laite '64** is celebrating the birth of her eighth grandchild – what a blessing!

**Mark Thomason '66** has lived in Park Rapids, MN, since 1971. He and his wife, Barbara, have four grown children.

**Sharon (Olsen) Scharberg '66** retired in January after 32 years of teaching third grade in Cottage Grove, MN. Retirement is wonderful!

**Bette (Laine) Ritterman '66** taught in Larimore from 1966 to 1986 and then served as elementary principal from 1986-2000. She is now retired and enjoys reading, cross stitching and attending sporting events.

**Rudy '67 and LeAnn (Ghylin) Steidl '66** reside in Bismarck, ND. Rudy has been with the Bismarck Public Schools since 1968 and is the principal at Horizon Middle School. LeAnn is enjoying her experience as a realtor with Bianco Realty. The Steidls have three grown children and three beautiful grandchildren.

**Jean (Henrickson) Peterson '68** has spent an unusual year by herself while her husband, Gene, served with the National Guard 142<sup>nd</sup> ECB in Iraq. Gene left in January 2003 and will return in March of 2004.

**Judith (Hock) Townley '68** has been employed by the Verona School District for 36 years and has served as athletic director there for the past 25 years.

**Delores (Bennetto) Baltrusch '69** lives in Harvey. The oldest and youngest of their five sons also live in Harvey. The oldest is active in community affairs, the youngest has a great business, "MiDee Auto". The second oldest is a hospital pharmacist in Jamestown. Sons 3 & 4 live in Arkansas—one is a police officer and RN and the other a store manager. Delores loves to visit her families. She has four married granddaughters out of ten living and four great grandkids—this year she'll celebrate the birth of two more.

**Walter Beseler '69** teaches at Fort Yates (ND) Public School but will retire at the end of the school year because of poor health.

**Janice (Larson) Delano '69** and her family live north of Green Bay, WI. (Yes, they are avid Packer fans!) Janice teaches kindergarten. The Delanos have two married daughters, a daughter attending UW-Stout; and one 3-year-old grandson with another grandchild due in May. Janice enjoys receiving *The Bulletin* and reading about classmates.

**Evelyn (Johnson) McCracken '69** is enjoying retirement but still has her heart in schools. She volunteers at the a junior and senior high school and also participates in church activities. Evelyn sends greetings to all her VCSU friends.

#### 1970's

**Mary (Blake) Otto '70** was recognized with the Quarter Century Award at the North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals mid-winter conference.

**Craig '70 and Pam (Stockland) Sturlaugson '69** reside in Coon Rapids, MN. Craig retired from teaching eighth grade geography at Centennial Middle School in Circle Pines, MN, after 33 years.

He continues to coach and do drivers education for the district. Craig's future plans include devoting more time to the family (including his two grandchildren), traveling, and working part-time for the Minnesota Twins. Pam continues to give piano lessons and direct the church choir.

**Rod Olin '71** is beginning his 20<sup>th</sup> year of active duty with the North Dakota Army National Guard. He is currently serving as the Recruiting and Retention Sergeant Major at the state headquarters in Bismarck.

**Barbara (Foxen) Gendreau '72** is teaching at Sullivan Middle School in Fargo, ND. Her husband, Roger '72, died in March 2003. Barbara has two children: Nicole, a 2000 VCSU graduate, and Landon, a freshman at Shanley High School.

**Dan Mimnaugh '75** is beginning his 32<sup>nd</sup> year working at Elks Camp Grassick. He has been the Camp Director and Superintendent for the past 25 years. Dan's youngest daughter, Lori, is a freshman at VCSU. His oldest daughter, Kristen, works in the Bismarck school system as a COTA. Dan sends greetings to all his Tau Sig brothers!

**Mary Buchanan** retired in 1982 after teaching 33 years.

**Barbara (Vigesaa) Wegter '76** has worked for Dacotah Paper Company since 1982. She is a sales representative in the Fargo-Moorhead area and was named Master Sales Representative for 2003. Her husband, Henry, is branch manager for Union State Bank in Fargo. Their son, Brett, 14, attends Oak Grove High School. He currently plays the viola in orchestra, tenor sax in band and is in the honor choir.

#### 1980's

**Evy Schilling '81** has been named the director of hotel management at the Radisson Hotel

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in Fargo. She has been in the hospitality industry for 16 years.

**Nanette (Peterson) Hoover '81** has accepted a new position at the RiverWay Clinics in Anoka, MN. She is the Director of Business Services – Human Resources, Finance, Accounts Payable, Billing and Facilities are under supervision. Nanette graduated from Anoka High School and is enjoying being “home” again. Phillip is a junior in high school and Erin is a junior in college.

**Dianne (Winter) Becker '82** has survived a busy year. Her daughter, Leah, graduated from high school and is now attending the University of Mary. Her son, Logan, is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Valley City Junior High. In addition to teaching at North Central of Barnes, Dianne contracts with the Department of Public Instruction has a member of the ND State Reading First Team.

