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Only eleven other individuals in the history of VCSU have received the President's Distinguished Service award, but Dr. Chaffee recently presented four outstanding VCSU supporters with this recognition to honor their contributions to the university's vision.

ON THE COVER In the early hours of January 9, 2008, a dense fog and temperatures well below freezing left a thick white blanket of frost on trees. The visual effect was remarkable, but the combination of the magnificent scene, the brisk chill, and the still air created the aura of a true winter wonderland. The unusual phenomenon could be found throughout the Sheyenne and Red River Valleys, but nowhere was the effect more dramatic than the VCSU campus.

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Creating VCSU's Future

Ellen-Earle Chaffee, President

The future is not a result of choices among alternative paths offered by the present, but a place that is created — created first in mind and will, created next in activity. The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating. The paths to it are not found but made, and the activity of making them changes both the maker and the destination. (John Schaar)

I have used this quote at every commencement and many other times in the last 15 years. It emphasizes our individual and collective power to make things turn out the way we envision, even when there is no obvious pathway to get there. We have experienced the truth of that time after time, and there is no stopping us now.

Looking at the facts can make it very difficult to maintain this perspective, however.

For example, the number of K-12 students in North Dakota has dropped by 21 percent since 1993. Projected K-12 enrollment continues to decline by about one percent per year for at least 10 years. Enrollment at VCSU was 1,052 in 1993; this year it is 982. The good news is that we had a drop of only six percent, less than one-third of the impact that state demographics would have predicted. The reality is that we must grow enrollment, not decline, if we are to remain viable.

University personnel have put in place some powerful "growth engines" for the coming years. Chief among them is the graduate program. Without it, our decline would have been 14 percent instead of six percent. In only our second full year of graduate study, we have 96 graduate students! Since the program is online, the growth potential is national and even international.

*"The future is not some place we are going to,
but one we are creating."*

~ John Schaar

Another growth engine has been scholarships for undergraduate students. The net worth of the Foundation is \$5.6 million, quadruple what it was in 1993. Last year's scholarship expenditures totaled over \$460,000, more than triple the 1993 level. The Foundation Board just approved a new five-year scholarship plan that is even more proactive and totally dependent on continued and increased generosity from people like you.

We have recently announced a new enrollment initiative – growing VCSU by growing athletics, or the "8th Avenue Project." This will take time and extraordinary commitment, but it will increase undergraduate enrollment by

at least 250 student athletes in a projected 10 new sports, five for men and five for women. Our current facilities cannot handle any more sports, so we are developing a

comprehensive plan for the field house area on 8th Avenue. The probability of state funding is near zero, but representatives of the community (schools, parks and recreation, social services, health, youth sports, and others) share our excitement about the project and may be able to help fund a shared-use complex.

To paraphrase a popular commercial, "We can do it; you can help." Please continue to support the university through word of mouth, charitable giving, and involvement in university activities. Give the new president who will take office in July powerful signals of your support for his or her leadership.

Thank you so very much for helping to create the present and future of this wonderful university! ♦

Presidential Search Continues

After Dr. Chaffee announced her intention to leave VCSU effective June 30, 2008, the Chancellor of the North Dakota University System and the State Board of Higher Education formed a search committee. The committee has been very active advertising the opening in January and then beginning the process of screening applicants in February. The committee plans to conduct on-campus interviews of the finalists in early April. The planned start date for the next president is July 1.

You can keep up with the latest activities and announcements of the search committee as well as profiles of the finalists by visiting VCSU's web site at www.vcsu.edu and clicking on the banner "Presidential Search." ♦

Ellen-Earle Chaffee Scholarship Fund Established Additional Donors Needed for Endowment

We are pleased to announce that an anonymous donor has provided the seed money necessary to establish a scholarship in the honor of Dr. Ellen-Earle Chaffee, the 11th president of Valley City State University. We now need your help to ensure that this scholarship is fully funded. We are asking you to make a contribution to this important cause. Dr. Chaffee has served VCSU with distinction for the past 15 years. It is fitting and proper that we establish this scholarship in her honor. However, time is of essence. It is our hope to have the necessary funds in place to fully endow the scholarship and make an official announcement prior to Dr. Chaffee's departure from VCSU in June 2008. At that time, it is our intention to present Dr. Chaffee with an official copy of the Ellen-Earle Chaffee Scholarship Fund announcement, complete with a list of all contributors.

Please act today. Checks can be made payable to the VCSU Foundation. In the memo section please write "Chaffee Scholarship Fund." Checks can be mailed in the envelope included in this issue of *The Bulletin*. Should you have any questions, please contact Larry Robinson at the VCSU Foundation office at larry.robinson@vcsu.edu or call 701-845-7217. ♦

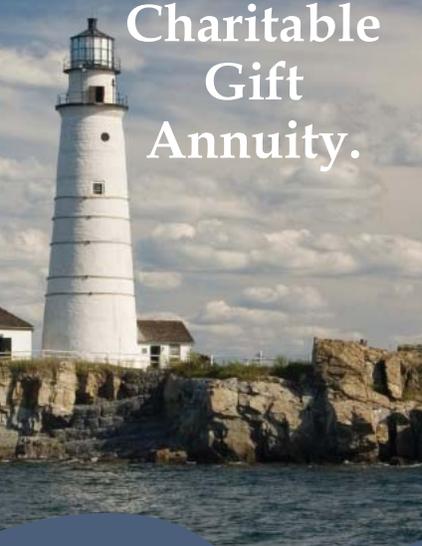


Hello Fellow Vikings

by Mike Hangaard '77, Alumni Board President

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The VCSU Alumni Board of Directors is working on ways to get more alumni back on campus. The first of which is **"The Eights and Don't Be Late"** – reunions for classes that ended in "8," including 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988 and 1998. We will also include 2003 in there because we'd probably need some youngsters to help us around at some point during the day! These reunions will be held in conjunction with Homecoming 2008. I strongly encourage you to mark your calendar for October

3 and 4 for Homecoming. Watch for more details in the next issue of *The Bulletin* and on the website. Now is your chance to be a part of your University. "If not now...when!"

There are also a number of reunions and socials that are hosted throughout the year – we encourage you to attend the next one that works for your schedule. It's always a good thing to spend time reminiscing and catching up with other alumni!

The annual Phone-A-Thon kicked off in February. This year the Viking volleyball and softball teams along with Viking Ambassadors are helping the Foundation office call our alumni. Gifts received from the Phone-A-Thon are used to support alumni reunions,

The Bulletin (which is published three times a year), recognition events, homecoming activities, and scholarships. Your contribution to the Phone-A-Thon helps make these events and programs a success. The nice thing is it's just once a year!

If you didn't have an opportunity to visit with one of our students during our Phone-A-Thon, it's not too late to make a donation. Use the envelope enclosed in this issue of *The Bulletin* or donate online at <https://secure.vcsu.edu/alumni/donate.htm>.

We also want to hear from you! Please drop the Foundation Office a note about yourself and your family. Feel free to include accomplishments and happenings in both your personal and professional lives. We also

accept pictures! This information is included in our "Milestones" and "Vikings on the Move" sections of *The Bulletin*. In addition we always want to recognize our alumni for service, accomplishments, and other noteworthy honors as part of our Certificate of Merit Award. So please keep us informed on your latest news by sending updates to alumni@vcsu.edu.

In closing, 08 will be a great year...help us make it a super year! ♦

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What Kind Of Legacy Will You Leave?

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

We all want to leave a lasting impression on those people who are most dear to us. Planning for the future and considering the legacy you will leave is one of the most effective ways to ensure a lasting impact on the world in which you live.

For many people considering their legacy, ensuring that their family members will be sufficiently cared for is of paramount importance. Making a charitable bequest is one of the easiest ways to guarantee that your legacy endures and that your loved ones will be well cared for in the future.

What Is a Charitable Bequest?

A charitable bequest is a written statement in your will or trust directing a gift be made to a qualified charity as part of the disposition of your estate. A charitable bequest is one of the most flexible estate planning tools because it can be changed at any time. This ability to remain in complete control of your property during life also makes a charitable bequest one of the most popular methods of giving available.

Charitable Bequests & Estate Taxes

A charitable bequest may save estate taxes. Provided that the charitable bequest is properly drafted and is given to a qualified organization, there is an unlimited estate tax charitable deduction. The additional tax advantage of a charitable bequest is that there are

no percentage limitations similar to those affecting the income tax charitable deduction.

What Type of Bequest Should You Consider?

Though making a charitable bequest is a flexible and easy way to ensure the impact of your legacy, there are some important things to consider before incorporating a charitable bequest into your estate plan. The property passing by bequest through your will is subject to probate. Also, the amount of your bequest and the type of your bequest will depend on the value of your estate and the specific assets in your estate.

There are several types of charitable bequests. Depending on your needs and objectives, one type may be better suited for your estate plan than another.

- ◆ Gift of a specific dollar amount
- ◆ Gift of a percentage of your estate
- ◆ Gift of a specific asset
- ◆ Gift of the residue of your estate (the assets that remain in your estate after other bequests, tax and administrative costs have been satisfied)

Property Passing Outside Your Will

Certain types of assets are not subject to the probate process and pass outside the will by beneficiary designation. Non-probate assets are excellent candidates for charitable bequests and may save income and

estate taxes. Some common non-probate assets include:

- ◆ A life insurance policy
- ◆ An IRA or other retirement account

It is possible to bequeath this type of asset, but you will need to do so by completing a beneficiary designation form. A provision in your will is not sufficient to alter the disposition of those assets at your death.

The Legacy You Leave Behind

The search for significance and the desire to plan for your family's future may lead you to consider a charitable bequest. This type of gift can help shape the legacy you leave for your loved ones for many years to come.

