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## The Dawning of a New Decade

Dr. Steve Shirley, President

A belated Happy New Year to everyone! Of course, with the ringing in of 2010, we are not only welcoming a new year, but a new decade as well. Milestones such as the start of a new decade often provide an opportunity to set goals and look closely at the direction we are heading. Not only do we as individuals do this, but organizations also do so. Valley City State University is setting goals and embarking upon some new long-term initiatives as this new decade emerges.

A campus-wide group composed of faculty, staff, and students has been working the past several months to establish a new five-year strategic

plan for VCSU. I formed this group last fall and presented the challenge of creating this new plan, titled VCSU 2015, to lead us forward over the

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next five years. 2015 is a symbolic year for the University as it will mark VCSU's 125th Birthday. In the coming months you will be hearing more about this strategic plan and seeing the new priorities that emerge.

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Another set of individuals throughout campus have been busily working on preparing VCSU for our next accreditation visit in the fall of 2011. While that may seem to be a ways off in the future, it is a major undertaking requiring the efforts and contributions of virtually every department across campus. This accreditation is through the Higher Learning Commission and is completed every ten years. It is an incredibly exhaustive process, and is the single most important accrediting effort the campus undertakes.

Recently, VCSU was awarded a grant from the Archibald Bush Foundation of St. Paul, MN. The \$5.65 million, ten-year grant is a consortium effort with NDSU and Minnesota State, Moorhead to strengthen teacher education. VCSU and NDSU are the only two universities in North Dakota

that were awarded multi-year grants through this program. We are excited to work on this during the next ten years in dramatically strengthening and positively impacting the educational environment within the region.

VCSU is in the midst of our first year of the re-emergence of Men's and Women's Intercollegiate Golf, and next fall will feature the return of Men's and Women's Track & Field and Cross-Country programs. We have enhanced the long-term viability of the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse with a major repair project this year and are exploring further athletic enhancements. All of these efforts will assist VCSU in recruiting and retaining a

larger base of students to our campus for many years ahead.

The campus is currently conducting a significant

campus master planning process to determine needs and priorities for the long-term viability and growth of our campus infrastructure. The process is an exhaustive one and is reviewing all phases of our campus buildings, landscaping, energy usage, etc. We are also moving forward with plans for serious renovations and major upgrades to Snoeyenbos Residence Hall. These activities will help position VCSU to best attract and retain future students.

Of course, none of these activities are possible without the ongoing support and dedication of our alumni and friends. Your contributions to the VCSU Foundation are so appreciated and so important as the campus continues to attract the best and brightest students from the region and beyond. The Dawn of a New Decade is indeed an exciting time at VCSU – we are taking significant strides forward, and with your help we will achieve the absolute best this campus can be! Thank you for your ongoing support, and Go Vikings!

## What Is Deferred Giving?

To defer a gift is to set a gift in motion, but withhold the disbursement. For example, if you prepare a will and name the VCSU Foundation as a beneficiary, that gift will not occur until you are gone and the will is probated. The gift is made when the will is written, yet deferred until a later time.

Because a will can be altered or replaced with a new will, the deferred gift is considered revocable. It is made but incomplete.

Other kinds of revocable deferred gifts include a beneficiary designation on a brokerage account or insurance policy. These can be changed at any time, and so they are incomplete gifts.

There are deferred gifts that are complete. An example of this kind of gift is a charitable remainder trust. When a person establishes such a trust with the VCSU Foundation, they retain an income benefit for a period of time and then allow whatever is left to comprise the gift. Most often the person who sets up the trust receives income for the rest of his or her life, and then the remainder goes to the VCSU Foundation.

The IRS recognizes the irrevocable nature of a charitable trust by awarding an income tax charitable deduction when the trust is established - even though the VCSU Foundation won't receive the remainder for many years.

Deferred giving is sometimes called "planned giving" because it takes a little planning to accomplish. If you would like to know more about this kind of charitable giving, and how it can benefit you as a donor, ask for our free brochure on planned giving.

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## **Happy New Year Everyone!**

by John Monilaws '87, Alumni Board President

I hope you all had a great holiday season. The Alumni Board of Directors had our winter meeting and are making plans for several activities in 2010. We met on campus during Viking Visit Day. This is a day when new prospective students come to our campus and visit with VCSU professors and staff, tour the campus and talk about a possible future at VCSU. As Alumni Board president, I was excited about being able to welcome these young people to campus. It got me thinking about the day I came to

visit VCSU. I can't remember my tour guide but I remember

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level. We have added a high school honor choir and we enlist some of the area's top high school horn play-

my first visit with R.Q. Johnson, Stuart Glazer and John Reed. They were professors in the Music Department. They made time in their busy schedule to visit with a high school senior from Casselton. Well I guess the rest is history.

As you may know I have been a member of the EBC Fraternity since my freshman year at VCSU. Being an EBC member gave me the opportunity to perform for years in the EBC Hit Parade. I attended the show for the first time the day of my college visit. I remember H. Dean Johnson '73, Randy Hajek, Jeff Devillers and Rand McLeod playing their hearts out on the trumpet and trombone and Mark Arneson leading one of the best bands I had ever heard in my life. I remember hearing Judy (Johnson) Berg '94 sing like a professional. Doug Griffin and Joel Strom '86 kept things rolling as the Masters of Ceremonies. I knew this was something that I wanted to be a part of.

Since that time, the EBC Spring Hit Parade has

ers to play in the orchestra. Several of these high school kids have gone on to study at VCSU. We gather years and years of VCSU alumni to make this show a gift to the community. As alumni president, I think it means even more to me now that we can assemble this type of show with mostly, if not all, VCSU alumni. Even though some of my performers never graduated from VCSU, they gave many years to our great campus while furthering their education.

been laid to rest after a 60 year run. In the early

1990's I got the idea that a Christmas Hit Parade

would be a fun thing to do and pitched the idea to

EBC brothers H.Dean Johnson and Randy Hajek. We

came up with some plans and the first We're in the

Christmas Mood show sponsored by the EBC Frater-

nity Alumni Committee took place. Now years later

without the spring show to plan for we have taken

our We're in the Christmas Mood show to a new

So a huge personal thanks to all of you for keeping one of my dreams alive. A bigger thank you needs to go to VCSU for giving us all a great education and the willingness to share our talents with others. It is my hope that the group of young people I welcomed to campus a few weeks ago will go on to become VCSU Alumni and will go out and share the talents that I know they will receive if they become VCSU students. Thanks Stu ,R.Q. and John for guiding me in this direction. VCSU is truly a family.

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## **Thank You Alumni and Friends**

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

By the time you read this issue of *The Bulletin*, we will have wrapped up the 2010 VCSU Phone-A-Thon. We hope that you have had the opportunity to visit with one of our students who have been making the calls. We look forward each year to the Phone-A-Thon. It is a great time to reconnect with our alumni and

friends. It is also a great experience to work with our student callers.

This year the Viking

Volleyball team made all of the calls. They are a talented, fun loving group of young ladies. We are very proud of them and the work they do on behalf of the VCSU Foundation and the Alumni Association.

This Phone-A-Thon is an important source of revenue for your university Foundation Office. The dollars generated during this event offset a host of expenses. Those cost centers include the publication of *The Bulletin*, alumni recognition programs, homecoming festivities, reunions, and scholarship support. If you have supported the Phone-A-Thon, we thank you for that support. If you have not, we would encourage you to do so. Your dollars are

**Making a Difference** in the lives of our students here on the campus.

The revenue from the Phone-A-Thon also assists in other ways. Our office works closely with the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs to host the Annual Senior Awards Luncheon each May prior to

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commencement. We are also very involved in the commencement exercises, Freshman orientation activities, and the back to school activities for faculty and staff. I can assure you that your contributions to the Phone-A-Thon are put to very good use.

Last but certainly not least, the dollars generated help fund our overall scholarship program. In-state tuition alone is in excess of \$4,200 each year. Total costs to attend VCSU for one year including personal expenses have surpassed the \$14,000 level. Our students are clearly doing their part. A significant percentage are working at least one if not two part time jobs, and many are working full-time

while carrying a full academic load of classes. We also have a number of single parent students. They are working hard to complete their college degree while supporting a family at the same time.

The cover story in this issue of The Bulletin features three couples who are all alumni of

VCSU. We are very proud of these folks and are fortunate for the tremendous value they have brought to their alma mater.

In each case, they have given of their time, talent, and treasure to insure that Valley City State University continues to be that special place just as it was when we walked these halls. Please consider a gift to the Phone-A-Thon today. You can do so online at alumni. vcsu.edu, or simply send in your contribution to the Phone-A-Thon, VCSU Foundation, 101 College St. SW, Valley City, ND 58072. We would like to add your name to our list of supporters. Those names will appear in *The Bulletin* and in the annual Donor Edition.

Until next time, safe travels. Should your travels bring you this way, please stop by for a visit. We would love to see you!◆

## **NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS**

## Greta (Trader) Delparte '06



Greta graduated from VCSU in 2006 with a degree in Elementary Education. Her parents,

Keith Trader & Mary (Trautman) Klosterman, both graduated from VCSU in 1974.

