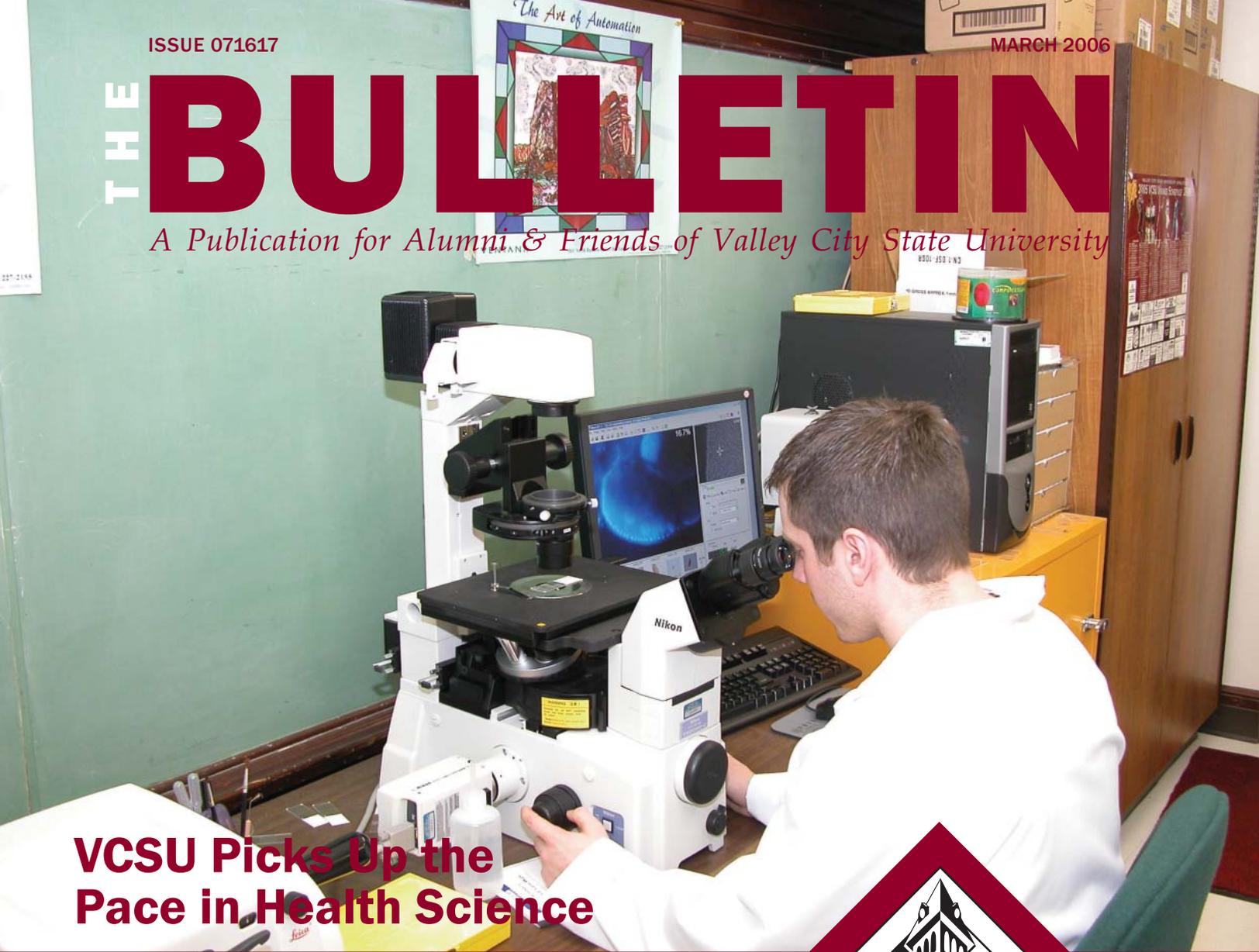


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**Change a Life;
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Ellen-Earle Chaffee, President

Scholarships are a top priority for private giving at Valley City State University. The reason is simple: to a degree not seen in this country since World War II, students are literally unable to attend college due to lack of funds.

The average VCSU graduate has \$15,000 in loans. How much did you owe when you graduated? Did you receive a scholarship? Did you work? About 37 percent of VCSU students receive a scholarship today. And yes, students still work to help pay their costs. More than in the past, many find that their work schedule prohibits them from participating in student activities and forces compromises in their academic schedules.

In the last decade or two, many factors have contributed to the dire financial situation most students face. Availability of federal grants has significantly declined. Since 1987, loans to students have gone up 297 percent while the increase in student grants was only 35 percent.

In 1985, federal work study funded 4.6 percent of student aid; today that figure is barely over 1 percent. Among other effects, students are more likely to work off campus today.

As I write this, Congress is about to approve a budget that will cut \$12.7 billion from federal student aid over the next five years.

Were you here in the 1960s? Tuition at VCSU has increased by about 2,200 percent since 1961-62. Room and board have increased by 770 percent during that time; and books and supplies by 1,067 percent. Personal, miscellaneous, and transportation costs have increased by 7,097 percent. Overall the cost of a year's study at VCSU has increased by 1,097 percent in 40 years.

To translate those figures into dollars, the current cost of a year at VCSU is nearly \$13,000. For four years, a student needs well over \$50,000. It is almost miraculous if they can graduate with only \$15,000 in debt. The average starting salary for teachers in North Dakota is less than \$25,000. A second miracle is the number of our teacher education graduates who choose to teach in North Dakota. I have spoken with students whose projected take-home pay would have been less than their loan payment.

If Valley City State University made a difference in your life, you surely want to help others achieve the same kind of benefits.

Student aid is such a high priority for us that the university is spending as much on tuition waivers as private donors provide for scholarships.

If you know a talented young person who will go far if he or she gets a little encouragement, you can understand why scholarships are such a high priority for us. If Valley City State University made a difference in your life, you surely want to help others achieve the same kind of benefits. If you received a scholarship here, how about making that benefit available to someone else today?

The options are many, including V-500, a private named endowment, and earmarking in the annual fund or Phone-A-Thon campaigns. Your gift can be in honor or in memory of someone who is important to you. Never has your scholarship gift been more important to today's young people and to the future of society.

*In Remembrance:
 Thilda Vangstad*

The following is a note that Dr. Chaffee sent to the VCSU campus community to announce the passing of Thilda Vangstad. She was also invited to read it at the funeral.

I am very sad to inform you that Thilda Vangstad passed away February 5, 2006, at her home in Osakis, MN at the age of 104. Each year during Commencement exercises, I have said, "We are in Vangstad Auditorium, named for two outstanding people who retired from here more than 30 years ago. Lena and Thilda Vangstad are twins who gave a combined 60 years of their remarkable lives to this university. Many of our outstanding alumni credit The Twins for instilling self-confidence and direction in them when they were young and vulnerable.

"I visit these remarkable women as often as I can, and they write me regularly. They live in Minnesota and they know everything that goes on even today at VCSU. They will celebrate their 104th birthday this summer. In many ways, they are VCSU's guardian angels, and they will watch over this year's class, too."

I know that Thilda will continue as one of our guardian angels, just from a different vantage point. God bless her immortal and incomparable soul.

Dr. Ellen Chaffee
 President



State Board Meets on VCSU Campus

The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, the policy-setting body for the North Dakota University System, held a meeting on the VCSU campus in February, bringing to campus a variety of state officials including Chancellor Robert Potts (left), his staff, Board President Pamela J. Kostelecky (center), and Vice President John Paulson (right) plus representatives of all other NDUS campuses and several reporters. The location for these meetings rotates through the eleven campuses of the university system. VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee said of the visit, "We had SO many compliments from members of the State Board of Higher Education, the Chancellor's staff, visiting reporters, and visitors from other campuses. I could not have been more proud of this university and everyone in it."

Note from Val

by Val Moritz '75,
Director of Alumni Relations



We need your help! Our alumni are doing great things all across our country and we need to know about them!

The VCSU Alumni Association has three awards to recognize accomplishments of our alumni: the Distinguished Alumni Award, the Alumni Service Award, and the Certificate of Merit.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the most prestigious award granted from our university. It was established to recognize Valley City State University alumni who have achieved prominence in their chosen field of endeavor. The nominee must have received national or international recognition and must have been identified as an expert in the individual's chosen field.

The Alumni Service Award was adopted by the VCSU Alumni Association to recognize alumni or university friends who have attained exceptional achievement in their careers and have made significant contributions to the university through dedicated service, promotion, financial support or other efforts.

The Certificate of Merit award was adopted by the VCSU Alumni Association to recognize alumni for accomplishments, service or other noteworthy honors

Nomination forms can be found on our web site at: alumni.vcsu.edu/awards/.

Please take the time to help us recognize our alumni.



Hello Alumni!

by Jim Ukestad '78, Alumni Association President

I am preparing to go on my 25th annual cross country ski trip in northern Minnesota with a group of VCSU alumni friends. A ski trip is somewhat of a misnomer because I have not brought any skis for the last fifteen years. So, why go? It's simple—friends.

We meet to discuss families, accomplishments and events in our lives. We are currently at the stage where our offspring are getting married and starting their own families. We are turning into the people that our parents were. Now we're the ones who are ignorant!!

One thing we're proud of is that our little group has raised over \$20,000 for the children of a deceased classmate at VCSU. We did this by taking up collections at our gatherings. We also meet in the summer for a

golf tournament. We rotate the location with different people hosting the event. The dates are always the same; the first weekend in August.

So what is my message to you? Call your old classmates—renew your relationships—find out about their families. Plan a rendezvous. Enjoy sharing the times of your life. One of my favorite sayings is: "Life is good." Make your life good.

VCSU is also a friend. Renew your ties. Come back at Homecoming. Call your college friends and make plans to meet at your alma mater. VCSU is an exciting place to visit. The people are great. Stop into the Alumni Office. Visit instructors—The people are so amiable.

This is YOUR school. Be PROUD to be a Viking.



Thank You Alumni and Friends

by Larry Robinson '71, Director of University Advancement

Hundreds of alumni and friends of Valley City State University make the VCSU Foundation a top priority each year by supporting the Phone-A-Thon/Annual Fund. Thank you for your support.

Many respond to a letter while others make their pledge during the annual Phone-A-Thon. Still others make use of the online donation at alumni.vcsu.edu. Regardless of the means, the dollars generated during the Phone-A-Thon /Annual Fund provide the university with the resources necessary to fund innovative programs, address urgent needs, publish *The Bulletin*,

hold alumni reunions and offset other expenses for such activities as Homecoming and alumni recognition programs.

Your gift to VCSU is **Making a Difference**. The state of North Dakota provides funding to support the core academic programming of the institution. That funding represents about 42% of the total budget of Valley City State University. The balance must be made up from tuition and private support. Needless to say, the students have been doing their share. In 2003, tuition increased by over 20%. That increase was followed in 2004 by an increase of 18.4% and an additional

increase of 9% in the fall of 2005. By all reports, there will be another increase this coming fall.

Support for the Phone-A-Thon/Annual Fund is an investment in the quality of educational experience at VCSU. The success that VCSU enjoys is no accident. In 2005, VCSU announced the addition of a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree. The university also added a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management to the curriculum. VCSU was also included on the *U.S. News & World Report* list of America's "Best Colleges" for the 8th year in a row. Without adequate resources, it would have very difficult to realize these

accomplishments. Your support is also an investment in recruiting and retaining quality students, faculty and staff to the university. Finally, the revenue from the Phone-A-Thon/Annual Fund helps to maintain the beauty of the campus, support resources in the library and insures that VCSU will maintain its competitive edge in technology.

Can we count on you to support the students of our university? Your dollars will insure that they too will have the opportunity to experience Valley City State University.