**Donna (Hoeckle) Slais '82** and her husband, Randy, are very busy with community activities. Their 8-year old daughter is involved in figure skating and gymnastics. Donna is in her 22<sup>nd</sup> year teaching at Mandaree and Randy is employed with First International Bank & Trust as a data processor. They would welcome visitors to their home in what they feel is the most beautiful part of North Dakota!

**Denise (Wentz) Hanson '84** has found a new teaching assignment this year. She now teaches elementary music classes to grades K-6 while also teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade science and advanced math classes. Her husband, Kelly, continues to farm and ranch while their sons Wyatt (4 ½) and Rhett (2 ½) keep them young! Life just keeps getting better and better!

**Kevin and Candy (Kapaun) Windish '85** live in Jamestown, ND, with their three children. Candy is a social worker for Stutsman County and Kevin works with JT Beverage, the Coors distributor for the area. Candy ran

a marathon for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society last June.

**Denise (Bickett) Harrington '87** lives in Carrington, ND, with her husband, Brian, and three children. She is in her third year of teaching mathematics at Four Winds High School and loves her job! Brian is the Carrington water plant manager. Son Zachary is 18 and will graduate from high school this spring. Kelly is 16 and a junior in high school. Megan, their youngest, is 11. The Delphi reunion last summer was a highlight and they're planning another! Denise would love to hear from classmates and friends. Her e-mail address is harring@daktel.com

**Linette (Anderson) Kratochvil '87** raises registered full blood and percentage Boer goats along with Arabian horses. She also tries to keep up with her eight year old daughter.

**Mary Halvorson '89** is in her third year of teaching second grade at Jefferson Elementary School in Valley City. Prior to this, she spent 12 years teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade in Carrington, ND. Mary is enjoying her new grade level. She continues to spend her summers working for Security State Bank of ND in the insurance department.

**Gregg Horner '89** will begin his 11<sup>th</sup> season at VCSU next fall. He is looking forward to seeing a lot of VCSU alumni at the Florida reunion. Gregg is always looking for future Viking football players and asks that referrals are sent to him at gregg.horner@vcsu.edu.

#### 1990's

**Maria (Schnabel) Reidman '90** and husband, Kurt, are busy remodeling their house. Kurt farms and in the winter works for Jerry's Inc. in Cooperstown doing sheet metal work. Kurt and Maria have two daughters: Madison (3) and Amanda, who was born December 1, 2003. Maria has been employed with Security State Bank for the past five years.

**Nancy (Gibbon) Bernstein '90** is in her fourth year at Kindred (ND) Public Schools working with special needs students. In the summer she continues to work with the Migrant School Program as a Mentor Teacher. Nancy is now a grandma and loves it!

**Betsy (Berge) Kolden '91** is in her sixth year at Clark Elementary School as a migrant coordinator and is also responsible for the after school program. She and her husband, Gary, have four children: Torrey (8), Kandace (6), Janae (3) and Chad (8 months). They keep very busy!

**Tim and Delilah (Nitschke) Heil '91** have been working in Lemmon, SD, for the past 13 years. Delilah is still the librarian for the school district and has also had the opportunity to teach English classes. Tim is enjoying his fourth grade students. Both Delilah and Tim recently completed their masters degrees in curriculum and instruction. The Heils have two sons: Tyler, their oldest, is enjoying first grade and Brandon, their youngest, is looking forward to kindergarten next year.

**Barb (Didier) Loibl '92** and her two sons, Nathan (6) and Nash (3), live in Bismarck. Barb teaches third grade in Mandan.

**Adrian '91 and Lori (Brown) Hafner '92** live in Highlands Ranch, CO. Adrian works for the federal government as an accountant. Lori continues to run her daycare. The Hafners have three children: Shelby (8), Sheldon (5), and Shantell (1).

**Patrick '91 and Tami (Haussler) Klubben '92** live in St. Peter, MN, where Patrick is in his 7<sup>th</sup> year at SPSHS as an industrial technology education teacher. Tami teaches 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> grade at OLP Catholic School in Belle Plaine, MN. The Klubben's two children, Kellan (8) and Bradyn (5), both enjoy school but look forward to the summer as they really enjoy outdoor activities.

**Kari (Larson) Rutten '91** and her husband, Wayne, reside in Kindred, ND, with their 2 ½ year old son, Andrew. Kari works part time at Town & Country Credit Union as a teller and is responsible for Accounts Payable. Kari and Wayne's free time is spent chasing after Andrew, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and traveling.

**Sheila (Morse) Coleman '92** teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade in LaMoure, ND. She and her husband, Kevin, have four children: Josten (13), Brady (11), Caden (8) and Cassidy (4). The kids keep them busy running to football, wrestling, baseball and Boy Scouts. There's never a dull moment or a free evening at the Coleman household.

**Melodie (Froehlich) Utke '92** lives in Enderlin, ND, and is very busy managing all the bookkeeping for the family's trucking business and farm. The Utkes have four children: Joshua and Joseph (5), Jessica (3) and Johnathan (10 months).