Greta lives in Bismarck, ND with her husband Kurry and their two yellow labs. Greta teaches first grade at Centennial Elementary School for the Bismarck Public Schools and is also working toward her Masters in Teaching and Technology from VCSU. Greta was both a Viking Pilot and the 2006 Outstanding Student in Teacher Education Recipient while attending VCSU.

## Joan (Kapaun) Halland '77



Joan earned her B.S. degree in Education with an English major and a Speech

minor in 1977. She is presently teaching at Kindred Public School with both middle school and high school students. She also coaches junior high girls basketball (grade 7) and varsity boys and girls track.

Joan is active with the Kindred Public Library board, has served on many committees at Kindred High School and is involved with community and church activities. She and her husband Steve have two children, Erin '05 and Cole (current VCSU student). They have lived in Kindred for almost 30 years.

## Jim Vandrovec '74



Jim is a Valley City native who attended VCSU and graduated in 1974 with a B.S. in

Physical Education and a minor in Industrial Education. While at VCSU, Jim was a member of the 1974 wrestling team that was inducted into Viking Hall of Fame for their undefeated dual season.

For the past 22 years he has been employed by Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) as a Benefits Consultant.

Jim is married to Rae Ann (Rolshoven) also a '74 graduate of VCSU, and they live in Jamestown. Jim and Rae Ann have two sons, Terry and Kevin.

## **Ashley Smette '09**



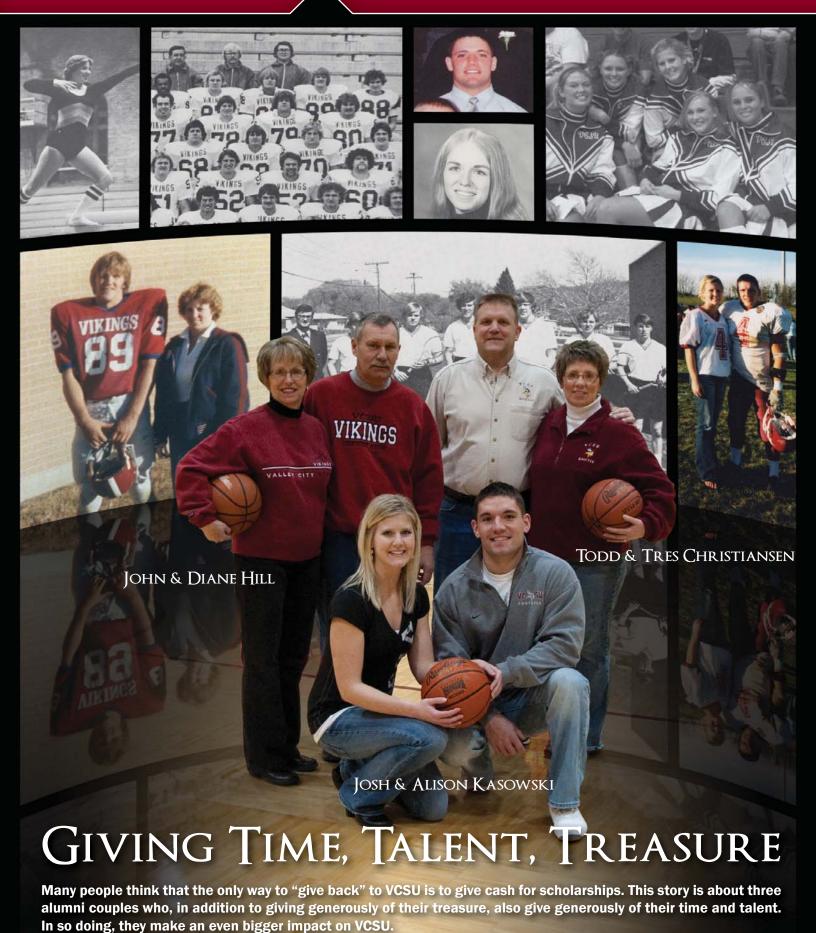
Ashley graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Technol-

ogy Education in 2009. Upon graduation, she received the Outstanding Student in Elementary Education Award.

At VCSU, Ashley was involved with Viking Ambassadors and was a student member of the Education Committee.

Ashley is in her fifth year as the Youth Director at Epworth United Methodist Church in Valley City.

Currently, Ashley teaches first grade at Jefferson Elementary School in Valley City and is also serving as the Drama Choreographer and Assistant Speech Coach at Valley City High School.



College shapes young lives in many ways – including serving as a place where couples meet and fall in love. For these couples, their college years will always take on a special meaning. Here are the stories of three couples who fell in love during their years at VCSU, and are now giving back generously of their time, talent, and treasure.

## John '73 and Diane (Starr) '73 Hill

The EBC fraternity and the Philomathian sorority brought the Hills together, and they were married one week prior to graduating. They moved to Rapid City, SD, where John taught school and worked as a commercial estimator for a glass company, but they ultimately moved back to Valley City to work with John's family business: Hill Oil Company.

Their caring nature led them to adopt Phillip, a son with special needs who is now grown and living at an Open Door Center group home in Valley City. "We didn't know how serious his disability would be until a few years later," said Diane, "but he has done well. It is so fortunate that we are in a community that has the kind of resources that helps people like Phillip." Appre-

ciation for the Open Door Center has led John to serve on its Board of Directors since 2001.

One of the reasons that the Hills stay involved with VCSU is the close relationships they have

enjoyed with students over the years. Diane worked in the Student Center for 10 years and in the VCSU Housing Office for the last 21 years. John has employed many students over the years to work in the family convenience stores. "Knowing the students makes going to campus events exciting," said Diane.

In particular, the Hills are known for being avid fans of Viking athletics. Named "Fans of the Year" in 1999, they are regulars at most home games, and they are also generous with their time as volunteers. One of the highlights was 23 years ago when the Viking Basketball team earned a trip to Kansas City to compete in the national playoffs, and John helped organize a fan bus. "That was an exciting time," John said. "We won the first game, and should have won the second!"

Viking athletics also realizes important financial benefits from the Hills. They are among the top donors to the Century Club, which funds athletic scholarships, and John served on the Booster Board between 1996 and 2005, a period that was marked by growth both in terms of contributions and activity. The annual golf scramble was established during these years, and it has now become a very successful event.

Their support for Viking athletics isn't the only way the Hills support VCSU. They were among the first donors to be named Regents for their level of lifetime giving, which now exceeds \$50,000 and includes both V-500 and Phone-A-Thon. Diane has served on the V-500 Board and has been a reliable volunteer for the annual Scholarship Auction for years both on the planning committee and by creating the table decorations that help make each auction so memorable. They are also season ticket holders for VCSU Theatre.

The Hills have a simple message for their fellow alums: Get Involved – Donate Back! With his prominent standing in the business community, John has been effective raising funds from area businesses. "But, if you are like me and not good at asking for donations, you can always give back by contributing time to serve on a Board or help with an activity," said Diane. Any way you can, it is always a good experience to give back to VCSU.

## Todd '82 & Tres (Pritchard) '80 Christiansen

Active on campus, active in the community, and to this day active alumni. Todd was on the

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the Foundation Board of Directors, and Todd has served on the V-500 (past president) and Century Club Boards of Directors. They are Regents, having achieved a lifetime giving level of \$25,000. Their history of giving includes the Century Club, V-500, Phone-A-Thon, and the Booster Board. They are also known for their support of Viking athletics, and were voted "Fans of the Year" in 2008.

For as much as they have given, they have had an even greater impact by influencing the giving of others. In one example, Todd approached clients to whom he had sold cars, and asked if they had ever considered giving to the university. Initially, they signed-up for a V-500 membership, but a year later, Todd asked them about setting up an annuity and found they were interested. Eventually, they gave a total of nearly \$80,000. "I had a good relationship with them through Stoudt-Ross Ford, and I like to think they gave because I asked them about it," said Todd. "If I hadn't, I don't think giving to the university would have even occurred to them."

They also get good support for the university

through their employers. Wells Fargo is a consistent donor, and Tres is able to leverage her contributions through their Matching Gift program. "They are also great about supporting me when I need to be away from the

office for meetings or other volunteer work," she said. The Country Club is a member of the Century Club and supports the Viking Scramble, an important fund-raiser for Athletics.

The reason they give back is a bit hard for them to describe. "I don't think of it as giving back; it is just being involved in the University. We had a lot of good times here, and feel that emotional attachment," said Tres. Todd just appreciates how a strong university helps keep Valley City strong. "If we didn't have the University in Valley City, this would be an entirely different town. People don't realize the kind of hole that would be left if we lost the University."

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Viking football team during a period of remarkable success. The 1978 team was undefeated and the Hall of Fame 1980 team has been the only Viking football team to bring home a victory in a national playoff game. Tres was part of the program board that organized student activities, was on the gymnastics team, and was a cheerleader for the wrestling team. Both were resident assistants, so they were in a great position to get to know lots of other students, including each other. They were married in August of 1982 after Todd graduated.