We have a variety of planned giving materials available in our office free of charge. These materials will provide valuable information that will assist you with your planning process. Please contact our office to request copies of this information. A complete listing of the information available is located in the column to the right. We also encourage you to visit with your estate attorney and/or tax accountant to determine the exact impact of any of the planned giving programs on your personal situation.

At the end of the day, the real question is: what kind of legacy will you leave? ◆

Free Information Available from the VCSU Foundation Office

Your Personal Guide to Planned Giving

Assets, Individuals and Intentions: A Guide for Your Heirs

Life Income Plans: Charitable Gifts That Benefit You

Use Your Will Power

Your Will: An Opportunity to Make Personal Choices

Appreciated Property: Uncover the Value of Your Assets

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Maximize the Benefits of Your Estate Plan: The Charitable Remainder Unitrust

Tax Benefits of Giving Real Estate

Outright Gifts: Your Easiest Donation

Your Guide to Gifts of Securities

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Your Guide to Basic Estate Planning

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Tax and Financial Planning Techniques

Techniques for Planning a Successful Will

Gift Priorities

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Securing the Future: A Financial and Charitable Planning Guide

Leave a Legacy at Valley City State University

VCSU's Legacy Society encourages alumni and friends of the university to remember the university in their will and/or estate plan.

They can do so with a *charitable bequest* which can come in the form of money, property, stocks, bonds, life insurance, or a percentage of an estate.

The gifts are intended to say "thank you" to VCSU for the good work the university has done and continues to do. More often than not, attractive tax benefits accompany a gift of this type. We advise you to seek professional advice from your estate attorney and/or tax accountant to determine the specific impact on your personal situation.

For further information on VCSU's Leave a Legacy Society, contact the VCSU Foundation office at 1-800-532-8641 or via email at larry.robinson@vcsu.edu.

Dr. Chaffee Rolls Out Plan for Growth

At a “town hall meeting” in February, VCSU president Dr. Ellen Chaffee outlined a series of six strategies for driving growth in enrollment at VCSU over the next 5 years.

The plan identifies potential growth areas throughout the university and calls for specific increases in headcount each fall semester 2008 – 2012. “These strategies came from extensive campus-wide deliberations during fall semester, 2007,” said Dr. Chaffee. “The focus areas were identified by a cross-section of faculty and staff, and were selected based on readiness, interest, and likelihood of short-term yield.”

“Nonetheless,” said Chaffee, “all areas of the university are essential for success, and all will benefit from the additional marketing, scholarship and athletic growth, and additional students.”

Chaffee congratulated faculty and staff for their initiative and commitment to pursuing plans that will ensure growth and momentum through the presidential transition process and beyond.

“These plans are well-considered and ambitious,” she told them. “With strong support throughout the university and among all who care about VCSU, exciting times are ahead.”

Goal 1: Academic Growth

Objective 1.1: Integrate and expand real-world experiences in all majors.

Objective 1.2: Grow enrollment in the graduate program.

Objective 1.3: Grow the elementary education program.

Objective 1.4: Leverage ICBS and BIT curriculum to attract new markets and better serve all students.

Objective 1.5: Grow enrollment in Communication Arts/ Social Science.

Objective 1.6: Offer Nursing in collaboration with MiSU-Bottineau.

Objective 1.7: Grow enrollment in Health Sciences.

Goal 2: Marketing, Promotion, Recruiting

Objective 2.1: Provide increased promotional services for all relevant objectives in this plan.

Objective 2.2: Pursue new VCSU awareness campaign.

Objective 2.3: Increase Enrollment Services outreach.

Objective 2.4: Improve administrative services.

Goal 3: Athletic Growth

Objective 3.1: Add five sports for men and women by 2011.

Objective 3.2: 8th Avenue Athletic Facilities Project.

Goal 4: Scholarships

Objective 4.1: Increase total scholarship funding by at least 15% per year.

Goal 5: Technology

Objective 5.1: Leverage a variety of technologies and instructional innovations to expand the boundaries of the traditional classroom and enhance learning.

Goal 6: Research Other Options

Objective 6.1: Identify new major or concentration opportunities in Health Sciences, including Athletic Training.

Objective 6.2: Explore a possible master’s in elementary education.

Objective 6.3: Research opportunities in the regional adult market.

Objective 6.4: Develop a support system for international students. ♦

Tharaldson Scholars

The first Tharaldson Scholars are attending VCSU this year. A total of 50 scholarships, both academic and athletic, were awarded totaling more than \$75,000. Students gathered together before a basketball game for a photo to thank Gary and Connie Tharaldson for their support of VCSU. The photo was sent to the Tharaldsons in time for Christmas. Larry Robinson, Executive Director of University Advancement stated, “All of us at VCSU are extremely grateful to Gary and Connie Tharaldson for establishing the Tharaldson Scholars program. The impact that this important program is having on VCSU is without question. We thank them for their tremendous support.” ♦



The Tharaldson Scholars: FRONT Brooke Wendlick, Kayla Geske, Jill Naaden, Alex Pfeifer, Tara Thompson, Jacee Rufsvold, and Elissa Berg. MIDDLE Ryan Mehus, Dustin Brent, Tanner Bombenger, Michael Tomlinson, Eric Burgad, Joshua Standing Elk, Sarah Holm, Titus Stenberg, and Joshua Gusaas. BACK Allysa Breiner, Lisa Dornacker, Jacklyn Mitchell, Jodi Burrer, Mariah Martin, Jill Noeske, Zachary Lee, Calvin Kraft, Mike Stowman, Reid Arnold, Jarvis Knudson, Grant Kragness, Wade Storhoff and Ryan Grieger.



*"As long as you are going to be thinking anyway, think big."
- Donald Trump*

Big Possibilities Explored for Gateway to VCSU, Community

What started as a routine discussion of various landscaping options for the fields across 8th Avenue from the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse has turned into a discussion of some big possibilities.

Really big.

"We were having a hard time making even minor decisions on improvements because we lacked a vision for the area," said VCSU president Dr. Ellen Chaffee. "So rather than start the process with where we are, we decided to shift the focus to where we could be."

That is when the possibilities started to grow.

"The 8th Avenue entrance is a major artery into Valley City and VCSU. The area has tremendous scenic potential, much of which remains to be developed," said Executive Director of University Advancement Larry Robinson. "We are excited about this project and what it could mean for the entire community."

So during the fall of 2007 and winter of 2008, a group was formed to generate ideas for the area and form a vision of what the area could

become. As the vision took shape, exciting possibilities that have been under discussion for some time, such as a major expansion of the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse, were factored into process. Opportunities for community involvement were identified, which brought the City of Valley City, Parks & Recreation, and the public schools into the discussion. "With each discussion, the scope of the vision seemed to grow, and with it, so did the list of stakeholders," said Chaffee.

Soon, the vision became known as the "master plan" for its wide reaching features and long list of stakeholders. As it now stands, the plan incorporates a number of significant features, including:

- A significant visual presence for VCSU along 8th Avenue. Possibilities include a gateway arch, banners and landscaping.
- New land use and development of the property east of 8th Avenue that could include updated fields for sporting events and social/recreational plazas for use by the community.

- A recreation/wellness/sport facility shared by VCSU and the community, possibly housing a 200 meter track, practice courts for basketball and volleyball, a rock climbing wall, weightlifting facilities, and conference/office facilities.

But the plan will not require that the entire project will be implemented at once. Foss Architecture & Interiors, which has been retained to develop the master plan, is building the plan under the assumption that it will be implemented one step at a time. Bob Ames, principal at Foss Architecture, said, "Our goal at the end of this is to have a vision with costs assigned to individual aspects with the idea that VCSU and the community can prioritize those items and tackle each one individually."

One group in particular has a challenging task: developing a financial plan that will spell-out alternatives for funding each component of the ambitious plan. Trudy Collins, VCSU's vice president

of business affairs, said, "One thing for sure is that the master plan will represent a major capital investment, and funding sources have not yet been identified. Of course, many possibilities exist, but currently, our most realistic approach is to take one project at a time, all the while keeping the overall plan in mind."

But if the plans and the costs are big, so are the benefits. BJ Pumroy, Athletic Director at VCSU, said, "We are considering ways to increase enrollment by adding sports, but we can't do this unless we add facilities. The master plan represents a very direct way to impact enrollment at VCSU over the long term."

The community can also see some impressive benefits. Chaffee said, "For the community, it means new access to state-of-the-art facilities plus a highly visible amenity that will make the city more attractive to potential residents. It will be a win-win all the way around." ♦

V-500 Holds Recognition Banquet

The annual V-500 Recognition Dinner was held on Saturday, December 8, 2007. Any donors who signed-up for a V-500 membership over the past year or renewed a membership were recognized at the dinner. In addition any members achieving a lifetime giving level were presented with a plaque or certificate. Following the dinner everyone attended the EBC Alumni "We're in the Christmas Mood" show in Vangstad Auditorium. ♦

Lifetime Giving

BACK Dr. Hilde Van Gijssel, Larry Robinson '71, Bobby Koeplin, Ed James and Daryl Stensland (Appliance City), Dr. Terry Corwin.

FRONT Robert Burchill (Enterprise Sales Co), Mary Lee (Hougland) Robinson '71, Deb Koeplin, Donna (Vandrovec) James '73, Roxanne (Ivesdel) Stensland '78, and Del Creviston (Budget Home Furnishings).



New & Renewed Memberships

BACK Dr. Steven King, Craig Christianson (Sheyenne Care Center), Dave and Jeanne Johnsen, BJ and Kaela Pumroy, Lisa (Hedland) '86 and Don Baasch.

FRONT Martha King, Jerry (Greb) Foss '41, Meryl O'Connell, Karen (Lang) Richman '64, Kim (Gruman) '96 and Kevin Eggermont.



New & Renewed Memberships

BACK Dan Clark, David and Patti Rickford, Laney and Lance Jenison (State Farm Insurance), Micki and Lee Isensee, Catherine and Roger Rand, Mike Schwehr '79 (CH Carpenter Lumber), Dr. Joseph Bessie, and Dr. Terry Corwin.

