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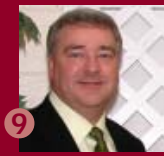
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ON THE COVER Graduates applaud to express their appreciation to the faculty and staff as they lead the processional at Commencement 2005. Left: Dr. Larry "Buck" Grooters ('57), Chair, Division of Education, Psychology and Technology, who retired in June after 42 years of service (see story on page 8). Right: Glen Schmalz ('76), Vice President for Student Affairs. See additional photos from Commencement on page 7.

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What does a Valley City State University education add up to?

by Dr. Ellen-Earle Chaffee, University President

I found myself thinking about this at Commencement 2005, looking out at one of the largest graduating classes in recent times and seated next to Jerry Topp, our speaker and a 1974 alumnus.

Through most of our history, a standard answer to that question would have been unanimous: "VCSU adds up to great teachers for K-12 schools." That simple phrase speaks volumes about the university's impact on young people, on the teaching profession, and on society. It is a well-earned response of which we are justly proud, and the state and nation can be duly grateful. Teacher education is our heritage and our foundation.

So it came as something of a shock when state officials indicated that offering a Master of Education degree here would require a mission change. Their definition of "mission" hinged on degree level more than expertise and focus. After many years of discussion and three years of intensive planning, we are grateful that state officials endorsed our point of view in January. We hope to have final approval from our accrediting agency late in the summer and begin offering graduate classes in fall or January. Keep up-to-date on these developments at www.vcsu.edu.

Some folks may think we have forgotten teacher education because we talk so much about technology. There are at least three responses to this. First, the importance of lifelong learning and graduate degrees for teachers makes the master's degree a huge step forward in serving our teacher education mission. Second, the university's commitment to teacher education is evident in the huge amount of academic and administrative effort and expense required to get this far in the quest for approval, let alone what it will take to launch and sustain it. Third, listen to the principals who hire our teacher education graduates and check our placement rate – that the university's commitment and the faculty's leadership with technology have given our graduates an extraordinary edge. Teacher education remains absolutely central to Valley City State University both in spirit and in action.

In today's world, universities need to diversify their programs. It is unwise to put all one's eggs in the same basket. That is why the university added business and computing programs 30 years ago and why we are adding psychology, health sciences, professional communications, and other degrees. It is also important to stand out from the crowd, as we do with the laptops and smart classrooms that faculty use to deliver a "technology-enriched" learning experience here.

Now we are adding a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) track in the business/computing program in collaboration with the city/county

economic development group and Eagle Creek Software Services, which is creating a software development center in Valley City. We will be one of the very, very few universities in the nation where people can learn this very complex software and how to help businesses use the software. In so doing, we will be saving Eagle Creek and other businesses a great deal of money they would otherwise spend on employee software training.

Now, does that sound like teacher education to you? No. Of course not. Are we abandoning our heritage? No. Of course not. We are building both teacher education and business programs. One is not at the expense of the other, and both help ensure a strong foundation for the university's future.

And would you believe that all of these developments have a common theme? The theme is preparing people for life through visionary leadership and exemplary practices in teaching, learning, and service – which just happens to be the university's mission statement. And our vision, also evident, is to attract and retain talented individuals who advance quality learning opportunities and economic growth through technology and innovation.

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The education you get at Valley City State University is for real life. Our teaching graduates are renowned for their ability to function effectively on the job from Day One. They have not only theory, but also very practical knowledge and skills. The same is true for business, computing, CRM, professional communications, and the rest. VCSU graduates have an education that works. And yet it is flexible, too. Commencement speaker Jerry Topp credits his VCSU degree in teacher education as an important foundation for his journey to CEO of one of the nation's largest accounting and business services firms.

We are no longer "your father's Oldsmobile" because our commitment is to "first class transportation," and the only way to stay first class is to change. And we continue to produce outstanding teachers and other professionals. ♦

Progress on Masters Authority Continues

In the last issue of *The Bulletin*, we announced that the Board of Directors of the State Board of Higher Education approved VCSU's request for a change of status to enable us to offer a Master of Education (M.Ed) degree. This was an important step that put our long-sought plans for offering a master's degree within reach.

Since then, we have taken additional steps in this process by

submitting our proposal to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), our regional accrediting organization, describing the specifics of the program VCSU proposes to offer. The HLC had a Focus Visit to campus June 6 - 8 to review our proposal and our preparations. During their exit interview, we received positive feedback that continues to make us hopeful that we will offer the

first of our graduate level classes in the fall of 2005. We anticipate that we will receive their final report in August.

Until then, we will post any new information on our plans for the program and news of any other developments that we can make public to our web site at <http://www.vcsu.edu>. Individuals interested in learning more may contact:

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Note From Val

by Val Moritz '75,
Director of Alumni Relations



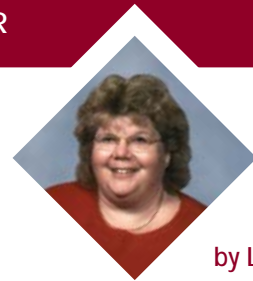
While flipping through an assortment of magazines, I read an article in

Herbs for Health. I don't recall the entire article but would like to pass the following adaptation onto the Valley City State University Class of 2005:

If you want to be healthy in every aspect of your life, one of the first things you need to do is to develop a genuine compassion for yourself. Here are a few tips for getting started:

- ❑ Get out there and do a lot of interesting stuff
- ❑ Treat every day like the miracle it is
- ❑ Make as many friends as you can
- ❑ Cultivate your creativity and fun-lovingness as much as possible
- ❑ Ask yourself what it is that you know unconditionally not what others just tell you
- ❑ Live your life with such fullness that you'll have no regrets
- ❑ Believe in yourself

And, as a final note, keep in touch with your alma mater. You'll soon realize that one of your favorite sections of *The Bulletin* is "Vikings on the Move" and how much you enjoy reading news from your classmates. Congratulations and welcome to the VCSU Alumni Association. ♦



Greetings to all the terrific VCSU alumni out there!

by Linda Olson '77, Alumni Association President

Our long-awaited summer has arrived bringing closure to another academic year around the state and country. For me, there seems to be a sense of that "ah... another successful year under the belt" feeling that accompanies this time of year.

At VCSU, the Phone-a-Thon is winding down with those last trickling donations. Graduation has witnessed another 194 VCSU graduates out there joining the work force. Alumnus, Jerry Topp addressed Commencement and left them all with a meaningful message as they go off and pursue life. Again, this event touched my own little world, as my niece, Sarah, was one of those grads who are now looking for work. I am sure many of them will make us proud to say "I am a VCSU graduate too!" The decade of the 50's will have met at VCSU for their summer reunion by now, and the business of a new school year will be on the minds of every educator preparing to return to their classroom for another school year.

As I perused the VCSU website this summer, I noticed a few other items that struck my own little world again. First, since I am a biology major/chemistry minor, I was fascinated to learn that VCSU Associate Professor of botany, Bonnie Alexander had been initiated in to the Phi Kappa Phi honor society at North Dakota State University. Initiates must be nominated and be of good character. In addition, VCSU Associate Professor of Science, Andre DeLorme was elected President of the North Dakota Academy of Science. As such, he will bring the North Dakota Academy of Science annual meeting to VCSU in the spring of 2006. Upon further reading, I found that one of my earliest "former students" whom I had the pleasure of teaching in McVile, ND, and who now works at VCSU, Cory Anderson, was also honored this spring. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) coaches named Cory as the 2005

Region III Coach of Character award winner. Part of the NAIA Champions of Character Program, the Coach of Character program honors coaches who have made an impact on student athletes, universities and communities. The five core values of the program include respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

I continue to be impressed at the accomplishments of our faculty. Congratulations to all of them. It is my belief that the new generation of VCSU graduates will join these and many other outstanding alumni in their pursuit of excellence and the realization of their dreams. Dreams that have come true in so many instances due in no small measure to the values and standards instilled in them at VCSU in combination with their own individual perseverance, dedication and passion. It is these characteristics that make us proud of our fellow alumni and our alma mater.

My term as VCSU Alumni Board President is over as of this publication, and I have to say thank you again to the university for allowing me to serve it in this capacity. I want to express my thanks for all the university does for our kids, our communities, and our state and nation. I have enjoyed working with Val Moritz, who makes this job as easy as she can. I have also enjoyed working with Dr. Chaffee and Larry Robinson. If you ever wonder how you too, can serve on the alumni board, give me a call, drop me an email, or do the same with Val, Ellen or Larry. It has been a good experience, and an opportunity to work with other alumni who were on campus before and after I was. I encourage each of you to consider it!

As you are marking dates on your fall calendar, please make sure you note the change in the date of Homecoming 2005 – it will be October 15th – and no doubt filled with lots of fun for all of us. See you there! ♦



Making a Difference Tomorrow Today

by Larry Robinson '71, Director of University Advancement

Creating an endowment fund is one of the finest and most far-reaching gifts you can give. Long after every donor, board member, and staff member is gone, the endowment will continue to provide annual payments and bear witness to the foresight and commitment of the donors. It is a way to make a significant difference tomorrow by doing something today.

Endowment funds are kept separate from the operational funds of the VCSU Foundation and are invested for long-term stability and growth. Only the interest, or a portion of the interest, is used each year to support the purposes of the endowment.

Endowments can be created to provide annual contributions to the operational budget, to support a special program like music or library education, to fund a scholarship, or to fund the maintenance of the building and grounds.

You can create an endowment with a minimum of \$10,500 given in a lump sum or over a period of time. You can also establish an endowment with a life-income gift like a charitable trust. In any case, you can do something now to get the ball rolling.