In the community, the couple has been involved in many of the pillar businesses in town. Tres has been in banking for her entire career, first with Norwest Bank, then with First National, and now with Wells Fargo as a Service Manager. Todd has sold sporting goods, radio advertising for KOVC, cars for Stoudt-Ross Ford, and now is the manager of the Valley City Town & Country Club. He is also frequently seen refereeing at high school and college athletic events, an activity he has been part of since 1978.

But their dedication to VCSU is most evident in their consistent and generous giving of themselves. Tres has been on the Century Club Board of Directors (past president) and

## Josh '05 & Alison (Zaun) '06 Kasowski

Unlike our other couples, Josh and Alison didn't meet at VCSU. They started dating while they were in high school, and despite extended periods of distance dating, they stayed together until they were married in December of 2005.

Josh came to Valley City as a freshman and dove right into football, including the very successful conference championship team in 2000. He also was an infielder for the Viking baseball team. He transferred briefly to the University of North Dakota, but soon came

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Josh & Alison Kasowski - continued from page 5

back and picked up where he left off. His football career took-off in his junior and senior years earning several honors including 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-American, Most Valuable Senior, and Most Valuable Defensive Player. He is still featured prominently in the Viking record book with Most Tackles in a Game and Most Tackles in a Career. Alison, meanwhile, was already volunteering her time for Viking Ambassadors and working in the Registrar's and Student Affairs offices.

The couple began showing their appreciation to VCSU right away, getting in on the ground floor of the 12th Man Club. "When we first started, we were cash-strapped like everyone else, but I could afford \$25 a month," said Josh. "Starting small makes giving a painless process that anyone can handle. Over time, you can grow as your career or financial resources permit."

As a young couple, a career opportunity took them to Michigan where Josh joined an Edward Jones office and Alison finished her student teaching. But knowing they wanted to raise their family in Valley City, they kept an eye out for jobs that would make it possible for them to move back. Their patience paid off as Josh is now a Loan Officer for Bank Forward (also a major donor, with over \$50,000 in contributions) and Alison is an Admissions Counselor in VCSU's Enrollment Services office representing VCSU at events like high school visits and college fairs.

Since then, both Alison and Josh have served on the Board of Directors for groups raising money for VCSU, Josh for the 12th Man Club and Alison for V-500. "Part of becoming a board member is increasing the financial commitment," said Alison, "but it doesn't all have to come from your pocket. Fund-raising counts, too." In one good example, Josh worked with Jeremy Peschel '03 to put on tailgating events at Viking football games that raised close to \$1,000. "It is amazing how supportive the community can be. Everything was donated... the burgers, buns, everything. Then everything we sold went straight to the 12th Man Club. That tailgating alone was enough to meet my commitment." Alison is a volunteer for the annual Scholarship Auction committee, leveraging her time for the single biggest fund raising event of the year.

Regarding thoughts for other young alumni: "Giving back to VCSU can be completely painless, and it can make a huge difference," said Josh. "Those small contributions add up. Or if you'd rather, give of your time and talent. Sometimes, that can have an even bigger impact."◆

## **Alum Selected for Minnesota Reading Corps**

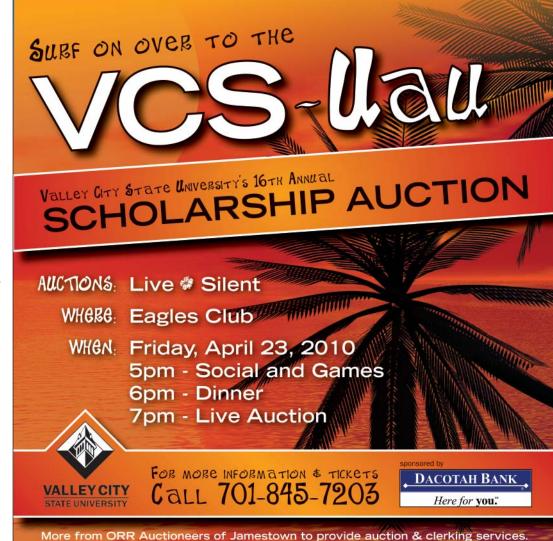
Teaching a class at Clay Wilkins Head Start in Moorhead isn't enough for Dani Buggert '07 she is going the extra mile by also serving as a Literacy Tutor in the Minnesota Reading Corps (MRC).

The MRC is an initiative of AmeriCorps under which Dani and over 550 other AmeriCorps members receive extra training on literacy and effective instruction methods, then put this training to work by providing extra support for children who are at risk for not reading at their grade level. "I work with small groups of students on things like vocabulary, letter naming and alliteration, and the extra attention does seem to help their literacy skills," said Dani.

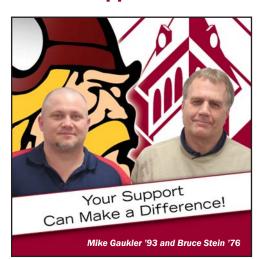
Members can also benefit from the program by qualifying for student loan deferment and grants that can be applied to additional college or to pay back federal student loans. The program is especially helpful for recent graduates as it provides hands-on experience and extra training that can make a difference in their career. This is Dani's second year in the program.

"Danielle is an integral part of the Minnesota Reading Corps team," said Christa Evert, the MRC Regional Program Coordinator. "She has dedicated the past two years of her career to improving the lives of the children she teaches by using the research-based literacy interventions that she has been trained in through MRC. Danielle is also giving back to the entire Moorhead community through her service. I'm honored to work with Danielle, and her dedication to the children she is working with is inspiring."

The MRC is currently recruiting members for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Applications are available at www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org.



## **Alumni Support Can Make a Difference!**



When VCSU freshman Courtney Titus was considering her options for college, many factors came into play, and advice from her teachers and administrators played an important role.

"I knew I'd be looking for a good program for pre-law, and I knew I wanted to play basketball," said Courtney. "I remembered hearing

Mr. Stein say that he went to Valley City State

and had a good experience, and that he hoped his kids come here because he liked it so much. That was the first time I heard about Valley City. So when I was at the point where I was planning a visit, I asked him about VCSU, and he told me all about it."

The "Mr. Stein" that Courtney is referring to is Bruce Stein '76, who teaches history at Hankinson Public School and was Courtney's basketball coach. In addition to being a graduate of VCSU, he is on the Alumni Board of Directors. "He even knows (VCSU women's basketball coach) Jill DeVries, so he could tell me about VCSU's basketball program."

As it turned out, Bruce Stein isn't the only one that Courtney heard from about VCSU. Mike Gaukler '93 who teaches English at Hankinson Public, also had good things to say. "Mr. Gaukler stressed that writing skills would be important in a pre-law program, and he told me that VCSU has a strong English program,"

said Courtney.

In the end, Courtney is glad for the advice she received. "Every day that goes by I know I made the right choice."

# How can alumni help enrollment at VCSU?

- Ask high school students about their college plans, and if they match VCSU's strengths, encourage them to contact us.
- If you know of students who would be a good fit at VCSU, contact our office of Enrollment Services. We'll take it from there!
- · Stay in touch with VCSU!

## **Summer Semester at VCSU**

For just about anyone who is interested in continuing their education, Summer semester at VCSU is a great time to get started. Many opportunities are available both on campus and via distance education for traditional students, adult learners, and teachers alike.

- ♦ STEM WORKSHOPS: Motivate your students through an integrated STEM approach to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Curriculum developed by nationally-recognized STEM leader: The National Center for Technological Literacy of the Museum of Science Boston, LEGO robotics, SketchUp, SolidWorks, Pro/E, Junior FIRST LEGO League, FIRST LEGO League, and FIRST Tech Challenge. Workshops available for elementary, middle, and high school teachers in June, July, and August in Valley City, ND.
- ♦ **ONLINE MASTER OF EDUCATION:** A practitioner-oriented program, VCSU's online M.Ed. degree program is perfect for working education professionals who wish to further their career by achieving graduate-level credentials. Courses run May 24 July 16.
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- ♦ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Music, Technology, K-12 Education, Library, and Business/Vocational Education.

## **Visionary Grants Fund the Future of Teacher Education**

In recent months, VCSU has been named as a recipient of two large funding events focused on improving teacher education. According to Dr. Steve Shirley, president of VCSU, "These grants are visionary in their nature, they are sizeable, and they focus on areas that are key strengths of VCSU. They are unmistakable signs that we have the confidence of regional and national leaders, and they are looking to us to help shape the future of teacher education."

## **Bush Foundation Forms Partnership to Redesign, Extend Teacher Prep**



Gary Thompson, VCSU's dean of the School of Education, and assistant professor Dave Bass join Stacy Duffield, associate professor from NDSU, and Renee Kerzman, assistant director of field experiences from Minnesota State University Moorhead, in a press conference announcing a partnership with Bush Foundation to transform teacher education. Concurrently, VCSU president Dr. Steve Shirley was participating in a Bush Foundation press conference in St. Paul to announce their ambitious \$40 million initiative spanning Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

The Bush Foundation has joined VCSU, Minnesota State University – Moorhead (MSUM) and North Dakota State University (NDSU) in a partnership to redesign teacher preparation programs. The Bush Foundation has agreed to fund the partnership with payments of up to \$5.65 million over 10 years.

