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Students Give VCSU an **A+**

by Ellen-Earle Chaffee, President, *Valley City State University*

We got a fantastic holiday present from our students in the form of results from a survey they completed last fall. The study showed that students at Valley City State University want the same things from their university as students at other four-year colleges. The difference is that at VCSU they are more likely to get what they want.

The North Dakota University System selected the Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory as the best available tool to assess student satisfaction as part of a legislatively mandated accountability system. All NDUS campuses administered the survey in fall 2002. Individual questions are clustered to form 11 scales: academic advising, campus climate, campus life, campus support services, concern for the individual, instructional effectiveness, recruitment and financial aid, registration effectiveness, safety and security, service excellence, and student centeredness.

Nearly 400 VCSU students completed the 115- item questionnaire to measure their satisfaction with the university on these 11 key services. On all 11 scales, students at VCSU were significantly more satisfied than the average for students at other four-year colleges both in the state and nationwide.

This has to be our crowning glory. In the last year we have won several state and national awards and received the official seal of approval from three accrediting agencies. But at the end of the day, what really matters is what students think. This strong positive affirmation from the students of VCSU validates all the other honors.

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Highest Employee Satisfaction – And Aiming Higher

by Ellen-Earle Chaffee, President, *Valley City State University*

Faculty and staff rated Valley City State University on eight key quality dimensions last fall, and they rated the university higher than the national average for four-year institutions on all eight, and higher than the NDUS average for four-year institutions on all except for one tie score. The testing company stated in its final report that, "VCSU levels of satisfaction (83%) are higher than the overall NDUS average (75% combined satisfied and very satisfied). VCSU respondent overall impression of quality ratings (84%) are above the average NDUS (75% combined excellent or good). VCSU has the highest rating of the four year campuses for both of these items. These high ratings indicate that a favorable organizational climate is perceived by

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Gayle Nelson '83
VCSU Alumni President

President's Corner

by Gayle (Klinkhammer) Nelson '83

Greetings VCSU Alumni!

Today, I received a postcard from VCSU. It stated that students and faculty rated VCSU above all other four-year schools in the North Dakota University System. I am not surprised as I know how deserving our alma mater is of praise. I do want to share with you some comments I recently heard at my staff workroom. The discussion had turned to the subject of student teachers and their readiness. These teachers raved about the quality of student teachers coming to them from the VCSU teacher education program. I must tell you how proud I felt to tell them I was president of the VCSU Alumni Association. At a time when competence is expected in educational

institutions, we can pride ourselves in the students and graduates who are products of our fine university.

In closing I digress. Personally and professionally, I'm aware of the sacrifices fellow alumni, VCSU students, friends, family, and so many others in our military are making to ensure the freedoms we cherish. There are no words for the gratitude they deserve. Let us keep them in our thoughts, as we pray for a peaceful resolution to the struggles we face as a nation.

Sincerely,

Gayle Klinkhammer Nelson



Val Moritz
Alumni Relations

In a few short weeks we will hold commencement exercises and another group of Valley City State University graduates will begin another exciting phase of their life. The school districts and businesses that hire these new graduates will be acquiring some of the best! For many years Valley City State has had an excellent reputation and that tradition continues today.

These graduates are entering the workforce armed with technology skills that are ranked with the very best. It's a different world they're entering, and they're ready!

Commencement is a wonderful ceremony and beautiful Vangstad Auditorium engulfs us with its beauty. Families travel from near and far to witness their loved one's accomplishment and celebrate their achievements.

You, too, can take pride knowing that you have contributed to these students' achievements. Your financial support has enabled us to furnish scholarships to these bright young men and women. You have supported their efforts and helped them achieve their degrees.

Thank you for taking the time to visit with our students during our annual Phone-A-Thon campaign. Your financial support continues to be very important. If you have never donated before, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. If you've already sent in your donation, thank you for your support. No matter the size, your gift is important to us.

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President's Message

by Dr. Ellen-Earle Chaffee

"I try to ensure that campus personnel are the first to know things that may affect them. And I hate rumors. And I don't like repeating myself."

So began my email message to all faculty and staff on October 22, 2002. Since then, I have had a wonderful opportunity to learn from and with others by being totally candid about my health situation. Of course, it's pointless to try to keep a secret in North Dakota, anyway!

To summarize briefly, I had breast cancer, with a mastectomy

in November, many tests in December, and chemotherapy from December 27 to March 3, 2003. The cancer was stage II with one lymph node involved and my doctor's term for my prognosis is "just excellent."

Larry Robinson asked me to write to you about this because many of our readers are too far away to have known about it from local media or discussion. We deeply value your commitment to Valley City State University, and a presidential illness is certainly relevant to the university itself.

Its relevance is rapidly fading, however. I am pleased to report that I probably missed less than three weeks of work, thanks to miraculous advances in medical care. And leadership is widespread at VCSU. Everyone throughout the university ensures that we continue our aggressive pursuit of quality, innovation, and service. Proof that their spectacular efforts produce world-class results are in recent faculty, staff, and student satisfaction surveys, posted online at <http://satisfaction.vcsu.edu>.

Valley City State University is



President Ellen-Earle Chaffee

on the move and gathering momentum. Thank you for helping to make it so!

On a personal note...

Until October of 2002, I took my health for granted, and I had every reason to do so. I had stockpiled over seven months of unused sick leave, I had had two outpatient and no inpatient surgeries in my entire life, and the last time I was hospitalized was thirty years ago for pneumonia.

A diagnosis of cancer changes everything. It shook my self-concept as a healthy person who takes care of herself, for starters. For a while, I would question what I ate or drank, whether to use the microwave oven, medications I had taken or not taken – everything.