An endowment can bear your name as the donor who

established it, or the name of someone else you may wish to honor. It could be a family member, a teacher, or a friend who influenced your life.

Our endowment program is important to the financial integrity of the VCSU Foundation. The funds give us a baseline of support and help us look into the future with greater confidence. They also inspire others to become involved in supporting our worthy mission.

To learn more about VCSU's endowment program, complete and mail the response form below. You can also obtain information from our web site at <http://alumni.vcsu.edu>. ♦

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PHOTOS BELOW FROM LEFT *The 2005 Scholarship auction was a smashing success with fun had by all and \$35,000 generated for academic and athletic scholarships. Mark your calendars! The 2006 Scholarship Auction has been scheduled for Friday, April 28 at the Valley City Eagles.* 1. Ken DeKrey, Harley Mathias, Jane Huber, Ila DeKrey 2. Nancy Sorenson cuts a corner in an attempt to win the \$50,000 "Vikings" dice roll sponsored by Dacotah Bank. 3. Janet Schultz ('66) and Jeanette Satrom 4. Deb White and Kerry Anderson



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VCSU Alums Work on Next Generation Energy Technology

Robert Gilbertson and Brooks Hornstein work at Los Alamos National Lab on hydrogen fuel cell projects

Note: Opinions expressed in this article are not intended to represent the views of Los Alamos National Laboratory

Next time you fill up at your local gas station, watch the total spin ever higher and think of this: What if the energy we all depend on came from the most abundant resource in the world? And wouldn't it be nice if it produced virtually no pollution?

These are questions that Dr. Robert Gilbertson ('93) and Dr. Brooks Hornstein think about every day. In fact, the two have a lot in common. Both are natives of North Dakota who attended VCSU after being recruited for varsity sports by Coach Jim Dew. Both quickly developed an interest in chemistry working with Dr. Joe Stickler. Both went on to pursue graduate, doctorate and post-doctorate studies in chemistry, and both are now working at Los Alamos National Laboratory, one of the most prestigious national laboratories in the world, on separate elements of hydrogen fuel cell technology — a science that has the potential to reshape our economy and solve some of the most fundamental problems we face today.

Dr. Robert Gilbertson, Ph.D.
Materials Science & Technology Division
Los Alamos National Laboratory



Originally from Maddock, ND, Gilbertson appeared on campus without a specific major in mind. During Freshmen Orientation, he met Joe Stickler who eventually kindled Gilbertson's interest in chemistry. "Joe Stickler was the most exciting and interesting teacher I've ever had." He played football under Coach Jim Dew for four years as a Viking Wide Receiver, making 54 catches for 517 yards. Though the Vikings struggled during those years and despite the physical toll football took on his knee, Gilbertson loved the game and was even recognized by the NAIA as a Scholar Athlete. Said Gilbertson, "One of the things that I loved about VCSU was the small college atmosphere that lets you get to know everyone and provides lots of opportunities to get involved. I didn't realize it until I started graduate studies at much larger schools, but you don't find those things at many campuses."

Gilbertson graduated Magna Cum Laude, and went on to receive his master's degree and Ph.D in chemistry from the University of Oregon. It was here that he became involved in some of the "green" chemistry projects that give him the most pride, including working in the Materials Science Institute with Professor James Hutchison as a postdoctoral fellow. "This work was important because fifty years of plutonium-239 production at the Hanford site in Washington produced over 55 million gallons of high-level

radioactive waste that is waiting for treatment. The project I was involved in improved the efficiency of removing radioactive heavy metals, known as f-Block metals, from the waste by seven orders of magnitude (10 million times). It could provide an economical way to make the waste significantly safer for the environment."

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At Los Alamos, Gilbertson is working on Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cells – currently the best variation for transportation applications, and is already used in some electric vehicles. Although he enjoys working in science, one of the aspects he enjoys most about his work is that it has the potential to affect a lot of people. "It's a lot of fun to work on something that you know will have a significant effect on the world... if you can make it work." Gilbertson currently resides in Los Alamos, New Mexico, and enjoys visiting Santa Fe for its 400 year history (it was incorporated in 1610). Still an athlete, his hobbies include softball, mountain biking and road biking.

Dr. Brooks J. Hornstein, Ph. D.
Materials Science & Technology Division
Los Alamos National Laboratory



Another key problem with fuel cell technology is finding a source of hydrogen to use as fuel. Although hydrogen is the most abundant element on Earth, the vast majority of it is in water molecules. Harvesting hydrogen from water

requires splitting the water molecule – a process that isn't very easy.

That's the problem that Hornstein is working on at Los Alamos. Specifically, he is working on a process called photoelectrolysis. Said Hornstein, "We're working on Photoelectrolysis to use sunlight energy for breaking water molecules apart into hydrogen and oxygen. Then, fuel cells 'burn' the hydrogen by combining it with oxygen to release energy. Water is both the raw material and the waste product, making the technology

nearly 100% clean and 100% renewable."

Originally from Williston, Hornstein attended VCSU for three years, and made several appearances on the Dean's List and the President's Honor Roll. He played baseball for Coach Jim Dew as a first baseman and a left-handed pitcher, lettering in both 1990 and 1991. He decided to transfer for his senior year when he got his first taste of research during a summer program at the University of Utah. He remembers his years at VCSU as a great experience, and would like to do a better job staying in touch with old friends. "I liked the smaller class sizes, and I highly recommend small colleges for the individual attention students get. VCSU also had the nicest campus, and I liked the opportunity to play baseball. But the big advantage VCSU had to do with the people. After meeting people like Joe Stickler, it wasn't a hard decision. Even my Mom liked him!"

Hornstein is at Los Alamos as part of his postdoctoral fellowship after receiving a BS in chemistry and a master's degree and Ph.D in inorganic chemistry from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

He also did some work at Colorado State University between 1999 and 2003 developing mathematical models for the formation and aggregation of nanoparticles. Still an athlete, Hornstein still runs 5K and 10K events, and participated in the Steamboat Springs Marathon in June finishing with a time of 3:48 – good for 76th place out of 500 competitors. Other plans for the future include a likely move to San Jose, CA this fall when his wife, Dr. Amy Leisenring, starts a faculty job at San Jose State University. ♦

Gilbertson and Hornstein both attended VCSU in the early '90s, became friends through sharing a common major and taking many classes together, then went their separate ways and fell out of contact. Ten years later, they ended up sharing the same office at a national lab with 13,000 employees nearly 1,500 miles from Valley City. It may be a remarkable coincidence, or perhaps it says something about the type of student, and the type of teacher, that VCSU attracts.

Of course, not everyone who attends VCSU goes on to earn a Ph.D. or work at national labs on projects that have the potential to change the world. In fact, VCSU's heritage and main activity even today is serving as a teacher's college. If that seems like a big difference, consider this: neither Gilbertson nor Hornstein came to VCSU with any specific idea of what direction they wanted to take their studies. It was a teacher who inspired them and ultimately led them to where they are today.

VCSU Receives Scholarship Fund from Charlotte Van Houten Estate

Bequest extends her lifetime of giving and caring for the Valley City Community



The estate of Charlotte Van Houten ('29) bequest to the Valley City State University (VCSU) Foundation over \$750,000 to fund a perpetual Charlotte Van Houten Scholarship for VCSU students. The bequest was the largest VCSU has received from a resident of Valley City in its history

Charlotte received her standard degree with a major in Music Education from VCSU (then called the Valley City State Teacher's College) in 1929. She also received a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and her master's degree from Columbia University. She taught at the Hathaway Brown School, an independent school for girls in Shaker Heights, OH for 40 years, the last 18 of them as the Head of the Primary Department. She was a board member of the Childhood Education Association; a delegate for several years for Greater Cleveland to the National Conference of the Association; a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, a Jennings Scholar in 1963 for the Jennings Foundation; a board member of the Natural Science Club; and a member of the American Business Women's Association. She retired in 1975 and returned to Valley City to be with her sister, Delphine Van Houten.

Though much of her life was spent in Ohio, Charlotte always retained her connection to Valley City and VCSU. Her father was Dr. Jacob Van Houten,

a well-known and respected doctor and county health officer who practiced in Valley City from 1903 to 1960. As a child, she grew up on land that is now occupied by the VCSU Student Center, and would reminisce about the pony she kept in the back yard. In addition to giving to a variety of charities, Charlotte made annual donations to the VCSU Foundation every year since 1986, and has given to several other VCSU groups including Theatre, Music, V-500, and the Library. She was a member of Congregational United Church of Christ in Valley City, a member of Chapter A of the P.E.O. Sisterhood in North Dakota, Valley City Retired Teachers' Association; and Valley City Arts and Gallery Association. Mary Heath, the personal representative of Charlotte, said, "Charlotte believed that the arts and culture are very important for the survival of the community. She liked to think of Valley City as a small town with a lot of exciting things happening."

VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee said that the bequest will be used to fund a perpetual scholarship for students at VCSU. Dr. Chaffee said, "Charlotte Van Houten was an extraordinary woman who dedicated her life to education. Throughout her career, she touched many, many young lives. Her generosity and foresight ensure that she will continue to touch young lives indefinitely into the future." ♦

Tennis Returns to VCSU

After the varsity program was disbanded over 10 years ago, tennis returned to VCSU this year in the form of a club that offers another sport to VCSU students. This year, thirteen players coming from as far away as La Paz, Mexico participated in matches against Concordia College and the University of Mary, plus scrimmages against Minnesota State University-Moorhead and the Valley City High School tennis team. The head coach is Erik Kringlie ('92), who also coaches the Valley City High School boy's tennis team. ♦



VCSU Junior Rodrigo Gaitan, the #5 player in the VCSU Tennis Club, returns a shot during a match against University of Mary.