The partnership is part of a \$40 million

initiative by the Bush Foundation that includes 11 other institutions in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. These initiatives were announced at press conferences in December, 2009, held in both Fargo and St. Paul, MN. VCSU and NDSU are the only institutions in North Dakota to be selected to participate in this initiative.

According to the Letter of Commitment, the Bush Foundation is supporting the partnership's strategy to build and implement a dramatically redesigned teacher preparation program that will develop and guarantee the effectiveness of 250 teachers annually beginning 2014. The partnership will implement recruiting strategies that target middle school students, high school students, college students and career transition professionals with customized approaches. Students will be offered a comprehensive range of certificates recognizing achievement in areas of academic specialization that, through articulation agreements, will be recognized by all of the partners. Prospective teachers graduating from the partnership will be placed in partner schools that provide trained mentors and share assessment data to gauge new teacher impact. The partnership is expected to enroll students beginning Fall semester 2011.

According to Dr. Shirley, "The strengths of our program enable us to contribute key abili-

ties to this collaboration including increasing the number of field experiences offered to students, offering curriculum in emerging fields such as ELL (English Language Learners), and improving the understanding and application of assessment strategies."

Since announcing the partnership, representatives from each institution have been meeting frequently to develop a work plan and related milestones. Plans are underway to provide additional preparation opportunities in specific subject areas including STEM, ELL, Special Education, Middle School, and Early Childhood Education. VCSU faculty is participating in four consortium work groups: Assessment (Dr. Patricia Gegelman), ELL, (Dr. Joan Aus), Differentiated Instruction (Jackie Owen), and Technology Integration/Implementation (James Boe). Initiatives that are expected to be underway soon will focus on assessment of student learning and field experiences for methods courses and classroom management.

The Bush Foundation, established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife Edyth, strives to be a catalyst to shape vibrant communities in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota and the 23 Native nations that share the states' geography by investing in courageous and effective leadership that significantly strengthens and improves the well-being of people in these areas.

## New Opportunities for STEM Education for K-12 Teachers



Natalie (Wolf) Boe '91, 4th grade teacher at Washington Elementary school in Valley City, and Warren Gamas, Interim Chair of Teacher Education at Minot State University, work on building a robot using the LEGO Robotics system. They were participating in a series of STEM workshops for K-12 teachers conducted by VCSU to train potential instructors, workshop presenters and teachers from area school districts on the LEGO® Robotics systems used in K-12 classrooms. VCSU is offering 15 additional STEM workshops this summer.

VCSU's leadership in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education is receiving national notice. Two substantial federal appropriations, one in fiscal

2009 for \$381,000 and another in fiscal 2010 for \$750,000, plus a state appropriation of \$250,000 is allowing VCSU to expand efforts in STEM education and increase training opportunities for K-12 teachers.

Collectively, VCSU is applying these funds to launch an ambitious STEM initiative. Dr. Don Mugan, previously Chair of VCSU's Department of Technology Education and a nationally-recognized advocate for STEM education, has been named the STEM Director. VCSU alum Don Fischer '79, who most recently served as the Technology Education supervisor in the ND Department of Career and Technical Education, has been named to a the STEM Coordinator. Lana Fornes M.Ed. '09 also joined the STEM initiative as a curriculum developer for both graduate and undergraduate programs.

Their focus has been on developing new STEM curriculum and building relationships with principals, school administrators, and state education officials to raise awareness of the opportunities this funding enables. Last summer, for example, VCSU offered workshops for K-12 teachers that presented curriculum developed

by the National Center for Technological Literacy (NCTL - a unit of the Museum of Science in Boston). Since then, VCSU has delivered several additional workshops for K-12 teachers via funding from or partnerships with LEGO Robotics, the West Fargo School District, the U.S. Department of Education, and others. Fifteen additional workshops for elementary, middle, and high school teachers are being offered this summer that add curriculum from LEGO Robotics, SketchUp, SolidWorks, Pro/E, Junior FIRST LEGO League, FIRST LEGO League, and the FIRST Tech Challenge. Information on these workshops is available at www.vcsu.edu.

An additional focus of the STEM initiative is to raise STEM curriculum beyond the level of workshops and continuing education credits. According to Dr. Mugan, "We are working on developing certificates and endorsements for our Bachelor's and Master's level teacher education programs that recognize expertise in STEM education. This will allow teachers to earn focused STEM credentials and administrators to build STEM programs that are staffed by highly qualified teachers."

## Online Master of Education Adds Options for ELL, English and Elementary Ed

## New concentration and subject-area courses meet state requirements for professional certification

VCSU's online Master of Education program is expanding. Recent additions include a new concentration in Teaching English Language Learners (ELL) and coursework in English Education and Elementary Education that meets state requirements for professional certification.

The ELL concentration meets the needs of teachers in North Dakota and across the nation that must comply with No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements for students with limited proficiency in English. The program will also help meet the increasing demand for graduate credentials for career and salary advancement.

Dr. Steve Shirley, VCSU president, said, "The number of non-English-speaking students entering K-12 education systems is rapidly increasing, and this has created a pressing need for qualified ELL teachers both in North Dakota and nationwide. Providing these students with a quality education requires that the teacher be well-prepared to address their unique needs, and that is exactly what our ELL program does. We are very proud to add this concentration in ELL as the latest extension of our world class program in undergraduate and graduate teacher education."

Approximately 80% of the ELL teachers in North Dakota have completed or are pursuing their endorsement through VCSU. The university's first offering in ELL was an undergraduate endorsement that was approved by the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board in 1997. In 2003, the North Dakota

State Board of Higher Education approved VCSU's undergraduate minor degree program in ELL, and the program was made available fully online.

An additional new offering is Master's level coursework in English Education and Elementary Education. These courses are being offered to meet the needs of teachers in states that have specialized requirements for professional certification. Several states require teachers to achieve professional certification within a defined time frame, and a Master's degree is typically one of the routes available to achieve this certification. Some states also require that the Master's degree include core coursework within the teacher's subject area. To meet this requirement, VCSU added several new courses in both English Education and Elementary Education. These courses can be taken as options within the concentration in Teaching and Technology and are available online.

"These additions make our online Master's degree an attractive option for elementary school teachers and English teachers who are pursuing professional certification," said Dr. Shirley.

Students who graduate with a concentration in ELL or Technology Education also meet state requirements for professional certification in these subject areas.

Additional information about VCSU's online Master of Education is available at www.vcsu.edu/graduate.◆

## **VCSU Spring Semester Enrollment Largest in 20 Years**

VCSU reported final headcount for the 2010 Spring semester increased 7.8% over last year's figure to 1,034, marking the largest Spring semester enrollment since 1990. This follows VCSU's announcement the beginning of Fall 2009 semester of a headcount increase of 6.3%, which was the largest headcount for Fall semester in nine years.

According to Dr. Steve Shirley, president of VCSU, the increase was the result of several strategic initiatives targeting enrollment growth that are paying off. "Our online Master of Education program this semester has a headcount of 132, nearly a 17% increase over last Spring semester. Recent additions to our offerings in this area include a new concentration in English Language Learners plus coursework in English and Elementary Education that meets state standards for professional certification. These additions have substantially increased the number of teachers we can serve with the

program, and we look forward to continued growth."

"We have also been working hard to attract and retain undergraduate students," continued Shirley. "Additions to our undergraduate academic programs include partnering with Dakota College at Bottineau through the Dakota Nursing Program to allow students to earn their Practical Nurse (PN) degree or an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN), and prepare for the Registered Nurse (RN) exam, right here in Valley City. We have a variety of new marketing programs, strategic enrollment management activities, and faculty initiatives, all focused on recruiting and retaining students. For athletic programs, we added Men's and Women's Golf as varsity sports last Fall semester, and in the 2010-2011 academic year we are bringing back Men's and Women's Cross Country and Track & Field. These efforts are already having a notable effect on enrollment."