Given my position as president, it also challenged my guidelines for personal privacy. In a different job, I would not have sent an email announcement to 265 people, published a couple of newspaper articles, or started a web site dealing with my health. As president, though, I felt that university personnel and friends had a right to know. Opting for openness has enabled people, including many who were strangers to me before, to connect with me in new ways. Some offer comforting stories, some seem to take some comfort that they are not alone, and all have made precious contributions to my wellness.

Most of all, I am keenly aware, now, that I do not have forever to do what is important to me. I need to manage my time as well as my money ("better" would be good for both!).

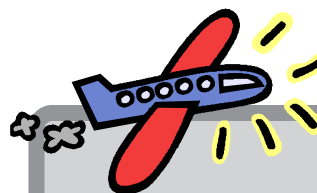
Perhaps you can understand that first I needed to clearly define what is important to me. We so often get caught up in busy activities that such reflections are hard to come by. In truth, I am still working on that definition. The fact that our only daughter will be having our first grandchildren (twins!) in June certainly tops the priority list.

Assuming that family and faith top the list, identifying other priorities requires careful thought. I realize now that the priority theme of my professional life has been to help quality organizations achieve worthy goals, and that priority remains important to me.

I have concluded that my time at VCSU is an excellent investment that is paying exceptional dividends. VCSU has earned multiple national, state, and local awards. Best of all, students love it here. Your Viking pride is more than justified.



Dr. Ellen Chaffee met with U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan during a visit to Washington, DC, this fall. While in DC she also met with staff from Representative Earl Pomeroy's office.



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Innovative Teachers Program Grant Awarded

With support of an Innovative Teachers Program grant from Microsoft Corporation and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), Valley City State University's Division of Education, Psychology and Technology now will be able to strengthen their collaboration with area schools to improve learning through effective use of technology in the classroom.

The Division of Education, Psychology, and Technology is currently collaborating with Valley City Public Schools, Saint Catherine's Elementary School, Valley City; and Madison Elementary School, Fargo through the U.S. Department of Education Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to use Technology (PT3) grant program. The grant provides \$430,000 of a \$1,000,000 effort to prepare future teachers to improve education with the power of new technologies for learning. The Innovative Teachers Program aims to build an online community of educators who work collaboratively to enhance teacher education and student learning through the use of technology. Together the two grants provide training for the teachers on the effective use of technology and VCSU student technology consultants to help implement the technology.

Grant recipients are provided with a number of tools to help them design, implement, and foster their Innovative Teachers Program, including:

- 250 Software licenses for all current Microsoft® desktop applications and operating systems worth half a million dollars
- Access to professionally designed and tested online software-support materials
- Online collaboration and community-building tools for designing and sharing best practice models

Grant funding will bridge the divide between pre- and in-service teachers to assist them in using technology in their classrooms with the goal of developing high-quality teachers now and in the future. The Division of Education, Psychology, and Technology will assist their partner school districts in using technology in their classrooms with the goal of developing high-quality, technology-rich lessons that can be shared through the Innovative Teachers Program online community.

Valley City State University is one among 56 other universities in the nation to receive this innovative technology grant.

V-12 Memorial Dedication Planned

Plans are underway for a dedication of the V-12 Memorial on the Valley City State University campus on Monday, June 30, 2003. The details of the dedication including the time and other activities surrounding the event will be published in the Spring 2003 issue of **The Bulletin**. If you are a V-12 Alumnus and would be interested in attending the ceremony, please advise us accordingly. We are also searching for the current addresses of many of the V-12 Alumni. If you are aware of any of these individuals and their current addresses, please advise us accordingly. You may do so by writing to the VCSU Office of Advancement, Valley City State University, 101 College St., Valley City, ND 58072. Our telephone number is 701-845-7203. The e-mail address is Larry_Robinson@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu.

Picking Up the Pieces

After the funeral, the two surviving children went to work sorting through the papers of their deceased father, trying to get a handle on his financial situation. They discovered three things:

1. Their dad, a retired human services worker, had accumulated remarkable wealth through conservative investments and frugal living;
2. Their dad had been generously supporting several charitable organizations.
3. Their dad had left behind no will or other instructions to guide them in the distribution of his estate.

Faced with this situations, the children decided to give part of whatever portion of his estate they might receive to those organizations their father had supported during his life. They had to make assumptions about which organizations to help, how much he would have wanted to give an in what proportions. Not knowing his wishes made a tough time tougher.

This is just one of several thorny issues the surviving family faces when a loved one dies without a will. In the midst of sorrow and time pressures, difficult decisions must be made.

How much better it would have been had the father taken the time to create a will.

Indeed, having an up-to-date and valid will is one of the greatest gifts any father or mother can give family members.

To help you further consider this important area, Valley City State University has prepared a complimentary Will Kit that contains helpful information regarding wills and other estate-planning documents. For your personal and no-obligation copy, use the response form below or call 1-800-532-8641. You can also request your Will Kit by e-mailing Larry_Robinson@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu.

CLIP AND MAIL

Dear Director of Planned Giving:

- Please send me your complimentary Will Kit.
- I (we) already have a will and have included VCSU for a bequest.
- Please contact me on the phone. My number is:

_____ and the best time to reach me is:

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Place the completed form in an envelope and mail to:

Larry Robinson, Director of Advancement
Valley City State University
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VCSU Foundation Corner

Larry Robinson, Director of Advancement

Valley City State University Your Choice Investment in 2003

By the time you read this column, the North Dakota legislature will either have adjourned or it will be very close to ending its work for 2003. For those of you who don't know, in addition to serving as Director of University Advancement at VCSU, I have served in the North Dakota Senate since 1988 representing District 24. Every year the North Dakota legislature goes into session for three and one half months. The session convenes in early January and adjourns in early to mid April. My committee assignment in the legislature is the Appropriations Committee. I have been able to be involved in the legislative process do to the tremendous support that I have received from President Chaffee, the office staff, our boards, and the entire university community.