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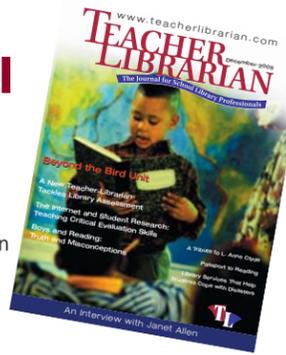
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Heil Publishes Article on Critical Evaluation of the Internet

Delilah (Nitschke) Heil '91 recently had an article entitled "The Internet and Student Research: Teaching Critical Evaluation Skills" published in the December, 2005 issue of *Teacher Librarian*.

Heil produced the article in conjunction with her work towards a Master of Education degree with an emphasis in Technology she is pursuing at Black Hills State University in Rapid City, SD. The report addresses such questions as why students find the Internet so appealing and whether or not students understand the credibility of sites on the Internet or how to evaluate sites before using them. It concludes that including a unit on critical evaluation of Internet sites would increase the information literacy of the students.

Heil is a teacher-librarian for the Lemmon School District in Lemmon, SD. She provides library services for children in grades K-12 and teaches high school English. The Critical Evaluation Unit materials discussed in her article can be found at her web site <http://dh015.k12.sd.us/>.



Merediths Endow Scholarship Program for Science, Mathematics Students

Dr. Donald and Mrs. Marjorie Meredith of Mankato, MN have made a gift that will support one of the largest single scholarships in the history of Valley City State University (VCSU), one that will provide \$3,000 per year for four years to one qualified new student every year. Their most recent gift of \$185,000 fully endows the Meredith Scholars program within the Division of Math and Science.

Their endowment will fund, in perpetuity, four full scholarships per year, each providing tuition, fees and support for day-to-day living expenses to a freshman, a sophomore, a junior, and a senior studying science or mathematics at VCSU.

The Meredith Scholars program was created in 1995 by Dr. and Mrs. Meredith. It has two goals: to allow promising VCSU science and mathematics students to focus on their studies without working at outside jobs, and to stimulate other students to excel in their academic careers.

A Meredith Scholarship is awarded each year to an exceptional VCSU first-year student who plans an education in mathematics or the natural sciences. Awards to sophomore, junior, and senior Meredith Scholars are renewed annually. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement in high school (upper 10 percent in his or her class), and must score in the 90th percentile of the ACT college prep exam.

"The knowledge and interest of U.S. students in science and mathematics is far behind the rest of the developed world," Dr. Meredith said. "I hope this endowment helps the University attract the best of the best students, and helps to re-establish the United States as the world leader in science education."

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, President of VCSU, said, "The generosity of the Merediths highlights the many-faceted benefits that scholarships provide. In addition to benefiting VCSU and many talented students, this scholarship serves to improve the fields of science and mathematics, and even the competitiveness of the U.S. workforce as a whole. Endowing this scholarship is a selfless act that will certainly have effects felt far and wide."

Dr. Meredith co-founded Mankato's Orthopaedic & Fracture Clinic, PA, with Dr. Paul Gislason in 1957. He and Dr. Gislason served as MSU's first athletic team physicians, and helped the university create what is now the nation's oldest, continually accredited athletic training education program in the nation.

Dr. Meredith was raised in Valley City, ND. After serving as an infantryman in the U.S. Army's Second Division from 1945-47, he attended VCSU, the University of North Dakota, and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO. He completed his surgical residency in University of Minnesota Orthopaedic Surgery program.

His wife, the former Marjorie Rabe, was raised in Dickinson, ND, and attended Stephens College in Columbia, MO. She graduated with a degree in dietetics from the University of North Dakota, where the couple met.

They have been married for 53 years and have five children - Janet, Nancy, Don II, Bruce and Barbara - and 13 grandchildren.

Dr. Meredith no longer plays basketball as he did at Valley City High School and the University of North Dakota (in the 1940s, at 6'6", he was the tallest high school basketball player in North Dakota), but he still plays golf regularly. At VCSU, he was a member of the state championship golf team, and in 1995 was inducted into the Viking Hall of Fame. Dr. Meredith received the Sioux Award from the University of North Dakota Alumni Foundation in 2005. He also is an avid fisherman, hunter, and hiker. Mrs. Meredith is a master gardener, and both have volunteered with numerous Mankato area civic groups.



Senator Dorgan Visits VCSU

U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan visited the VCSU campus to meet with Dr. Ellen Chaffee, VCSU President, to discuss ways VCSU might participate in his Red River Valley Research Corridor (RRVRC) initiative.

The RRVRC directs federal funds toward research at North Dakota's universities to stimulate commercial activity and high-paying jobs based on that research. During his visit, Dr. Chaffee reviewed with Senator Dorgan some of the projects and proposals active at VCSU that may fall under the RRVRC umbrella.



Bridget (O'Brien) Blunck '05, Lab Manager at the VCSU Toxicology Lab, shows Senator Dorgan samples of Fruit Flies the lab is studying.

One possibility Dr. Chaffee presented was the Institute for Customized Business Solutions (ICBS), which would provide curriculum customized for specialized careers in enterprise software development. Said Dr. Chaffee, "The ICBS is based on a proven framework, the partnership between VCSU and Eagle Creek Software Services, which has produced 40 software consulting jobs in Valley City within the last year." During his tour, Senator Dorgan visited the Eagle Creek facility to meet these employees, 20 of whom were recently hired after completing their program with VCSU.

Another proposal reviewed with Senator Dorgan was a National Technology Teacher Center. Dr. Don Mugan, Department Chair, said, "Technological literacy in the U.S. is rapidly diminishing while a substantial demand within the K-12 and university systems for technology educators is going unmet. The vision of the National Technology Teacher Center is to provide opportunities for individuals to become technology teachers, and to provide support to educational organizations in the delivery of technology education programs." VCSU developed the nation's first online curriculum that meets the standards for technological literacy defined by the International Technology Education Association (ITEA), and just recently extended this curriculum to a concentration within a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree program.

A third stop for Senator Dorgan was at the VCSU macroinvertebrate and toxicology laboratories. Andre DeLorme '79, Associate Professor, said, "These laboratories present our undergraduates with research opportunities that are hard to find at other universities." The labs are being funded as part of a five-year, \$1.5 million grant through the IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE), a National Institutes of Health (NIH) program that provides support to research institutions for building and strengthening research infrastructure and increasing capacity to conduct cutting-edge biomedical and behavioral research.

Kathie Rocheleau Named Elementary Counselor of the Year



Kathie (Morlock) Rocheleau '76 was named the Elementary Counselor of the Year at the mid-winter conference of the North Dakota Counseling Association. Kathie and her husband, Jerry '76, reside in Rugby, ND.

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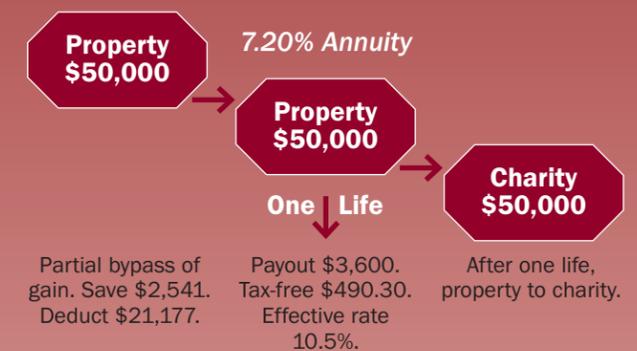
We are all familiar with the idea that in the act of giving we receive more than we thought imaginable. Most of us experience the reality of this truism early in life — through the eyes of a child, the gratitude of a life changed, or through the vision that is inherent in the spirit of philanthropy. Some may find it surprising that the U.S. tax laws take this reality one step further and provide tangible evidence that a gift changes much more than the charity on the receiving end. It is with purpose that our laws embrace planning strategies like The Charitable Gift Annuity — offering measurable incentives which nurture a philanthropic society.

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80	8.0%
90	11.3%

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I (We) have already included Valley City State University in our estate plans.

Please fill out and mail the completed form to Larry Robinson, Director of University Advancement, Valley City State University Foundation, 101 College Street SW, Valley City, ND 58072; 701-845-7217 or toll-free 800-532-8641; email larry.robinson@vcsu.edu.



VCSU Picks Up the Pace in Health Science

It is no secret that health science has become one of the fastest growing segments of the economy. This is leading college graduates all over the country to pursue degrees in this field at every level – from 2-year associate degrees to Ph.D.'s. VCSU is seeing increasing activity, and success, in this area, too.

One sign of this increased pace is the addition of Health Science as a major degree program of its own. First offered in 2004, the program now has 21 students who have declared Health Science as their major and many more that have not yet declared it as their major. It is designed for students wishing to pursue a degree at professional or graduate school in any of several health science disciplines. Examples include chiropractic, dentistry, medicine, nursing, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, veterinary science, respiratory therapy, occupational therapy, mortuary science and biomedical research.

In addition to a rigorous curriculum consisting of biology, chemistry, math, and physics, the Health Science major has much to offer students. The Aquatic Macroinvertebrate and Toxicology laboratories, for example, provide students with research opportunities not usually found at four-year institutions. Even VCSU's proximity to facilities like Lake Ashtabula and the state fish hatchery provide opportunities for nearby field study with practical applications.

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But VCSU's unique qualities of personalized attention from dedicated faculty and small class size also play an important role for students planning a career in Health Science. Cheryl (Mitzi) Fenno '82, said, "I think VCSU did a fine job preparing me for graduate work at Pacific University College of Optometry. VCSU's small classes and teachers that would go the extra mile to help make learning fun made a big difference. Dr. Judy Kemp was the head of the Science Department when I was there, and I know she talked often with Pacific

In the last few years, VCSU alums have found success in dozens of graduate schools around the country in fields such as optometry, chiropractics, physical therapy, veterinary science, laboratory technology, nuclear medicine, and biochemistry.

to ensure that our classes were going to meet their requirements for admission." After graduating from Pacific in 1986, Fenno went on to run a number of commercial practices in Idaho and Washington. She and her husband now own private practices in Colville and Newport, Washington.

Graduates in this field generally have outstanding career prospects. The National Association of Colleges and Employers listed six health science careers among the ten fastest growing science, engineering and technology occupations from 2002 – 2012. Interest is very high among prospective students, too. A 2005 survey of high-school students

in the Barnes County area showed that over 32% were considering majors in the fields of Health Science or Allied Health, twice as many as the next largest area of interest.

Even prior to the Health Science major, VCSU alums have been launching health science careers from other majors. Chemistry is a good example. Although the Chemistry major is primarily intended to prepare students for careers as laboratory scientists, research or graduate studies, many VCSU chemistry majors end up with

careers in health science. This is the path that Angela (Dolleschlager) Jaros '99 took. "When I arrived at VCSU in 1995, I was a math major, but soon changed to Chemistry after meeting Dr. Joe Stickler. His passion for chemistry and his students persuaded me to switch. Pharmacy seemed like a natural fit for me since I love working with people and really enjoyed chemistry." After graduating from VCSU with a degree in chemistry, Angela went on to receive her Doctor of Pharmacy from NDSU in 2003.

Because many careers in health science require advanced degrees, one key measure of quality is success in graduate and

post-graduate schools, and the number of VCSU Science majors pursuing advanced degrees has been impressive. In the last few years, VCSU alums have found success in dozens of graduate schools around the country in fields such as optometry, chiropractics, physical therapy, veterinary science, laboratory technology, nuclear medicine, and biochemistry. The latest success story is VCSU senior Shannon Mundfrom, who is graduating this spring with a degree in Exercise Science and has been accepted into the doctoral program of Physical Therapy at the University of Minnesota (see story page 11).

Scholarships play an important role in supporting students studying the sciences. VCSU currently offers up to sixteen separate scholarships specifically available to students in science or mathematics. The most recent addition to this support has been the endowment of the Meredith Scholars program by Dr. Donald and Mrs. Marjorie Meredith, which will provide \$3,000 per year for four years to one qualified new student every year (see story page 4).