**Dennis Erdmann '93** was recently promoted to Vice President of First State Bank of Hope. He has been employed with the bank for the last 11 years. Dennis also continues as manager of the First State Agency, Inc.

**Kristine (Ament) Boser '94** has joined the Fargo office of Edina Realty.

**Nicole (Horn) Burtman '94** is married and lives near Wildrose, ND. She and her husband have a daughter and a son. She would love to hear from any of her VCSU friends.

**Mike Lerud ('92-'94)** is co-owner of Peterson-Johnson-Schuldt Funeral Home in Valley City. He attended VCSU from 1992-94 and then transferred to the University of Minnesota where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mortuary Science in 1996. Mike is married to Sarah (Pedersen) Lerud '00.

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**Brenda (Anderson) Hill '94** lives and teaches in Wahpeton, ND. She and her husband, Nathan, welcomed their first child, Jazmine Jane, last May.

**Scott Harpt '95** teaches Communication Skills at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay, WI. He was married in 2001 and he and his wife, Amanda, welcome their first child, Jackson, on July 4, 2003. Scott would love to hear from old friends. His e-mail is scott.harpt@nwtc.edu.

**Teri (Weisenburger) Gullickson '96** has accepted employment as the training/project coordinator for the Jamestown/Stutsman development Corporation and the Southeast Workforce Training Initiative.

**Barbara (Lohre) Leiseth '96** worked for the Tribal Head Start after graduation and then at the Sisseton Public School. She earned a masters degree in curriculum and instruction and has begun work on her PhD in K-12 administration. Barbara has completed the course work and is now working on her dissertation. She is presently employed in administration at Sisseton Wahpeton College.

**Al and Nancy (Maresh) Melo '97** live in Bullhead City, Arizona. Nancy is teaching second grade and Al is teaching PE at Mohave High School. Al is also the head coach for football, soccer, and track. He was named Conference Coach of Year for football for the 2003 season. Al and Nancy have two daughters; Brinkley is 3 and Bailee was born in June of 2003.

**Brad Dwyer '97** completed his MBA in 2003. He is the owner of Engineered Assembly Solutions. Brad and his wife, Michelle, have been married 13 years and have two children: Andrea (10) and Nolan (7). The Dwyers live in Elk River, MN, and spend a lot of time at their lake home near Alexandria,

MN. Brad hopes to attend the alumni golf scramble one of these summers!

**Jason Helmowski '99** is the site supervisor at the Pembina State Museum. He worked as a graduate assistant for UND's space studies department with an emphasis on historical research from 2000-2002 and as a volunteer for the Barnes County Museum where he helped with tours and recording historical date. Jason also worked as a reporter for the Devils Lake Journal.

**Ned '98 and Val (Buchholz) Clooten '99** send greetings to all their VCSU friends. They are living in Nikiski, AK, and loving it. Ned is employed as a Science Teacher/Athletic Director along with being Head Football Coach and Head Track Coach. Val is working in the same school, Nikiski High, as a counselor for EBD students. Ned and Val would love to hear you!

#### 2000's

**Josh Drake '01** is employed as a chemist at the MinnDak sugar beet plant.

**Justin Hagar '02** is teaching in Yuma, AZ, and is the head girls basketball coach and assistant football and baseball coach. His girls basketball team is second in their conference. Justin was named the Red Apple Teacher for the month of November this year for PE and Health.

**Dale Knudson '02** had his school interview on Thursday, Feb 19th at 10:30am. He got a call the very same day, only 4 hours after his interview, saying he was accepted to the Optometry program at Pacific University. Dale believes Dr. Stickler's classes prepared him well and feels he owes a great deal to VSCU and its committed staff. He's just enjoying the moment.



# Viking Highlights



## SUMMER ATHLETIC CAMPS

### Line of Scrimmage Football Camp

July 7-8, 2004

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Nat Hill – 701.845.7159

### 9-Man Football Team Camp

June 1-4, 2004

For More Information:

Nat Hill – 701.845.7159

### 11-Man Football Team Camp

June 6-9, 2004

For More Information:

Nat Hill – 701.845.7159

### Vikings-Thunder Youth Football Camp

July 27-29, 2004

For More Information:

Mike Lentz – VC Thunder Football

### HS Boys Basketball Team Camp

June 19-20, 2004

For More Information:

Adam DeHaan – 701.845.7240

### Basketball Shooting Camp

June 20-23, 2004

For More Information:

Adam DeHaan – 701.845.7240

### Girls Basketball Team Camp

TBA

For More Information:

Jill DeVries – 701.845.7164

### Girls Basketball Camp

TBA

7-12th grade Girls

For More Information:

Jill DeVries – 701.845.7164

### Tall Players Girls Basketball Camp

TBA

7-12th grade Girls

For More Information:

Jill DeVries – 701.845.7164

# Alumni Phone-a-thon 2004... Did we miss you?



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