A few days ago, President Ellen Chaffee and Bill Ament, Comptroller appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee and presented the budget for VCSU for the 2003-2005 biennium. The general fund budget for VCSU for this two year time period approaches some 12 million dollars. Needless to say, Dr. Chaffee and Mr. Ament did an outstanding job with the budget presentation. Unfortunately, North Dakota economy is struggling, much like the

economy in nearly every other state. The pressure on the state's general fund is real. As a result, the dollars for the North Dakota University System and VCSU are impacted accordingly.

The budget challenges that VCSU is facing parallel those challenges that other colleges and universities are facing across the nation. Issues such as deferred maintenance, rising utility costs, double digit increases in employee health care, technology, and extraordinary repairs to facilities are placing significant demands on budgets. In addition, faculty and staff salaries lag far behind the regional averages. Our ability to retain and recruit quality faculty and staff hinges upon our ability to remain competitive with salaries and fringe benefits.

As a result of these challenges and the shortage of general fund dollars, colleges and universities across the country are turning to tuition increases to offset some of the rising costs. VCSU is no exception. The colleges and universities in North Dakota are considering double digit increases in tuition for both years of the biennium to generate additional revenue. At VCSU, those increases could range from 14 -16%. Although these increases are significant, our tuition levels will remain competitive with the

region because tuition increases are expected across the country.

The pending tuition increases place new meaning and importance on the availability of scholarship dollars. With your support, VCSU has done well over the years in this area. Unfortunately, the advent of double digit tuition increases reminds us that we must do better. Our ability to continue to attract quality students is directly related to the availability of scholarship dollars. We simply must be successful in this endeavor.

We are in the midst of our annually V-500 Scholarship Program membership drive and our annual Alumni Association Phone-a-thon. Many of you have supported these important programs in the past. We thank you for that support and trust that you will do so again this year. If you have not contributed to these important programs previously, we would ask that you give serious consideration to doing so this year. Your contributions will go a long way toward supporting our scholarship programs. Should you have questions about these programs please call our Advancement Office toll free at 1-800-532-8641. If you prefer, call directly 1-701-845-7203.

VCSU continues to be an outstanding university. We have



Larry Robinson
Director of Advancement

been blessed with quality students, dedicated faculty and staff, and strong, visionary leadership. We have also been fortunate to have strong support from our Alumni and Friends. For the 5th year in a row, the university has been recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the **Top Liberal Arts Colleges in the Mid West**. The university has also received numerous other regional and national awards in recognition of educational excellence and innovation. These awards are no accident. They are a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and administration.

As you can see, unlike the instability of the markets in the last number of months, your contributions to VCSU continue to pay big dividends. The returns on your investments at VCSU continue to grow. We certainly hope that your **Investment of Choice in 2003 will be Valley City State University!**

Once again, thank you so much for your continued support. You are making a difference in the lives of the students of today and the workforce of tomorrow!

Following is a letter sent to Dr. Chaffee from Anita Fossum, a current student at VCSU who will graduate this spring.

Dr. Chaffee,

I know there have been a number of opportunities for me to express my pride and satisfaction with VCSU, but nothing ever stuck out in my mind. Every experience I have had has been wonderful. I love the faculty, the staff, the students, the atmosphere, and the education I have received here at VCSU. Where would I start when asked, "What do you love about VCSU?" This is my fifth year and I graduate this spring. I have given tours, worked with the summer orientation program, and learning to live...each one giving me the opportunity to tell everyone what a great school we have allowing me to draw people into VCSU and work at keeping them here. I have told these people there is nowhere else in the world I would have chosen, but right here in Valley City, N.D.

Finally, in my fifth year, I cannot answer this question without crying - knowing I am about to leave the one place, besides my hometown, that has become my home. I am leaving the friends that have become my brothers and sisters. I am leaving the many adults (faculty and staff) that have become my parents away from home. Someone to look after me, to listen to me, and the people to make me laugh. The people who have watched me grow the last 5 years and those who have taught me so much about living and growing and learning along the way.

What has brought me to this conclusion; that one experience that I can use to explain "Why I Love VCSU"? My brother has been sent to CO. with the 142nd Engineer Combat Battalion and will soon be sent overseas. There are students from this school that have been sent to various places and I think about them, and my brother, every day. VCSU, this home away from home, is so supportive. I cannot express how I feel when a professor can email me, or meet me in the grocery store, or catch me in the hallway and have the care and concern to ask me how my brother is doing. These people do not know my family. I may have only had one class with them as my professor. But they remember. They recognize my name, my face, and when my brother's name flashes on the TV and he says hello to my family- my professors can walk up to me and say, "How are you, Anita? And how is your brother and family?"

When we had our official send off in Oakes, we asked the soldiers to take care of each other and return safely. The one request that the soldiers had for those at home was "for everyone to take care of their families while they are gone." VCSU has become my family, and I promise to tell my brother you have taken care of me. It means so much to know that so many people care and are there for me in times of need. There are so many people that have said to me, "If you need anything..."those words are very much appreciated.

There is no way to say "thank you" to each and every person on this campus that has supported me and my family, and all of the other students on this campus the way that VCSU does. So - I send this to you, Dr. Chaffee. You can pass this on or spread the word by mouth...but I thank you and this university for the support you give and the family you offer.