Dr. Joe Stickler, Chair of the VCSU Division of Mathematics, Science and Health & Physical Education, is rightfully proud of the program. He said, "Student success rates after graduation offer the most convincing argument for the quality of the program, and VCSU science majors are viably employed in critically needed positions both throughout North Dakota and the nation."

VCSU Names Two to Key Academic Roles

Two key staff positions were recently filled when VCSU named Dr. Joseph Bessie to the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) and Dr. Patricia Rogers to the position of Dean for the School of Education and Graduate Studies.

Dr. Bessie comes to VCSU from Ridgewater College in Willmar, Minnesota where he is the Dean of Instruction for Transfer Programs. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Psychology from the University of California-Santa Cruz, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Management from Southwest Minnesota State University, and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Minnesota. His experience includes more than twenty years as a college and university professor and more than five years as an academic dean. Dr. Bessie took most of the courses in the MBA degree via ITV delivery and he has taught interactive television and correspondence courses. Instructional technology is an area of recognized strength in his background.

As VPAA, Dr. Bessie will be responsible for leading several strategic academic initiatives including a new mission in graduate instruction and a highly innovative approach to customized learning. He will lead the faculty in ensuring academic quality, innovation, and flexibility, and provide

responsiveness to the learning needs of the region's economic entities.

VCSU has been conducting a nationwide search for this position since 2004 when Dr. Les Wong resigned to accept the position of President at Northern Michigan University. During the search, the role of VPAA has been filled on an interim basis by Dr. James Wigtil, who was retired as head of the School of Education at North Dakota State University and previously served on the faculty at Ohio State University. Dr. Chaffee said, "We would like to express our sincere gratitude for Dr. Wigtil's willingness to postpone his retirement and for his many contributions during this time. We wish him the very best."

Dr. Rogers holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Art Education from the University of Minnesota and a Ph.D. in Instructional Systems and Technology and Art Education from the University of Minnesota. She is a member of several state-level committees and is currently the past-chair of the Minnesota Online Council. Dr. Rogers is a Getty Fellow and Fulbright Scholar. She consults internationally on e-learning,



Dr. Joseph Bessie



Dr. Patricia Rogers

has authored several articles on instructional technology, and has presented regularly at technology and education conferences.

As Dean, Dr. Rogers will serve as academic and administrative leader for the School of Education and Graduate Studies, lead VCSU's undergraduate teacher education program on two campuses, teach at graduate and/or undergraduate levels, and work with Dr. Bessie to guide the development of the graduate program. The Dean is a new position created when the master's program received accreditation and the Division of Education, Psychology and Technology restructured into the School of Education and Graduate Studies.

Both Dr. Bessie and Dr. Rogers will begin in their respective roles on July 1.

VCSU Names School of Education and Graduate Studies

Valley City State University received approval from the State Board of Higher Education to rename its "Division of Education, Psychology, and Technology" to "The School of Education and Graduate Studies."

The name change was requested in order to reflect the broader mission stemming from the addition of the Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree program. The M.Ed. was approved by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) in October, and VCSU first began offering master's level classes Fall semester of 2005. 28 students were enrolled in the M.Ed. program as of the first day of Spring semester 2006, up from 19 at the end of Fall semester.

Preservation ND Conference to be Held in Valley City May 5-7



said, "Valley City is a treasure trove of landmarks of historical interest, so there is certainly no shortage of content for an interesting and informative agenda."

The event will kick-off on Thursday, May 4 with an Ice Breaker and Social held at the President's House Guest Inn on the campus of Valley City State University (VCSU). Conference sessions will be held on the VCSU campus on May 5 and 6. Said Bentley, "In addition to being listed on the National

Preservation North Dakota will hold their annual conference in Valley City from Friday, May 5 through Sunday, May 7 under the theme: "Sustain America: Vision, Economics, and Preservation." Dale Bentley, Executive Director of Preservation North Dakota,

Register of Historic Places, the VCSU campus is a showcase of successful and functional preservation. This makes it an outstanding place to hold our annual conference."

The agenda will feature an opening Plenary address by VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee on the topic of campus preservation, and will include tours of the campus and a silent auction. The conference will also feature visits and tours to several other historic Valley City area landmarks including the Barnes County Courthouse, the Historical Museum, the Congregational Church, and a tour of Valley City bridges. A Prairie Places Heritage Tour on Sunday, May 7 will include visits to the Rosebud Visitor's Center, the King School, the city of Kathryn, Wadson Park, the Waldheim Lutheran Church, Little Yellowstone, and Fort Ransom State Park.

Preservation North Dakota is a non-profit, grassroots organization that provides resources and advocacy for historic preservationists. More information is available at www.prairieplaces.org or by sending an e-mail to info@prairieplaces.org.

Decoys Lure Students



VCSU Alum Bob (BJ) Johnson '85 is getting quite a bit of attention for the unique way he has found to engage students into his art class. The following article appeared in the December 25, 2005 issue of the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

If you love the outdoors and you're a senior at Brainerd High School, teacher Bob Johnson's art classes are the cool place to be.

When the fourth-period bell rang and 24 students — mostly boys — filed into one of Johnson's fish-decoy classes, the intensity of the work was palpable. Brandon DeCent, a senior, concentrated on dabbing the delicate blue spots on a small mahi-mahi, a variety of saltwater fish, while Peter Winch used a wood-burner to etch scales on a foot-long walleye.

It was DeCent's first art class, and the mahi-mahi was his eighth carving, three beyond the class requirement. "My cousin took (the class) and turned me on to it," said DeCent, who is earning an A. "Johnson does a really great job of teaching this class. It's cool."

When Johnson, 43, created his elective art class, "Darkhouse Spearing: A Minnesota Tradition," four years ago, he set out to preserve the dying art of darkhouse spearing and decoy carving. But he never imagined the art class would become wildly popular at Brainerd High, especially among male students, or that he would

discover woodcarving prodigies in the student population.

"When I approached the principal, Steve Razidlo, about it, he said, 'OK, let's try it and see if anybody signs up,'" said Johnson, a world-class fish-decoy carver himself. "This year, we had 50 students, and I began a second class. It's wonderful."

Collectibles

Fish-decoy carving and darkhouse spearing have a long tradition in Minnesota, going back to American Indian fishing techniques. The practice involves using a carved fish decoy to lure a fish, such as northern pike or whitefish, into a hole cut in the ice, then spearing it with a heavy metal spear. Spearers use wood or canvas-covered fish houses that are completely dark inside, increasing the ability to see fish in the water, and jig the fish decoy on the end of the string. While originally carved for their utilitarian use, the fish decoys have reached collectible status, especially older ones that are considered folk art.

But the sport of darkhouse spearing has fallen on hard times in Minnesota. Northern pike are the only game fish that can be

legally speared, and it's no longer fashionable to spear them in the era of catch-and-release fishing. Rough fish, such as whitefish and tullibees, also can be speared, but popularity in that sport also has waned.

Classwork

Johnson darkhouse speared as a kid, and his father carved a few decoys, but Johnson never took carving or spearing too seriously until 10 years ago. That's when he entered one of his carved decoys in a competition and won sixth place. This year, he won world-champion honors in two competitions, and the huge trophies sit atop a shelf in his classroom.

Students have to interview other carvers or spearers in the community, research each species they carve and keep a journal. They have to create five carvings in 18 weeks, including examples of folk-art fish, a realistic fish and some other aquatic critter, such as a turtle. Students learn how to carve and paint their creations and to balance them with embedded lead weights so they swim properly. The swim test is conducted in the high school swimming pool. "You can imagine 15 or 20 kids standing around the swimming pool, jiggling their decoys to see if they swim," Johnson said, laughing. "It's a lot of fun, and there is some real critiquing going on."

The highlight of class is a field trip to the darkhouse. The Minnesota Darkhouse Association and other spearers



Two of Johnson's students work on their decoys. Kristi Takasaki (left) uses a woodburning technique, and Chris Hoffman (above) airbrushes his project.

in the community offer their houses so students can see if they can lure a northern pike into spearing range. Some students, like Dusty Sawvel, are reluctant to see their creations hit the water. "I'm afraid it will get bit by a northern," he said of his prized gold-and-green perch.

Jennifer Cramer, who teaches metalworking and graphic design at Brainerd High School, said Johnson is an example of teacher using a creative approach to get kids excited about school and art. "His class draws a totally different demographic of student to art," she said. "They're kids who never thought of taking an art class, and now they're using a different part of their brains."

Johnson said the melding of art, darkhouse spearing and education fits perfectly in the Brainerd area, where hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities are a way of life. He said the best part of his job is those "a-ha" moments when a student masters a carving technique or suddenly envisions a fish in a raw block of white pine. But he has another calling as well.

"Darkhouse spearing is a tradition I felt was being lost," he said, watching his decoy spin circles below the ice. "Hopefully, I'm passing on this sport to a future generation."



M.Ed. a Great Investment in Your Career

Summer Session begins May 22, 2006

The Graduate School at VCSU is up and running, and is perfect for teaching professionals that want to add master's level credentials without quitting their jobs or moving to another city. The program is designed to be completed online from anywhere an internet connection is available, and students can complete coursework at times convenient to them. Working on a M.Ed. makes great financial sense: at current tuition rates and typical pay scales, students can easily earn back the entire cost of the degree in less than three years, often in less than two years! After that, the degree will continue to pay dividends throughout the teaching career.

Course offerings for summer semester 2006 include:

EDUC 630 Teaching and Learning Strategies (3 credits)

Examines several models of instruction for building effective teaching practice to meet diverse learning needs. Covers the psychological aspects of teaching and how effective teaching assists the learning process. Explores and integrates multiple intelligences, learning styles, and cooperative learning with technology in the context of implementation into instruction, curriculum and assessment. Covers information processing and cognitive skills development, classroom management, motivation, and assessment of student learning.

EDUC 657 Exceptionality, Diversity, and Difference (3 credits)

A study of exceptionality, diversity, and difference that exists in P-12 classrooms, including issues of socioeconomic status, gender, and ethnicity. Explores related strategies for developing appropriate learning environments, instructional modifications, intervention alternatives, teaching styles, and alternative delivery systems, as well as addresses professional networking and collaboration in order to enhance the learning experience for all students.

TECH 665 Inventions and Innovations (3 credits)

Emphasizes concepts related to engineering design as well as concepts surrounding inventions and innovations. Covers the standards, benchmarks, content and techniques necessary to successfully teach a recommended core course at the middle school level. Utilizes the course guide produced by the International Technology Education Association Center for the Advancement of Teaching Technology and Science (CATTS) and includes laboratory activities.

For more information, visit www.vcsu.edu/graduate.

Spring Enrollment Results Released

VCSU released 3rd week enrollment figures for spring semester of 2006 showing a Headcount of 960 vs. 930 for the spring semester of 2005, a 3.2% increase. Part-time enrollment showed an increase of over 44% while full-time enrollment fell by 7%, leading to a net decrease in Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment of 4.7%.

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, VCSU President, said that the results reflect the impact of recent strategic initiatives. "Though headcount would have seen a slight increase without it, most of the increase in is in our new Master of Education (M.Ed.) program. We expect that growth in this program and other trends in higher education will have additional effects on the profile of our student population in the future, including further increases in part-time and distance enrollment."

e-Delivery of The Bulletin!

Did you know that you can save VCSU money by electing to have your copy of *The Bulletin* electronically delivered to you via e-mail? "*The Bulletin* is a valued and important way for us to stay in touch with our alumni, said Larry Robinson, Director of Advancement, but each copy we need to print and mail costs the VCSU Advancement office between \$.70 and \$.80. We can reduce this expense if we can persuade alumni to receive the publication electronically instead."