## Students Benefit from 21st Century Communication System



Trisha McElroy '01, IT Support Specialist for VCSU, joins the department's weekly meeting from the campus of NDSU using new video conferencing capabilities on VCSU laptops. VCSU recently implemented a new IP-based telephone system that transforms VCSU laptops into powerful, all-in-one communication devices offering students voice communication, voice messaging, video conferencing, chat, and e-mail. Joe Tykwinski, chief information officer at VCSU, said, "This offers significant potential to advance university goals by improving access to faculty and the ability of students to collaborate." ◆

## Did Just Happen???

**Valley City State University's Improv Club** has been very busy! In addition to their weekly meetings in Theatre 320, this funny troupe of actors has been performing comedy shows for private parties and corporate functions. First seen in the Theatre Program's original comedy show, Valley City: Comedy Tonight!, requests began coming in from the surrounding community. If you'd like to book these VCSU students for a performance at your next function, please call the VCSU **Theatre Box Office at** 701-845-7320, or email Jenni Lou Russi, Director of Theatre and faculty advisor for the club at jennilou.russi@vcsu.edu





The annual Phone-A-Thon officially kicked-off in late January. The Phone-A-Thon is one of our major activities providing a great opportunity to reconnect with alumni and friends. In addition, the financial support we receive from this event is an important part of our annual budget here in the Foundation Office. These dollars enable us to fund a number of outreach activities for our alumni and friends. They also support several recognition programs and pay for the production of numerous publications including *The Bulletin*. We hope you will consider supporting our 2010 Phone-A-Thon. Feel assured that your dollars will impact the lives of our students here on the campus and keep you connected to your alma mater via *The Bulletin* and outreach activities and events.

Thank you for considering a gift to VCSU. Students of today will benefit from your generosity. You'll have the satisfaction of knowing you are **Making a Difference**. To pledge your support to the Phone-A-Thon, please contact Kim Hesch at 1-800-532-8641 ext 37403 or donate online at alumni.vcsu.edu.

As of February 10, 2010, the following alumni have already committed to the 2010 Phone-A-Thon – join them today!

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## **Bob King '55 to receive the Cliff Cushman Award**

Valley City native Bob King and the 1958 Drayton American Legion baseball team will receive the Cliff Cushman Award during the induction ceremony at the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame banquet on July 24 in Jamestown. The award recognizes individuals who have played a major role in the growth and development of sports in the state.

King was a teacher, coach and athletic director for over 25 years. He led his teams to 15 football conference championships and a State Class B Track & Field Championship in 1961. King has coached and played numerous sports but is perhaps best known for football, for

which he has won state, regional and national awards. He also has served on state and national athletic boards. He is a member of several halls of fame and has served as president of the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame.

During his time at VCSU, King earned 13 letters in four sports, and was inducted into the Viking Hall of Fame in 1991. He was an all-conference quarterback in 1954 after helping the Vikings to their fourth straight conference championship. King was co-captain of the '54-'55 basketball team and captained the '55 baseball squad. He also placed in the conference golf meet for three straight years.

## **Heidi Larson Named to NAIA All-American Team**



Valley City State's Heidi Larson (Grand Rapids, Minnesota) capped a terrific senior season and career by being named to the 2009 Tachikara-NAIA All-American Team.

Larson was named the 2009 Player of the Year in the Dakota Athletic Conference then was named Player of the Year for the Northwest Region by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Larson commented, "I feel honored to have been named as an all conference player in the DAC. Coming to college, I never thought I would be able to compete against the top players in our conference. I didn't expect to be considered one of the top players in our conference, much less become Player of the Year."

The honor marks the end of a great career and an inspiring season for Larson. Larson posted a career high 4.78 kills per set (the second best in the NAIA) and a total of 545 total kills in her senior campaign. In addition, Heidi played all six rotations this year posting career highs in total aces (29), digs (331), and digs per set (2.90). Larson also notched personal single match records for kills (38), digs (32), and aces (5). "Putting her into a situation where she had to play all the way around really worked out this year. She did a great job rising to the challenge

and playing all six rotations for the first time in her career and then delivering at a higher level in all of her normal responsibilities," stated head coach Craig Case.

When asked about her feelings towards her individual honors this year Heidi replied, "Becoming Northwest Regional Player of the Year and All-American has been above and beyond what I ever expected when I first started playing college volleyball. However, as time went on, it became one of my goals to become an all conference player as well as reach the level of being considered for All-American honors. I'm happy to have reached one of my biggest goals."

"Heidi has accomplished a great deal in her career and I couldn't be happier for her reaching this goal. We're all very proud of her and feel blessed to be part of this journey with her," commented Case.

Heidi becomes the first VCSU Volleyball member to be honored as an All-American since Jackie Bisson tabbed All-American honorable mention in 1996. Larson completes her legacy with VCSU Volleyball as she becomes the first female VCSU athlete to be named to 1st team All-American. Heidi was also named All Conference her first 3 years and was Dakota Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year.◆

## **Basketball Teams Have Blow-Out Seasons**

Viking men bring home first conference championship since 1990-91. Both teams host and win first round playoff game for the first time in history.

There were plenty of reasons that the 2009-10 Viking basketball teams could have faced a rough season. Instead, they reeled off the most successful combined men's and women's basketball seasons in VCSU's history.

The adversity started last spring, when the record flood and the decision to have students complete the semester from home rather than return to campus forced the teams to miss numerous practices and hampered recruiting efforts.

Then, word came in the early summer that the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse would go off-line until repairs to the roof could be completed. The teams spent their fall open gyms, individual workouts, and team practices shuttling between the Valley City Parks and Recreation Center, the Valley City Auditorium and the Hi-Liner Activity Center. Work on the Fieldhouse roof kept the facility closed through the end of the calendar year, so home games were moved to the Hi-Liner Activity Center. The women had to shift two home games to away games to accommodate opponents that did not want to play at a high school, and they played their remaining non-conference home games at the Hi-Liner Activity Center from late October through December. During that time, men and women combined to compile a 6-4 record at the state of the art high school facility.

The Fieldhouse reopened December 31, and both practice and games returned. The women held the first game at the Bubble hosting the University of Sioux Falls on January 2. The non-conference season ended a few days later when both teams swept the University of Minnesota Morris. After the Fieldhouse

reopened, the teams

combined for a record

of 15-4 and crowds increased by over

60%.

In the end, both teams overcame their early adversity and ended the season with outstanding

records: 20-10

for the men and 17-13 for the women. The 37 combined wins was the most in the history of Viking basketball, beating the 1979-80 teams which had 20 wins by the men and 16 by the women (both of them won conference titles).

This season, the Viking men finished 10-4 in the DAC, sharing the regular season DAC title with Black Hills State (who finished last year at the NAIA Final Four). This marked the men's first DAC title and their first conference title since 1990-91 (when they were part of the North Dakota Collegiate Athletic Conference). The women finished 7-7, fourth in a conference that sent three teams to the NAIA National Tournament (all three of which the Viking women had defeated during the regular season).

Both teams had some amazing regular season events including cutting the nets down at home for the men's regular season title with a win over Mayville on February 20. But a culmination came on February 24 when both teams hosted and won a first round DAC tournament game.

The women entered the playoffs as the number four seed and faced fifth seed Dickinson State (who they lost to by one point at Dickinson and defeated by two points in Valley City during the regular season). The night would be owned by the Vikings as they defeated the Blue Hawks 56-50.

The men entered as the number two seed and

faced a Dakota they had swept defeated by shot with eight remaining previously. The follow up the



performance with one of their own with a 71-54 defeat of the Trojans.

Beyond the record setting regular season, the playoff wins were also something special. These two wins were the first time both the men's and women's team won their first

> round playoff game in the same season since 1991-92 when the wins came in the old NAIA District play format. The end of the season came

in the DAC Semifinals when the women were defeated by top seeded Black Hills State 80-70. The men hosted South Dakota School of Mines and could not dig out of a 25 point hole but battled back to lose 70-65.

Despite tying for the DAC regular season title, the men's team could not muster support within their own conference to gain a top 25 ranking which would have allowed them a trip to the NAIA national tournament.

Individual accolades came to the teams with selections to the All Conference team. On the women's side, Caitlyn Wojahn, our 5-2 dynamite point guard, was named Second Team All Conference, and Abby Rittenhouse, our 6-1 post, also made that squad despite missing the final five games due to injury.

On the men's side, Senior Orlando Anderson made the First Team All Conference and was named Most Valuable Senior in the DAC. Anderson is the first Viking to ever make the First Team All Conference DAC since the league was formed for the 2000-01 season. Three-point gunners Senior Dareon Spencer, who led the DAC shooting 43.5% from beyond the arc, and Junior Calvin Kraft, who led the DAC with 97 made three-point shots, both were named Second Team All Conference.

It was an amazing year and both teams are looking to build on this year's successes and anticipate bigger things next season. ◆



## **Osmon Fieldhouse Gets Repairs, Updates**

The W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse was the scene for a considerable amount of work over the last several months, some of which is highly visible while some is not.

In the not-so-visible category, the arches that support the roof of the Fieldhouse were the subject of some urgent and substantial work. Last spring, a routine examination of the arches revealed rotting in portions of the exterior Glulam (Glued Laminated Timber) fibers that comprise their bases. Subsequent assessments determined that the rotting threatened the structural integrity of the roof, so the facility was abruptly closed until engineers and architects could correct the situation.

The most immediate problem was in the arch spanning the southeast and northwest corners. That repair required disconnecting the arch from its bases so that the bases could be completely replaced. To support the roof while the repairs were underway, shoring towers were built in the middle of the basketball floor and in the corners.