FRONT Kim Clark, Mike and Sarah (Pedersen) '00 Lerud, Patricia (Chalk) McDaniel '59, Dr. Sharon McCarriar, Ross Powell '98 (Wells Fargo Bank), Trudy Collins, and Michelle Schwehr '01.



President's House Society Presented with Award

The President's House Preservation Society was presented a plaque by VCSU president Dr. Ellen Chaffee. The society has served since 1993 to restore the beautiful home on the VCSU campus and manage its operation as a guest inn.

The inscription reads, "With admiration and gratitude to the President's House Society for leadership and constancy of purpose."

In her comments, Dr. Chaffee said, "This inscription cites your leadership for recognizing something that needed to be done and having the commitment to VCSU to do it. It cites constancy of purpose for the incredible diligence with which you have stuck to it." ♦



Valerie Anderson, Becky (Geinert) Heise '80, Dr. Ellen Chaffee, Jan Stowman, and Kara Kramin. NOT AVAILABLE FOR PHOTO LouVay White, Karen Richman, Karen Monson, Kris Mueller, and Veronica Miller.



Gina Aalgaard Kelly Completes Ph.D., Awarded Fellowship

VCSU Assistant Professor of Social Science Gina Aalgaard Kelly was recently awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Family Social Science with a minor in Gerontology from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Aalgaard Kelly has been at VCSU since Fall of 2005, and is now the Chair of the Department of Social Science. She teaches a number of courses relating to sociology, gerontology and family social science including Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Family, Social Gerontology, Family Caregiving, and Death & Dying. "The family is a frequent topic in our Social Science classes," said Aalgaard Kelly, "and dealing with aging issues and the elderly is important for society."

In addition, the Minnesota Area Geriatric Education Center (MAGEC) at the University of Minnesota awarded a six-month Fellowship to Dr. Aalgaard Kelly. During the Fellowship, she will be an integral part of promoting education by designing and expanding curricular offerings in geriatrics and gerontology.

Dr. Aalgaard Kelly also holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Sociology from North Dakota State University. She has previous teaching experience with North Dakota State University, the University of Minnesota, and Minneapolis College. She currently lives in rural Lisbon, ND with her husband Fallon and three children Caemon, Avalon, and Seamus. ♦

V-500 Board of Directors

The purpose of V-500 is to raise funds on behalf of the VCSU Foundation for the benefit of Valley City State University and its students, faculty, and staff—a purpose central to the ability of the university to sustain a strong enrollment. Total allocations for the 2007-2008 academic year are approximately \$200,000, with scholarships ranging in size from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

If you are a paid up member, consider renewing that membership pledge. Your

dollars are clearly an investment in our students, our university and our community! For more information contact the office at 701-845-7203.

The V-500 board works hard soliciting memberships throughout the year. The VCSU Foundation office would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to them for their dedication to V-500.

"It takes two, V-500 and YOU!" ♦



V-500 board members are committed to work with the foundation staff in securing financial support from others and they also personally support V-500 financially. **BACK** Dean Pedersen (president) Paige Bjornson (vice president), Tom Glandt, Cindy Schwehr, Kevin Eggermont, and Ben Golovanoff. **FRONT** Todd Rogelstad, Ross Powell '99, Ann Sherlock, and Lisa Baasch '86. **BOARD MEMBERS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PHOTO** Jim Jensen, Mike Lerud, Myron Sommerfeld '62, Dr. Terry Corwin and Rhonda Fairfield '05.

Dr. Ioannis (Yannis) N. Miaoulis: A National Leader Promoting STEM Education

Leaders in government, business, and education across the country are concerned that the United States will lose its preeminence in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education as some foreign countries increase the number of students graduating in STEM areas. Dependence on foreign countries for engineering expertise poses significant economic, policy, and national security challenges for our country. To many, meeting these challenges by dramatically improving STEM education has become the 21st century version of the 1950s space race, spurred by the launch of Sputnik I.

The Museum of Science, Boston, led by Dr. Ioannis (Yannis) N. Miaoulis since 2003, has become a nationally-recognized leader promoting STEM education. Originally from Greece, Dr. Miaoulis spent over 15 years at Tufts University as Dean of the School of Engineering, Associate Provost, Interim Dean of the University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and Professor of Mechanical Engineering. Surprised to find how misunderstood engineering was among Americans and how little people knew about it in the United States, Miaoulis championed the introduction of engineering into the Massachusetts science and technology public school curriculum. This made the Commonwealth first in the nation in 2001 to develop a K-12 curriculum framework and assessments for technology/engineering. At Tufts, he originated practical courses based on students' — and his own — passions for fishing and cooking: a fluid mechanics course from the fish's point of view and Gourmet Engineering, where students cook in a test kitchen, learn about concepts such as heat transfer, and then eat their experiments.

Miaoulis spearheaded creation of the National Center for Technological Literacy® (NCTL®) at the Museum in 2004. Supported by corporate, foundation, and federal funds, the NCTL aims to enhance knowledge of engineering and technology for people of all ages and inspire the next generation of engineers, inventors, and scientists. The Museum of Science is the country's only science museum with a comprehensive strategy and infrastructure to foster technological literacy in both science museums and schools nationwide. Through the NCTL, the Museum is creating technology exhibits and programs and integrating engineering as a new discipline in schools via standards-based K-12 curricular reform. The NCTL has been in contact with interested parties in 42 states.

Miaoulis's dream is to make everyone, both men and women, scientifically and technologically literate. ♦

Museum of Science's National Center for Technological Literacy and VCSU Partner in National Education Initiative

The Museum of Science's National Center for Technological Literacy® (NCTL®) and VCSU, have completed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) leveraging their strengths to bring quality standards-based engineering and technology education to K-12 schools throughout the United States. The goal is to improve the technological literacy of K-12 teachers nationwide and prepare qualified teachers to address the national shortage of technology educators.

Dr. Yvonne Spicer, NCTL vice president for advocacy and educational partnerships, at the Museum of Science, Boston, said, "Engineering builds the thinking and design skills that our students need for today's competitive global economy by asking them to apply their math and science knowledge to solve real-world problems. But to prepare our children for the 21st century, we must give our educators the engineering and technical knowledge they need to teach."

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, president of VCSU said, "Increasing the number of students entering technology and engineering fields is recognized as a critical need in the United States. Our technology/engineering education curriculum can play a strategic role by graduating teachers qualified to improve the technological literacy of their students."

According to the MOU, Valley City State University will become the lead partner in a new K-12 initiative, "Closing the Technology & Engineering Teaching Gap." The initiative will use VCSU's innovative, fully accredited online teacher

certification program to increase the number of K-12 educators in technology and engineering who can effectively use NCTL materials. The NCTL will make its curriculum materials and training available to VCSU at favorable rates and inform appropriate audiences and candidates of the opportunity to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees in technology education through distance delivery from VCSU.

The agreement also provides for the institutions to work collaboratively to transform the K-12 system and the postsecondary teacher education system to support and ensure technology literacy in and through all schools. One of the first outcomes of the agreement is planning two or three day workshops for K-12 teachers jointly led by NCTL staff and VCSU faculty. The first of these is planned for the summer 2008 on the VCSU campus.

The Museum of Science founded the NCTL in 2004 to enhance knowledge of engineering and technology for people of all ages and inspire the next generation of engineers and scientists. The Museum is the only science museum in the country with a comprehensive strategy and infrastructure to foster technological literacy in both science museums and schools nationwide. Through the NCTL, the Museum is 1) developing technology exhibits and programs and 2) integrating engineering as a new discipline in schools via standards-based K-12 curricular reform. Recognizing that a 21st century curriculum must include today's human-made

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Dr. Ioannis (Yannis) N. Miaoulis, President and Director, Museum of Science, Boston (front left) and Dr. Ellen Chaffee, President, Valley City State University (front right), sign a Memorandum of Understanding forming a partnership to bring quality standards-based education in engineering and technology to K-12 schools throughout the United States. **BACK** Dr. Don Mugan, Chair, Department of Technology, Valley City State University, John Slakey, Chief Financial Officer, Museum of Science/NCTL, Dr. Yvonne Spicer, Vice President for Advocacy and Educational Partnerships, NCTL, Dr. Joseph Bessie, Vice President, Academic Affairs, Valley City State University.

Alum Gives New Meaning to “Old Friends” Fargo’s Only Museum of Natural History Needs Funding

We normally think of VCSU as having a long history, but to Gary Olson '88, 100 years is the blink of an eye. He is more accustomed to dealing with timeframes in the hundreds of million years.

Gary is the founder of Discover Museum of West Fargo, the only museum of natural history in eastern North Dakota or western Minnesota. Gary opened the museum in August, and it has already seen thousands of visitors. But despite the interest, the museum is running on a shoe-string budget, and unless new funding is found, the museum may need to close soon.

After graduating from VCSU in 1988, Gary began a career teaching middle- and high-school science. But in the early 1990's, his interest in paleontology took over, and he began participating in dinosaur digs.

Gary's biggest project came in 2006 when he joined a group working in South Dakota excavating a 65 million year-old Tyrannosaurus Rex. "We named him 'Ivan' after the owner of the land we were digging on," said Gary. The group was able to remove over 120 bones in good condition and restored them to the point they could serve as molds. "The Ivan we have in our museum was made from those molds. The original Ivan is on display at the Museum of World Treasures in Wichita."

In August, 2007, Gary opened Discover Museum stocked with hundreds of skeletons, fossils, and other natural history artifacts. In addition to Ivan, the museum is home to many fossils including a 12' long 85 million year old

Xiphactinus (a kind of fish) and a 15' Mosasaur lizard. Modern day specimens are on exhibit, too, including a skeleton of the largest kind of frog in the world, the Goliath Frog. "I love the reaction kids have when I tell them these frogs eat ducks," said Gary. Right next door to the museum is "Dinosaurs and More," Gary's retail store where visitors can purchase a variety of dinosaur and natural history-related toys, books, skeletons, and even fossils.