To get your copy of *The Bulletin* delivered electronically, just subscribe to a special online newsletter we have set-up just for alumni. Then, whenever a new issue of *The Bulletin* is available, you will receive an e-mail notification containing a link to a page you can visit to download it. Once you have subscribed to the online version of *The Bulletin*, you will be removed from *The Bulletin's* regular mailing list, and help us save money with every issue!

To subscribe to this special newsletter, visit: <http://www.vcsu.edu/newsletter/>.

Provide your email address, first and last name. Then, you can subscribe to any of several VCSU electronic newsletters, including one for *The Bulletin* (others include "VCSU Alumni News," "Viking Sports News," and several others). Select the newsletters you wish to receive. You can unsubscribe to any of these newsletters at any time, and VCSU will keep your information confidential.

If you have any questions please call Kim Hesck at 800-532-8641 ext. 3-7203.



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2006 Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Mar. 7	Univ of Mary (at Bismarck, ND)	1:00 PM
Mar. 10	Midland Lutheran (Hastings Tourney) (at Hastings, NE)	TBA
Mar. 10	Dana College (Hastings Tourney) (at Hastings, NE)	TBA
Mar. 10	Dakota Wesleyan (Hastings Tourney) (at Hastings, NE)	TBA
Mar. 11	Hastings College (Hastings Tourney) (at Hastings, NE)	TBA
Mar. 11	Doane College (Hastings Tourney) (at Hastings, NE)	TBA
Mar. 11	North Platte CC (Hastings Tourney) (at Hastings, NE)	TBA
Mar. 13	Mount Marty College (at Yankton, SD)	1:00 PM
Mar. 14	Briar Cliff University (at Sioux City, IA)	3:00 PM
Mar. 15	Dakota Wesleyan University (at Mitchell, SD)	1:00 PM
Mar. 23	Presentation College (at Aberdeen, SD)	2:00 PM
Mar. 25	Minot State University	1:00 PM
Mar. 26	Minot State University (at Minot, ND)	1:00 PM
Mar. 30	UM-Crookston	2:00 PM
Apr. 1	University of Mary (at Bismarck, ND)	1:00 PM
Apr. 2	University of Mary	1:00 PM
Apr. 4	Presentation College	3:00 PM
Apr. 8	Jamestown College	1:00 PM
Apr. 9	Jamestown College (at Jamestown, ND)	1:00 PM
Apr. 13	UM-Morris	3:00 PM
Apr. 17	UM-Crookston (at Crookston, MN)	3:00 PM
Apr. 19	Mayville State University (at Mayville, ND)	2:00 PM
Apr. 22	Dickinson State University	1:00 PM
Apr. 23	Dickinson State University	1:00 PM
Apr. 26	Mayville State University	2:00 PM
Apr. 29	Dakota State University (at Madison, SD)	1:00 PM
Apr. 30	Dakota State University (at Madison, SD)	1:00 PM
May. 2	Bemidji State University (at Bemidji, MN)	2:00 PM
May. 5	D A C Tournament (at Minot, ND)	TBA
May. 6	D A C Tournament (at Minot, ND)	TBA
May. 10	Region III Tournament (at Sioux City, IA)	TBA
May. 11	Region III Tournament (at Sioux City, IA)	TBA
May. 12	Region III Tournament (at Sioux City, IA)	TBA

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2006 Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Mar. 4	Midland Lutheran College (at Fremont, NE)	1:00 PM
Mar. 5	Midland Lutheran College (at Fremont, NE)	12:00 PM
Mar. 12	Roger Williams (RI) (at Chadler, AZ)	10:00 AM
Mar. 12	Dickinson State University (at Chandler, AZ)	1:00 PM
Mar. 13	Dordt College (IA) (at Chandler, AZ)	11:00 AM
Mar. 14	Wesleyan University (CT) (at Mesa, AZ)	2:30 PM
Mar. 15	Marian College (WI) (at Mesa, AZ)	11:00 AM
Mar. 15	Macalester College (MN) (at Mesa, AZ)	2:30 PM
Mar. 16	NW Oklahoma State (at Chandler, AZ)	11:00 AM
Mar. 17	North Park (IL) (at Mesa, AZ)	9:30 AM
Mar. 25	Minot State University	1:00 PM
Mar. 26	Minot State University (at Minot, ND)	1:00 PM
Apr. 1	University of Mary (at Bismarck, ND)	1:00 PM
Apr. 2	University of Mary	1:00 PM
Apr. 5	Northern State University	2:00 PM
Apr. 8	Jamestown College	1:00 PM
Apr. 9	Jamestown College (at Jamestown, ND)	1:00 PM
Apr. 13	Concordia College	2:30 PM
Apr. 14	North Dakota State University (at Fargo, ND)	1:00 PM
Apr. 17	Concordia College (at Moorhead, MN)	2:30 PM
Apr. 19	Mayville State University (at Mayville, ND)	2:00 PM
Apr. 22	Dickinson State University	1:00 PM
Apr. 23	Dickinson State University	1:00 PM
Apr. 26	Mayville State University	2:00 PM
Apr. 29	Dakota State University (at Madison, SD)	1:00 PM
Apr. 30	Dakota State University (at Madison, SD)	1:00 PM
May 5-6	DAC Tournament (at Madison, SD)	TBA
May 11-14	Region III Tournament (at DAC Host)	TBA



Mundfrom Accepted to University of Minnesota Doctoral Program



Becoming acclimated with a new university is something that Shannon Mundfrom, a senior basketball player from Greeley, Colorado, has done before. Mundfrom transferred to Valley City State University from Northwestern College of St. Paul after her freshman year. The transfer was a change that she was looking for, and it also gave Mundfrom the opportunity to play basketball for head coach Jill DeVries and the Viking Women's Basketball Program.

This summer Mundfrom will again make a university transition. She will graduate from VCSU in May with an exercise science degree and will move

on to the University of Minnesota where she was accepted into the doctoral program of physical therapy. The program is a three year, year round program that starts this July and before she graduates in 2009, Mundfrom will travel the United States participating in four clinicals in nine week intervals. The program accepts only 30 students a year, and keeping the program low in numbers is something that Mundfrom will like. "It's like the best of both worlds. You get the small group and personal attention but you also get the benefits of a huge university," commented Mundfrom of her future department.

That individual attention is what Mundfrom has come to appreciate about Valley City State University. "The sense of community that VCSU offers, in academics and athletics, is very important. My greatest memories from my time here all involve the people that I've met. I'm always amazed at how caring people are here. They make an effort to get to know you more on a

personal level instead of just as a superficial acquaintance. That includes other students, faculty and staff."

In her three years at Valley City State University, Mundfrom has been involved in more than just basketball. She has participated on the club tennis team, is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was a member of the most recent homecoming court and was selected as the Chemistry Student of the Year. Head coach Jill DeVries summed up Mundfrom's impact on the program and campus involvement; "Shannon epitomizes what an NAIA student-athlete is all about. She is focused on her academics and is committed to being her best in the classroom as well as on the basketball court. Shannon has a tremendous work ethic and will no doubt be a success in whatever she chooses to tackle in her life."

"Playing basketball has taught me the value of perseverance and commitment. Both are necessary to be successful in athletics and I believe those traits will also help me be successful at the U of M."

Mundfrom also reiterated the importance of the work ethic and commitment to her success at VCSU and at the University of Minnesota in the future. "Playing basketball has taught me the value of perseverance and commitment. Both are necessary to be successful in athletics and I believe those traits will also help me be successful at the U of M."

"It's hard work, but I'm grateful for the opportunity I've had to play basketball at VCSU. Being a college athlete and everything that goes with it, is quite an experience and I'm sure it is going to help me in the future," commented Mundfrom.

McCulloch Honored for DAC Coach of the Year



Century Club Board President Ron Moser '81 presents head football coach Dennis McCulloch a customized leather chair in recognition of being named the 2005 Dakota Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. Coach McCulloch led his team to 7-3 overall record and a Dakota Athletic Conference Championship. The chair was a gift from the Viking Century Club Board of Directors.

John Hill Receives Appreciation Award



VCSU Athletic Director Doug Peters presents John Hill '73 an original piece of the gymnasium floor in appreciation for his 9 years of service on the Viking Century Club Board of Directors. The Century Club Board is the athletic scholarship fundraising arm of the VCSU Foundation.

Viking Athletes Pay Attention to the ABC's

To the student-athletes at VCSU, the ABC's carry a little more meaning than a catchy song they learned when they were little. Those letters represent all of the time, effort and energy dedicated to success in the classroom and more importantly are used at the end of each semester to calculate the GPA of students.

Those letters also mean a lot to the Viking coaches. The success of their teams in the competitive arena is widely known while success in the classroom is rarely visited. In the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse, terms like academic progress reports, study tables, and career preparation are visited just as often as the X's and O's of the give and go, flea flicker and squeeze play.

"We want to win on the field and in the classroom and one way we measure winning in the classroom is by our cumulative GPA," commented VCSU Athletic Director Doug Peters. The emphasis on academics has paid off. The overall GPA of Viking Athletes for the fall semester is an impressive 3.13. In addition, 22 student-athletes achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA in the fall semester. 28 student-athletes were named to the Dean's List, while an additional 22 were named to the President's Honor Roll.

Peters summed it up with this comment: "Our athletic department

is blessed to be at a university with a great faculty and staff who really are dedicated to the education of our students."

The Dakota Athletic Conference also recognized the academic achievement of the Viking Athletic Department. VCSU placed 28 student-athletes on the 2005 Dakota Athletic Conference Scholar Athlete Team this fall.

Valley City State's DAC Championship football team placed 20 student-athletes to the team, tied for the most members with South Dakota Tech: Brandon Albrecht, junior, Wimbledon, ND; Dustin Brandt, freshman, Newburg, ND; Daniel Bessler, sophomore, Melbourne, FL; Nick Hutchinson, sophomore, Faulkton, SD; Jacob Fylling, freshman, Turtle Lake, ND; Jeremy Payne, senior, Bertha, MN; Michael Hollett, sophomore, North Pole, AK; Christopher Wendt, freshman, Tucson, AZ; Chad Lueck, senior, Lidgerwood, ND; Adam Berger, freshman, Valley City, ND; Brandon Siverson, sophomore, West Fargo, ND; Raymond Caylor, senior, Washburn, ND; Michael Wagner, senior, Beulah, ND; Greg Innocent, sophomore, Miami, FL; Matt Axtman, senior, Crosby, ND; Jon Rogers, sophomore, North Pole, AK; Eric Spooner, junior, Tappen, ND; Brett Stanhope, freshman, Pembina, ND; Tate Goeden,



Loni Hall's jumpshot and low post game compliment her 4.0 Fall Semester GPA and a 3.72 cumulative GPA.

freshman, Underwood, MN; Jason Hollett, freshman, North Pole, AK.

Volleyball placed 8 student athletes to the team: Sheena Plecity, sophomore, Abercrombie, ND; Megan Floerke, freshman, Inver Grove Heights, MN; Jaclyn Rode, senior, Coppell, TX; Sheena Hamilton, senior, Hamiota, MB; Kendall Campbell, senior, Belmont, MB; Amy Morrison, freshman, Hartney, MB; Sarah Heibert, junior, Landmark, MB; and Heidi Larson, freshman, Grand Rapids, MN.

VCSU's \$1 Million "Centers of Excellence" Proposal Approved

VCSU's proposal for an economic development project under the "Centers of Excellence" initiative was one of six that received a positive recommendation from the Centers of Excellence commission and subsequent approval from the state legislature. The \$1 million in state funds called for under VCSU's proposal will be used to create a new Institute for Customized Business Solutions (ICBS).

VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee said, "We anticipate that the partnerships formed under the ICBS will produce 40 new private sector jobs by the end June of 2007 and lead to 200 new jobs by 2010. In other words, this achievement is making possible another opportunity on the scale of Eagle Creek - both in terms of its impact on VCSU and in terms of its impact on North Dakota. With the success that the Eagle Creek partnership has shown, we have every confidence that the ICBS will prove to have the impact it promises. We should all be very proud and take a moment to celebrate the confidence that the state's legislature has shown in us. But take just a moment, as there is plenty of hard work ahead!"

The ICBS is a public-private partnership that will co-develop new enterprise applications consulting jobs in North Dakota. The initial private partner is Eagle Creek Software, and relationships with other partners are being developed. The ICBS will use a unique approach

to high-end information technology services called the Enterprise Application Model (EAM) to create information technology businesses to meet spiraling national demand for high quality and reasonable cost in enterprise IT services.

Support from private sector partners, including Eagle Creek Software Services, Eide Bailly Technology Consulting, GEM Car, and MeritCare, was central to the VCSU proposal. VCSU and Eagle Creek are already producing consultants for an enterprise software program called Siebel CRM. The Center will expand capabilities to include other companies and enterprise applications that the private sector partners need. Programs currently under consideration are SAP, Analytics, and .NET.

Center of Excellence funds will be used for staffing, building an IT training infrastructure, providing support for qualified trainees, customizing the curriculum and administrative system to meet industry needs, and providing an external project evaluation. Next steps include assembling a launch team that will hire the staff responsible for managing the ICBS on an on-going basis and establishing a private sector advisory board that will oversee the early stages of the partnership and ensure it remains a model that can serve additional needs in the future. Funds are expected to be available in March.

VCSU Basketball Signs Kraft



Calvin Kraft (center) signs a letter of intent to play basketball for Valley City State University as his Viking Hall of Fame Parents Tim and Barb look on.

Mark Your Calendars!

Hall of Fame 2006

The Viking Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will be accepting nominations for the 2006 class. Nomination forms are available by calling 701-845-7161 or by filling out an online form at vikings.vcsu.edu/halloffame/. The Hall of Fame Committee, which is comprised of former coaches and letterwinners from across the decades, will review all nominations and then select the inductees. Nominations are due by May 1, 2006.

Viking Scramble

With Spring just around the corner, it is time to start thinking Viking Scramble. The annual golf tournament which benefits the VCSU Athletic Scholarship fund will be played on Saturday, June 3rd in Valley City. The tournament will be played on the Valley City Town and Country Club and on Bjornson Golf Park. Register by going online at vikings.vcsu.edu/ or by calling Cory Anderson at 701-845-7413.

Viking Athletics Announces Camp Dates

The summer camp schedule for Viking Athletics has been announced. The football program will be offering a 9-man team camp June 4-7, 11-man camps June 8-11, and the Line of Scrimmage Camp July 12 & 13. Women's basketball will offer a team camp on June 10 with a position camp immediately following on June 11-13. Men's basketball will be offering a varsity boys team camp June 24, with a position camp immediately following on June 25-27. A summer clinic for boys 2-8 grades will be offered June 19-22.

For up-to-the-minute news on Viking Sports go to VIKINGS.VCSU.EDU

Viking Men's Basketball Hosts Alumni Day

The VCSU Viking Men's Basketball Program recently hosted an alumni day on campus. Activities included an alumni basketball game, a social between the games, a solid win against Jamestown College, and a get-together with the team after the game. Alumni that attended the event included: Gene Busch '59, Boyd Sussex '75, Steve Strittmater '02, Jason Holland '02, Kendall Railing '93, Doyle Plecity '76, Curt Olson '96, Jon Hinrich '82, Jim Richards '82, Terry Stargardt '84, Bruce Anderson '85, Tim Kraft '82, Lowell Workin, Paul Henderson, former coaches Al Olson, Adam DeHaan, Monte Johnson, and Wayne Trudeau. The team comprised of Terry Stargardt, Kendall Railing, Jason Holland, Bruce Anderson, and Lowell Workin won the alumni game played that afternoon.



Viking team members Monte Johnson, Adam DeHaan, Wayne Trudeau, Doyle Plecity, Jon Hinrichs, Jim Richards, Jack Plecity, Paul Henderson, Scott Radloff, and Steve Strittmater are recognized during halftime of the men's basketball game.

Finstad Memorial/Wells Fargo Theatre Scholarship Established

Mark and Kathy Finstad and Wells Fargo Bank have established The Ole and Mary Finstad Memorial/Wells Fargo Theatre Scholarship. Mark was the President of the Valley City branch of Wells Fargo Bank until he and his wife moved to Erskine, MN. Over the years, Mark and his wife have been tremendous supporters



of VCSU in many ways including Mark serving as a member of the Foundation Board of Directors from 2004 to 2005. The scholarship, which was named for the aunt and uncle of Mark, was funded by a contribution from the Finstads plus a matching contribution from Wells Fargo Bank. It will be awarded annually to a sophomore, junior or senior who is actively participating in the theatre production program and who is demonstrating strong academic promise. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded annually beginning the fall semester of 2006.

Music Alumni Plan Celebration

All alumni who enjoyed participation in music ensembles during their time at VCSU are cordially invited to return on April 29, 2006 for a special day of celebration! The events will begin with a Music Alumni Advisory Board meeting at 11:00 am in the Memorial Student Center. Any alumni who wish to serve on the board are encouraged to contact Val Moritz at the VCSU Foundation Office. Alumni of the choral program are encouraged to participate in two selections with the concert choir. Following the meeting at 1:00 pm, a rehearsal for participating choir members will take place in the choir room (118) in Foss Hall. From 2:00 - 2:45 pm, a "meet and greet" reunion will be held in the Foss Hall lobby. The Music Department Spring Band and Choir Concert will begin at 3:00 pm in Vangstad Auditorium. Following the concert, everyone is invited to a social hour at a local establishment TBA. For more information on any of these events, contact Diana Skroch 701-845-7273.

Public Notice:

In an effort to maximize scholarship opportunities for students, Valley City State University has realized the need to increase the award levels of the scholarship funds listed below. These increases will result in decreases to the principal value of the funds and their eventual depletion. We have attempted to contact heirs of these accounts to discuss this intention, but have been unsuccessful.

Anyone who has any information regarding contacts for these accounts is requested to contact Val Moritz, 1-800-532-8641, Extension 37403.

Esther Cannell Memorial Scholarship: Established by Mona E. Cannell of Glen Ullin, ND in memory of her sister, Esther Cannell. The fund provides three \$250 scholarships for freshmen in financial need.

Bernice I. Larson Scholarship: Established by the estate of Bernice I. Larson. Provides scholarships in the amount of \$400 for needy and deserving students.

J.T. Von Treba Scholarship: Established by provision of the Last Will of the late J.T. Von Treba. Funds a \$300 scholarship.

The Fine & Performing Arts Spring 2006

- Mar. 1 - 4 **Something's Afoot**..... 7:30 pm
VCSU Theater in Vangstad Auditorium
- Mar. 2 - 3 **Concert Band Tour**
- Mar. 6 - 17 **Barnes County Secondary Student Exhibition**
VCSU Gallery
- Mar. 9 **Ellingson/Levy Recital*** 7:30 pm
Froemke Auditorium
- Mar. 9 - 10 **VCSU Solo Seminar**
- Mar. 20- 31 **Lindsay Elsner Exhibition**
VCSU Gallery
- Mar. 23 **General Student Recital** 7:30 pm
Froemke Auditorium
- Apr. 2 **Singers & Percussion*** 3:00 pm
Froemke Auditorium
- Apr. 3- 14 **Shellee Sauer Exhibition**
VCSU Gallery
- Apr. 5 **Virginia Sublett Recital*** 7:30 pm
Froemke Auditorium
- Apr. 11 **Class A East Sub Region Vocal Festival**
Foss Music Hall
- Apr. 12 **Region V Vocal Festival**
Foss Music Hall
- Apr. 13 **General Student Recital** 11:00 am
Froemke Auditorium
- Apr. 17 - 28 **Jennifer Cabezas Exhibition**
VCSU Gallery
- Apr. 20 **Jazz Ensemble*** 7:30 pm
Memorial Student Union Cafeteria
- Apr. 23 **Stephanie Leadens, Saxophone** 3:00 pm
Froemke Auditorium
- Apr. 23 **Valley Voices and Valley City Civic Orchestra** 7:30 pm
Epworth United Methodist Church
- Apr. 26-29 **One-Act Plays**..... 7:30 pm
Theatre 320
- Apr. 28 **Hot Jazz & Sweet Melodies+** 7:30 pm
Vangstad Auditorium
- Apr. 29 **Concert Band and Concert Choir***** 3:00 pm
Vangstad Auditorium
- Apr. 29 **Bill Lydell, Jazz Pianist***** 7:30 pm
Vangstad Auditorium
- Apr. 30 **Stephanie Bina, Saxophone** 3:00 pm
Froemke Auditorium
- May 1-12 **Naomi Karlin Exhibition**
VCSU Gallery
- May 4 **New Composition Recital** 7:30 pm
Froemke Auditorium
- May 7 **Community Schools Recitals** 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 pm
Froemke Auditorium
- May 13 **Commencement** 10:00 am
Vangstad Auditorium

*Fee Concerts: \$5.00 Adult Admission Charge, VCSU Students, Faculty, and Staff Admitted Free

+Admission by SEASON MEMBERSHIP only

***Benefit concert, free will offering only. All proceeds go to music scholarships.

All events are subject to schedule change. Please feel free to confirm dates before attending any event by calling 800-532-8641, ext. 37272 or 1-701-845-7272

Festival of One-Act Plays

7:30 pm, April 26 - 29

Once again the excitement is building as VCSU Theatre prepares to present its annual Festival of One-Act Plays, written and directed by our own students.

"As usual, we have a mix of suspense, love, and comedy," said Kelly. "After losing some of our best playwrights to graduation last year, we were wondering if we would have the development of good plays, but now we can say they are still getting better."

One play, "The Bargain Prince Charming," by Stephen Kyle Roelfsema, is a comedy about a girl who loves romantic fairy tales. One evening as she is preparing for bed, a coupon for a reduced-price, genuinely handsome prince blows in her window, and she sends it in. Sure enough, there is a knock on her door, and the most wonderful real prince shows up! But there is a catch — maybe more than one — as she tries to reach the promised happy-ever-after.

"Roelfsema's play is a hoot," says Kelly. "He developed it last semester in a writing workshop, and when we read it in class, everyone was cracking up. He has a wonderful sense of what is really funny." Roelfsema is a junior English major from Olds, Alberta Canada, and is also a pitcher for the Viking's baseball team.

Another one-act is entitled "Troop 999," by Damian Kennedy, a senior elementary education major from Harvey. It is also a comedy about some young boy scouts who are trying to persuade a scout's father to take the place of their scoutmaster for a camping trip. "The boys are each a unique character, but as they discuss which father would be the best leader, the boys—and the audience—find some very scary solutions," Kelly said. The suspense builds as the boys find the perfect solution.

John Grohol's one-act play, "Down Time," is also a comedy about an apartment of college boys. It is late at night, or probably more likely, very early in the morning after watching movies on their TV, when the boys decide they are hungry. Nothing good is open, they have no money, so their efforts to find, borrow, or steal food becomes more and more complicated. Grohol, a junior majoring in Exercise Science major and a member of the Vikings football team, swears that the play is basically drawn from his own, and his own roommates' lives.

Finally, Jan Storebo, a junior English major, has written a heartwarming and thoughtful one-act play about what happens to a young couple in love who suffer loss through a tragic accident. Set in a village coffee shop, the play features an angelic visitor who is permitted to provide guidance and comfort in a way that we often wish could actually happen. There is challenge, conflict, and some real comfort in Storebo's moving and inventive story.

For tickets or information:

Call 800-532-8641 ext. 37320 or 701-845-7320.