Unfortunately, the presence of the massive shoring tower in the middle of the basketball court made the facility unusable for the fall volleyball season and into the winter basketball season. While work on the arch was underway, the volleyball team returned to Graichen Gym for their entire 2009 season, and the basketball teams played their first few home games at the Hi-Liner Activity Center. With repairs to the arch completed, the Fieldhouse reopened on December 31, and the first competition was held January 2. After that, all home basketball games were held at the facility as usual.

A second phase of the repairs focusing on the arch spanning the southwest and northeast corners is planned for the spring. With the basketball season over and since these corners are in better shape than the others were, additional closures or impact on athletic schedules are not anticipated.

## **Tharaldson Gift Provides New Scoreboards**

In the more visible category, the Fieldhouse also received new scoreboards. As the old scoreboards have been in place since the late 1970's, they were due for an update.

The updated scoreboards are cardinal red in color with amber and red digits, and provide several new and useful features. Rather than identifying teams as "Home" and "Guest," the names of each team can be programmed into the new boards and displayed using large, bright LEDs. This adds to the professionalism of the facility and will be particularly handy when hosting non-Viking events such as the Barnes County

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Engineers built shoring towers to support the center of the roof and the southeast and northwest corners. Although this allowed the building to reopen, the facility remained unusable for volleyball and basketball until the repairs could be completed.



Tournaments. The boards are controlled by wireless radios so their installation required no cumbersome wiring.

One reason new boards were needed is because a college basketball rule change taking effect for the 2010-11 season requires the game clock and the shot clock to be mounted on the backboards. In addition to this update, the backboards also received light-up strips that illuminate when the game clock hits 0:00, giving referees a better sense of whether or not a last second shot was launched in time.

The scoreboards and backboard timers were made possible through gifts Gary '67 and Connie Tharaldson made in 2006 which designated \$800,000 for scholarships and \$200,000 for athletic facilities. Improvements to athletic facilities funded by their gifts include several updates to the Fieldhouse and a new scoreboard and dugouts for the softball complex. Thank you to the Tharaldsons for their tremendous generosity!

## VCSU Sets Volleyball Attendance Record in Graichen Gymnasium

On October 7, 2009 the Volleyball matchup with Jamestown College broke the previous attendance record in Graichen Gym. According to longtime coach Diane Burr the previous record was 267. On October 7, official attendance was 336.

Until the 2005 season, the volleyball team had played a majority of matches in Graichen Gym. From 2006-2008, all matches were played at the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse. With the Fieldhouse off-line due to structural issues, the 2009 season was played in the refurbished Graichen Gym. The permanent bleachers in Graichen Gym seat 264, and 80 portable seats were brought in for this season to provide a capacity of 344.

The all-time home volleyball attendance record is 427 set on September 28, 2007 at the Fieldhouse. The opponent on that evening was also long-time rival Jamestown College. ◆



With the shoring towers in place, the bases of the arch could be completely removed and repairs made.



A removed section of the base shows the extent of the rotting.



The rotted bases were replaced with a new hinge assembly and reinforced concrete. Similar repairs are planned for the southwest and northeast corners this spring.

# VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

	VIKING BASEBALL						
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	@ Midland Lutheran College						
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	@ Dana College						
	@ Brownsville, TX						
	@ Rapid City Tournament						
	Univ. of Minnesota - Crookston						
	@ Dakota State University	,					
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	@ Concordia College (MN)						
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	@ Mayville State University						
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Apr. 24	@ Minot State University	1:00/4:00					
Apr. 25	Minot State University	1:00/4:00					
Apr. 28	@ Mayville State University	3:00/5:00					
May 1	Jamestown College	1:00/3:00					
	@ Jamestown College						
	DAC Tournament (at Dickinson, ND)						
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Spearfish Canyon Country Club

## **VCSU to Host Composers Competition & Concert**

**Workshops Available for Music Students and Teachers** 



J. David Moore, composer

The VCSU Department of Music announces the Ninth Annual Composers Competition and Concert slated for Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 pm in Froemke Auditorium.

During the event,

professional composer J. David Moore will serve as a mentor for high school students in grades 9-12 and VCSU music students as they compose original works for the competition. Mr. Moore, best known for his work in choral jazz, is also an active educator and clinician, coaching vocal ensembles and serving as composer-in-residence at elementary, middle and high schools throughout the Midwest. During the competition, three high school cash and

matching Friends of Music scholarships and two collegiate cash prizes of \$150 each in pop and classical categories will be awarded.

To help students and area teachers prepare for the competition, Mr. Moore is holding three workshops. The first was on February 26 and focused on beginning composition, but two more are scheduled for May 5-6 that will include a composition-based project. All music educators are encouraged to attend.

These events are made possible through a grant from the **American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers** (ASCAP). Dr. Sara Hagen wrote and secured the grant, and will serve as the event host and contact person.

All events are free of charge. For more information, contact Dr. Hagen at sara.hagen@vcsu.edu or visit the website music.vcsu.edu (click on Composers Concert).

## Schilling Family Establishes Scholarship Fund

Harvey and Diane Schilling of Bismarck, North Dakota, have established a Music Education Scholarship. The recipient must be a Music Education Major who demonstrates financial need and an intent to teach in a North Dakota School District. The scholarship will provide financial assistance for a student who shows promise to become a music educator, who does not qualify for other scholarships, based on academic standards or other requirements. (Thus the scholarship may not be used to add or duplicate other scholarships.)

The scholarship may be awarded to either a freshman or an upper-classman and may be renewed. The recipient of the scholarship will be determined by the faculty of the Music Department at VCSU and the Financial Aid Office at the university. Questions regarding the scholarship should be addressed to the Department of Music at VCSU.

## A Gift That Keeps On Giving

The foresight of a VCSU Alum from 1929 is paying dividends today. Wilma Nelson, a 1929 graduate of then Valley City State Teacher's College, elected to gift mineral interests on her land holdings in Mountrail County, North Dakota, to the VCSU Music Department. Little did she know then that those interests would be of significant value and begin paying dividends years after her passing. Today, a producing oil well in North Dakota's Bakken Formation in Mountrail County, is channeling payments to the VCSU Music Department each month to be used for scholarships for music education students. According to Larry Robinson, Executive Director of University Advancement,

"This is truly a gift that keeps on giving." How long those payments keep coming is anybody's guess. One thing for certain is that Wilma Nelson had unusual foresight to remember her alma mater in her estate plans. Her gift will allow the students of today to benefit from scholastic support funded by the Nelson gift, and allow them to experience Valley City State University, get a college degree, and hopefully someday return the favor. Robinson further stated, "We will be forever indebted to Ms. Nelson for her commitment to education and the Valley City State University Department of Music. What a legacy!"

## **About Wilma Nelson**

Wilma Nelson entered the State Teachers
College as a freshman in July, 1928.
In December, 1929, she completed
the standard curriculum, and in June,
1930, she completed the public school
music specialization on the secondary
level. Ms. Nelson was a member of
the Philomathian Sorority, the Madrigal
Club, and the Home Economics Club,
and performed in various musical and
dramatic events on campus.

## **Art Faculty Put Their Own Works on Exhibit**



Usually a setting for student works, the art gallery in the 3rd floor of McCarthy Hall was recently the scene for an exhibition of works by VCSU faculty members. The works in the exhibit included photographs, sculpture, mezzotints, and mixed media work by Alice Beauchman, Armando Ramos, and Linda Whitney.

Alice (Janisch) Beauchman '73 has taught photography at VCSU for over 30 years. Her love of using both the camera and Photoshop as her tools of creation is evident in her work and the number of good photographers who have been born in her classes. Ms. Beauchman's work is a collection of intimate conversations she has with nature, objects, people, and light.

"Mao 2008" - Ceramic by Armando Ramos

**Armando Ramos** is in his first year of teaching art education and studio courses at VCSU. He came to us from California where he had been teaching and developing a reputation for his whimsical sculptures in wood and clay. Each of his pieces is a story which bookmarks a particular time or event in his life. He exhibits his work nationally.