Upon opening, a flurry of interest from the local media brought tremendous traffic. "The first weekend we were open, we had over 1,000 visitors," said Gary. But despite the interest, the museum is having a tough time financially. "Our timing for starting the museum was not very good. We just missed opportunities for county funds and grants, and now they won't be available again until next summer." Income from the small admission fee the museum charges has not been enough to cover operating costs.

These facts of life have Gary looking for donations. "Our costs are pretty low and we don't need much, but the way

things look now, we may need to close by May unless we get other funding soon."

If he can find these donations and get the museum onto solid financial footing, Gary is confident that it will have an exciting future. "The first thing I would do is assemble Ivan into his 40' long by 11' high frame. But we could do a lot more. We have room to expand and I have access to many other materials for new exhibits. I'd even like to start getting a few traveling exhibits. But in order for any of that to happen, we have to make it through the summer." ♦



Discover Museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Contributions may be sent to Discover Museum, 705 Main Ave. E., West Fargo, ND 58078. 701-277-0809, dinoguyd@yahoo.com.

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world, the NCTL strives to introduce engineering as early as elementary school and continue it through high school, college, and beyond. The NCTL is helping schools develop standards- and research-based engineering curricula and offering educators professional development, while also advancing public understanding of engineering and technology through museum exhibits, programs, and professional development.

As a national leader in graduating pre-service and in-service K-12 technology educators, VCSU "stands ready to provide a missing piece of the puzzle - teachers who can educate a nation of technologically literate citizens," said Chaffee. The university offers both bachelor's and master's level degrees in Technology Education. Both VCSU and NCTL programs are based on the latest national standards for K-12 engineering and technology literacy standards. Online delivery

makes VCSU's programs accessible anywhere an Internet connection is available. "The missions of our organizations are complementary," said Chaffee. "The NCTL creates engaging K-12 engineering curricula and resources, and VCSU produces teachers qualified to use those and related materials most effectively in the classroom. It is a natural fit."

As of December 2007, the NCTL's *Engineering is Elementary* elementary curriculum had reached over 4,470 teachers and 163,200 students in 42 states (and Washington, DC). In 2007, the Museum of Science launched its first school textbook publishing partnership, introducing its high school course, *Engineering the Future*®, which has been successfully field-tested in 102 schools. A *Building Math* middle school curriculum, developed with Tufts University, is also now available. ♦

2006-2007 Donor Edition is Available Online

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The figures reflected in this publication are as of the close of our fiscal year, June 30, 2007. As always, we strive hard to insure accuracy in the information compiled in this report. If you find an error, please contact the Office of Advancement at 701- 845-7203. ♦

VCSU Announces New Certificates in Rapidly-Growing IT Fields

Unique focus on applications; online option

VCSU recently took a series of big steps adding to its curriculum in Information Technology: two new certificate programs in rapidly-growing fields of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) and Enterprise Applications.

VCSU president Dr. Ellen Chaffee said the new certificates represent an innovative way to address unmet needs of businesses in North Dakota. "More and more, businesses are using CRM and enterprise software as strategic tools to enhance their competitiveness, yet most IT programs focus exclusively on computer technologies such as programming, networking or database management. Our new programs are unique in that they give students an appreciation for both the technology and the business strategies that drive the technology. We are proud to be the first university in the region to offer programs in these emerging subjects to our students."

The certificates combine study in traditional IT subjects with new coursework in CRM software and enterprise software applications. Although

the programs are based in technology, they are available to students of any major, and can be particularly attractive for students planning a career in business. Dr. Kerry Gregoryk, Chair of VCSU's Division of Business and Information Technology, said, "In most organizations, enterprise applications are managed by the IT department, but they work very closely with

"The online option is a great fit for working professionals because they can get hands-on experience plus a unique and valuable credential, all without sacrificing their work-life or family-life."

end-users who work in sales, marketing, accounting, or manufacturing. This is one reason that companies look for employees who offer both technical skills and an understanding of the strategies and processes that drive the business."

The certificate in Customer Relationship Management (CRM) prepares students for "hands-on" work with CRM applications: software that is used by organizations to manage and leverage information about their customers. A growing view

that information about an organization's customers is a vital strategic asset has made CRM software one of the most rapidly growing segments of the software industry. Typical applications deal with such "customer-facing" activities as customer services, sales and marketing.

The certificate in Enterprise Applications provides students with a background in a class of business software that includes enterprise resource planning (ERP), accounting, human resources, and manufacturing. VCSU integrates enterprise software into certificate coursework, giving students valuable experience applying content and theory to an industry-standard system.

In a unique twist, VCSU made the Enterprise Applications certificate particularly attractive to working professionals by making it available completely online. According to Gregoryk, "The online option is a great fit for working professionals because they can get hands-on experience plus a unique and valuable credential, all without sacrificing their work-life or family-life." ♦

Solberg Hosts Students



Heather (Orner) Solberg '03 recently hosted a group of VCSU business students at the State Bank & Trust on Broadway in Fargo where she was a branch manager. She moved to Bismarck when her husband Brandon was promoted to Lieutenant with the North Dakota Highway Patrol. She now works for Starion Financial in Mandan as Assistant Vice President and Retail Banking Supervisor. She and Brandon are expecting their first child in early March. ♦



ELL Students Visit VCSU

VCSU was recently visited by a unique group of high school students from Fargo: all were English Language Learners (ELL): foreign students new to the country who are learning English as they continue their high-school education. The purpose of their visit was to give them a taste of college and encourage them to continue their education after graduating from high-school.

This visit was an idea that came from VCSU alum Teri (Hall) Smith '05, who teaches an ELL class at Agassiz Middle School, and Kristina Caton, a graduate student at NDSU. Having visited Caton's classroom at NDSU in December, Smith and Caton thought the students could benefit from seeing

an alternative. Said Caton, "After seeing 'the big campus' at NDSU, we wanted the ELL students to know that they have other options. VCSU was a perfect choice. The ELL students appreciated the community atmosphere, the friendly students, and that all the teachers really know their students. These young people, our newest Americans, could see themselves in college. What an encouragement for them to do well in high-school!"

Their day at VCSU included sitting in on two classes, a tour of campus, and lunch at the Student Center cafeteria. Joan Aus, the coordinator of VCSU's ELL program, hosted the visit. ♦

Eagle Creek Software Going Strong in Valley City

Several VCSU alumni launching careers in high growth field of CRM software

In October of 2004, Minneapolis-based Eagle Creek Software Services formed a unique partnership with VCSU and the Valley City Development Corporation to establish a software consulting center in Valley City. Three years later, the center now has over 100 employees, many of whom are VCSU alumni, and is on its way to a goal of 200 employees.

VCSU's role in the partnership was to deliver coursework customized to meet Eagle Creek's unique needs. Eagle Creek is the largest systems integrator of Siebel Customer Relationship Management (CRM) and Business Intelligence (BI) applications, as well as a leading partner with software industry giant Oracle Corporation. The development center in Valley City provides off-site consulting services to the company's Fortune 1500 clients. To prepare graduates for this demanding field, VCSU developed coursework in CRM software that combined study of the principles of CRM with hands-on work with leading CRM software. This coursework now forms the basis for VCSU's new CRM certificate.

Alumni at Eagle Creek have high praise for both the career path and VCSU's role in preparing them for this career. Tracy Lee '06, now a Team Lead for Eagle Creek, said, "This is a great place to work – no two days are alike, both in terms of the clients we work with and the nature of their application." So far, Tracy has worked on projects for Carnival Cruise Line, Nestle Waters, and Serono.

Having graduated with a major in Business Administration and concentration in Marketing, Tracy was not a typical candidate for a career in IT. But in the case of CRM, understanding the business principles that drive the application is as important as understanding the technology.

"The CRM course did a nice job of covering both," said Tracy, "and getting hands-on



VCSU alumni are an important part of Eagle Creek's project center in Valley City. **FRONT** Rajil Risal '06, Natalie Koch '05, Tracy Lee '06, Ayman Aldaiel '06. **BACK** Eric Randa '98, Mike Lloyd '04, Jason Burchill '04, Nick Lee '05, Amanda Nesemeier '02, Sharon Mooridian '98. **NOT SHOWN** Lonney Scherr '97, Bill Blunck '03, Tara Svenningson '07.

experience with the software was huge."

Natalie Koch '05, also a Team Lead for Eagle Creek, thinks that the teamwork skills she learned at VCSU are important. "At VCSU, everything is group-focused, and that is exactly the way it is here. The things I learned about leading groups at VCSU are helping me lead groups at Eagle Creek." Natalie graduated with a major in Business Administration and a concentration in Accounting and Finance, and was also one of the first students to complete the CRM course.

To Rajil Risal '06, VCSU's technology-rich learning environment also made a big difference. "Being a laptop campus gives us an edge because we are more comfortable using technology in

our work. In this job, we do more than just write scripts all day, so knowing how to use technology in other skills is a big help." Rajil is also a Team Lead for Eagle Creek.

In all, it is the complete package that lets VCSU graduates become productive for Eagle Creek. Natasha Maier, Human Resource Manager, said, "Regardless of which degree they have, VCSU grads come to Eagle Creek with the business experience they need to work well with our Fortune 1500 clients. I have had great experiences with VCSU grads, and I look forward to hiring more." ♦

The Brains Behind the Design of *The Bulletin*

We have received many positive comments about the design of *The Bulletin* and VCSU alum JJ (Buhr) Thoreson '99 can take much of the credit. In addition to designing and laying-out *The Bulletin*, JJ does much of the design work for VCSU brochures and other materials. She also manages the Faculty Materials Center (FMC) on the first floor of McFarland, and provides other print-related services. She lives in Valley City with her husband Harley and children Hailey (5), Halley (3), and Hadley (1). ♦



VCSU Announces Promotions



Jody Henjum was promoted to Administrative Assistant in the Academic Affairs Office. Jody has been with VCSU since 2000 serving as an administrative assistant in the

Technology Department and the Office of Graduate Studies and Research. In her new role, Jody will retain administrative responsibilities for the Office of Graduate Studies and Research and will assume the added responsibility of assisting the vice president of academic affairs.