Monilaws Director of ND Governor's Band

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John Monilaws '87, a resident of Valley City, and the Lisbon High School Concert Band were recently selected as the North Dakota Governor's Band for 2006.

Monilaws has been the teacher in Lisbon for the past five years. He currently teaches High School Band and Choir, Jr. High Band and Jr. High Jazz Band, High School Jazz Band, Swing Choir and is the director of the LHS Bronco Marching Band.



Monilaws has been instrumental in elevating the arts in the Valley City area. He is past president and musical director of Valley City Community Theatre, director of the Epworth United Methodist Church Choir and is past president and a charter member of Bridges Arts Council.

Monilaws, along with other EBC fraternity alumni, produce the "We're in the Christmas Mood" show performed every year at Valley City State University. This year's show was also presented at the Crystal Ballroom at the Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo.

He is a 1987 graduate of VCSU. He recently received a Distinguished Alumni award from VCSU for his dedication to the university and for promoting the arts in the Valley City area.

In presenting the award Gov. Hoeven stated, "The Lisbon High School Band is a very impressive organization with a strong director. They will represent the state of North Dakota with pride and enthusiasm. As Governor's Band they are a testament to the incredible musical talent that exists in schools and communities across our state."

Monilaws has two daughters, Mariah and Natalie.

Bill Lydell '55 In Concert

April 29, 2006

(date change from previous announcements)

7:30 pm

Vangstad Auditorium



Weddings

Amber Dramstad '04 &
Clay MonsonJune 25, 2005

Kristen Murphy '04 &
Josh Nathan November 26, 2005

Dusty Szarkowski '02 &
Steve Attleson..... November 26, 2005

Alison Zaun '05 &
Josh Kasowski '05 December 30, 2005

In Remembrance

James Bauley '70, Cavalier
Ruth Wisness, Harvey
Grayce (Neustaedter) Kuderling, Arden Hills, MN
Benita (Gremm) Zink, Mesa, AZ
Donna Mae Jenner, Osnabrock
Mae (Jones) Aaker, Fargo
John Beck '25, Loma Linda, CA
Therese (Fadness) Christiansen '45,
Cooperstown

Janna (Hanson) Vogel '88, Valley City
Margaret (Roth) Beffort, Hankinson
Wilma (Wold) Johnson '49, Fargo
Annetta (Martinson) Senfs, Gresham, WA
Atha (Peterson) Falk '31, Lisbon
Ellen (Jensen) Kappel '33, Valley City
Grace (Landreth) Weisser '28, Wishek
Keith Laite '66, Lisbon
Eldred Eggen, Fargo
Audrey (Camus) Ertelt, Valley City
Mary (Pokorny) Goolsbey '61, Tempe, AZ
Helen (Jacobson) Lawson '40, Breckenridge, MN
Laura (Thingvold) Howson '31, Hatton
Mel Hill '35, Valley City
Dorothy (Craft) Lund '41, Valley City
Clarice Ethen '39, Binford
Hazel (Roth) Rasmussen, LaMoure
Dennis Christofferson '62, Fargo
Reuben Fuhrer '51, Gresham, OR
Joseph Publow '70, West Des Moines, IA
Ruth (Schwartz) Guttromson '37, Williston
Arlo Renschler '58, Brainerd, MN
Howard "Swede" Solheim '48, Milaca, MN
Darlyne (Schmitz) Storwold, Carrington
John Yeasley '40, San Louis Obispo, CA
Chris Griffin, Milwaukee, WI
Esther (Jensen) Engen '34, Devils Lake
Deborah (Wetzel) Heinle '98, Medina
Florence (Allen) Ova '25, Jamestown
Rita (Anderson) Wegner, Bismarck
Paul Rice '57, Barnesville, MN
Julia (Alfstad) Noraker '58, Carrington
Carol Monk '48, Bowdon
Roland A. Kjelland '48, Lafayette, CA
Rick Eggert '67, Dassel, MN

Former VCSU Staff
Thilda Vangstad '29, Osakis, MN

Vikings On The Move

1920's
Henrietta (Rasmussen) Dotting '25 celebrated her 100th birthday on January 4, 2006. She taught 16 years in Barnes County and was President of the North Central School Board for 10 years. Henrietta is still interested in school affairs.

Mildred (Hedman) Granger '27 graduated from VCSU - then it was STC - in 1927. She is retired after teaching 40 years. Mildred enjoys bridge, travel, and her family.

Marguerite (Flahaven) DeGroot '27 taught in Pillsbury, ND for two years, Montana for 8 years and California for 30 years. She celebrated her 99th birthday on February 4, 2006 at her daughter's house in Newport Beach, CA

1930's
Florence (Anfinson) Erb '33 moved to California in December 2004. It was quite a change from Illinois. She enjoys the mild weather and being close to her children and grandchildren.

Ruby H. Pewe '34, age 93, lives in McHenry, ND. Her husband died in Dec. 2001. Ruby's many nice friends give her rides wherever she wants to go. Ruby enjoys sewing and crocheting.

Eleanor (Bunkowski) Thronson '39 is 88 years old and going strong. She substitutes in Special Ed classes during the school year – especially during Special Olympics.

1940's
Oliver "Bud" Kolstoe '41 and his wife, Betty, are both retired Emeritus Professors from The University of Northern Colorado now living in Laguna Woods Village, CA. Betty is a realtor but both have been busy with community activities, family, travel and golf. Daughter Jan Hecht was selected as Teacher of the Year from the Newport/Costa Mesa, California school district where she is a bilingual teacher. Son-in-law Steve Fairchild left the St. Louis Rams to become the Offensive Coordinator for the Buffalo Bills. The other children are busy and doing well. Bud and Betty enjoy visiting Valley City State University alumnus Ray Ellerman and his wife, Vicky, whenever they go to Las Vegas.

Virginia (Mosher) Homan '43 can't believe that 2005 is history! She has kept busy and has been regaining her health. Virginia's '94 Buick was out of commission for awhile so she took her '74 convertible out of storage for the summer . It has less than 20,000 miles on it! On Jan 1 of 2005, her oldest brother died. There are now just 2 of the siblings left out of seven. Virginia made a trip to South Carolina to visit her sister and family. They have always been close, what a blessing. Virginia is still active in Church, P.E.O., three bridge clubs, and visitations. She writes and receives many letters. No, she does not have e-mail, maybe next year.

Dr. Buell and Virginia "Jimmy" (George) Lewis '43 have been enjoying retirement since selling their Grand Forks, ND dental practice in 1984.

With their two daughters in Phoenix, they knew where they'd retire. The same year , they had a home built in the mountains for six months use to avoid the heat. A country club and golf course are handy. Buell and Virginia just returned from a cruise with the family. They have traveled the world over. Life has been beautiful!

Jeanette Ertelt '43 resides in Manhattan. She enjoyed a very busy spring and summer with family events. Jeanette attended her brother Roman's grandson's graduation from Westpoint in May. Later, a family reunion was held in Valley City at Maryanne and Morley Stack's farm. There were 79 family members in attendance. Jeanette was also fortunate to have family members visit her in NYC in June and August.

Everett "Ike" and Ruth (Stoll) McKay '45 have fond memories of their years at VCSU. Their permanent address is Laramie, WY, but they have spent a portion of the last 25 years in Tucson, AZ. Their retirement years have been rewarding and enjoyable.

John and Marilyn (Thompson) Rhoades '47 reside in Campbell, CA. John earned his masters degree from the University of Iowa in 1949 and his doctorate from UND in 1959. He served as Prof of Science Education and Biology at San Jose State University from 1950-1990. John retired in 1990.

Ina (Faust) Oppegard '47 resides in Dazey, ND. She is in a wheelchair much of the time. Her son, **Rod '87**, lives with her.

Alyce (Byberg) Johnson '49 and her husband, Howard, recently moved into a retirement community and are enjoying having a lot of free time to do as much, or as little as they want to. They are still in Fremont, CA so their family is nearby. Their grandkids are into many sports so they are busy going to games and competitions.

1950's
Peter '50 and Darlene (Rasmussen) Granlund '55 enjoy senior citizenship. Good health remains. Port Angeles, WA, is a beautiful place to live. The last 40 years have been in the same residence. They don't know how life could be better.

Viola (Gartland) Hovis '50 is presently living in an assisted living facility in Lincoln, NE following the stroke she experienced in March of 05. Two of her sons live in Lincoln which is a "plus"!

Colleen "Coke" (Erickson) Aafedt '52 and her husband, Ardean, celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2004. The Aafedts have three married children and seven grandchildren. Ardean and Coke spend their summers in ND at their cabin on Lake Sakakawea near Williston and spend winters at Westbrook Village in Peoria, AZ. They enjoy reading, golfing, time with friends, Bible studies, Bridge, eating out and traveling (Norway, Sweden, England, Scotland, Whales, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Italy, France, Switzerland, South America, Israel, Jordan,

Egypt, China, cruises to Alaska, Panama Canal, Hawaiian islands, Bahamas, Key West, Poland, Hungry and the Czech Republic.) Yah! Coke loves to travel. They follow sports – five grandchildren participate in baseball, basketball and soccer – Wow! What Fun!!

Donna (Lunde) Niemann '53 is in her ninth year in the St. Thomas School and loves working with children. She plays organ every Sunday at the St. John's Church, rural Crystal. Donna and her family (five children and spouses and eighteen grandchildren) entertain at nursing homes frequently playing the piano and singing. She stays busy.

Herbert and Betty (Wellman) Tillapaugh '54 have moved into a "retirement community." Their oldest, Ann Tillapaugh Longnecker, teaches nursing at Lake Region College, Devils Lake. Their son, Tom Tillapaugh, is Founder of NASS – National Association of Street Schools. Son, Ralph Tillapaugh, is the Director of Education at the Women's Prison, AZ. Youngest son, Ronn Tillapaugh, is the Athletic Director at Wickenburg High School.

Imogene (Stemen) Arndt '55 and her husband, James, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 11, 2006. They have three married children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Letha (Umbler) Lewis '55 has lived in Bismarck since May of 2003. She keeps busy with family and is involved in church work. On June 18, 2005, Letha was inducted into the Langdon School District Foundation Educator's Hall of Fame. She was very pleased to receive the honor. Her husband, Delmar, was a Charter Inductee in 2000.

John (Jack) '56 and Mary Moore live in Valley City from April thru October and Mesa, AZ from November through March. John retired with 30 years of service at JobService of ND as veterans service officer in 1993. They enjoy their 14 grandchildren and four great grandchildren and five children and their spouses. John also enjoys golf in both Valley City and Mesa. Today (1-30-06) it is 70 degrees in Mesa and John is busy painting their orange tree!!

Gordon '56 and Reita (Schnell) Lutz '57 retired from teaching in Southern California, which has allowed them to spend time in their homes in Valley City and Mesa, AZ. They enjoy visiting their two children frequently. Gordon and Reita have three grandchildren. Evan is (11), Blake (9) and Ashley (5). Many Valley City folks spend their winters in Mesa and a large group meets for breakfast once a month at the restaurant in Sunland Village. This area of AZ has just broken their "no rain" record by going over 110 consecutive days without rain!

Don Johnson '57 is originally from Fort Ransom, ND. After living in CA for 39 years, they moved back to the midwest to Mora, MN, pop 3000. He

and his wife Thelma visit their families, daughter and two grandchildren in St. George, Utah, their son and his family and four children in El Paso, TX about four months a year.

Maynard '57 and Joan (Kruger) Dahl '56 are very glad they are retired or they wouldn't get everything accomplished! Two highlights this past summer were getting back on the campus and seeing the changes that have taken place there and seeing old friends. The Dahl family keeps growing and they are thankful that all are in the state so they get to see them frequently. The 15 grandchildren are a delight. Maynard and Joan feel fortunate to be enjoying good health, still have a free country and that they can have freedom of religion and the Love of God for Eternity.