**Linda Whitney** has taught in the art department for 16 years. Her full color intaglios and mezzotints are born from research, developed with a lot of fantasy and wishful thinking, and then filtered through childhood memories. Her work is exhibited and collected internationally. ◆

## SPRING 2010 VCSU PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR

Mar. 1	James Adams, trombone & Chris Mahan, percussion* Froemke	7:30 pm
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Mar. 11	General Student Recital	<i>1</i> :30 pm
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Mar. 16		
	Foss Music Hall	7.00
Mar. 26	Margaret Hammerling, flute & Jon Rudolph, guitar*  Froemke	<i>1</i> :30 pm
Apr. 1	East Region Vocal Contest	
	Foss Music Hall	
Apr. 8	Elissa Berg, piano & Alison Jenson, percussion	7:30 pm
	Froemke	
Apr. 12	General Student Recital	7:30pm
	Froemke	
Apr. 14	Region 2 Instrumental Contest	
	Foss Music Hall	
Apr. 15	Region 5 Vocal Contest	
	Foss Music Hall	
Apr. 22	VCSU Jazz Ensemble*	7:30 pm
	Student Union Cafeteria	
Apr. 25	Concert Choir & University Singers***	7:30 pm
	Epworth Methodist Church	
Apr. 28	Garage Bands	7:00 pm
	City Park OR Vangstad TBA	
May 2	Casey Behm, piano	3:00 pm
	Froemke	

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VCSU Band & Percussion*	3:00 pm
Vangstad	
VCSU Community School of the Arts Recitals 2:00 pm,	4:00 pm
Froemke	
VCACA: Home Free, a capella+	7:30 pm
Vangstad	
Valley Children's Choir & Valley Voices***	7:30 pm
Froemke	
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## SPRING 2010 VCSII FINE ARTS CALENDAR

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Mar. 1 - 12	VCHS Exhibition	
	VCSU Gallery	
Mar. 15 - Apr. 16	Annual Art Student Exhibition	
	VCSU Gallery	
Apr. 15	Art Student Reception	5:00 - 6:30 pm
	VCSU Gallery	
Apr. 19 - May 7	Brianne Heupel Senior Exhibition	
	VCSU Gallery	
Apr. 30	Brianne Heupel Reception	6:30 - 8:00 pm
	VCSU Gallery	

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

\*\*\* Free will offering concerts

+VCACA Concerts: Admission by SEASON MEMBERSHIP, which may be purchased at the door.

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May 6 Composer's Concert.....

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**Vangstad Auditorium** 

April 15-17 - 8:00 pm April 17 - 2:00 pm Matinee

\$8 General Admission \$4 Seniors and Children

Call the VCSU Theatre Box Office for Tickets

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Join us for *Tintypes in Motion*, an original musical revue, featuring popular songs and dance from the Progressive Era: 1890-1920. Snapshots of patriotism, optimism, and pride come to life in the historic Vangstad Auditorium on the VCSU campus.

## In Remembrance

Esther I. (Nelson) Miller '43, Irving, TX Robert B. Dieterich '59, Modesto, CA Emilia (Humann) Wacker '41. The Dalles. OR Lillian (Hanson) Hallan '41, Wildomar, CA Laura E. (Duncan) Larson '36, Grand Forks Amy Lillian (Hill) Iverson '34, Seattle, WA Marven D. "Ninsk" Carlson '53, Mount Dora, FL August Joseph Baumgarnter '46, Mandeville, LA Mary Lou (Tronson) Luttschwager '57, Jamestown Ann Marie (Saugstad) Wilson '42, Bayport, MN Margaret D. (Alexander) Anderson '35, Sauk Rapids, MN Lois L. (Fredrickson) Wick '59, Carrington Vickie Lea Goos-Chadwick, Wimbledon Verna S. (Bekken) Newell, Fargo Keith A. Bakke '69, Valley City James A. Olig '60, Napoleon Charleen "Babe" (Atherton) Brox '41, Grand Forks Edna S. (Supler) Miller '33, Adrian Hazel (Reinke) Sabby, Valley City Elaine (Johnson) Walen. Carrington Beryl R. (Wilson) Molzhon '43, Reno, NV Clayton Clair Conley '38, Jamestown Bruce C. Meland '59, Mesa, AZ Viola (Odenbach) Lookingbill '37, Kennewick, WA Margaret (Fiedler) Schluchter '38, Madison, WI Theodore M. Lettenmaier '71, West Fargo Lila Ann (Pollert) Lebahn '68, Fargo Margaret M. (Dahl) Halvorson '29, Valley City Christa E. (Bach) Leno '65, Fargo Eugene A. Mack '61, Harvey, Reinhard "Reiny" Schneider '60, Upland, CA Jean Marie (Guidinger) Limke '32, Lansford Gurmen S. Schimke '57, Hebron Donald Kvislen Jr. '73, Modesto, CA Alice E. (Roe Lund) Anderson '42, Fort Ransom Valborg E. Skorpen, Valley City Carol W. (Wiese) Bushey '45, Bismarck

# We would LOVE to hear from YOU! Submit your "Vikings on the Move" or "Milestones" entry by contacting the VCSU Alumni Office: 701-845-7302 800-532-8641 x37302 or email us at alumni@vcsu.edu

Judith A. (Mauer) Hopkins-Illies, Gwinner

## Vikings on the Move

#### 1920's

**Dorothy (Sisson) Temanson '29** celebrated her 100th birthday last spring.

#### 1950's

**Arvid Homuth '52** and his wife, Mary, live in St. Charles, IL. Following graduation at VCSC, Arvid moved to Illinois and took art classes at 6 different colleges. For 15 years, Arvid designed jewelry and did other jobs at a jewelry store. He also worked for the local newspaper and continues to work there on a part-time basis. Recently he designed a logo for his community; this logo was painted on the water towers and village vehicles.

## **1960's**

**Don Dragland '64 and Don Loe '64** are pictured still playing their guitars 45 years



after playing in their last EBC Hit Parade. For 37 years following their college graduation, they lived only 35 miles apart and were able to continue playing together and "pretending they were still kids." Don Loe and his wife, Judith (Bina) '64, still live in Minnesota and Don Dragland and his wife, Rosalie (Ward) '66, now live in Arkansas. Don D. summed it up this way: "same guys, same guitars (believe it or not purchased in 1960 when we were freshman), and same songs (just about any Everly Brothers tune you can think of). Oh, and one more thing - life has been very, very good to and for both of us - in part because of the years we spent in Valley City in the early '60's, "learning our trade."

Larry Hodgson '69 is currently retired after 34 years of teaching. Larry taught for 3 years in Sebeka, MN, for 1 year in Cambridge, MN, and 30 years in New York Mills, MN. He and his wife, Glenna, are currently living in New York Mills where Larry has served as mayor for the past three years. Their daughter, Angie, is employed as a biology professor at NDSU in Fargo and has two children ages 4 and 3, while their son, Eric, lives in and works for the city of Anchorage, AK. He has three children ages 16, 13, and 12.

### 1970's

**Grady Porter '71** is presently in his 33rd year dealing with the juvenile justice system, thirteen in North Dakota and twenty in Nebraska. He has been the Deputy Chief Probation Officer for Juvenile Probation in Omaha, Nebraska since 2002, was named Outstanding Manager of the Year for Probation in the state of Nebraska in 2007, and nominated as manager of the year for all of state

government. Grady did the CANDISC bike ride in August of this year in North Dakota and ran into a former classmate, **Joel Zimmerman '71**. They discovered they have lived within a mile of each other for the past 20 years and Grady rides past his house almost daily. They have now started riding together when the weather permits.

#### 1980's

Josef Cannon and his business partner were



honored with a photospread in Life Magazine after their production company, Cannon-Karst Productions, was named "Producers of Tomorrow" at the 7th Annual Bangkok International Film Festival. Joe was in Bangkok promoting a new film he starred in as well as an upcoming work of his

production company. His company's website is www.cannonkarst.com. Joe credits a lot of what he has achieved in life to his attending VCSC (now VCSU).

Kevin "Lefty" Blaskowski '86 is entering his fifth season as head coach of the Lady Buff softball program at West Texas A & M University. He led the Lady Buffs to their first Lone Star Conference post-season tournament in 2009 as they posted a 35-21 overall record. They finished the season ranked 10th in the South Central Region. They were also ranked throughout the year in the National Fastpitch Coaches Top 25 poll. Blaskowski has compiled a 438-412 overall mark in his 17 years as a collegiate head coach. His teams have qualified for post-season play 12 times during his 17 year career. Lefty and his wife, April, have two daughters, Kaelyn and Kelsey, and reside in Canyon, TX.

Jodi Harris '86 lived in Huntington Beach, CA, where she was the head of customer service at a printing/mailing company for 3 ½ years. She moved back to ND to "get out of the city." In 1994, Jodi moved to the Black Hills of SD and now owns Back to Nature, Supplements and Natural Foods/Holistic Wellness Center. Jodi is a Certified Naturopath and uses herbology, aromatherapy, homeopathy and cold laser therapy to assist her clients in improving their health.

#### 2000's

**Cori Greenstein '01** completed her first half marathon in September and a second half marathon in October. She graduated from the University of Mary in August 2009 with her M.B.A with a concentration in Human Resources. Cori lives in Fargo with her boyfriend and is currently working at General Equipment & Supplies as the HR & Benefits Administrator.

**Tiffany (Wheeler) Ezeb '01** teaches preschool at a daycare that specializes in special needs kids, and lives in Grand Forks with her husband of 4 years and their daughter.

Annie (Beauchman) Corbin '04 was named the Yavapai County Rural Teacher of the year in November, 2009. Annie is teaching 6th grade in Bagdad, Arizona. She is married to Danny Corbin and they have two sons, Calin and Quincy.

## milestones.

**Scott Kopp '99** and his wife Wendy welcomed their first child, daughter Emersyn Grace, who was born on June 17, 2008. Emersyn joins "big sisters" Taylor & Morgan, the family's miniature dachshunds. Scott and Wendy live in Minot, ND where Scott works as an adult parole/probation officer and Wendy is an optometrist.