PHOTOS BELOW FROM LEFT Several VCSU employees were honored at the Employee Recognition Banquet held Friday, May 13, 2005. 1. Teacher of the Year: Dan McRoberts 2. Five Years of Service: Leesa Levy, Jim Boe, Patti Rickford, Jill DeVries, Charlene Stenson, Robert Wuolu; Not shown: Patricia Gegelman, Jody Henjum, Sigurd Johnson, CJ Kotta, Brad Mills, Jennifer Thoreson and Shannon VanHorn 3. Ten Years of Service: Front Row: Preston Bush, Jane Hammer, Beth Klingenstein; Back Row: Rick Ross, Julee Russell, Curt Hill; Not shown: Deb Feuerherm, Gregg Horner, Dennis McCulloch, Barbara Schroeder, Drew Storbeck, Linda Whitney 4. Fifteen Years or More: Front Row: Dale Hoskisson (15 years), Marcia Pritchert (20 years), Joan Noeske (42 years), Margaret Wieland (20 years), Linda Holcomb (25 years); Back Row: Al Olson (15 years), Larry Robinson (30 years); Not shown: Steve Olson (15 years) and Terry Corwin (30 years).



Legacy Society:

Gifts that Continue to Give

The **Legacy Society** is a VCSU program that encourages people who have supported the university while they were living to continue to have an impact on the university after the time of their death. They can do so with a charitable bequest. Gifts can come in the form of money, property, stocks, bonds, life insurance, or a percentage of an estate. More often than not, very attractive tax benefits accompany a gift of this type. People should seek professional advice from their lawyer and accountant to determine the exact impact a gift of this type would have on their personal situation.

Your Gift Is a Lasting Tribute

According to Larry Robinson, Director of Advancement, "Valley City State University has received numerous gifts and bequests over the years. Unfortunately, many of them have come to us as a surprise, so we did not have the opportunity to express our appreciation and appropriately recognize our donors. The Legacy Society will allow us to thank our donors while they are still living."

For further information on the Legacy Society, contact the Foundation Office at 701-845-7203, dial toll free 1-800-532-8641 or e-mail larry.robinson@vcsu.edu. ♦

Online Technologies Help Fulfill Critical Shortage

Normally, it is the teachers who proudly watch the students graduate. But in some cases, it works the other way around.

Brian Nettleton teaches Technology Education at DeTour Area Schools located in the upper peninsula of Michigan. He received a Bachelor's degree this spring in Technology Education, a field facing a critical shortage of teachers both in Michigan and nationwide. Brian earned his degree by studying online from Valley City State University (VCSU), one of the few universities in the nation that offers degrees based on the Standards for Technological Literacy. In addition to filling a needed role in DeTour, Brian's new credentials will allow him to continue teaching Technology Education classes to other area schools (also online), helping them overcome the shortage of teachers in this area.

Technology Education is the successor to a subject that most parents knew as Industrial Arts. Having been taught at just about every school district in Michigan, Industrial Arts went through some fundamental changes to become Technology Education, including a new curriculum and new educational standards. Whereas Industrial Arts focused on topics like woodworking, Technology Education emphasizes literacy in Information Age technologies and design and problem-solving abilities.

Unfortunately, one result of all these changes is that the field is facing a critical shortage of teachers who meet the new standards. Like many states, Michigan deals with this shortage by hiring teachers who do not meet all of the academic requirements as long as they have the necessary knowledge and agree to take steps towards meeting the academic requirements within a specified

timeframe. In these situations, the state issues a Provisional (or "emergency") certification so the subject can continue to be taught while the teacher obtains the necessary degree.

In Brian's case, he was working in the commercial sector at Nettleton Wood Products when the individual teaching Industrial Arts at DeTour retired. Brian, with his background both in woodworking and technologies like Computer Aided Design (CAD), made an attractive candidate. He had the necessary knowledge for the job, but he had not completed the degree he had started at Northern Michigan University some years ago. After going through the screening and interview process, he was offered the job under the provision that he work towards a Bachelor's degree in Technology Education.

School officials and Brian both knew that a full-time job teaching while pursuing a degree is enough of a challenge, but in this case, distance would pose an additional problem – the closest college that offered a degree in Technology Education was the University of Northern Michigan in Marquette, over 200 miles away. Brian said, "There was just no way that I could quit my job for a year to take classes," so he began to look for programs that are delivered online.

He found a program at VCSU, and resumed work on his degree in the spring of 2002. VCSU's Technology Education program is the nation's first and only online program based on the Standards for Technological Literacy defined by the International Technology Education Association (ITEA). All of the courses required for VCSU's Technology Education program are available online through the World Wide Web. To make the curriculum



Brian Nettleton (left), VCSU online student and Michigan teacher, graduated from VCSU's Technology Education department this past May. Above, he works with several of his Tech Ed students at DeTour Area Schools.

as convenient as possible, lab activities can be done at home or remote laboratories as well as during lab sessions on campus. The schedule of courses reflects the needs of busy, modern students - including summer courses.

In May of 2005, Brian completed his degree program with the presentation of his Senior Portfolio to faculty, an important requirement for graduation. VCSU requires their students (both traditional and online) to develop and deliver their Portfolio to demonstrate their mastery of basic abilities including Communication, Global Awareness, Problem Solving, Wellness, Collaboration, Aesthetic Engagement, Technology and Effective Citizenship. In Valley City, a group of faculty and students listened intently as Brian walked through the abilities, describing ways that his work, studies or experiences have improved his skills in these areas. With the exception of occasionally garbled sound caused by lost packets of data, the presentation was as effective as if Brian were in the

same room as his audience despite the fact that he was actually over 800 miles away.

In fact, Brian thinks very highly of online classes. "I've sat in classrooms with 30 other students over entire semesters and not really had a chance to get to know any of them very well. Online classes require students to interact with each other and the professor, for example in discussion groups, so you are forced to get to know them. I think online students actually get to know each other better than students in traditional classes."

In addition to completing his own degree online, Brian has been using online technology to teach classes in Technology Education to students in several districts around DeTour. The nationwide shortage of teachers in Technology Education forced these districts to drop their offerings, but with online technology, Brian has been able to teach students in these districts as if they were in the same room. Brian said, "The real benefit goes to students – they get options that would have never been possible before." ♦

celebratecelebratecelebratecelebrate Commencement '05



Vangstad Auditorium was once again the scene of Commencement exercises, this time for the class of 2005. Dr. Ellen Chaffee, President, led the ceremonies which featured guest speaker Jerry Topp, ('74), Managing Partner and Chief Executive Office of Eide Bailly LLC, and an impromptu presentation by Erik "Gunner" Swanson, who's graduation was delayed a year by his military service in Iraq.



Jessica James & Lacey Turcotte



Terrance Allen & Kevin Faulkner



Ryan Botner, Trevar "TJ" Hansen, Severin Gardner & Thomas Milbrandt



Jessica Irely & Cindy Schlosser



Renae Houghton & Lisa Christianson



Angela Steiner, Arin Jessica "AJ" McGraw & Renae Tschritter

PHOTOS BELOW FROM LEFT The weekend of June 24 saw the Reunion of the Decade of the 1950's. The event saw over 100 attendees from all over the country, many of whom also participated in the Valley City all high-school reunion. 1. Leone (Langemo)('42) and Bill Osmon ('42) 2. Maynard ('57) and Joan (Kruger) Dahl ('55) 3. John ('53) and Gen (Johnson) Richardson ('56) 4. Dale ('57) and Beverly (Savage) Nelson ('56).



The President's Distinguished Service Award Re-Established

At the Valley City Barnes County Development Corporation's Annual dinner, VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee presented the President's Distinguished Service Award for the first time in recent years. Chaffee stated, "More and more, our partners and friends have been crucial to realizing each exciting step toward achieving the vision. So I am re-establishing the Valley City State University President's Distinguished Service Award to recognize exceptional contributions toward our vision from our partners and friends." The recipients of the award were:

Roger Reiersen

Reiersen is the president of Flint Communications in Fargo, president and managing partner of AdFarm, and former chair of the Greater North Dakota Association. He is also the chair of the New Economy Initiative, and was an important factor in reinvigorating hope, energy, and action for the entire state.

As a leading member of the North Dakota Roundtable on Higher Education, he helped forge an alliance between the state and higher education. He then facilitated the Valley Development Group Roundtable, a local group which used the state's report to determine the best path for making VCSU a catalyst for expanding the region's economy. He helped plan and organize a six month process for three dozen area leaders, developed agendas and presentations, put task groups to work, wrote the report, designed it, and printed it. He donated everything he did, including printing and other significant expenses. "This is a man who acts on his convictions to a degree seldom seen," said Chaffee. "He has provided distinguished service at all levels, and we are proud to recognize him for creating an environment in which higher education can be the engine for growth in North Dakota"

Jerry Topp ('74)

Topp is managing partner and chief executive officer of Eide Bailly LLC, one of the largest accounting and business advisor firms in the county. He has been on the Foundation board for two years and he chaired the Valley Development Group Roundtable in partnership with Reiersen.

"Jerry is a believer among unbelievers," said Chaffee. "A pioneer who understands, appreciates, and gets involved with his alma mater when it would be very easy to forget or ignore us from his urban, corporate setting. In his own quiet way, he has stepped forward, invited all of us to set our sights high, and stepped into harness with us to reach those higher goals."