Anita

Valley City State University Homecoming 2003

Friday, October 3, 2003

Class of 1943 & Class of 1953 Reunions
Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction Ceremonies

Saturday, October 4, 2003

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

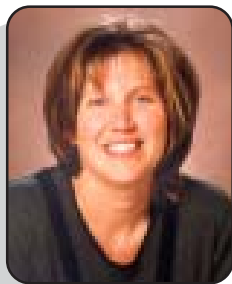
Class of 1943 60-Year Reunion

Carl Albers
Esther Vivatson Ames
Hildegard Eberle Anderson
Leona Miller Arestad
Margaret Dooley Baumler
Irene Sad Becker
Helen Nelson Benson
Helen Faust Benson
Geraldine Freeman Brown
Angeline Sebek Burkholder
Albert Carlin
Roymane Priebe Christiana
Betty Larson Christopherson
Jeanne Eells Colberg
Mildred Farrow Doney
Lorraine Endreson Elliott
Jeannette Ertelt
Lucille Verduin Flach
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Agnes Theede Hager
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Alice Eggert Jordan
Dorothy Timm Junell
Ellenor Kleppe
Barbara Correll Lamb
Eleanor Stramer Landsberger
Buell Lewis
Joy Eissinger Liberda
Isabel Muir McLaren
Esther Nelson Miller
Verna Gertz Miller
Virginia Johnson Miller
Dorothy Monson Moen
Beryl Wilson Malzhon
Cherry Wood Monson
DeLora Carlson Morris
Esther Schuler Nathan
Solveig Granlund Nelson
Lorraine Bosse Nickerson
James Rost
Florence Kluck Schmid
Lillian Haag Schmidt
Jennie Lambert Spiegelberg
Ethel Domesle Stangler
Mavis Nordgaard Strinden
Donald Thornton
Ruth Otterburn Wohlwend

Class of 1953 50-Year Reunion

Fern Becker Albrecht
Doris Christianson Andrews
Luella Wanstrom Becker
Luella Wieland Birkholz
Mildred Dale Bjornson
Marven Carlson
Clarice Pals Churchill
Millie Swanson Dahl
Erling Dahl
Harriet Dimmer
York Flegel
Johnnie Gaasland
Maurice Heidinger
Doris Monson Hadny
Nyra Johnson Hofmann
LeRoy Imdieke
Doris Fagerstrom Ingram
Etta Ricker Jenks
Beverly Rohde Kaczmarek
Marlene Newcomb Karavolis
Lorraine Johnson Larson
Nancy Fish Lee
Alvina Stone Lillibridge
Darlene Reimers Loebrick
Auriel Abbott Luedtke
Garthat Lyken
Robert McDonald
Mary Schulz Meras
Richard Merchant
Eunice Peterson Mutscher
Phyllis Hanson Myhre
Donna Lunde Niemann
Dolores Otterness Quigley
John Richardson
Dorothy Fosdick Roorda
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Beverly Beil Schacker
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Dolores Vagle
Lily Vosgerau Viera
Florence Wasness
Mary Menke Wiens
Donald Young
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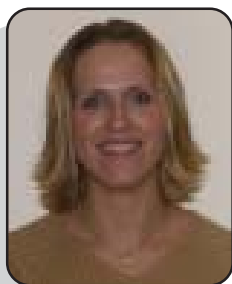
New faces at VCSU



Kimberly Hesch '91
Executive Assistant
VCSU President/
Advancement Office



Stacy Wendel '02
Admissions Counselor



Tiffany Hieb '02
Office Assistant
Foundation and
Advancement Office



Damian Lewis '97
Manager
Sodexo Campus
Services

Schuldt Promoted to Colonel

Lieutenant Colonel Allen W. Schuldt, a member of the Headquarters Headquarters Detachment of the North Dakota Army National Guard (NDARNG), was promoted to Colonel by the NDARNG Chief of Staff, Col. ElRoy Tomanek, in a formation held at Bohn Armory, Bismarck, on Dec. 7, 2002. Schuldt's wife, Marie, pinned on his new rank. His children, Michael and Aaron, were also present for the ceremony.



Marie Schuldt pins new rank on her husband, Col. Allen W. Schuldt.

Schuldt will be serving as DCSPER (Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel) for the North Dakota Army National Guard. He said, "I will be responsible for personnel management, to include personnel records, promotions, and pay and allowances. My section is also responsible for assisting during unit mobilizations and call-ups."

Schuldt is the former commander of the North Dakota Army National Guard's 141st Engineer Combat Battalion, whose headquarters are in Valley City. A part of that unit, Company A, located in Edgeley, Wishek, and Carrington, has just been mobilized for a year of security duty at air bases in Minot, Grand Forks, and Fargo.

Schuldt is the son of the late Elmer and Adeline Schuldt of Valley City. He is a graduate of Valley City High School, Valley City State University and the Indiana College of Mortuary Science. Schuldt is a partner in the Peterson Johnson Schuldt Funeral Home, Valley City. His wife, Marie, is the daughter of Leroy and Louise Czczok of Park Rapids, MN.

Schafer Receives Certification

Sara Goffe Schafer '89 of Alexandria (VA) Public Schools is one of 7,886 elementary and secondary school teachers nationwide who achieved National Board Certification in 2002, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in Arlington, VA. Sara teaches math at Francis C. Hammond Middle School and has been a teacher for 12 years. She is the daughter of Art '67 and Sandy Goffe of Valley City. She is married to Larry Schafer, a 1988 VCSU graduate.

"These accomplished teachers will not only strengthen the teaching profession, they will also help our students achieve at higher academic levels, says NBPTS Chair Barbara Kelley. "I salute this year's candidates and our new NCOs. I thank the families, the schools, the school districts, and the universities that supported these teachers in their efforts to achieve National Board Certification."

Founded 15 years ago, NBPTS is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and non-governmental organization dedicated to advancing the quality of teaching and learning. National Board Certification is a symbol of teaching excellence. A voluntary process established by NBPTS, it is achieved through a rigorous performance-based assessment that takes nearly a year to complete. Through this process, teachers document their deep knowledge of the subject matter they teach, provide evidence that they know how to teach their subjects to students effectively, and demonstrate their ability to manage and measure student learning.



Congratulating Sara Goffe Schafer on her National Board Certification are (left to right): VCSU education professors Gary Thompson and Dave Bass, Sara and Larry Schafer, and VCSU Vice President of Academic Affairs Les Wong.