Rhonda (Hanson) Fairfield '05 has been promoted to Executive Assistant in the President's Office. Rhonda joined VCSU in 1991 as an administrative assistant, and has served in Education,

Technology Education, and Academic Affairs. In her new role, Rhonda will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the President's office including managing the president's schedule, records, and key documents.



Kim (Svenningsen) Hesch '91 has been promoted to Assistant Director of University Advancement. Kim has been with VCSU since 1996, serving as an administrative assistant and data

research analyst for EduTech. Since 2002, she has served as the executive assistant in President's Office. In her new role, Kim will take lead responsibility for a variety of fundraising events and activities including the V-500 fund drive, the Scholarship Auction, and the Phone-A-Thon. ♦

President Chaffee Honors Four with Distinguished Service Award

VCSU President Ellen Chaffee recently presented the President's Distinguished Service Award to Jan Stowman, Mary Lee Nielson, Janet Schultz, and Dick Gulmon. This award, the highest honor that the president can bestow, was established to recognize partners and friends for their exceptional contributions toward the university's vision. The individuals recognized are not necessary alumni, but are strong supporters of VCSU, its programs and goals. In VCSU's history, only eleven other individuals have been recognized with the President's Distinguished Service Award.



Jan Stowman was honored for her extensive support of VCSU. Jan is currently the secretary of the VCSU Foundation Board of Directors and was one of the founding members of the President's House Preservation

Society. In her comments, Chaffee said, "With Jan's initiative and the team of caring, giving, and expert volunteers that became the Society, the university now has a beautiful, gracious asset that brings people to the campus and serves as a hallmark of hospitality. It is a time-consuming, often frustrating labor of love that has continued for an astonishing 12-plus years and shows no signs of slowing down."



Mary Lee Nielson '79, currently the mayor of Valley City, was recognized for her many years of service both to VCSU and to the community. Nielson frequently volunteers her time to VCSU for many roles and

capacities. She served as a charismatic leader for Camp CyberPrairie, where she helped expose area youth to instruction in computer technology, and for Corporate Adventures where she leads team building exercises. In her comments, Dr. Chaffee said, "Mary Lee sees what needs to be done, partners up, and does it. She surmounts every barrier, inspires every team, does any and every job, vanquishes any disappointments, and sticks with it until it is successful, whatever it is."



Janet Schultz '66, served on the Alumni Board from 1990 until 2002, including serving as president in 1995 and 1996. She then served as a founding member and secretary of the VCSU Foundation Board from 2002 to

2004. Schultz is also a strong supporter of the VCSU V-500 scholarship program and Medicine Wheel Park. In her comments, Dr. Chaffee said, "Her ideas are always well-grounded and constructive, and her participation in discussions always takes them to the next level." In addition to devoting time and energy to VCSU, Schultz is an accomplished photographer and is active in the community through the Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the Scenic Byway taskforce, and her church.



Dick Gulmon is currently the vice president of Dacotah Bank in Valley City, and served on the V-500 Board of Directors for 12 years, nine of which he served as the semi-permanent treasurer. He is

currently a member of the Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Chaffee said, "In Dick's more recent service to VCSU, he has acted as our advocate in our discussions with potential donors in his personal network. This is often the most effective way to reach a donor, but requires extraordinary courage and commitment, and Dick is in a class by himself in this department." ♦



Dew Honored for 35 Years of Membership

Former Head Football and Baseball Coach and current faculty member Jim Dew was honored at the 2008 American Football Coaches Association Convention in Anaheim, California. Coach Dew was honored as a 35 year member of the AFCA. He was honored at the AFCA Awards Luncheon held on January 9. ♦

Jill DeVries Enters NDSU Athletics Hall of Fame



VCSU Women's Basketball Coach Jill DeVries was inducted into the NDSU Bison Hall of Fame on October 5, 2007. DeVries was the lone senior on NDSU's first NCAA Division II championship team, and a four-year NCAA tournament participant under coach Amy Ruley.

She played on three North Central Conference championship teams (1987-88-89) and was named to the 1991 American Women's Sports Federation Division II All-America first team, the 1991 Kodak Division II All-District first team and honorable mention All-American, selected to the 1991 national championship all-tournament team, and was MVP of the quarterfinal win over Bellarmine. DeVries also performed in the classroom and was recognized for achieving Academic All-North Central Conference and CoSIDA Academic All-District second team. She ranked on the NDSU career charts in 3-pointers made (91) and attempted (261), 3-point percentage (.349), assists (360), games played (124), and free-throw accuracy (.787). Beyond basketball Coach DeVries also was a two-time placewinner in the javelin throw at the 1989 and 1991 NCC outdoor track and field championships. She began her basketball coaching career at Wisconsin-Green Bay before stops as a graduate assistant at NDSU and then as an assistant at Nebraska-Kearney from 1997-1999. She is in her 9th season as head coach at VCSU. ♦



Kaminsky Wins 300th

Head Coach Jeff Kaminsky reached a milestone on November 9, 2007 against Dakota Wesleyan University when he led the Vikings to a 86-60 triumph over DWU. The win marked the 300th win in Coach Kaminsky's 20 year career.

Kaminsky's previous stops include success at the University of Wisconsin-Superior and Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin. In his 11 seasons leading Superior, Kaminsky ranked in the top 25 for total wins over the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's illustrious 37 year history.

While at Mid-State Technical College, Kaminsky led the Cougars to seven highly successful years compiling a 153-70 record and a .686 winning percentage. In addition, Kaminsky led the Cougars to three straight conference championships during the 1990-91 through 1993-94 seasons.

This year, Coach Kaminsky led the Viking men's basketball team to an outstanding season finishing with a record-setting 22-8 mark. It was the first winning season for the men since 1988-89 and first 20 win season since 1986-87. A more detailed recap of this historic season will be coming to you in the next issue of *The Bulletin*. ♦

In honor of his 300th win, VCSU men's basketball coach Jeff Kaminsky, center, accepts a commemorative basketball from VCSU president Ellen Chaffee, right, and VCSU athletic director B.J. Pumroy, left.

Is that *OUR* PeopleMover?

The VCSU "PeopleMover" received a major make-over that transformed the plain, all-white bus into a colorful "billboard on wheels." It isn't a paint job, but rather it is a "wrap" that features a softball player on one side, a football player on the other, and the Viking logo on both. "These kinds of vehicle graphics are a cost-effective way to promote VCSU," said Doug Anderson, Director of Marketing and Communications. In this photo, a group of Viking fans prepares to board the PeopleMover to make the trip to Mayville to cheer on the Viking basketball teams. ♦



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2008 Viking Softball

Home games in **BOLD**

February 28	Saint Vincent College (at Cocoa Beach, FL)	(DH) 3 pm
February 29	TBA (at Cocoa Beach, FL)	(DH) 11 AM
March 1	Cedarville University (at Cocoa Beach, FL)	(DH) 3 pm
March 2	Saint Mary of the Woods (at Cocoa Beach, FL)	(DH) 9 am
March 3	Hannibal-LaGrange College (at Cocoa Beach, FL)	(DH) 3 pm
March 4	Carlow University (at Cocoa Beach, FL)	3 pm
March 4	St. Cloud Tech (at Cocoa Beach, FL)	7 pm
March 7	Briar Cliff University (at Hastings, NE)	1 pm
March 7	Dana College (at Hastings, NE)	3 pm
March 7	Hastings College (at Hastings, NE)	5 pm
March 8	Midland Lutheran College (at Hastings, NE)	12 pm
March 8	Concordia University (at Hastings, NE)	2 pm
March 22	St. Cloud State	(DH) 9 am
March 27	Northern State	(DH) 3 pm
March 29	Black Hills State (at Portland, ND)	3 pm
March 29	Mayville State	5 pm
March 30	Black Hills State	11 am
March 30	Mayville State	3 pm
April 1	University of North Dakota	(DH) 3 pm
April 2	Presentation College	(DH) 3 pm
April 5	Jamestown College	(DH) 1 pm
April 6	Jamestown College	(DH) 1 pm
April 9	Mayville State	(DH) 3 pm
April 10	Concordia College	(DH) 4 pm
April 12	Black Hills State	1 pm
April 12	Minot State	5 pm
April 13	Black Hills State	11 am
April 13	Minot State	3 pm
April 16	Minot State	(DH) 2 pm
April 19	Dickinson State	(DH) 1 pm
April 20	Dickinson State	(DH) 1 pm
April 22	Minnesota-Crookston	(DH) 3 pm
April 24	University of North Dakota	(DH) 3 pm
April 26	Dakota State	(DH) 3 pm
April 27	Dakota State	(DH) 1 pm
May 2-3	DAC Tournament (at Jamestown, ND)	TBA
May 7-9	NAIA Region III Tournament (at Sioux City, IA)	TBA
May 16-18	NAIA National Tournament (at Decatur, AL)	TBA

2008 Viking Baseball

Home games in **BOLD**

March 2	U. of Texas (at Brownsville, TX)	(DH) 2 pm
March 3	Viterbo University (at Brownsville, TX)	(DH) 12 pm
March 5	U. of Texas (at Brownsville, TX)	(DH) 4 pm
March 6	Viterbo University (at Brownsville, TX)	1 pm
March 8	Doane College	(DH) 1 pm
March 9	Doane College	(DH) 12 pm
March 21	Minot State (at Rapid City, SD)	11 am
March 21	Dickinson State (at Rapid City, SD)	4 pm
March 22	Jamestown College (at Rapid City, SD)	11 am
March 22	Mayville State (at Rapid City, SD)	1:30 pm
March 27	Concordia College	(DH) 2:30 pm
March 29	Mayville State	(DH) 1 pm
March 30	Mayville State	(DH) 1 pm
April 2	Mayville State	(DH) 1 pm
April 5	Jamestown College	(DH) 1 pm
April 6	Jamestown College	(DH) 1 pm
April 8	University of North Dakota	(DH) 2 pm
April 12	Minot State	(DH) 1 pm
April 13	Minot State	(DH) 1 pm
April 16	Jamestown College	(DH) 1 pm
April 19	Dickinson State	(DH) 1 pm
April 20	Dickinson State	(DH) 1 pm
April 24	Northern State	(DH) 2 pm
April 26	Dakota State	(DH) 1 pm
April 27	Dakota State	(DH) 1 pm
May 1-3	DAC Tournament	TBA
May 7-9	NAIA Region III Tournament	TBA
May 23-30	NAIA National Tournament	TBA

See you at the game!