The Valley Development Group

The third award recognized the Valley Development Group (VDG), a partnership of taxpayers, the city and county commissions, regional and state agencies, and others to grow the economy and the number of good jobs in the region.

In recent years, the VDG and Valley City have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in VCSU, and have partnered with VCSU on such projects as building the Regional Technology Center and converting the Kathryn Center into Corporate Adventures, an increasingly successful new business. Their support played a crucial role in the decision by the State Board of Higher Education to allow VCSU to pursue a Master of Education degree. This year, their partnership with VCSU and Eagle Creek is bringing new jobs to Valley City and enabling VCSU to launch new and innovative programs which could lead to more new companies and more new students. "The shared vision, selflessness, persistence, creativity, and investment savvy of the Valley Development Group is unparalleled in my experience," said Chaffee. Jennifer Feist, Director of the VDG, accepted the award on behalf of the entire Valley Development Group.

The President's Distinguished Service Award has only been awarded eight other times. The recipients have been Donald L. Heimes, Dale Olson, C. "Van" Vandestreek, Ernest J. Miedema, Theron L. Strinden, Orville Barber, Herman Stern, and Carol Watson Peterson. ♦



Jerry Topp, Jennifer Feist (accepting the award on behalf of the Valley Development Group), Dr. Ellen Chaffee and Roger Reiersen

Two VCSU Icons Retire

Two fixtures of life at VCSU for more than 40 years retired this spring: Joan Noeske ('62) and Dr. Larry "Buck" Grooters ('57).

Joan worked in the Registrar's office while attending VCSU, and graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education and a composite minor in English and Speech.

She spent a total of 42 years working for VCSU, initially as a secretary in the Registrar's office and then in various roles in the business office including clerk, account tech, payroll tech, and payroll/benefit specialist. "One of the things I liked most about my job was that I got to know just about every employee," said Joan. "I've found if you treat people nice, they treat you nice. You reap lots of rewards that way."

After graduating from VCSU in 1957, Dr. Grooters joined the faculty in 1963 to teach in the Health and Physical Education Division and serve as the Head Coach of the Track and Cross Country teams, and as the Assistant Coach of the Basketball team. In 1971, he completed his Ed.D. at the University of North Dakota. In 1980, Dr. Grooters moved from the Division of Health and Physical Education into the Teacher Education program and became Chair of the division and head of Teacher Education. Under his leadership, VCSU received NCATE accreditation four times and was honored with the Distinguished Achievement Award from the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). He was inducted into the North Dakota Official's Hall of Fame in 1990 and the VCSU Viking Hall of Fame in 1995. He has been very active in his professional life with membership in many professional associations, and has been an active volunteer in his church. VCSU recognized his many accomplishments by presenting him with the Distinguished Alumni award for 2002.

Ellen Chaffee, President of VCSU, said that Joan and Larry embody some of the strengths that make VCSU so special. "Learning, supporting learning, delighting the people we serve, being kind, and helping each other are a few of the guidelines that all VCSU faculty and staff are asked to keep in mind as we serve students and each other. During their many years here, Joan and Larry exemplified these characteristics, and their efforts made VCSU a better place. They will be deeply missed, and we wish them the best during their retirement."

Retirement for both Joan and Larry became effective in June. ♦



Dr. Larry Grooters and Joan Noeske are both retiring after over 40 years at VCSU.

Viking Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2005

This year, four outstanding individuals and one team will be inducted into the Viking Hall of Fame. Gymnast Kelly Keidel, three-sport standout Doug Black, and baseball player Steve Olson round out the former athletes that will be inducted. Elinor Olson will also be inducted in the "Special" category for her outstanding service to the university and its Athletic Department. In the "Team" category, the 1987 Baseball team will inducted for its accomplishments on the diamond. The ceremony will be held October 14th in Valley City in conjunction with Homecoming weekend.



Kelly (Hagerty) Keidel ('88)

A four-year letter winner in Gymnastics, Kelly competed for Head Coach Terry Corwin from 1985-1988. During those years, the Vikings competed in four NAIA Gymnastics Championships. An integral part of the team, Kelly was chosen most valuable team member three of the four years. Although Kelly was a strong all around gymnast, her best events were balance beam and the uneven bars. Her signature move on balance beam was a press to handstand and a plange down. On uneven bars, she was the first VCSU gymnast to perform a cast to handstand on the high bar. She remains the record holder for the uneven bars with a score of 8.8 and is on the team that holds the team score record of 133.7. In the 1997 NAIA National meet, Kelly made finals on balance beam and finished 8th in that event and 18th all-around. In 1998, Kelly was named VCSU's Outstanding Viking Athlete.

Doug Black ('82)

A transfer to VCSU, Doug made the most of his time as a Viking. A two-year letter winner in football, Doug also found the time to letter three times in both baseball and track and field. As a wide-receiver on the football team, he was named All-Conference in 1980 and All-Conference Honorable Mention in 1981 while helping the Vikings to an overall 15-5 record with only 2 losses in conference play. On the diamond, Doug was named All-Conference Honorable Mention for three years while winning two NDCAC Baseball Championships. In track and field, Doug competed in the 100, 200, 4 x 100 relay and long jump.



Steve Olson ('88)

A four-year letter winner as a Viking, Steve earned All-Conference honors in 1985, 1986, and 1987, All-District in 1986 and 1987 and All-Area, Academic All-American, Honorable Mention All-American, NDCAC Most Valuable Graduate in '87. He helped his team to two NDCAC Conference Championships, a District Championship, and a berth in the Area III Championships. In his four-year career, the Vikings had an overall 42-18 NDCAC record. During his All-American season, Olson played first base and pitched. Statistically he led the Vikings in batting average (.379), hits (47), and RBI's (35).

Elinor Olson

Chosen for her dedication and loyalty to Viking Athletics for her 25 years of service in the department, Elinor exemplified the passion, desire and commitment Viking Athletics represents. During her tenure at VCSU from 1971 until she passed away in 1997, she worked for legendary Athletic Directors Bill Osmon, Darrell Anderson, and Don Bauer.

Simple Math for the 1987 Baseball Team

1 All American + 4 All-District Players + 7 All-Conference Players equals NDCAC Champions, District Champions, Region III Qualifiers and induction into the Valley City State University Viking Hall of Fame. Head Coach Jim Dew and his squad won the regular season NDCAC with a 13-3 conference record before posting a 3-1 record en route to winning the NDCAC Conference Tourney. Scoring a whopping 41 runs in 4 games, the Vikings showed the dominance that would be seen in the district series. Hot bats scored 18 runs in the 2 game sweep of Northern State in District Championships. The Vikings eventually cooled in the Area III championships going 1-2 and ending a tremendous season.



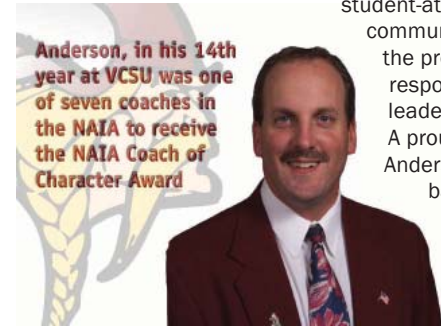
row 1 Scott Nustad, Tyler Schlecht, John Stearns, Cory Anderson, Darin Loe, Stacy Fitterer, Jeff Ditch, Jason Bertsch, Tom Smargiassi, Scott Oien, Aaron Kramlich. row 2 Coach Jim Dew, Scott Roehrich, Tim Pinke, Dan Gnadt, Mike Reinhiller, Rick Hartje, Troy Roesler, Dean Tosseth, Rob Stenerson, Scott Milbrandt, Kevin Bratland, Steve Olson, Assistant Coach Cory Smith.



Anderson Receives Coach of Character Award

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has honored Valley City State University coach Cory Anderson as the 2005 Region III Coach of Character award winner.

Anderson, in his 14th year at VCSU, is the inaugural recipient of the award. Part of the NAIA Champions of Character Program, the Coach of Character program honors coaches who have made an impact on student-athletes, universities and communities. The five core values of the program include respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship. A proud Viking alum, Coach Anderson serves as the head baseball coach, offensive coordinator for the football team, Sports Information Director, active on the marketing committee, coordinator of the Viking



Anderson, in his 14th year at VCSU was one of seven coaches in the NAIA to receive the NAIA Coach of Character Award

Golf Scramble, and the baseball chairman for the DAC-10 Conference and Region III. Off campus, Anderson is involved in Valley City youth sports programs and active in his church. ♦

Viking Century Club Efforts Increase Athletic Scholarships



VCSU recruit and All-State basketball player Mike Stowman (Maple Valley H.S.) signs his letter of intent and Century Club Scholarship.

The title "Board of Directors" always sounds important, but for some organizations, the Board of Directors truly is a vital part of the organization. Doug Peters, VCSU Athletic Director, knows how important the Viking Century Club Board of Directors is to his department. Their efforts led to a banner year and some much needed help.

The Viking Century Club serves as the fundraising arm for Viking Athletics. The group, which operates under the umbrella of the VCSU Foundation, conducts several key activities throughout the year which benefit the athletic department including the annual fund drive, spring scholarship auction and Viking Scramble. The success of these events provided the funding to increase athletic scholarship allocations for the 2005-2006 academic year by 22%. "Of course we need to go out and raise the money annually, but with the support and interest from our community and alumni, our board feels that with continued hard work we can do it continually," reports board president Ron Moser ('81).