Eugene "Whitey" and Lois (Gilbert) Larsen '57 are retired and enjoy traveling. They especially enjoy their visits to the Denver area where they have the opportunity to get to know their new granddaughters. Both girls came from China. Whitey and Lois are still walking at least 2 ½ miles five times a week.

Tilford and Mary (Christensen) Kroshus '59 are still living in Wahpeton, ND. Mary is working at NDSCS in the library and Tilford is still playing in his band.

Edmund Motl '59 and his wife, Marilyn, spend four to five months a year in New Braunfels, TX. They enjoy the sunshine and activities there. Call and stop in for a visit if you come this way.

Myron Luttschwager '59 taught for 37 years in North Dakota at Midkota, Driscoll, and Edgeley. He was married to **Jean Bubach '64** who passed away in 2002. Myron remarried in 2003 and now spend summers in North Dakota, spring and fall in Kansas, and winters in Texas.

1960's
Kathleen (Fabian) Van Sickle '62 taught in Dist #1498, a country school outside of Fergus Falls, MN, after earning her standard degree. Ten years later she completed her B.S. in Elementary Education. Kathleen and her husband, Jack, have been married 44 years and have two grown sons. They love living in Rochester, MN.

Karen (Schmitz) Bueling '63 retired in 2003 from the Sheldon School, Sheldon, ND after teaching for 30 years. For the last 2 school years, she has been the Librarian one day a week at the Sheldon School. Retirement is great.

Irene (Langdahl) Visby '63 lives near Hope, ND, where she enjoys going to her grandchildren's sporting events. She also substitute teaches in Hope and Page.

Russell '64 and Inez (Stubson) Coenen '63 are retired and enjoying their grandchildren and traveling.

Karen (Lang) Richman '64 and her husband, Peter, reside at their Oriska farm. Karen retired

in 2002 from full time teaching and now enjoys substitute teaching for the Maple Valley elementary schools. Peter is retired from farming. They appreciate having time for their two grandchildren who live near Valley City.

Hank and Sandy (Vorhees) Toring '64 are totally retired from real jobs. Their full-time employment is in fun, rewarding projects. They have begun home schooling their grandchildren – 80 years of teaching between the two of them should come in handy. Hank is totally involved in water polo, he coaches, is on several board of directors and is the USA National Development Team Manager. He was recently named the US Olympic Committee Volunteer Coach of the Year.

Duane Zwinger '64 is living in Carrington, ND, and is still trying to retire! He coached football and boys basketball last fall and substitutes in area schools. Duane loves working with kids, and hopes to do more traveling in the near future.

Iris (Stensby) Kubler '65 is retiring in June after teaching in the primary grades for 41 years. She has taught in Minnesota, Oregon, Alaska and Bellevue, Washington where she and her husband Fred now reside. They have two sons Matt (28) and Andrew (24). Andrew recently returned from his 2nd tour of duty in Iraq. Iris is looking forward to discovering the joys of retirement.

Judy (Kirkeby) Dykema '66 and her husband, Henry, retired from teaching in 2000. They are enjoying retirement and do a lot of traveling. Judy is an avid quilter and Henry does a lot of fishing in Lake Michigan. Judy often thinks of her college friends.

Margaret (Dronen) Botnen '67 has been retired from teaching since 1983 after 39½ years, but she still does a lot of volunteer work. One day a week she works in the gift shop at the Senior Center and she sings with two chorus groups. Margaret's church is also a priority. Her husband is entering his 6th year at MSLCC Nursing Home.

Bill and LuAnn (Albrecht) Bond '68 retired in 2003 after 35 years of teaching. They reside in Apple Valley, MN and winter in Mesa, AZ, and enjoy hiking, birdwatching and Harley riding.

Linda Jordre '69 is enjoying her 37th year of teaching in the Bismarck Public Schools. She was nominated to be listed in 2004 and 2005 Who's Who Among American Teachers.

Ronald Holzworth '69 has been retired for the last two years. He still enjoys subbing, bow hunting in the fall, and officiating girl's high school softball with brother Ray in the spring. Summers are spent traveling and spending a lot of time on their local beach. Ron's wife, Annamae, is a speech therapist in Menahga. MN.

Allyn Klaman '69 is completing his 38th year with the government. He and his wife, Louise, are enjoying their five grandchildren. What a gift. Allyn still enjoys his work.

Jay Morgan '69 reports that as they keep swinging, he keeps stringing! He has been a racquet stringer in Sarasota, Florida for 30 years and with no retirement in sight. Sarasota is a tennis mecca for both amateur and professional. He's all strung out!

Rick and Sheila (Holmgren) Snarr '69 are enjoying their retirement days after 35 years of teaching! Thanks to good ol' VCSU for their great education and for the incentives for going into teaching! Those 35 years were the best!!! Retirement is pretty awesome too!

1970's

Craig and Pam (Stockland) Sturlaugson '70 are residing in Coon Rapids, MN. Although Craig retired from 33 years of teaching at Centennial Middle School in Circle Pines, MN, he is still coaching and doing behind the wheel. He also works for the Minnesota Twins in the customer service department for most of their home games. Pam gives piano lessons and is the church choir director. The Sturlaugsons have 3 grandchildren and enjoy watching them grow.

Bob Utt '70 retired from teaching in 2004 after 34 years. The Utts reside in St. Charles, MO.

Rod Olin '71 retired on October 31, 2005 as a Sergeant Major with the North Dakota Army National Guard having over 31 years of military service. His wife, Judy, is a registered nurse at Jamestown Hospital. They have 3 grown daughters living in Eagan, MN and Thornton, CO.

Barb (Foxen) Gendreau '72 is in her sixth year teaching at Sullivan Middle School in Fargo, ND. Barb and her husband, Roger, moved to Fargo when he was hired as the principal at Shanley High School in 1999. At the end their first year there, Roger was diagnosed with a level 4 brain tumor. He died March 26, 2003. Barb's son, Landon, is a junior in high school and her daughter, **Nicole '00** is married to Chris Olson. Chris and Nicole have a son, Peyton Roger, who is 8 months old. She's a proud grandmother!

Bill and Jan (Hins) Mimnaugh '72 are just completing their 34th year in education. Jan has her masters in special education and teaches 6-8 grade special needs students in Breckenridge Middle School. Bill is in the process of recovering from West Nile which he contracted last July and was hospitalized in Fargo MeritCare for 40 days. He is presently teaching 3rd grade.

Judy (Sorby) Streich '72 teaches in the Paralegal Department at MSUM. She has three beautiful grandchildren who keep her busy attending concerts, wrestling matches, football games, dance recitals, etc. Judy enjoys passing along her love of reading and music to them and does so at every opportunity.

Peggy (Johnson) Brandenburger '72 and her husband, Tony, have resided in Ellendale, ND since 1974. She worked at an insurance office for 10 years before becoming a clerk for the postal service where she is still employed. They have

one daughter, Julie, an RN, that lives with her husband, Paul Nelson and daughter, Emily, in Grand Forks, ND.

Beverly (Woehl) Weigel '75 is still teaching at Edgeley - working on year 29 as an educator. She and her husband, Victor, continue to live on a farmstead near Berlin. Hello to those who lived on 3rd floor McCoy Hall from 1971-1975.

Boyd Berg '75 is completing his 24th year of teaching science in Alaska at Palnen High School. He plans to retire at the end of this current school year. Boyd's two sons Tom and Matt are teachers in Alaska school systems and his daughter Allyson is a Sophomore Business major at the University of Oregon. Boyd and his wife Peggy will continue to call Alaska home for at least a few years more. Greetings to all of the Alumni of the 70's!

Janet Simon '75 sends a "Happy New Year" greeting to the Class of 1975!

David Larson '75 has been the Postmaster in Oakes, ND since 1982. He and his wife Susan have three children: Tavis (27), Christopher (22), and Keri (20), and one granddaughter: Aris (6 months). Their son **Chris is a senior at VCSU.**

Roger '75 and Nadine (Linderman) Florhaug '78 farm NE of Kensal, ND. Nadine plans to retire this spring after 25 years as the Math and Physics teacher at Kensal High. Ross, the youngest of their four children is a senior at KHS.

Janis (Paulson) Wallender '77 continues to work with young children and teenagers as a school counselor. Janis and her husband, Brent, proudly watched their oldest daughter, Kelcey, graduate from college in December and then with mixed emotions sent her off to Fairbanks, Alaska to live. A few weeks later the Wallenders celebrated with their twin daughters, Kylie and Karlee, as they left their teenage years to enter their 20's! My how time flies...Brent and Janis enjoy the empty nest, but love it when the girls come home to visit.

David Katzenmeyer '78 is in his 27th year of teaching, 25 years in Apple Valley, MN. The years have certainly gone quickly. David's wife, Laurie, teaches Spanish in the same middle school where he teaches 6, 7, 8 grade Art. His oldest son is in his 3rd year of teaching band at La Couta High School in Florida. He has two more boys Nick (5) and Daniel (4), you do the math. Hi to all at VCSU and around the country, it was a great place to go to school!

1980's

Dianne (Winter) Becker '82 began working on her master's in Education: Elementary Administration degree this past summer. She plans to graduate in 2007 with her daughter. Dianne is a member of the State Reading First Team.

Peggy MacKenzie '82 currently lives in Arequipa, Peru. Her husband, Terry Rigoni, works for the Cerro Verde Mine, a joint project of the Peruvian government and Phelps Dodge Corp. of Phoenix, AZ. They have two daughters, Leah (14) and Hannah (11). In Peru, Peggy is studying Spanish, painting and learning how to play golf.

Kellie (Mairs) Wikenheiser '83 and her husband, Tim, farm and raise cattle in Strasburg (childhood home of Lawrence Welk). Kellie teaches J.H. and H.S. music and is K-12 Librarian. They have three great children — Kelin 17, Paige 15, and Paula 15. Kellie also keeps busy with community choir and music at their church. Hello music majors.

Laurel (Ploium) Westby '84 is in her 22nd year of teaching at Sheyenne. The Sheyenne and New Rockford School Districts will become one district as of July 2006. The past two years, Laurel has been teaching SFA 1st Grade Reading and 7th & 8th Reading, English, and Math which has been a challenge but also a wonderful experience. Laurel and her husband, Neil, celebrated their 25th anniversary this past September. Their oldest daughter, Mallory, will be in the last graduating class in Sheyenne School. Erin is a freshman and Scott is in seventh grade.

Jane Radig '84 moved to Fargo seventeen years ago. She started working at the Railroad Retirement Board on Jan 30, 1989 as a clerk/typist and has since been promoted to her current position of Claims Representative. Jane taught from Sept. 1984 through May 1987 in a one room school near Wilton, ND. She had only two students. In the three years there, Jane taught grades 3-7, teaching 5th grade twice.

Kelvin Kosse '85 is currently in his 19th year of teaching math at Century High School in Bismarck. Kelvin and his wife have two children: Kaelen (13) and Katie (10). The Kosses added a dog to their family. Kelvin still enjoys motorcycle touring and woodworking in his spare time.

Wendy (Lee) Gullickson '86 lives on a farm near Eckelson with her husband Scott. They farm and Wendy works at Valley Meat Supply. She loves her job and enjoys visiting with the many customers. Wendy and Scott have 3 daughters: **Lindsey (20) a junior at VCSU**, Sara (15) a sophomore at North Central and Jenna (12) a 6th grader at North Central. They spend many hours following their girls' activities each week.

Denise (Bickett) Harrington '87 teaches at Four Winds High School. She and her husband, Brian, have three children. Their oldest son Zach attends NDSU; daughter **Kelly is a freshman at Valley City State** and is enjoying her freshman year; daughter Megan is 13 and in 7th grade and likes playing basketball. Denise sends greetings to everyone who enjoyed Dept. ASK in the 80's. Email her at Denise.Harrington@sedit.nodak.edu

Brad Cruff '88 has been named Barnes County State's Attorney.