VCSU Wins Addy Awards

Valley City State University, together with Rezac Design Studio of Fargo, received numerous accolades at the 46th Annual Fargo-Moorhead ADDY Awards. At a ceremony held Friday night at the new Moorhead (MN) Area Conference Center, VCSU was awarded two silver, two gold, and a Judges Choice award in five categories for publications produced for the Office of Enrollment Services and VCSU.

A silver award was received for the university's viewbook in the Direct, Consumer category. A second silver was received for the VCSU postcard series in the Stationery Package, Multiple Process category. Receiving a gold award was the university's viewbook in the Brochure, Four-color category. The second gold was awarded to the combined package of the contact piece, viewbook, and application procedures booklet in the Direct Campaign, Consumer category. Receiving one of three Judges Choice awards given that evening, the viewbook



was described by one of the judges as having an outstanding combination of color, copy and style; very appropriate to the audience for whom the piece was designed.

Sponsored by the Fargo-Moorhead Advertising Federation, the ADDY Awards honor excellence in advertising and cultivate the highest creative standards in the industry. "These awards are a great honor and provide outstanding testimony to the hard work of the university's marketing committee, the Enrollment Services staff, and Paige Keiser-Rezac of Rezac Design Studio," commented Dan Klein, director of VCSU's Office of Enrollment Services. "We worked hard to research and define the right look and feel to our materials, and it's nice to be recognized in this way."

The two entries receiving the Gold Award will go on to the regional level in hopes of moving on to the national competition.

Camp Cyber Prairie

Summer 2003 Technology Camps

on the campus of VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

Elementary Camp

Grades 4-6
June 19-20, 2003
Two-Day Overnight Camp

Junior High Camp

Grades 7-8
July 6-9, 2003
Three-Day Overnight Camp

Senior High Camp

Grades 9-12
June 22-27, 2003
Five-Day Overnight Camp

Activities at camp may include:

Adventure Learning Course
Computer Construction
Lego/Robotics

Software Programming
Virtual Reality
Networking

Web Page Development
Digital Imaging
Entrepreneurial Tour

For additional information contact Mary Lee Nielson, Coordinator

E-mail: mjnielsn@daktel.com

Music Reunion Planned for August 2003

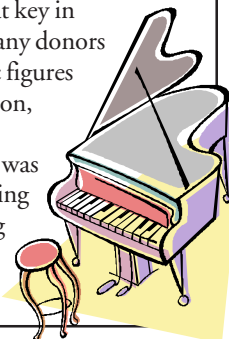
The Music alumni are organizing a reunion with Dr. Loren Waa and College Singers' director, Ray Miller for Saturday, August 9th, 2003. Anyone who participated in musical organizations during Dr. Waa's chairmanship (1965-1970) is invited. The itinerary includes a 2:00 registration and social, band and choir rehearsals and a banquet followed by dancing. Please respond to Harold Foley if you plan to attend.



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Fargo, ND 58102
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88 for \$88

The Valley City State University Department of Music recently completed a fundraising campaign of music alumni to purchase a new Yamaha grand piano for the Froemke Auditorium stage. The department had not purchased a new grand piano since the "new" building was built in 1962. The campaign, **\$88 for 88**, was designed for donors to purchase a key on the piano for \$88. In so doing, the donor also had the option of dedicating that key in honor or in memory of someone special. Many donors chose to honor such historical VCSU music figures as Art Froemke, Arthur Lydell, Gloria Peterson, Marie Almlie, John Reed, Geraldine Field Keeling, and R.Q. Johnson. The fundraiser was a total success, meeting the challenge of raising nearly \$18,000. A plaque is currently being planned for permanent placement in the lobby of Foss Hall.



We Need You.....

The V-500 membership drive is well underway. We must raise \$100,000 in order to provide scholarships for students at Valley City State University. Every year over 170 students receive V-500 scholarships ranging from \$800 to \$1,500. Since 1972, over 4,500 students have benefited from V-500 scholarships.

Scholarship support is more important than ever in recruiting students to our campus. More students at Valley City State University translate into a stronger economy in our area.

Will you help our membership drive?

- If your membership pledge is paid in full, take out another membership.
- If you have never been a V-500 member, now is the time to enlist.
- If you are in the middle of a membership commitment, consider upgrading your membership to a higher level.
- If you are not ready to make a commitment to a V-500 membership, what about making an outright contribution to V-500?

Invest in your university!

Donor name(s): _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Street or Box City State Zip

In memory of/In honor of: _____

Please acknowledge gift to: _____

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Yes, I will support Valley City State University through V-500 with my total pledge of \$ _____.

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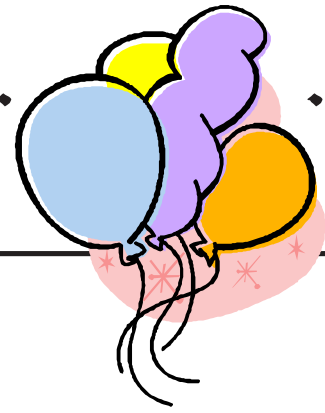
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- Upper Level
 - V-5000
 - V-10,000
 - V-15,000
 - V-20,000
 - Other \$ _____
- Outright Contribution enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Enlisted by: _____

Thank You

Payments to be: In full now Annually Semiannually
 Initial payment enclosed: Check Credit Card [Mastercard or Visa accepted]
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 Automatic Withdrawal [enclose voided check]:
 Please deduct \$ _____ per month for _____ months beginning _____.
 Signature Required for Credit Card/Automatic Withdrawal: _____

Places & Faces.....