Today more than ever, scholarships will determine the success of Viking Athletics. In the past, local and regional loyalties were enough to be successful in recruiting. "In the competitive DAC-10 athletic conference, scholarships play a vital role. The hard work of our volunteers and the support of our community and alumni put VCSU in a position to increase athletic scholarships, a trend that I hope continues," said Peters. "We couldn't do it without this board and without the support of our alumni and friends".

The following volunteers serve on the board: Dave Bass, Jerry Bennefeld, Bob Bergan, Deb Burchill, Deb Feuerherm, Becky Goven, John Hill, Keven Kamphius, Bob Lemnus, Ryan Leroux, Ron Moser, Dave Rausch, Tim Schilling, Charlene Stenson, Kari Stricklin and Steve Welken. ♦

Fall 2005–2006 Viking Schedules

(Home games in BOLD)

Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 26	Northwestern Tourney	TBA
Aug. 27	Northwestern Tourney	TBA
Sept. 2	University Great Falls Tourney	TBA
Sept. 3	University Great Falls Tourney	TBA
Sept. 7	Mayville State University	7:00 pm
Sept. 9	Briar Cliff Tourney	TBA
Sept. 10	Briar Cliff Tourney	TBA
Sept. 14	Jamestown College	7:00 pm
Sept. 16	Minot State University	7:00 pm
Sept. 17	Dickinson State University	7:00 pm
Sept. 23	University of Mary	7:00 pm
Sept. 30	Black Hills State University	7:00 pm
Oct. 1	South Dakota Tech	7:00 pm
Oct. 7	Jamestown College	7:00 pm
Oct. 8	Dakota State University	3:00 pm
Oct. 14	Mayville State University	7:00 pm
Oct. 21	Dickinson State University	7:00 pm
Oct. 22	Minot State University	3:00 pm
Oct. 29	University of Mary	7:00 pm
Nov. 2	Dakota State University	7:00 pm
Nov. 4	South Dakota Tech	7:00 pm
Nov. 5	Black Hills State University	3:00 pm
Nov. 8	DAC Quarter Finals	TBA
Nov. 11	DAC Final Four	TBA
Nov. 12	DAC Final Four	TBA

Football Schedule

Sept. 3	Gustavus Adolphus	1:00 pm
Sept. 10	Black Hills State	(MST) 1:00 pm
Sept. 17	Jamestown College	1:30 pm
Oct. 1	Dickinson State	1:30 pm
Oct. 8	Mayville State	1:30 pm
Oct. 15	SD Tech (Homecoming)	1:00 pm
Oct. 22	University of Mary	1:30 pm
Oct. 29	Minot State University	1:30 pm
Nov. 5	Dakota State	1:30 pm
Nov. 10	Azusa Pacific (at FargoDome)	6:00 pm
Nov. 19	NAIA Playoffs-1st Round	TBA
Nov. 26	NAIA Quarterfinals	TBA
Dec. 3	NAIA Semifinals	TBA
Dec. 17	NAIA National Championship	TBA
	Jim Carroll Stadium	
	Hardin County, TN	

Viking Athletes of the Year

Nicolle James and Josh Kasowski were named the Viking Athletes of the Year at the Vikings Award Social.

James and Kasowski were vital cogs on their respective teams and set many individual and team accomplishments along the way. All-American, NAIA Scholar-Athlete, DAC-10 All-Conference, DAC-10 Players of the Week, Four-Year Viking Awards and individual sport awards were among the many awards given throughout the evening. The Awards Social culminated new Athletic Director Doug Peters' first year as the captain of the Viking ship.

"As the year had gone by, I know that our student-athletes were being recognized for their achievements, but until last night I did not really understand the scope of what they had accomplished," stated Peters.

"We had 15 All-Conference selections, nine Players of the Week, 10 NAIA Scholar-Athletes, one NAIA All-American and 25 DAC-10 Scholar Athletes, and that does not include most of the spring sport selections yet to come."



Nicolle James



Josh Kasowski



Two special NAIA awards were given by VCSU Faculty Athletic Representative Dave Bass. The Emil Liston Award was presented to Janae Larson for her achievements measured on and off the basketball court. Brandon Bata was honored with the A.O. Duerr Award for his contributions as a student-athlete.

"It was a great night," echoed Peters. "Any time we have the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our kids as students and as athletes, we are going to do so." ♦

Coaching Staff Gets Two New Members

The Vikings recently welcomed two new members to its coaching staff. In February, Kari Peterson was named as the 8th volleyball coach at Valley City State University. A native of Moorhead, MN, Peterson was the top assistant at the University of North Alabama, a program that won the NCAA Division II National Championship in 2003. Peterson also received coaching experience at Texas A&M Kingsville and Minnesota State University-Moorhead. She received her undergraduate degree at Augustana College where she was named the NCAA Division II National Player of the Year in 2000 while leading the Vikings to a runner up finish in the NCAA National Tournament.

Then in May, Jeff Kaminsky was named to lead the Viking Basketball team. Kaminsky is a two-time NCAA All-American that brings a wealth of national and regional recruiting experience to the program. He recently completed his 11th season as head coach at University of Wisconsin-Superior and his 18th season as a head coach with an overall head coaching record of 269-233. Highlights include having the WIAC Player of the Year, sweeping 2004 National Champion UW-Stevens Point in conference play, and building a competitive program. He also served as the interim athletic director for an athletic department with 16 sports from 2000-2004. Kaminsky came to UWS following a 7-year stint at Mid-State Tech in which his teams won 3 consecutive conference championships.

"We are excited to have Coach Peterson and Coach Kaminsky join the Viking program," said Athletic Director, Doug Peters. "We are very fortunate to have coaches of this caliber on our staff, and I'm looking forward to working with them to help bring our athletic department to the next level." ♦

Mark Your Calendars!

Homecoming '05 Date Changed to October 15th

The unexpected closing of Si Tanka University left the Vikings without an opponent for the planned homecoming game. The new date for Homecoming 2005 is October 15th versus the Hardrockers of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. The annual festivities will include the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Alumni Honors Breakfast, Homecoming Parade, Homecoming Dance, and of course the game!

100th Game Celebration!

On September 17th at 1:30 pm, VCSU will take on Jamestown College in football for the 100th time. Of course, the Vikings hold a 49-45-5 advantage in the series. This year's game will include several special activities including a pre-game celebration, special game promotions, and a football alumni gathering.

2005-2006 VCSU Season of Great Theatre

October 19 – 22, 2005
7:30 pm nightly, Vangstad Auditorium
Arsenic and Old Lace
a comedy by Joseph Kesselring

March 1 – 4, 2006
7:30 pm nightly, Vangstad Auditorium
Something's Afoot
a musical comedy spoof on the
Agatha Christie murder mysteries

November 30 – December 3, 2005
7:30 pm nightly, Theatre 320
The Belle of Amherst
a one-woman play on the life and work
of American poet Emily Dickenson

April 26 – 29, 2006
7:30 pm nightly, Theatre 320
A Festival of One-Act Plays
written and directed by our own students

VCSU Art Exhibitions & Events

September 1-30
National Scenic Byway Artists' Crawl Exhibition
(Open House Sept 24, 10 am-8 pm and Sept 25, 12-5 pm)

October 3-14
Chris Judd Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(October 6 Reception 7-8:30 pm)

October 6
Day of Clay, 10:00-2:00, Student Center

October 17-28
Lisa Bower Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(October 21 Reception 7-8:30 pm)

October 31-November 4
Molly McLain Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(November 3 Reception 7-8:30 pm)

November 7-18
Trista Williams Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(November 13 Reception, 2-3:30 pm)

November 5
Girl Scout Art Day

November 28-December 15
Jill Trucke Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(December 1 Reception 7:00-8:30 pm)

January 9-February 3
VCSU Art Faculty Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(January 26 Reception, 6:30-8 pm)

February 6-March 3
Annual Art Student Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(February 16 Reception, 5-6:30 pm)

February 20-March 3
Native American Artists Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(March 2 Reception, 7-8:30 pm)

March 6-17
Barnes County Student Exhibition (Secondary), VCSU Art Gallery

March 20-31
Lindsay Elsner Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(March 24 Reception, 7-8:30 pm)

April 3-14
Shellee Sauer Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(April 6 Reception, 7-8:30 pm)

April 17-28
Jennifer Cabezas Senior Exhibition
(April 28 Reception, 7-8:30 pm)

May 1-12
Naomi Karlin Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(May 5 Reception, 7-8:30 pm)

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1-800-532-8641, ext. 3-7272 or 1-701-845-7272