**Andrea (Kjelland) Johnson '04** and her husband, Adam, welcomed their first child, Skylar Rose, on August 13, 2009

**Tara (Erdmann) Glandt '05** and her husband Tom welcomed into the family Kinslee Marie Glandt. She was born September 14, 2009, weighed 7 lbs 7 oz and was 19 inches long.





**Beth (Leinen) Deal '09** is an ELL Immersion Center Teacher in the West Fargo Public School District. Beth and her husband, Josh, were married on June 20, 2009. Josh teaches middle school social studies at St. Mary's School in Breckenridge. Beth and Josh currently live in West Fargo.

# leave a Legacy



## at Valley City State University

The VCSU Foundation Leave a Legacy Program is designed to encourage alumni and friends of the university who have supported the university while they were living to continue to have an impact on the university after the time of their death. They can do so with a charitable bequest which can be in the form of cash, stocks, bonds, life insurance, or a percentage of their estate. More often than not, there are attractive tax benefits associated with such a bequest. For further information on the Leave a Legacy Program, contact the VCSU Foundation Office at 701-845-7217 or email Larry Robinson at larry.robinson@vcsu.edu.

\*We advise our alumni and friends to consult with a tax attorney to determine the benefits of making a gift in your estate to the VCSU Foundation.



## VCSU Tuesdays!

only 1 opportunity left for you to attend!

The VCSU Alumni Association and Office of Advancement are hosting a series of informal socials in the Fargo-Moorhead area. For alumni, this is a chance to catch up on the latest news from VCSU and to network with other alumni in the FM area.

The events will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month during the academic year at the Green Mill Restaurant and Bar (3340 13th Ave S – Fargo).

Please join us for complimentary appetizers! A cash bar will also be available.

Mark your calendar for the next "VCSU Tuesday" on April 20

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Kim Hesch at 800-532-8641 ext 37403 or kim.hesch@vcsu.edu.

## **Arizona Reunions 2010**

The VCSU Foundation and Alumni Office staff, including Larry Robinson '71 and Kim (Svenningsen) Hesch '91, along with VCSU President Dr. Steve Shirley were in Arizona visiting with alumni living in the area and those that live in the area over the winter months. This is always a fun time for our office, we get to see and visit with many of our alumni (and the warmer temperatures help too!).

This year was all about change. We had new locations, new events and lots of new fun. All events were well attended and the golfing event we added to the Saturday morning activities was a huge success. Another new event was an evening event for our alumni that graduated in the 80's, 90's and 2000's. A group of us gathered together for an evening of good food, fun and lots of reminiscing. We are looking forward to making this an annual get together and for it to become a tradition like our other Arizona activities.

Our final stop along the way was a visit and brunch with Dr. Don and Marjorie Meredith. The Meredith's have set up a scholarship in their parent's name. This is a renewable scholarship for up to four years and awarded to students majoring in mathematics or science. Currently we have four students on campus that are receiving support from this scholarship. We look forward to this visit each year. Thank you Don and Marge for everything you do for VCSU!

We'll be back in Arizona on February 4 and 5 of 2011. Put these dates on your calendar! If you winter in AZ, please contact our office to be added to our AZ mailing list 1.800.532.8641 ext 37203.◆





















#### Golfing photo's

- 1 Joyce Johnson, Judy Mathias, Darlene (Popp) Zabel '58 and Nancy King.
- 2 Mark McCarthy '69, Dale Hilstrom'69, Jerry Rexine, and Dan O'Connor '61.
- Vint Zabel '58, John Ostlie '60, Harold Kjelgaard '67, and Henry Schroeder.
- John Ovrebo '66 and Marie (Vining) '74 & Jerry Topp '74.
- Robert King '55, Don Lemnus '58, VCSU President Steve Shirley, and Jerry Pederson '60.
- Ron Wendel '67, Maynard Satrom, Greg Nelson '74 and Gary Sorensen.

#### Reunion in Surprise, AZ

7 Dan '65 & Patricia (Sheldon) '67 Parrish, Mary (Kruschwitz) Schroeder '65, Joan (Kruschwitz) Ostlie '60, Bill Lydell '55 and VCSU President Steve Shirley.

#### Reunion for the classes of the 80's, 90's and 2000's

Steve Koenig '93, Chad '94 & Kelly (Olson) '96, Anderson and Wendy (Reidman) Hogue '85.

#### Reunion in Mesa, AZ

#### Classes of the 40's and 50's:

Back Row I to r: Jerry Olson '55, Nancy King, Don '58 and Jane Lemnus, Vint Zabel '58, Darlene (Popp) Zabel '58, Bill Lydell '55, Robert '54 & Pauline (Elston) '49 Lentz, and Pius Lacher '58. Front row I to r: Robert King '55, Larry Grooters '57, Ward '58 & Mary (Peterson) '58 Wilkins, Daryl Hornbacher '58 and Dan McGee '58.

#### 10 Classes of the 60's and 70's:

Back Row I to r: unknown, John Ovrebo '66, Mark Mc-Carthy '69, John Ostlie '60, unknown, Harley Mathias, Jerry Pederson '60, Judy Mathias, Greg Nelson '74, Dale Hillstrom '69, unknown, Curt Johnson, Ken Wendt '76, Jerry Topp '74 and Bob Sogn '61. Front Row I to r: Joan (Kruschwitz) Ostlie '60, Nancy (Foley) Kjelgaard '65, Mary (Kruschwitz) Schroeder '65, Dee (Isensee) Hillstrom '69, Marjorie (Nutz) '67 and Marie (Vining) Topp '74.

## V-500 Recognition Banquet

The annual V-500 Recognition Dinner was held on Saturday, December 12, 2009. Donors who have 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.



Back Row I to r: Jeff Nathan representing the Optimist Club, Josh Kasowski representing Bank Forward, Bruce & Susan (Rambough) '72 Larson, William '03 & Bridget (O'Brien) '05 Blunck, Kathy (Wallace) '85 & Pat '87 Edinger and VCSU President Steve Shirley. Front Row I to r: John & Virginia Svenningsen, Dennis Hoye '79 & Linda Lane '86, and Cindy & Mike '79 Schwehr.



Back Row I to r: Gilbert Kuipers, Dan '76 & Rhonda '09 (Hansen) Fairfield, Harley & Judy Mathias, Dean & Betty Pedersen, and Matt Pedersen. Front Row I to r: Kevin & Kim (Gruman) '96 Eggermont, Beth Klingenstein, Dean '70 & Lynn Karges, and Josephine Koch '42.

HELP US LOCATE THESE LOST ALUMNI VICEL Foundation of these individuals, please contact the VCSU Foundation office at 1-800-532-8641 ext 37203 or e-mail alumni@vcsu.edu

1963 Jerome Anderson

1963 Margaret Anderson

1963 Roger Aune

1963 Arlene (Himmerich) Beal

1963 Emma Beck

1963 Virginia Benedict

1963 Donald Brandt

1963 Bonnie Close

1963 Kenneth Fry

1963 Wesley Lines

1963 Mary (Rusk) Martz

1964 Verna (McCarthy) Amick

1967 Arla Johnson

1964 Carol (Neers) Myers

1964 Arne Pedersen

1965 Sophia (Larvick) Amundson

1957 Beverly Anderson

1965 Peggy (Hakanson) Matsumoto-Ritchie

1965 Lavonne Myhre

1963 Mary Rossum

1965 Cheryll (Erfle) Rousseau

1965 Susan (Strand) Santos

1965 Brenda (Carter) Shaw

1965 Anton Vetter

1965 Sandra Vetter

1966 Thomas Brophy

1966 William Chambers

1966 Dorothy Eberle

1962 Janet (Fitzgerald) Hunter

1966 Donald Nelson

1966 Susan (Lloyd) Pederson

1966 Emma (Reiten) Rebhahn

1966 Deloris (Beauchamp) Schindler

1967 Carol Gaugler

1967 Mary (Greening) Greene

1967 James Grueneich

1967 Lawrence Malaney

1967 Patricia (Schaffer) Martin

1967 Peggy Mayle

1967 Roger Moen

1967 Irene (Dockter) Powers

1967 Delores Rodman

1967 Marlin Schlager

1967 Bonita (Kaylor) Seghers

1967 Rosalind (Nordstrom) Sorensen

1967 Richard Vetter

1967 Robert Werlinger

1968 Carol (Amoth) Aamodt

1968 Gwen (Berger) Arnold

1968 Julie Helgeson

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1968 Laurie (Thorldsen) Holtz

1968 Ellen Jorgensen

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1969 Marcia (Hildremyr) Griffin

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1969 Daryl Haas

1960 Dennis Haugen

1969 Connie Lacher

1969 Peggy (Lipp) Larson

1969 Richard Martin

1969 Daniel McMahon

1969 Myron McMillan

1969 Leslie Olafson

1969 Lucille Olson

1969 Orville Olson

1969 Judy (Torson) Olson

1969 Becky (Ortiz) Olson

1969 Violet Palm

1969 Glen Roberts

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