Minnesota



Former football teammates gathered with former coach, Pete Nyhus; *(Back row)* Brad Rice '75, Dave Kocho '77, Mike Tenuto '76, Early Wilhelm '77, Mike Hangaard '77, Caleb Truax '76; *Middle Row:* Delbert Huttunen '77, Glen Schmalz '76, former Viking football coach Pete Nyhus; *Front:* Tim Daniels '75 and Craig Petersen '76



Seated: Mary and Dave Hentges '79, Georgia (Vaughn) Rice '75; *Standing:* Bill Beranek '79



Dave Olson '79, Dave Hentges '79, Doug Bergan '78 and Bill Beranek '79



Georgia (Vaughn) Rice, Val (Eggert) Moritz and Sandy (Johnson) Kocka

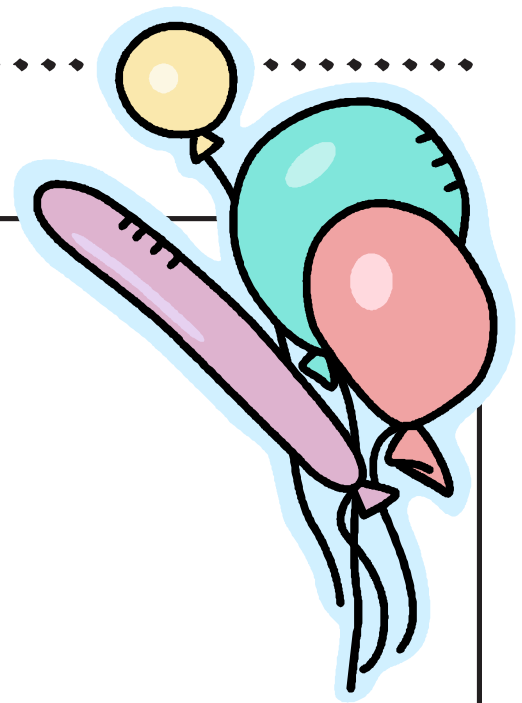


Erna (Elhard) '65 and James Sandness '62, and Weston Harbaugh '01



Mike Zick '97, Dean '94 and Barb (Preston) Schmitt '90

Arizona



Jack Moore, Bob and Nancy King, Joyce and R.Q. Johnson, Mary Etta Moore, and Jane and Don Lemnus



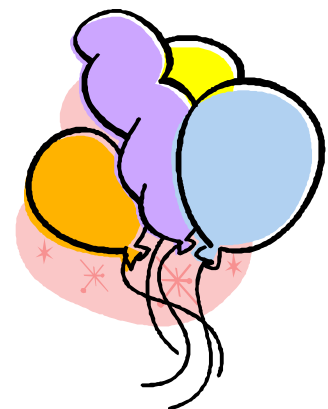
Vae (Nelson) Kruschwitz '34 and Clarice (Pals) Churchill, former roommates at VCSU, enjoyed the opportunity to catch up!



Music makers Jim Ployhar and Myron Sommerfeld



VCSU's V-12 Connections: Ruth (McLain) Ployhar '49, Larry Bushey and Gordon Flint. Larry and Gordon were stationed at VCSU in the V-12 program. Ruth's father, Col. McLain, was the commanding officer of the V-12 at VCSU.



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Glen Schmalz, vice president for student affairs, analyzed the results to determine what areas we need to target in order to increase student satisfaction. At VCSU, as at most universities, students' top priority for improvement is parking. A new lot is scheduled for use by next fall.

Their next priority is financial aid. This is a major issue not only for students but also for the university. Federal and state aid funds are not increasing, while tuition must increase to cover shortfalls in state funding. My recent appointment to serve only VCSU came with a mandate for private fund-raising, and scholarship aid for students is my top priority.

About a decade ago, students often looked first at campus size when they chose VCSU. Times have changed. At the top of their list this year were cost and financial aid, confirming the importance of making college affordable. Academic reputation also outranked size as a drawing card for VCSU this time. This is an very positive result, showing that students recognize and appreciate the university's focus on quality.

Students gave their highest satisfaction ratings to campus safety, reputation in the community, campus maintenance, caring and helpful staff members, knowledgeable faculty, intramural activities, student center, and welcoming atmosphere. These results pay tribute to the exceptional faculty and staff at VCSU.

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most survey respondents." VCSU scores were highest on customer focus (highest, at 3.54 on a 5-point scale), measurement and analysis, and strategic quality planning. The lowest scores – but still at or above national and state averages – were for employee training and recognition (lowest, at 3.21), quality assurance (tie with NDUS score), and quality and productivity improvement results. In the mid-range were top management leadership and support and employee empowerment and teamwork. The report noted that there is general support at VCSU for continuous quality improvement and the use of teams. Employee rewards/recognition, communication, and customer service training stand out as areas for further work. The report recommended commending personnel in the following areas for their commitment to providing quality services: switchboard and telephone services; payroll services; business

services; media, audio visual, and technology services; and student activities. The report recommended that the university work on improving communication among departments; research and planning services; marketing, advertising, and public relations; and basic skills and developmental programs. The Executive Team is planning activities throughout spring semester to celebrate the outstanding results of both this survey and the student survey. In addition, the Executive Team welcomes and will be soliciting recommendations on next steps toward even better results in the future. A total of 87 people completed the survey, including 34 support staff, 32 faculty and department chairs, and 21 administrative/professional staff. The complete report is extremely long. Individuals or groups who wish to understand the results in further detail are encouraged to contact Glen Schmalz.

GOLF NEWS & NOTES

Valley City State University "Viking Scramble" Saturday, June 7, 2003

Valley City Town & Country Club
and
Bjornson Park Public Course

5 Person Scramble Entry Fee:
\$65 per person if payment
is received by May 1, 2003
Registration after May 1, 2003,
is \$75 per person

Register Now by Contacting:
Cory Anderson
Valley City State University
101 College St SW
Valley City, ND 58072
1-800-532-8641 Ext. 37413
cory_anderson@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu
Register on-line at:
vikings.vcsu.edu/vikingscramble/

All proceeds provide scholarship support
for student athletes attending VCSU!