VCSU Season of Great Music

Sept. 17	Pep Band: VCSU vs. Jamestown College	1:30 pm
Sept. 24	Pep Band: VCSU vs. Si Tanka	1:30 pm
Oct. 2	Linden Duo	3:00 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium***</i>	
Oct. 15	Pep Band: VCSU vs. SD Tech (Homecoming)	1:30 pm
Oct. 17-18	Garage Bands Tour	
Oct. 18	Garage Bands	7:30 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium</i>	
Oct. 27	General Student Recital	7:30 pm
	<i>Froemke</i>	
Oct. 28-29	Ployhar Band Festival	
Oct. 29	Ployhar Honor Band Concert	3:00 pm
	<i>City Auditorium</i>	
Oct. 30	Romance of Flute & Harp	7:30 pm
	<i>Vangstad Auditorium+</i>	
Nov. 1-2	Jazz Ensemble Tour	
Nov. 3	Jazz Ensemble	7:30 pm
	<i>Cafeteria*</i>	
Nov. 5	CSA Chamber Festival Concert	7:30 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium</i>	
Nov. 18-19	Dinner Concert	6:00 pm
	<i>Student Center Cafeteria*</i>	
Nov. 14-15	Singers Tour	
Nov. 28	General Student Recital	7:30 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium</i>	
Dec. 1	EDC Solo Contest	
Dec. 3	Concert Band	3:00 pm
	<i>Vangstad Auditorium*</i>	
Dec. 8	Voices, Orchestra, Choir	7:30 pm
	<i>St. Kate's***</i>	
Dec. 11	CSA Recitals	2:00, 4:00, 6:00 pm
Feb. 2	Kevin Roth	7:30 pm
	<i>Vangstad Auditorium+</i>	
Feb. 5	Jesse Braunagel, Neil Mueller Brass Recital	3:00 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium*</i>	
Feb. 12	VCSU Faculty Recital	3:00 pm
	<i>Froemke*</i>	
Feb. 14-15	Garage Bands Tour	
Feb. 16	Garage Bands	7:30 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium</i>	
Feb. 26	Sigurd Johnson, Percussion	3:00 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium*</i>	
Mar. 9	Katherine Ellingson, Leesa Levy Voice Recital ..	7:30 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium*</i>	
Mar. 9-10	VCSU Solo Seminar	
Mar. 23	General Student Recital	7:30 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium</i>	
Apr. 2	Singers, Percussion, Bells	3:00 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium*</i>	
Apr. 6	Bill Lydell, Jazz Pianist	7:30 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium***</i>	
Apr. 9	Stephanie Leadens, Sax	3:00 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium</i>	
Apr. 11	Class A East Sub Region Vocal Festival	
Apr. 12	Region V Vocal Festival	
Apr. 13	General Student Recital	11:00 am
	<i>Froemke Auditorium</i>	
Apr. 20	Jazz Ensemble	7:30 pm
	<i>Cafeteria*</i>	
Apr. 23	Valley City Orchestra, Valley Voices	7:30 pm
	<i>Epworth</i>	
Apr. 28	Hot Jazz & Sweet Melodies	7:30 pm
	<i>Vangstad Auditorium+</i>	
Apr. 29	Band and Choir Concert	3:00 pm
	<i>Vangstad***</i>	
Apr. 30	Stephanie Bina, Saxophone	3:00 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium</i>	
May 4	New Composition Recital	7:30 pm
	<i>Froemke Auditorium</i>	
May 7	Community School Recitals	2:00, 4:00, 6:00 pm
	+ Valley City Area Concert Association events require season membership which may be purchased at the door	

*Adult Admission Charge *** Free Will Offering Taken for Scholarships

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Adopt-a-Room at the President's House Help Us Restore the Historic President's House

The President's House Preservation Society recently announced their next major restoration project: interior wall repairs, restoration and decorating in every room on the main floor. To raise funds for this project, the society has announced a new fund-raising program: "Adopt-a-Room" in which donors may sponsor a room of their choice.



Becky Heise, Co-chair of the society, said, "The money raised will be used for purchasing supplies and materials such as plaster, paint, and wallpaper. All of the labor will be provided by the volunteers who have been doing such a great job putting in time on other maintenance and restoration projects. We have found four layers of wallpaper, so we expect a lot of work will be involved."

Heise said that this is the latest in a series of restoration projects that have been paid for by a number of creative sources. "Painting the exterior, refinishing the floors and re-shingling the roof were funded by a 50/50 match between rental income and grants from the State Historical Society of North Dakota, which administers funds provided by the National Park Service. We even sell the *Dames Club Cookbook* which features old-time recipes that have been brought up to date with modern cooking methods."

Sponsors may "Adopt-a-Room" by making a \$500.00 tax deductible gift, and will be recognized by a 4" x 6" oak plaque with an engraved bronze plate displayed in the room. All six rooms on the main floor will have their walls restored including the living room, dining room, smoking room, the entry, the reception hall, the parlor and the music room.

Anyone interested in adopting a room, or making any form of contribution, should contact Becky Heise at heise@valleycity.net.

For your next visit to VCSU, Stay at the Historic President's House

In addition to being listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The President's House is a Guest Inn. That means that this beautiful home is available for either overnight stays or special events such as bridal showers, business meetings, family gatherings, and retreats. The home offers full dining privileges – brunch, lunch, and dinner for ten to forty people. Proceeds of all guest inn rentals go directly towards preservation and restoration of the house through the non-profit President's House Preservation Society.

For more information or to make reservations, call the VCSU Student Center at 800-532-8641 or visit www.presidentshouse.com.

Do you have historic photos of the President's House? Historic (pre-1970) photos of the interior of the home can be of tremendous value to the President's House Preservation Society for making sure that the home is restored to authentic décor and features. If you have any such photos, please contact Becky Heise at heise@valleycity.net.

An Entire Family of VCSU Graduates



Jan Beauchman ('73), father of Tanner; Tanner Beauchman ('05), Graduate; Jenner Beauchman ('00), sister of Tanner; and Alice Beauchman ('73), mother of Tanner. Missing - Andrea Beauchman ('04), sister of Tanner.

Congrats to New Viking Pilots

Twelve VCSU students were recipients of the Viking Pilot award, the most prestigious student activity award given, which honors individuals who have made significant contributions in student life. Viking Pilot Co-Chairs, Matthew Stewart and Alicia Harshman, said, "Those who receive the award are outstanding leaders who have made an identifiable and meaningful contribution to the campus. Viking Pilots are those who conduct or set the course of student life on campus." This year's recipients are:

Ashley Swensen
Jennifer Crom
Brandon Bata
Cindy Schlosser
Matthew Nielson
Trista Leach
Kate Hayden
Jennifer Grinde
Danielle Matthews
Kurry Delparte
Eve Kinn
Greta Trader



William Lydell Performs at VCSU

Jazz Pianist and VCSU alum William Lydell ('55) performed a solo recital in VCSU's Froemke Auditorium on Thursday, April 7. The concert was a benefit for the Friends of Music scholarship fund.

Lydell is perhaps best known as a composer and arranger, and to North Dakota

audiences, for his performances with Lawrence Welk. He holds the Bachelors degree in Music Education and English from Valley City State University; and the Master of Music (Piano) from the University of Michigan. He was born in Mercy Hospital while his father was employed as a member of the music faculty at the university. His extensive musical background includes over 30 years as a public school music teacher in Minneapolis, 15 years as a church organist and choir director, and professional experience as a jazz pianist in clubs and on cruise ships. He has served as clinician and adjudicator for music festivals and contests through the upper midwest and Arizona and as music editor for Schmitt, Hall, and McCreary Publishing. He currently resides in Sun City West, AZ and Minneapolis, MN.

Weddings

Andrea Dienert '04 & Darren Nelson February 19, 2005

Ross Powell '99 & Tonya Fulton February 22, 2005

Rachel Urbach '02 & Jason Nelson April 2, 2005

Miranda Karczeuski '02 & Eric Schmid April 6, 2005

Mandy Passanante '04 & Travis Tollerud April 23, 2005

Holly Snyder '98 & Steve Yttredahl May 7, 2005

Heather Metcalf '98 & Nathan Kvilvang June 4, 2005

Kristel Engelby '04 & Steve Strittmatter June 4, 2005

Rebecca Erber '01 & Boyd Westman June 11, 2005

Travis Strobel '00 & Amber Krapp June 18, 2005

Corby Maddock '93 & Marlene Michaud June 18, 2005

Deidre Schlosser '04 & Mike Pugh '05 June 18, 2005

Teressa Dikoff '05 & Will Danielson June 26, 2005

Bridget O'Brien '05 & William Blunck July 2, 2005

Jill Ukestad '03 & Corey Trembath July 16, 2005

Vikings On The Move

1930's

Ellen (Applegren) Peterson '30 is proud of her alma mater!

Ruby (Anderson) Pewe '34 is 93 years old and lives in the home she shared with her late husband, Louie. She attends church and eats some of her meals with her friends at the Senior Citizen Center. Ruby loves flowers. She no longer plants a garden or cans fruit. Ruby has many good friends who give her rides whenever she needs to go somewhere. She doesn't drive any longer.

Helen (Riskedahl) McCormack '37 spends most of the winter in Fargo with her daughter but returns to her home in rural Des Lacs for the summer.

1940's

Marian (Kolstoe) Prior '40 joined several other retired individuals in 1996 working in a school for refugee preschool children. The school was named Living with Language and was sponsored by Gethesmane Episcopal Cathedral in Fargo, ND. They now feel that enough preschools are available to work with these children, so they can now truly retire!

Emily (Braxmeyer) Joy '45 was sorry she couldn't attend the concert presented by Bill Lydell. His father was her organ and piano teacher from 1942-45. He was such a fine teacher and great human being.

Roy and Harriet (Noltimier) Ottinger '47 enjoy spending five months in Washington, DC and Georgia visiting their three daughters and families.

Ward '49 and Mary (Peterson) Wilkins '50 hold down the fort in Coon Rapids, MN. Ward recently published "Small Town American: The WWII Years" in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the war's end. His book is available by contacting him at 11534 Yucca Street NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

1950's

Kembel Dahl '50 is living in Beach, ND, and enjoys hunting and fishing.

Jane (Sheldon) Knecht '51 appreciated being honored as a Viking Pilot at the 2004 Homecoming along with her sister, Joanne Sheldon Reynolds and her husband, Lloyd Reynolds. Jane and her husband, Dave, continue to live on a Minnesota lake for six months and then in Fargo for six months. They volunteer in church and community events.

Delores (Neva) Peterson '51 has been married to Einer Peterson since October 1, 1951. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Delores retired from teaching in 1994 but still does some substitute teaching. Einer and Delores celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2001.