Former Viking Team Doctor Passes Away



Dr. John Goven passed away on December 15, 2007 at the age of 78. For 25 years, he served as VCSU's team physician. Dr. John could be found on the sidelines of every home game and traveled with the teams to national playoffs at his own expense.

In 1997 Dr. Goven was selected to the VCSU Viking Hall of Fame in the category of honorary. This honorary membership is bestowed upon an individual who has through personal endeavor, leadership and sacrifice over a period of years, made an extraordinary contribution to the success of VCSU athletics. In 1991, he was named the Viking Fan of the Year.

As team doctor, Goven was famous for starting a Viking tradition. In 1974 while conducting player physicals, Dr. Goven noticed several football players had low blood sugar. He mentioned to then new coach Jim Dew that lemon drops would help raise their blood sugar. Coach Dew took his advice and had players eat lemon drops before the game and at halftime. That tradition continued after their retirements as the Viking football players of today are still offered lemon drops both pre-game and at halftime. ♦

Viking News and Notes

2008 Viking Softball at a Glance

Returning for 2008 to the Viking offense will be potent bats that can hit for power and average. The 12 new additions to the Vikings will also provide the same abilities. With the large number of newcomers, the Vikings will play a different style of offense. With less team speed than in the previous few seasons, the Vikings will need to manufacture runs and be sharp with their bunting game.

The defense is young and athletic. Anchored by two second year catchers as the leaders in the infield, the dirt defense will be solid. The corners are both strong and athletic and up the middle the Vikings will be quick and show a lot of range. The outfield poses question marks as the Vikings will put three new outfielders in starting positions.

Pitching will be a strength of the Vikings. With pitchers that throw hard but also have pinpoint control, they will have the ability to control opponents and keep the Vikings in games. In 2007, sophomore Krystal Hathaway ranked 36th in the nation with a 1.56 ERA, 17th in opponents batting average at .188 and 11th in the nation averaging 11.78 strikeouts per game. ♦

2008 Viking Baseball at a Glance

The 2008 version of the Vikings will have on-field experience led by 10 seniors and enthusiastic first year head coach Casey Olney. The Vikings will look to better a 2007 record of 20-18.

The 2008 Vikings return most of the key contributors from an offense that scored over five runs per game and set a new single season team record for steals (97 in 38 games) during the 2007 season. The Viking offense will be potent this season, and the numbers should show a jump with the switch from wood to metal bats for conference games. The 2008 lineup will be balanced from top to bottom with a good mix of speed and power throughout.

The 2007 Vikings finished the year ranked in the NAIA top 10 in team fielding percentage. Defense will once again be a strength in 2008. As with the offense, the Viking defense returns nearly all of the position players that contributed last season and have added key freshman and transfers that are capable defenders to the roster as well.

Pitching will be the key to the success of the 2008 season. The staff is largely unproven with the exception of two big senior right-handers who will be depended on heavily. The group will be 16 arms deep, and all will be needed during the season. ♦



VCSU Alum Named Head Football Coach at Minnesota State University-Mankato

Photo and story courtesy of Minnesota State University Athletic Communications

Todd Hoffner '89 was recently named Head Football Coach at Minnesota State University-Mankato. The Mavericks compete at the NCAA Division II level. Hoffner had been serving as offensive coordinator at the University of South Dakota and prior to that as Head Football Coach at Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He became the 14th coach in the history of MSU-Mankato. "We are very excited to have Coach Hoffner join us as the new head coach of our football program," said Kevin Buisman, MSU Director of Athletics.

While at VCSU, Hoffner was an All-Conference cornerback on the football team (1987) and a 400 meter hurdler on the track team. He and his wife, Melodee, have three children: Kiaya (4), Brady (3) and Mara (9 months). ♦

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BASEBALL

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

The Music Hall of Fame Recognition Banquet Set

The Music Hall of Fame Recognition Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 26, in the Student Center honoring two outstanding VCSU music alumni: Dr. Merton Utgaard '40 (in memoriam) and R.Q. Johnson. A wine social with music will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm. The evening will be filled with memories and stories about these distinguished men, celebrating their service to Valley City State University and to the musical culture of North Dakota and beyond.

Dr. Utgaard, an award-winning composer and music educator, was the founder of the International Music Camp in 1956. The camp has since hosted over 100,000 students from over 70 countries and from every state in the union and province in Canada and as a result, Utgaard became internationally known for his dedication to music

education. He served as marching band director for the University of Minnesota and served as Director of Bands at the University of South Dakota and Ball State University.

For 22 years, R.Q. Johnson served as Director of Bands in the Department of Music at Valley City State University. During his tenure, numerous students passed through the department and went on to become successful music teachers throughout North Dakota and the region. In addition, R.Q. remains well-known across ND for his many years of work in Medora, as a representative of the Medora Musical. He is also known locally for his involvement and commitment to the Valley City community.

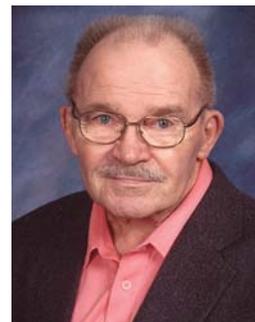
Honorees were selected by vote of the attending members of the Music Alumni Council, including full-time music faculty. Criteria for this award include: (1) A distinguished

career in professional music, music education, or music business, typically spanning a minimum of 20 years; (2) Significant professional contributions to the field of music (such as publications, published compositions, performances); (3) Recognition for excellence in music from one or more state, regional, or national organizations; (4) Evidence of voluntary service to advance music appreciation or skill beyond the profession; and (5) Recognition for voluntary service from one or more state, regional, or national organizations.

Alumni are encouraged to nominate someone who meets



Dr. Merton Utgaard '40



Dr. R.Q. Johnson

these criteria for the 2009 Hall of Fame Recognition Banquet. For nomination forms or to reserve your tickets for the 2008 Banquet, contact Anne Miedema in the Department of Music office: anne.miedema@vcsu.edu; (701) 845-7272. Tickets are available for the Banquet for \$25 each. ♦



Johnson Leaving VCSU

After 8 years with VCSU as director of bands and percussion, Sigurd Johnson has accepted a position with North Dakota State University (NDSU) as director of athletic bands and associate professor of percussion. In these roles, Johnson's responsibilities will include leading the marching band, pep bands, sports bands, percussion studio and percussion ensemble. Johnson has been a leader of many facets of VCSU's music program including the pep band, Ployhar Honor Band, the jazz ensemble, and the percussion ensemble. He also served as faculty advisor for music education students. "I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the great colleagues and students at VCSU, and will always have a very special place in my heart for this university," said Johnson. He will begin his responsibilities at NDSU this summer as he prepares the marching band for the fall sports season. ♦

Fine Arts Calendar 2007-08

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| Mar. 3-21 | Barnes County Jr./Sr. High Exhibition
VCSU Gallery | |
| Mar. 13 | Concert Band & Choir Pops Concert* | 7:30 pm
Vangstad |
| Mar. 16 | Martin Olsen, Percussion | 3:00 pm
Froemke |
| Mar. 18 | General Student Recital | 11:00 am
Froemke |
| Mar. 31 | "Through the Lens" Photo Exhibition
VCSU Gallery | |
| April 4 | Four Shadow+ | 7:30 pm
Vangstad |
| April 6 | Megan Fiebiger & Heidi Kirsch, Sopranos | 3:00 pm
Froemke |
| April 10 | General Student Recital | 7:30 pm
Froemke |
| April 13 | University Singers & Chamber Ensembles* | 3:00 pm
Froemke |
| April 20 | Concert Choir, Valley Voices,
Valley Children's Choir**
Epworth United Methodist Church | 7:30 pm |
| April 24 | VCSU Jazz Ensemble* | 7:30 pm
Student Center Cafeteria |
| April 26 | Concert Band, Valley City Civic Orchestra* | 3:00 pm
Vangstad |
| April 30 | Garage Bands | 7:30 pm
City Park |
| May 1 | Composers' Concert | 7:30 pm
Froemke |
| May 4 | Community School of the Arts Recitals | 2:00, 4:00 pm
Froemke |
| May 4 | Valley Children's Choir** | 6:00 pm
Froemke |

* Fee Concerts: \$5.00 adult admission charge, VCSU students, faculty and staff admitted free.

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

+ Concert series: admission by season membership which may be purchased at the door.

Online Pedagogy Seeing New Popularity



Beth Klingenstein, VCSU Associate Professor of Music and instructor of the online piano pedagogy course.

MUS 359 Piano Pedagogy has been a staple for any education student planning to teach piano. But recently, the course has seen a dramatic increase in popularity.