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**Available for purchase
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Viking Highlights



VCSU Named a NAIA Champion of Character Institution

Continuing its effort to change the culture of sport, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced its second annual listing of "Champions of Character" Instructional Award Recipients. The award recognizes NAIA member institutions that have embraced the character program by promoting or implementing activities related to the five core character values of the initiative.

The academic year 2001-2002 saw 160 NAIA member colleges and universities named "Champions of Character" Institutions. In all, 225 schools of the NAIA's membership of 307 are involved in character programming related to their intercollegiate athletic programs.

Through "Champions of Character" the NAIA seeks to create an environment in which every NAIA student-athlete, coach, official and spectator is committed to the true spirit of competition through five tenets: respect, integrity, responsibility, servant leadership, and sportsmanship. While the NAIA and its membership have utilized sport as a character development tool on an informal basis, this program educates and creates awareness of the positive character-building traits learned through sports and returns integrity to competition.

Others from North Dakota recognized as a "Champions of Character" Institution are: Jamestown College, the University of Mary, Mayville State University, and Minot State University.

2003 VCSU Sport Camps

Football

Line of Scrimmage Camp – July 9-10, 2003 – Grades 9-12
For More Information contact Camp Director
Gregg Horner, (701) 845-7423
Gregg_horner@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu
Nat Hill, (701) 845-7159
Nathaniel_hill@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu

Men's Basketball

Team Camp – June 21-22, 2003
For more information contact Camp Director
Adam DeHann, VCSU Head Men's Basketball Coach
Adam_dehaan@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu – (701) 845-7240

Boys Shooting Camp – June 22-25, 2003 – Grades 7-12

For more information contact Camp Director
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Women's Basketball

Girls Basketball Annual Camp – July 13-16, 2003 – Grades 7-12
For more information contact Camp Director
Jill DeVries, VCSU Head Women's Basketball Coach
Jill_devries@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu – (701) 845-7164

Tall Girls Basketball Camp – July 16-18, 2003 – Grades 7-12

For more information contact Camp Director
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Team Camp – July 12, 2003

For more information contact Camp Director
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Recommend your favorite athletes to the Viking Head Coaches



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Women's Basketball

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Football

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VCSU Success Stories

Carole Flatau '60 was named the 2002 NDMTA Teacher of the Year by the North Dakota Music Teachers' Association.

Peggy (O'Connell) Sola '71, Lori Jo (Brown) Anderson '83 and Cheri (Didier) Anderson '80 have been named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2002*. All were nominated by former students for this honor. Peggy and Lori are employed by the West Fargo School District and Cheri is employed by the Maple Valley School District.

Randy Toppen '87 was named EDC 2003 Coach of the Year.

Jason Metzger '96 has been named Agent of the Year in the North Dakota general office of New York Life Insurance Company. A New York Life agent for six years, Jason received the award in recognition of outstanding sales achievement and exemplary client service and professionalism.

Weddings...

Michael Kjelland '96 married Aldilha' Garcia Santos - 8-16-02

Stephanie Iszler '00 married Ronald Reinardy - 10-5-02

Heidi Lucht '92 married Jay Schneider - 10-25-02

Ellen Hagemeister '97 married David Nowatzki - 11-16-02

Alison Kohler '02 married Scott Hurlimann - 11-30-02

ND Farm Family of the Year

Ron and Gayann (Lebahn) '79 Van Bruggen are the 2002 Farm Family of the Year. The announcement was made at the North Dakota Farmers Union annual convention. The Van Bruggens were chosen for their leadership and commitment to the community, cooperatives, and Farmers Union. Ron and Gayann have two sons and a daughter, Tyler, Kale and Carly.

ND Council of the Arts Announces Fellowship Awards

The North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) has awarded Linda Whitney-McGillis with an artist fellowship of \$2500. Linda is an Associate Professor of Art at VCSU.

The Individual Fellowship Program recognizes practicing artists residing in North Dakota with a monetary fellowship award. This program is designed to support professional artists with outstanding talent. Artists were chosen on the merit of their work and community service. A panel of three artists made up the selection committee.

Whitney-McGillis's fellowship will be used to create a suite of full-color mezzotints. She will hire an assistant to help with the mezzotinting and printing process.



Olstad Cited as Jiffy Lube Operations Award Winner

The Jiffy Lube® franchisee in Fargo, ND, JK Lube, Inc., was recently cited as the Outstanding Western Division Franchisee – Operations by the leading destination of choice for preventive vehicle maintenance. This award was presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in customer service, community involvement, adherence to corporate policies, complaint handling and overall operations.

Receiving the award at Jiffy Lube's recent annual convention in Phoenix, Arizona, were Karn Jilek and John Olstad, owners of JK Lube, Inc.

Upon presenting the award for achievement covering last year, Jiffy Lube International President Marc Graham pointed out that Jilek and Olstad are well known and admired by their peers for their outstanding operations.

"Jilek and Olstad are people of integrity," Graham said. "They exemplify the values and standards of our company. They follow the Jiffy Lube® policies and procedures to the letter and it is reflected in customer loyalty and customer county."

John is a 1993 graduate of VCSU and has been involved in Jiffy Lube® since 1999 and a franchisee since 2000. He lives in Fargo with his wife, KaSaundra (Larson) '94 and their son.

JK Lube, Inc. owns and operates the five Jiffy Lube® service centers in Fargo, Moorhead and West Fargo.

Vikings on the Move

1920's

Margaret (Dahl) Halvorson was offered the secretarial position in the Valley City public school system in the summer of 1929. She loves secretarial work. After seven years, Margaret resigned and went to New York to study dress design. She returned to Valley City and worked as the secretary for the telephone company for three years before getting married. After 15 years of marriage, her husband died and she was hired back at the Valley City superintendent's office. Margaret remained there for 20 years.