Karen (Dale) Jorve '56 and her husband, David, are retired and living in Eagan, MN. They also have a home in Sun City West, AZ, where they spend the winter. Karen and David attended the VCSU reunion and enjoyed seeing friends and hearing the latest news from VCSU. The Jorves have a son and daughter and four granddaughters.

Barbara (Roller) Mitzel '57 is the librarian at Washington and Jefferson Elementary Schools in Valley City, ND.

Dale '57 and Eileen (Olson) Peterson '56 enjoyed Homecoming activities last fall and the reunion in Mesa last February.

Tilford and Mary (Christensen) Kroshus '59 reside in Wahpeton. Mary is working at the NDSCS library and Tilford gives private voice and piano lessons as well as directing Bethel Lutheran Church Choir. He also plays in his band, Kroshus and Krew. Tilford and Mary's youngest son lives in New York, so they get to visit three or four times a year. They have a great time!

Robert '59 and Deanne (Roseth) Horne '60 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 27. Their three sons and wives have provided six grandchildren. Bob retired in January 2004 from Verendrey Electric Coop. Deanne still does contract work for Minot Head Start and area special education units.

Ed and Marilyn Motl '59 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house hosted by their five children and seven grandchildren.

1960's

Kenneth Lettenmaier '60 retired from Rasmussen College after 38 years. He moved to Moorhead in the spring of 2004.

Mark Motis '61 reports that Roger Rieger '63 just finished a very successful turkey hunt. Roger tagged a 20.0 pound tom with 2 bears and spurs which were very sharp. Mark keeps busy with Masonic duties, ham radio, city council and the credit union.

Wayne Schoeppach '61 has been retired from teaching for the last twelve years. He and his wife, Doris, live on a farm near Belgrade, MN. Wayne attended the 60's reunion last June, even rode the Viking Ship in the parade. Wayne enjoyed meeting VCSU President Ellen Chaffee.

Ila (Wallin) Stensland '62 is enjoying retirement in Seattle, WA, where she lives downtown just south of the Space Needle.

J. Dennis Dafoe '63 retired from teaching as assistant professor of music for 30 years at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD. He is now working as a painting contractor in Mesa, AZ. His wife, Darlene, is a special education teacher.

Carol (Kuhn) Williams '65 retired last June and is now in training for her second career with the Davis Dyslexia Association. She will be working with dyslexic individuals helping them use their perceptual talents to overcome reading and math problems. In the summer, Carol and her husband, Ed, enjoy their boat on the Mississippi in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Bette (Laine) Ritterman '66 is enjoying all the little tasks (scrapbooking, knitting and cross stitching) she never had time to do before she retired. She is also busy attending football, basketball and hockey games. She and Harlan travel to Albertville, MN, frequently to see their grandson, Rex. Retirement is great!

David Turmo '67 retired this year from his position as Media/Technology Specialist with the Sheridan Public Schools. He and his wife, Hazel, are looking forward to setting their own schedules in retirement.

Myra (Lindekugel) Peterson '67 retired last summer and is enjoying traveling with her husband Allen in their fifth wheel RV, seeing the country and spending more time with family.

Phillip Mueller '68 has served as a representative from District 24 (Home of VCSU!) in the North Dakota State Legislature since 1998. He and his wife, Darlene, have four grandchildren. Phil is looking forward to retirement.

Judith (Hock) Townley '68 retired after teaching 37 years at Verona, ND. She plans to substitute teach in the area and travel to family spread all over the United States.

Jay Morgan '69 sees no signs of retirement in the near future. He keeps on stringing tennis racquets as the "Shade Tree Stringer" of Long Boat Key, FL. His motto is "The more you swing, the more I string!"

John "Pat" Dewey '69 retired in 2004 from teaching high school computer keyboarding and 9th & 10th grade physical education at the school district in Sandstone, MN, where he taught for 35 years. He is now employed part time as the Athletic Director. He spends his spare time fishing and watching after his grandsons.

1970's

Leon '70 and Lujane (Morlock) Opdahl '71 have been with Tri-County Insurance in West Fargo for the past 12 years. Their daughter, Lauren, is a registered nurse at Meritcare Hospital in Fargo. Daughter, Lynade, was a member of the National Championship Dance Team, the West Fargo Packatahnas.

Gary Garman '70 taught for 30 years: 29 years at Dakota-Northern Cass School District and one year in Las Vegas. He has now retired to his hometown of Sykeston, ND, where he substitute teaches.

Ken Hoerth '71 retired after teaching music for 33 years (the last 28 years at Lakota High School). The hard work and dedication of his students earned for him several awards including the Certificate of Merit from his alma mater and a Citation of Excellence from the North Dakota Chapter of the National Band Association. The Lakota High School music program was deemed one of the Best 100 Communities for Music Education by the American Music Conference in 2002 and 2004.

Linda Costain '71 taught social studies and physical education for 29 years at Stanton Public School. Due to declining enrollment, the school was closed in 2003. Stanton is a very dedicated and caring community.

Judy (Sorby) Streich '72 is an associate professor in the paralegal department at Minnesota State University Moorhead. She had a great trip to Florida over spring break. It was fun to watch her three grandchildren take in DisneyWorld and Cocoa Beach.

Janet Simon '75 sends greetings to all her classmates from 1971-75. She can be contacted at jsimon@cleveland.org

Kent Braunberger '79 earned an Associate's Degree from VCSU before attending mortuary school in Indiana. His wife, Carol, graduated from VCSU in May 2005 with a degree in Elementary Education.

Andre DeLorme '79, Associate Professor of Science at VCSU, was elected President of the North Dakota Academy of Science at the group's annual meeting held in April.

1980's

Don '80 and Penny Nash '83 both work for the Lidgerwood Public School teaching, coaching and bus driving! Their oldest son, Bruce, was married last August. Son Brady attends NDSU, and Brock is a high school sophomore. Don and Penny would love to hear from long lost friends. Contact them at NASH210@WAH.MIDCO.NET

Steve Guenther '84 was married on May 14. He and his wife, Lisa, are parents to her 16 year old son along with Erin and Elizabeth.

Bill and Mary Ann (Nelson) '86 have three children: John (8), Sophie (5), and Abe (3). The Wielands live in Aberdeen, SD, where Bill teaches music at Northern State University and Mary Ann is a stay-at-home mom.

Lorrie (Milford) Kirch '87 has become a commissioned minister for Volunteers of America Western WA and has been promoted to head the entire Family and Children's Services Department. She and her husband, Richard, are celebrating 43 years of marriage, three kids and three grandsons.

In Remembrance

Roger Wavra '69, *Loveland, CO*
 Marvelyn (Kale) Ellison, *Oakes*
 Alice (Streck) Sommerfeld, *Riverside, CA*
 Anne Mikkelson, *Lincoln, CA*
 Helen Goolsbey '35, *Breckenridge, MN*
 Lillian (Nordgaard) Cullen, *Fargo*
 Curtis Stern '71, *Carrington*
 Iola (Heglie) Moe '39, *Walcott*
 Charlotte Van Houten '29, *Valley City*
 Loramae (Kent) Anderson '56,

Pelican Rapids, MN
 Lula (Campbell) Baker, *Jamestown*
 Lillie (Christenson) Watkins '25, *Cypress, CA*
 Lon Miller '63, *Minneapolis, MN*
 Ray Bardell '72, *Jamestown*

Adeline (Kjelland) Skramstad '38, *Valley City*
 Lena (Klundt) Beglau, *Valley City*
 Ione (Vandrovec) Schuler '34, *Fargo*
 Richard Aukland '71, *Bismarck*
 Joyce (Holman) Tamlyn, *Verona*

LaVonne (Hayes) Reidman, *Dazey*
 Roxanne (Siebert) Morehouse, *Valley City*
 Herbert Leno '40, *Valley City*
 Neal Emery, *Valley City*

Dorothy "Dotti" Johnson, *Jamestown*
 Thea (Vennes) Puhler, *Devils Lake*
 James Muldoon '51, *Corvallis, OR*
 Lucille (Intlehouse) Hillrud, *Mahnomen, MN*

Dorothy (Berg) Dunn '41, *Jamestown*
 Lillian (Olstad) Langemo, *Valley City*
 Dorothy (Otto) Lochow '41, *Jamestown*
 Iletta Holman '26, *Edina, MN*

Josie (Thompson) Mammel '30,
Inver Grove Heights, MN

Anna (Schneekloth) Maas '25, *Fargo*
 Monica (Richards) Patterson, *Fargo*
 Esther (Soroos) Larsen '25, *Casselton*
 Grace (Clausen) Thurlow, *New Rockford*
 Robert Kringler, *Buffalo*

Hilda (Lundstrom) Edwardson '38, *Valley City*
 Marvin Rieb, *Boise ID*

James Fagerstrom '48, *Valley City*
 Lorraine (Sandvig) Devitt, *Lisbon*
 Ronald Witt '69, *Grand Forks*
 H. Dean Carlson '49, *Riverside, CA*
 Gladys (Green) Cooper, *Lake Stevens, WA*
 Adelyn (Liudahl) Gedde, *Fergus Falls, MN*
 Robin Becherl '98, *Cooperstown*
 Clara (Torgerson) Long '36, *Nome*

Former VCSU Staff

Annie E. Gunderson '31, *Valley City*
 Howard Johnson, *Valley City*

Dr. Richard McCready



Dr. Richard R. McCready ('47), distinguished VCSU alumnus and founder of the McCready Scholars Endowment, died at age 80 on June 22, 2005 at his home in Sun City, AZ. He is survived by his wife of over fifty years, Ardis McCready ('49).