Gary Lindquist resides in New Rockford where he is the local carrier for the Minot Daily newspapers and the Forum. He is also a part-time custodian at New Rockford High School. Gary would love to hear from old friends.

Mary Halvorson '89 is in her 5th year of teaching 2nd Grade at Jefferson Elementary in Valley City. Due to the reorganization of the elementary schools Jefferson is now known as "the little school," and houses only grades K-3. It has been

exciting to be a part of the process! Mary plans to spend her 10th summer working for Security State Bank in the insurance department.

Todd Hoffner '89 has been named offensive coordinator at the University of South Dakota. He taught and coached at North Central of Barnes in 1988-89 and earned his master's degree in 1991. Todd had been the head football coach at Wisconsin-Eau Claire for the past seven years.

1990's

Valerie (Elken) Cooper '90 was honored by her colleagues and awarded "Teacher of the Year" last spring. She's very proud to talk about her alma mater! Valerie continues as a literacy specialist, a certified dyslexia testing specialist, an Irlen Syndrome screener and an RE Director with an extremely supportive family.

Chad and Kelly (Robinson) Dougherty '91 have lived in Kindred, ND, for 6 1/2 years. They have three kids; two boys and one girl. Jamie will be 13 in May, Gage will be 9 in March and Bailey Jo will be 8 in March. Chad is the Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach and Head Youth Wrestling Coach during the winter when he is laid off of his seasonal excavating job. Kelly has worked in the Photo Center at the Fargo Wal*Mart for 11½ years and was promoted this year to District Manager for North Dakota. She is responsible for all the Wal*Mart Photo Centers in ND. Chad and Kelly would love to hear from college friends!

Valerie (Mormon) Sampson '91 is still in Edmore, living the good life with Lauren (2nd grade – 8 yrs old) and Ethan (4½ yrs), a dog, four fish and a very messy bird! Owen and Valerie farm south of Edmore, and Valerie travels north to Langdon to teach K-8 music at St. Alphonsus School. Both Valerie and Owen curl out of the Grafton Curling Club and Valerie plays bari sax in the Devils Lake Elks Community Band. She is also busy with the Emore Community Club Board and in the summer works as properties master for Fort Totten Little Theatre. She puts a lot of miles on the family van!! Hello to all the Music Dept Alumni!

Tim and Delilah (Nitschke) Heil '91 have finished working on their masters in education with emphasis on technology through Black Hills State University. Delilah has found out that the paper she wrote for her masters was published in the Teacher Librarian magazine in Dec. 2005 (see article page 4). Both are still working for the Lemmon School District (15 yrs already) with Tim teaching 5th grade and Delilah teaching English and managing K-12 library for the district.

Heidi (Lucht) Schneider '92 is in her 3rd year teaching in the Information Technology field at Lake Region State College. She has been married for 3 years to Jay Schneider. They enjoy spending time with their 2 year old son, Caleb, and are looking forward to the birth of their 2nd child in June. Go Vikings!!

Ryan '92 and Maari Hanson welcomed a daughter, Gabby Malea Hanson, on December 17, 2005. They also have a 4 ½ year old son, Parker.

Nick Archuleta '92 of Bismarck is the new Southwest Director of the NDEA Board. He teaches Spanish I & II and American History at Bismarck's Century High School. Nick began his teaching career at LeRoy-Ostrander High School in LeRoy, MN. There, he served his Association as vice president and president. Archuleta has also been very active in the Bismarck Education Association (BEA) where he has served as a Government Relations director and vice president. He has also served two tours on the BEA negotiating team. At the state level, Nick has served on the NDEA Government Relations Commission, and he is a member of the NDEA Membership Advocacy Program. In addition, he has been a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly and attended the NEA Minority Leadership Conference. Nick is married to Century High School Director of Choirs Mary Pat Archuleta, and they have three daughters and one son.

Jeff '93 and Julie (Madsen) Aas '95 reside in Tenstrike, MN. Julie made a career change and is no longer teaching music at Bemidji High School. She is in her second year as an agent for Horace Mann Insurance. Jeff is teaching Advanced Placement courses at Bemidji High. He was recently appointed to the Minnesota Advanced Placement Advisory Board and serves his school district as the Advanced Placement Coordinator. Gunnar (6) and Birtta (4) are involved in hockey, skiing, and swimming.

Jennifer (Bierschbach) Kibbel '93 and her family have just moved from Sun Prairie, WI, to Forest Lake, MN. Jennifer taught 2nd grade in DeForest, WI and truly appreciates the good education she received at VCSU. She substitutes in the local schools and loves the freedom and flexibility. Jennifer and her husband, Phil, have two sons: Corey (7th grade) and Tyler (4th grade).

Brent Hooley '94 and his family have relocated to Atkinson, NE. Brent is a purchasing agent for Olson Industries. His wife, Kami, is a district court reporter in nearby O'Neill. They have one child, Lana, who is 15 months old. The Hooleys moved from Missoula, MT, where they had each lived for 10 years. Brent hopes to attend more Viking functions now that they are only six hours away!!! E-mail Brent at seamlesssteel@msn.com.

Brenda (Anderson) Hill '94 is currently in her 11th year of teaching Kindergarten in Wahpeton, ND. She and her husband, Nathan, have two children: Jazmine (2½) and Jonathan (1).

George Jacobs '94 is presently on disability from ShareHouse, Inc. George had major surgeries on her brain stem and is starting back at ShareHouse on a volunteer basis. She is looking forward to working with the chemically dependent. ShareHouse opened a new facility just for treatment of Meth addicts.

Sara (Piper) Johnson '95 is currently teaching online middle school courses at UND. She lives in Alvarado, MN with her husband and two children. Their daughter is 3½ years old and their son is 15 months.

Wayne and Angela (Mason) Triebold '95 welcomed a baby boy, Wyatt Vernon, in June 2005. Angie is working as an optometrist in Fort Lewis, WA Refractive surgery unit doing LAZIK on soldiers' eyes. Wayne is working in sales at Toray Composites dealing with hydrogen fuel cells and Boeing's new composite airliner, the 787, that will enter service in 2008.

Miranda Robinson and Randy Grayson welcomed a daughter, Karenza, on October 21. Randy is a paralegal and Miranda works in the Accounting Department for LexisNexis.

2000's

Michelle Wobbema '01 has earned the Consumer Lending Certificate in the Credit Union Staff Training and Recognition (STAR) program. She is employed at First Community Credit Union in Valley City.

Brad '02 and Nicole (Birchem) '98 Sufficool are the parents of a daughter, Breck Nicole, born October 24, 2005. She joins a brother, Tate, at home.

Tony '02 and Kasey (Kottsick) Piccalo '00 are expecting their first child in June.

Heather Johnson '02 is living in Phoenix, AZ, where she is pursuing her MBA.

Jamie '02 and Amanda (Zumbaun) Hoggarth '03 are enjoying life in Minot. Jamie has been promoted to IT Manager (thank you VCSU) and Public Relations section lead for John Deere in Minot, Kenmare, Stanley, Mohall, and Lansford. He is going to pursue his MBA via distance learning courses. Amanda is now working for the new Best Buy and enjoying it. Their daughter, Cassidy Rae, is three years old.

Mandy German '04 is teaching 4th grade in Denver, CO.

Sarah Anderson '04 has been employed at SAAF Domestic Violence Program for 1½ years as a children/youth DV advocate. She coordinates SAFE EXCHANGE & Visitation Programs and provides educational presentations to ND counties (6 total). Sarah is involved with the Miss ND/America Scholarship Pageant system and will vie for Miss ND 2006 (June) as Miss Oil Country speaking out on a platform – "Moving Beyond Awareness to Action – Taking a Stand Against Violence."

Other

Bill Monson retired from Emerson Electric in 2003. Before that he worked for Rosemount Engineering and also Central Data for 24 years. Bill lived most of his working years in Minneapolis but now lives in Austin, TX. Someday, he would like to move back to ND or MN for at least part of the year.

100th Birthday Celebration for Marie Wendt

Marie Wendt Lawrence '31 celebrated her 100th birthday with a small gathering of family and friends at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rolla, ND.

Marie was born March 2, 1906 in Fairfax, MN, graduated from Perth High School in 1924, and attended Valley City State Teacher's College from 1928-1931. She taught school during the summer months and attended classes during the winter and spring quarters. After graduation, she continued to teach in small towns such as Perth, St. John, Gardina, Knox, Currie, Howell, Lakeview, and throughout the northern North Dakota until she retired in 1968. She was also the Principal of Perth High School in 1944.

During the summer of 1933, Marie took a seven week bus tour that provided her with a wealth of educational material and experiences that she used during her entire teaching career. The tour included much of the western United States and many miles of different landscapes and experiences with the Native American cultures of the Pueblo, Navajo and Hopi tribes of the southwest. The trip included stops at many colleges, universities, museums, churches, and national attractions including the Grand Canyon, Universal Studios in Hollywood, and the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago.

During her 31 years of teaching, Marie married and raised two sons and four daughters. She currently resides in Rolla, ND with three of her daughters, several grandchildren and great grandchildren living nearby. She enjoys visits from family and attending church activities.

Submitted by granddaughter, Donna (Bader) Young '83.



After All These Years

Kenny Koehn (left) and Clarence Labor '50 (right) gather to celebrate Clarence's 80th birthday in Devils Lake in December, 2005. Both Kenny and Clarence attended VCSU and played on Bill Rickter's 1949-50 championship Viking Football team. During the nine-game season, the Vikings piled up 235 points to the opponents 126. Clarence "Labe" Labor was a member of the All Conference Vikings along with teammates Ernie Janisch '51, Dick Oeffner '50, Duane Holly '51 and Snook Noack '50.



Celebrating Over 80 Years of Friendship

Two VCSU Alumni are in the news for their long and eventful lives. Gladys Stowman '24 (above left) turned 104, and Henrietta Dotting '25 (above right) turned 100, both celebrating birthdays in January. The two were good friends as they grew up and attended "Valley City State Teacher's College," and have stayed in touch with regular visits when ever they can. Both spent some part of their lives outside the area, Gladys in Montana and Minneapolis, and Henrietta in Oregon. But they also both returned to the Valley City area to settle down. Both mention band and math as being their favorite subjects from their time at VCSC, and Henrietta fondly recalls the rivalry with Jamestown. "They even had a special train to take people to Jamestown for the games," she recalls. "When I joined the Alumni Association, a lifetime membership cost \$5. I think I got my money's worth!"

Reunions & Socials Arizona



Clarice (Pals) Churchill '56, Lucile (Clancy) Zink '56 and Bill Zink



Bill Osmon '52 and Don Lemnus '58



Jerry Pederson '60, Julian Carlson '63, Norma Carlson, Don Grubb '61



FRONT ROW Bill Thomas '59, Patricia (Hafner) Thomas '59, Bill Lydell '55, Nancy (Foley) Kjelgaard '65

BACK ROW Dan O'Connor '61, Jackie (Foley) Hildebrandt '58, John Ostlie '60, Joan (Kruschwitz) Ostlie '60, Dr. Ellen Chaffee, Mary Simmons



FRONT ROW Coke (Erickson) Aafedt '52, Dan Parrish '65 and Patricia (Sheldon) Parrish '67

BACK ROW Susie (Lutjens) Larson '55, Mary (Kruschwitz) Schroeder '65, Gerry and Marian (Huether) Gerntholz '59

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While in Arizona to participate in the recent reunions, VCSU President Dr. Chaffee and Foundation Director Larry Robinson met with Ardis McCready. In this photo, Dr. Chaffee is admiring a plaque that Mrs. McCready received in recognition for the volunteer work she does reading to residents at The Carillons, a retirement community in Sun City, AZ.



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