The course provides a foundation for piano teachers that addresses piano technique, keyboard skills, teaching evaluation, methods, and

materials. This spring semester, the course has 14 students registered spanning 9 different states, making it one of the largest Pedagogy courses in the country. "A typical Pedagogy course at a state university would have only 5 or 6 students," said Beth Klingenstein, VCSU Associate

Professor of Music and instructor of the course. "So I am very pleased with the numbers. But I am even more pleased with the caliber of the students. All are teachers with considerable experience, and every one of them is motivated and excited to be taking the course. It is an amazing group to work with."

What accounts for the dramatic increase in interest? One change that is making the course more popular is that it is being offered online. "Online courses make it easier for adults to participate," said Klingenstein. "In an online course, students can complete coursework around their work and family schedule, so it is a natural fit for working adults."

But Klingenstein believes other enhancements are also contributing to the popularity of the course. "This year, the course is aligned with standards for the Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM) designation. Because music teachers nationwide are interested in the NCTM designation, alignment with the standards gets a lot of attention," said Klingenstein. The NCTM is offered by the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), making it a nationally-recognized validation of a music teacher's qualifications.

Klingenstein is also working hard to make the most of educational

technology to keep the learning experience as personal as possible. Like many online courses, Piano Pedagogy uses the Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS) to share documents, complete assignments and tests, and other class-related functions. But Klingenstein also makes innovative use of various technologies to add audio and visual elements to the course. In the near future, the course will offer live discussion over the Internet.

The success of this course has the music faculty working on putting more courses online. "Pedagogy is only one of the requirements for NCTM certification," said Klingenstein. "Dr. Sara Hagen and I have discussed making the other music theory and music history courses available online. We would then have a complete solution that every music teacher in the country could use," said Klingenstein. "I think all of these courses would be as popular as what we are seeing for Piano Pedagogy." ♦

2007-2008
VCSU Theatre Season

A Festival of One-Act Plays
written & directed by our own students!
April 16-19, 2008

The annual VCSU Theatre Festival of One-Act plays will be held in Theatre 320 at 7:30 each evening, and will feature four student-written comedies. "This is the first time we have done a festival of all comedy," said Dr. Martin Kelly, director of theatre at VCSU. "Both in the writing workshops which produced these plays, and in the auditions for the actors, we had everyone laughing out loud. It is going to be very well received by our audiences."

"Third Floor," a comedy about college dormitory life. Directed by Danielle Phares, a sophomore English major and theatre minor, and written by Alex Kelly, a senior history education major.

"Fashion Model U.S.A.," Written by Misty Olds, senior English major, and directed by Alex Kelly.

"The Doctor is In" Written by Crystal Hust, senior communications major and directed by Amber Szklarski, sophomore history major.

"Searching for Glenda" Written by sophomore Amanda Cameron and directed by Lee Homan, a junior communications major and theatre minor.

Call 800-532-8641 ext. 37320 for more information or tickets.

In Remembrance

Kathleen (Knutson) Pease '46, *Hardin, MT*
 Ella (Johnson) Neumiller '39, *Oregon City, OR*
 Effie (Olson) Johnson '42, *Glendale, CA*
 Ardeth (Smoke) Larson, *Bismarck*
 Robert J. Otto '57, *Bismarck*
 Carol (Argersinger) Parrow '42, *Minot*
 Maurice Wick, *Valley City*
 Eleanor (Pfungsten) Koetz '56, *West Fargo*
 William "Bill" Wood, *Valley City*
 Edwin M. Iszler, *Gackle*
 Eugene "Butch" Meland '71, *Hazen*
 Michael P. Lund '69, *Fargo*
 Ruth (Hjelmstad) Koehn '51, *Larimore*
 Arlene Mae (Eissinger) Whitmer '50, *Medina*
 Mae (Walstead) Colby, *Britton, SD*
 Agnes (Eissinger) Dammel '44, *Medina*
 Adeline (Ussatis) Holden '38 & '62, *Valley City*
 Dawn (Holst) Rector '45, *Colorado Springs, CO*
 Stella (Smestad) Kjelland, *Valley City*
 June (Robbins) Herzog '82, *Fargo*
 Caryl (Kelly) Reslock '67, *Mandan*
 Kembel "Bud" Dahl '50, *Sidney, MT*
 Alice (Rohde) Syverson '38, *Boise, ID*
 Virginia (Weaver) Leadbetter '42, *Valley City*
 Alva "Singy" (Rutherford) Wisness, *Fargo*
 Kirk E. Larson '86, *Pequot Lakes, MN*
 Donald L. Peitz '57, *Oakes*
 Rosemarie Vasichek '70, *Lakota*
 Lyla (Bakko) Erickson, *Fargo*
 DuWayne "Dewey" Nicholson '60, *Valley City*
 Martin M. Baumann '40, *Bismarck*
 Genevieve (Sathe) Holisky '40, *Two Harbors, MN*
 Roger G. Brumfield, *West Fargo*
 Jonathon "Jack" Short, *Portland*
 Myron "Mike" Johnson '58, *Cannon Falls, MN*
 Lillian (Hall) Dronen '58, *Steele*
 Merle (Conley) McKinney '45, *Fort Collins, CO*
 Janet (Homuth) Noack '50, *Fargo*
 James V. Miller, *Valley City*
 Florence (Hubbell) Gehring '35, *Harvey*
 Paul Noeske, Jr., *Valley City*
 Willard C. Pierce '36, *West Linn, OR*
 Virgil S. Ford '58, *Tolna*
 Luella (Jenson) Johnson, *Luverne*

Former or Retired Staff

Gary Dahl, *Valley City*
 Brent Alexenko, *Wausau, WI*
 Howard C. Rose, *Rochester, MN*
 Harry A. Wagar, *Valley City*

Vikings on the Move

1940s

Dr. Buell '43 and Virginia (George) Lewis '43 graduated and then married in 1944, with a leave from the Navy. After 34 years of practicing dentistry in Grand Forks, they retired to Phoenix, AZ, where their two daughters lived. Life has been perfect with many trips covering the world, and a summer home in a cool climate.

Evelyn (Johnson) McCracken '45 and her husband, Leo, have been enjoying great weather with temperatures in the 40's and 50's. Their retirement is okay, but Evelyn loves to have something to do, including volunteer work, church, and choir.

1950s

DuWayne Syverson '51 has been retired for 18 years after teaching high school science at Bemidji High School, Bemidji, MN for 36 years. He still lives in Bemidji, "the world's best kept secret."

Coke (Erickson) Aafedt '52 visited many places of interest in 2006 on two separate trips. One trip was to the east coast; the other was to see the shows in Branson, MO. In the Fall of 2007, Coke and her sister took a Russian River Cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg (called the Waterways of the Czars). They toured many landmarks, among them: Moscow's Kremlin and Red Square, and the St. Petersburg Hermitage. They also visited numerous beautiful places of interest along the way. It was a truly delightful trip. Colleen still stays in AZ in the winter and ND in the summer.

Major Richard Starke, Sr. '52 is extremely pleased to announce that a long existing debt has been repaid. A project that he began on October 14, 2001 was completed on July 4, 2007 with the dedication of the North Dakota Medal of Honor Memorial in Minot's Theodore Roosevelt Park. Now the seventeen ND heroes have been recognized and awarded with a suitable memorial. The debt is PAID.

Dr. John I. Sisco '54 and wife, Glenaris, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August of 2007 with their family in Florida. The Sisco's are planning a trip to Australia and New Zealand. They continue to reside in Springfield, MO. After retirement from Missouri State University, John continues to do occasional work as a mediator.

Jean (Leach) Parrow '55 taught school for more than 11 years. She later became postal clerk in Havana, ND. She worked in the Fargo post office and was then promoted to postmaster in Forman for 12 years. She retired as postmaster in Ada, MN almost 9 years ago after 25 years with the postal service.

Don Johnson '57 and his wife, Thelma, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2007. Their son came home on furlough from Iraq, so they celebrated in Las Vegas, NV

with him and his family from Los Angeles, CA, and also with their daughter and her family from St. George, Utah. Don and Thelma's son has 4 boys and 1 daughter. Their daughter has a boy and girl.

Tilford '59 and Mary (Christensen) Kroshus '59 are still living in Wahpeton, ND and spending the summer at Pickerel Lake. Mary is still on the library staff at NDSCS. Tilford is giving private piano and voice lessons, directing church choir and playing in Kroshus and Krew Band.

1960s

Dick Bernard '61 completed his "second retirement job" with the end of his third term as a volunteer president of 71 Organization Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (www.mapm.org). His next retirement job: www.amillioncopies.info.

Al '61 and Dianne (Pederson) Larson '79 are retired after 33 years in the Carrington school district. They spend some time where it is warm in the winter, and also watch their grandkids in their sports seasons.

Kathleen (Fabian) Van Sickle '62 taught in a country school near Fergle Falls, MN after receiving her Standard diploma. Ten years later she received her four year B.S. degree from Moorhead State University, MN. She spent ten years in Human Resources at Target in Bismarck, ND and Rochester, MN. She just retired from being the juvenile diversion officer in community corrections, Olmsted county, Rochester, MN.

Gary M. Frandson '64 retired from Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall) after teaching 38 years in the Business Education Department. His wife, Mary, will retire next year from the Holy Redeemer Elementary School. They will continue to live in the Marshall area and spend more time with their 5 grandchildren. They plan to go motorcycling, jogging, do some traveling and volunteering, and enjoy the good life.

1970s

Maurene (Miller) Bock '71 has been retired from teaching since 1993. She subbed for ten years, and now works two days a week at a local hardware store. It keeps her out with people since her husband passed away in January of 2006.

Peg (Schroeder) Kleingartner '73 retired in May 2005 after teaching first grade for 32 years at Gackle-Streeter school. Retirement is great! Hi to all the 3rd floor Mythaler gals and Atheneum sisters from the early 70's.