Dr. McCready was born in Valley City and served in the Air Force during World War II before receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from VCSU. He went on to receive masters and doctorate degrees in Education. He wrote eight successful college textbooks and was a member of Pi Omega Pi, Kappa Delta Pi, and Beta Sigma Phi, all national honorary fraternities. He was a member of the Hall of Fame of the College of Business Administration at Arizona State University from which he was Professor Emeritus.

The McCready's provided scholarships continuously at each of two universities since 1970. In 2004, they established the McCready Scholars Endowment, the single largest gift in VCSU's history, which provides scholarships for outstanding students that include tuition, fees, and books for up to four years. He also was recognized with the Valley City State University Distinguished Alumni award in 1982.

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, President of VCSU, said, "Although it was the largest gift in VCSU's history, the McCready Scholar Endowment was just one sign of the generosity and foresight of Dr. McCready. His actions ensure that he will be remembered in perpetuity for advancing opportunities for outstanding students at Valley City State University."

VCSU WEBSITE alumni.vcsu.edu NEW LOOK, NEW FEATURES

Over the last year, VCSU has been working on its "brand" and changing the way our materials look. This included giving the website a new look. This spring, the Advancement office has been working on getting our website updated and in the process has added several new features.

The "Giving Opportunities," "Member Boards," "Donating Online" and "Publications" sections are still there with enhancements.

We've added a section so we can "Keep in Touch" with our alumni. The "On the Move" section allows you to submit updates such as address, phone/cell number or updates on what you are doing. When you complete the form in the "On the Move" section, you are then listed online in the "Find a Friend"

section, which allows fellow alumni to find you. There is a guestbook for you to sign and make comments along with viewing the other guestbook entries. You might even be able to help us find some alumni with whom we have lost contact. We like to hear what our alumni are doing out there, so please send us updates so we can include them in the "Vikings on the Move" section of *The Bulletin*.

Another addition is a listing of current and upcoming alumni events. Check this section often for new entries.

Coming soon will be the "Viking Store" where you can purchase the latest Viking gear online from the VCSU Bookstore.

So check out alumni.vcsu.edu and let us know what you think. We want to hear from you!

WANTED: Your contact information!

Help us stay in touch with you between issues of *The Bulletin*!

Occasionally, we like to notify our alumni about important news and updates at VCSU by e-mail. In addition, many of our alumni, particularly those who are retired and frequently traveling, use cell phones as their primary means of contact. Unfortunately, e-mail and cell phones are relatively new means of communication, and very few of our alumni have provided us with this new contact information.

If you have an e-mail address or cell phone number that you would like to provide to us as a means of such contact, please send us this information via e-mail at alumni@vcsu.edu or call us at 800-532-8641.

We will keep your contact information confidential and will only use it for the purposes described!

Vikings On The Move (continued)

Bill '87 and Michele (Bischoff) Trader '86 are still working with the IRS in Grand Forks. Bill was selected as the 2004 award winner by the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Federal Executive Association for "Outstanding Customer Service." Michele has been working in the area of Abusive Tax Shelters and has been working with people all over the nation.

Kay (Schlecht) Albrecht '88 has been teaching at Wimbledon-Courtenay School for the past 17 years. Kay taught 2nd grade for 12 years and is currently teaching Kindergarten. She has three children: Brandon (21), Travis (17), and Emily (11). Brandon is currently attending VCSU majoring in Accounting, and plays football for the Vikings.

Lisa Udem is currently attending the US Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. Following her graduation in June, Lisa will be stationed at Canadian Forces Base North Bay in Ontario, Canada.

Mary Halvorson '89 completed her fourth year of teaching second grade at Jefferson Elementary School in Valley City. She spent the previous 12 years teaching first grade in Carrington. Summers are spent working for Security State Bank in the crop insurance department.

Netty Schilling and David Kudelka '91 met in Archie Moore's biology class. They spent a lot of time searching for those darn elusive birds! Fast forward 15 years and they connect again. David saw a newspaper article featuring a picture of Netty and her work with the North Dakota Department of Commerce Tourism Division. He emailed her and one email led to another and now they're planning their wedding on October 1st. Netty keeps a pocketbook of North Dakota birds in her car and they often try to identify some of them on their drives.

1990's

Brian and Ranell (Scherr) Hanson '90 reside in Grafton with their five children: Steph (12), Paige (9), Jaden and Jillian (7) and Cole (5). Brian is running Hanson's Auto and Implement in Grafton and Hanson's Implement in Cavalier. Ranell teaches 6th grade at the middle school.

Valerie (Elken) Cooper '90 and family reside in Colorado Springs, CO. Valerie recently wrote and received a three-year grant for \$150,000 to provide and

facilitate a reading program at the elementary school where she teaches. She is also a certified dyslexia testing specialist and runs a testing center for dyslexia. The Cooper family is busy with swimming, skiing, hiking and the religious education department of the Community Center Chapel at the United States Air Force Academy. They would love to hear from anyone passing through Colorado.

Tamara Byberg-Kautzer '91 thinks it was great to see the 1988 football team, cheerleaders, manager, coaching staff, teachers, friends and family last October at Homecoming 2004. She has super memories from VCSU, so it was great to be on campus again! Tamara is currently teaching high school language arts in Sheboygan, WI. She and her husband, Matt, live in Kohler, WI.

Katherine Rohr '91 is a dishwasher at Yesteryear's Café & Pine Cover Inn Supper Club and Lounge.

Dan Taylor '91 has been promoted to Vice President at Security State Bank of North Dakota. Dan is an investment executive for Security Financial Services. He serves customers out of the New Rockford, Carrington and Cooperstown locations. Dan is also the Branch Coordinator for the New Rockford Bank. He has been with the bank for twelve years. Dan and his wife, Jill (Henningsgard) '92 live in New Rockford with their three children.

Elizabeth Jacobsen '92 has been appointed Recorder/Clerk of Court for Steele County in Finley, ND. She and her husband, Trevor, keep busy with their three children: Alyssa (10), Morgan (7) and Blake (1 ½). They live on a farm near Luverne.

Barb (Didier) Loibl '92 and her two sons, Nathan (8) and Nash (4), live near Denver, CO, where Barb teaches fourth grade. They keep busy by enjoying the mountains, skiing and hiking.

Brenda (Hardy) Mitzel '92 continues to teach in Wolford, ND. Her school was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School, one of the best 250 schools in the nation. Brenda was also named "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" for the third time!

Scott Klimek '95 has been named Principal of Lincoln Elementary in Fargo, ND. Previously, he taught in a multicultural environment at Parker Unified School District in western Arizona and was then employed at an elementary school in Montrose, CO. Scott earned a master's degree from Northern Arizona University.

Terra (Wagner) Engelhart '96 is teaching second grade at Ashley Public Schools. This is her ninth year in teaching. She and her husband, James, live on the family farm where James farms and Terra tries to help out in the spring, summer and fall. Their daughter, Tiffany, turned five in October and goes to school with Terra on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She loves preschool and says she wants to be a teacher some day. Terra tells her that VCSU is the place for her!

Anthony T. Aukland '97 works for the Information Technology Department (ITD) as a Technical Support Specialist working in Groupware. Tony just started this job in December of 2003. Before ITD, Tony worked at Job Service as a Computer & Network Specialist for 7 years, handling computer software & hardware support, plus training for JSND employees. Tony is serving as President of the Central Dakota Chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals. In his spare time he enjoys Tae Kwon Do, biking, ice skating, weightlifting, hunting, movies, many sport activities, hanging out with his black lab Riele, and spending time with friends and family. He volunteers for activities at his church, various charities around the community, and is a member of the Big Brother Club.

Shannon (McGuire) Brow '98 is currently working at the Wheatland Middle School which is in her home town of Wheatland, WY. She is working on a master's degree in special education and expects to have this completed in 2007. Shannon has a 16 year old step-son, 2 1/2 year old girl, and a 1 year old boy!

Angela (Dolleslager) Jaros '99 is a pharmacist in New Hartford, NY. She and her husband, Greg, welcomed their first child, Abigail Arline, on February 22, 2005.

2000's

Jennifer (Alberly) Schneider '00 and her husband, Dustin, bought their first house this past summer. She is currently teaching second grade in Jamestown, ND.

Kristi Rowekamp '00 participated as a graduate student lecturer in the Deans' Lecture Series at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Her lecture was titled, "Social Skills Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder."

Dustin and Jodi (Garman) Flaten '00 reside in Lemmon, SD. Jodi just completed her first year as head girls' basketball coach.

Crystal (Blake) Iszler '00 teaches in the Onslow County Schools in North Carolina. Her second daughter, Isabella Grace, was born in July 2004 and is doing great.

Dale Knudson '02 reports that optometry school is going great. It is as tough as he expected it to be, but he is having fun while doing it. This summer Dale is working at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course. Dale is engaged to Katherine Engberg. They haven't decided on any dates as of yet, but it will probably be next year sometime.

Leslie Ross '02 is currently teaching high school Business and English at Watford City High School. She attended her first National Business Education Association meeting in Anaheim this spring—Leslie is president-elect of the state organization.

Tiffany Hieb '02 has joined Goldmark Property Management in Fargo as a leasing specialist. She previously worked as a data information coordinator for the VCSU Advancement Office.

Teresa Waldahl '05 has accepted a Human Resource Generalist position with TerraMac Industries of West Fargo.

Sheri Stein '05 has accepted a position as Title I Reading and Math teacher at Kulm Elementary School in Kulm, ND.

Matthew Scherbenske '05 has accepted a position as grades 7-12 science teacher at Kulm High School, Kulm, ND.



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