1980s

Curry Mund '83 has been in Rugby since he graduated. He's in his 25th year at Rugby High School. He enjoys Rugby and RHS very much. Coaching has been a huge part of his life there, and every year he has coached at least two teams in basketball. He has three sons: Adam, Fargo; Matthew, Eugene, OR; and Mason at RHS.

Kevin Blaskowski '86 is entering his third season as the head softball coach at West Texas A&M University. He is also a member of the NCAA-II Softball Committee.

Denise (Bickett) Harrington '87 and her husband, Brian, have been married for almost 23 years. Their oldest son, Zach, is 22 and attends NDSU. He plays football and has been the starting center for two years and is looking forward to his senior season. The Bison are playoff eligible! Kelly is 20 and attending VCSU. She has great taste in her choice of schools! She is very ambitious and may finish her degree a semester early. Megan is 15 years old and loves sports. She keeps Denise and Brian very busy and they love it. Denise is off to Mexico this week with girls she has played softball with for 25 years. Email her at harring@daktel.com.

1990s

Greg Kloze '90 has accepted the director of finance position for the west with Sodexo Corporation. Greg has been employed with Sodexo for the past 20 years. He started working for the company while attending Valley City State. His wife, **Desiree (Denault) '96**, has been teaching music at High Plains Elementary school (District #20) since 1998. She received her Master of Arts in Teaching Liberal Arts for Elementary School degree from Colorado College in 2006. Greg and Desiree have been living in Colorado Springs, CO since 1998. They have two children: Dustin (5) and Ashlyn Rose (2).

Lori (Anderson) Erickson '91 started teaching Spanish and coaching volleyball, basketball and track after graduating from VCSU. She started in southwestern MN, Yellow Medicine East and MACCRAY. She now lives in Navarre, FL with her husband, Scott, from southwest MN, and teaches in Milton, FL. She is still teaching Spanish and just finished her third season as head volleyball coach. It is a wonderful place to live and teach. The beaches are beautiful and the people are great!

Kelly (Robinson) '91 and Chad Dougherty '93 have lived in Kindred since April 2000 with their children: Jamie (14), Gage (10) and Bailey Jo (9). Chad has worked for MPM Excavating from April to December for the last 15 years and has been an assistant varsity wrestling coach and head youth wrestling coach in Kindred for the last 4 years. Kelly has worked for Wal-Mart for the last 15 years and is a market electronics merchandiser for the state of ND. They would love to hear from you at Kelly_Deann@hotmail.com or Chad.Dougherty@msn.com.

Jeremy '95 and Sara (Skogen) Anderson '95 are currently residing in Alexandria, MN. Jeremy owns Eye Associates of Alexandria where he practices Optometry. Sara teaches 4th grade in Osakis, MN. Their twin daughters, Lauren and Madeline, will turn two in April.

Susan (Rice) Stockert '96 is working at Bismarck State College as an accountant in the Business Office and for the BSC Foundation. Her husband, Gary, is the emergency manager for the city of Bismarck. They welcomed Leah Marie into their family on July 16. Her big brother, Chase, turned 4 in November.

John '96 and Jennifer (Charboneau) '97 Duchscherer have been in Rosemount for over 5 years. Jennifer is practicing labor and employment law part time, and has started her own health and wellness business. They have three children; Allison (7), Emma (4), and Zachary (2). John is the manager of propane marketing at CHS, Inc. He has been with CHS for 12 years. They would love to hear from Vikings in the area at duchscherer@charter.net.

Dr. Wendy Birhanzel '98 was one of 23 school principals recognized for outstanding teamwork with school librarians at the Colorado Association of Libraries conference held in Denver last November. Wendy has been the principal of Patriot Elementary School in the Fountain-Fort Carson School District since July of 2007. She earned her Ph.D. in K-12 Leadership in Urban School Settings with an emphasis in Utilizing Human Capital to Increase Student Achievement from the University of Southern California in May 2007. She currently lives in Colorado Springs, CO.

Andrew Larson '98 has advanced to the position of jail administrator for the new, 218 bed Northwest Regional Corrections Center Jail in Crookston, MN. He has held positions as a corrections officer and a caseworker for the North Dakota Department of Corrections at the James River Correctional Center in Jamestown prior to becoming a Tri-County Community Corrections probation officer and director of its Productive Day Program in October 2001. He and his wife, Lisa, who is a Tri-County Community Corrections probation agent, live in Crookston with their two children.

2000s

Jennifer (Alberty) Schneider '00 and husband, Dustin, welcomed twin son, Jaxon, and twin daughter, Jaleigh, into their family in January 2007. They wonder what they did with all of their free time before children. Now there's none!

Sarah White '04 began the new year with a new job at Mississippi State University in the Human Resource Management Department as a human resource generalist.

Benjamin Ford '04 and his wife, Tina, have been married for three and a half years. They are expecting their first child in August 2008. They bought a house in November of 2006 and are enjoying every minute of it!

Weddings

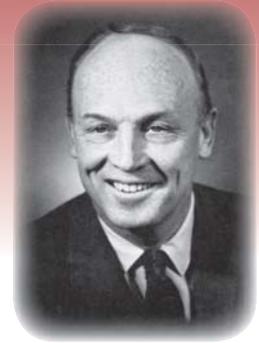
Korey Lorenz '03 &
Katie Killoran..... November 24, 2007

Austin Lang '05 &
Kaylee Ganser December 22, 2007

Sheena Hamilton '07 &
Brodie Blanchard December 28, 2007

Randi Tompt '06 &
Matt Buttke..... December 29, 2007

In Remembrance: Howard Coburn Rose



Howard Rose, who served as president of Valley City State College from 1970 through 1974, died on Jan. 25, 2008, in Rochester, Minnesota.

Rose held a bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., a master's degree from the University of Colorado in Greeley, Colo., and a doctoral degree from the University of North Dakota.

During World War II, he served as a combat paratrooper in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Belgium. He was decorated for valor and received two Purple Hearts during his years in the service. After the war, he served as a teacher, coach and administrator in public schools in Minnesota. He subsequently joined the Education Department faculty at St. Olaf College where he achieved the academic rank of tenured professor, chaired the education department, and was appointed dean of academic affairs.

His years at Valley City State College were marked by revitalization of the alumni program, a number of campus improvements, and new programs in several fields including art, education, and science. He left the college to serve the University of Wisconsin in LaCrosse until his retirement in 1987. He and his wife, Clarice, continued to be active in college education, and were awarded Distinguished Service Awards from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, California. ♦

Homecoming 2008!

Mark your calendars!
October 3 & 4

Reunions... Classes of 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998, and 2003!
Watch your mail for a schedule of events.

Plus... New activities, socials, classroom visits, a banquet, and more!

Mark your calendars for October 3 and 4, watch alumni.vcsu.edu for more details, and look for a full schedule of events in the July issue of *The Bulletin*.

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ALL GREEK REUNION

Homecoming 2009

The alumni association is pleased to announce an all greek reunion will be held during Homecoming fall of 2009.

Watch for more details in the next issue of *The Bulletin*.

MILESTONES



ABOVE LEFT Austin Lang '05 and Kaylee Ganser were married on December 22, 2007 in Jamestown, ND. Austin is employed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Selfridge, ND. Kaylee is attending the University of Mary, Bismarck, pursuing a master's degree in occupational therapy.

ABOVE RIGHT Ryan Boll '07 and Nadine Aldrich were married September 29, 2007, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Valley City. Ryan is employed by Jacobsen Farms at Luverne and Nadine works for Drug Plastics & Glass Company in Valley City. The couple resides near Lake Ashtabula, north of Valley City.

LEFT Jacquelin Zimmerman '06 recently built a house in South Moorhead and is enjoying her job with Microsoft as a partner account manager. She recently had her second child, Dylan. He was 10lbs, 2.5 ounces.



Eleanor (Bunkowski) Thronson '39 celebrated her 90th birthday in October with a new VCSU sweatshirt presented to her by her sister Geraldine (Greb) Foss '41. Eleanor lives in Great Falls, MT.



Coleen (Ellefson) Asche '86 was in Jamestown for the ND State Volleyball Tournament in November. Her daughter, Holly, played for Red River high school on the Class A side. It was fun to discover that two other former VCSU attendees and Delphi sisters of Coleen's also had daughters playing at the state tourney. Lynn (Froemke) Rotenberger had two daughters on the Lisbon team and Lynn (Westby) Anderson had a daughter on that same team. The three volleyball moms met up with Clarice (House) Snow who lives near Jamestown. They had a great time reminiscing about VCSU days. ♦

The VCSU Ice Fishing Team Celebrated Their 10th Anniversary

The same group of guys have fished from Lake of the Woods, to Devils Lake and most recently Lake Miltona in Alexandria. Next year, it will be on Leech Lake in Walker, MN. For more information contact Joe Peterson at jpeterson@beaconbank.com. ♦



PICTURED ARE VALLEY GRADUATES - FRONT Bruce Nelson '91, Thad Engberg '93, John Olstad '93, Jim Breckheimer '92, Rich Loomis '91. BACK Tom Kessler '90, Tom Smargiassi '91, Bret Sorensen '91, Don Lingen '90, Joe Peterson '91, Mark Ukestad '91.

Reunions & Socials Arizona '08



The VCSU Foundation and Alumni Association hosted their annual reunions in Surprise and Mesa Arizona on February 8 and 9. There were over 90 attendees at the Mesa event. This was the last time that Dr. Ellen Chaffee would be attending the events as president of VCSU. At both events, president Chaffee gave an update on VCSU along with a farewell message.

1 Charles Lehman '61, Dan McGee '58, Jerry Pederson '60, and Bill Thomas '59.



2 Pat Thomas '59, Meg Pederson, and Ellen Chaffee.

3 Jane Lemnus and Evon Dewald '65.



4 Robert King '55 and Jerry Olson '55.

5 Vince Olson '59 and Mike Morrissey.



2009 Dates

**February 6
Surprise, AZ**

**February 7
Mesa, AZ**



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