Marguerite (Flahaven) DeGroot '27 taught in Pillsbury, ND, and Harlem, MT, before moving to California where she taught for 30 years. At the present time, she is living with her daughter in Newport Beach, CA. Marguerite celebrated her 96th birthday with her daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Solveig (Neset) Bell '29 celebrated her 100th birthday on November 8th with a big party. Friends and relatives came from Washington, California, Arizona, North Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and New Mexico.

Sara (Wright) Halverson '29 resides in her home in Nevada. She is the last of the Wright family, all of whom attended VCSU. Sara is 92 years old and enjoying good health.

1930's

Edna (Supler) Miller '33 keeps busy with oil painting, sewing, quilting and church activities along with taking care of her home in Adrian, ND. Edna's family lives nearby.

Leona (Stillman) Rennells '36 has moved to a retirement home in Longview, WA, to be near her children and grandchildren. Her husband, Joel, passed away last February.

Luella (Boettcher) Reisenburg '36 was presented with the 50-year pin by Worthy Grand Matron of North Dakota for 50 years continuous membership

and service in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Eleanor (Bunkowski) Thronson '39 is 75 years old and still substitutes in Special Education.

Edythe (Gould) Butcher '39 and her husband, Donald, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Donald also published a book "The Adventures of Gray Wolf" which has added a new avenue in their lives. It's been a joy and a huge success.

1940's

Ruth (Andersen) Allen '40 is relocating to Olathe, Kansas, to be near to her son, Douglas, and his family.

Eleanor (Rock) Stromberg '41 lives in Wadena, MN. Retired from teaching, she enjoys volunteer work and traveling. She is four children and 11 grandchildren.

Loren and Arlene Law '42 will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary in early April. Both Loren and Arlene are enjoying good health. The Laws have four adult sons.

James A. Rost '43 reports that life is good! He sends his best regards to classmates.

Hildegarde (Eberle) Anderson '43 and her husband, Vernon, moved to Valley City from their farm near Leal, ND, and are really happy about the move. Hildegarde and Vernon spent two months at Gulf Shores, AL, on the gulf and enjoyed that area for a change in winter vacations.

Everett "Ike" and Ruth (Stoll) McKay '45 had a great time at the 60th alumni reunion last fall. Although not many grads were able to attend, those that did really felt welcome. Ike and Ruth will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on July 1st and feel fortunate to be able to travel to Arizona from our Laramie, WY, home for a few months. They would enjoy a visit or hearing from any VCSU friends.

Beatrice (Ockert) Pease '45 is still involved with her painting.

She does at least two-hour sessions everyday in her daughter's second grade classroom in Harden, MT.

Sophie (Nielsen) Beutler '47 is retired and living in Fargo, ND.

Gerald and Ardell (Rumer) Saar '49 pride themselves on being a VCSU family! Gerald's mother, Florence Saar graduated from Valley City Normal. Ardell received her degree in education and daughter, LuAnn Saar Tschakofski, also graduated from VCSU. LuAnn has completed a masters degree in Learning Disabilities and is the Learning Disabilities Coordinator for the Mandan (ND) Junior High School. Gerald also attended VCSU before earning his law degree. Gerald and Ardell owned and operated a farm near Rogers and have been retired since 1990. Ardell taught school at Wimbledon for two years and at North Central for 20 years.

1950's

Don Rudow '50 and his wife, Lois, moved to Alexandria, MN, after spendings 40 years in Fertile, MN. Now they no longer have to drive 50-60 miles home after an evening of dancing. Their daughters and grandsons also live in the area. Ward Wilkins' book, "And Some Went Hungry", revived memories of Don's childhood in Valley City during the 1930's. The book is on Don's recommended list.

Donald Frost '50 plans to completely retire in May from part-time work at DuPage Regional Office of Education after 18 years there. This will complete 50 years of work in the field of education. The Frosts will continue to travel and enjoy their lives. Their son also entered the teaching profession.

Major Richard A. Starke '52 is leading a drive to name the new bridge at New Town the "Medal of Honor Bridge" in honor of the 16 Mott natives who are among 3,427 national heroes.

Erling Dahl '53 enjoys fishing and hunting with his sons and grandsons.

Lloyd Erfle '53 is now living at the Armed Forces retirement home in Gulfport, MS. He has traded the white snow of the northwest for the white sand beaches of the Gulf.

Shirley (Lien) Grondahl '54 is still a permanent resident of North Dakota. Her husband enjoys ice fishing so they remain home in the winter except for some short trips. The Grondahls have a son and daughter-in-law living near to them and another son and his family in Idaho.

Marlyn (Parfit) Domek '56 lost her beloved husband of 42 years last year in March, a victim of pancreatic cancer. She plans to continue living in their farmstead home near Ypsilanti and managing their farming interests as long as she is able to do so. Her son, Duane, ranches at Wibaux, MT, with his wife and their two children. Younger son, Mark, lives in Iowa where he worked for Wells Fargo Financial. With four beautiful grandsons, Marlyn makes several trips to Montana and Iowa every year to take in their school, church and sporting events.

Don Johnson '56 has been retired for 9 years after 42 years of teaching; 35 years in California. The Johnsons lived in California for 39 years before moving to Mora, MN, in 1998. Mora is his wife's hometown and only 250 miles from Don's hometown of Fort Ransom, ND. The Johnsons have a son and a daughter and eight grandchildren; all live in California and Utah.

John "Jack" Moore '56 is retired from Job Service - North Dakota. He and his wife are doing the "Arizona Thing" in the winter and live in Valley City in the summer. They also keep busy trying to keep up with 13 grandchildren aged 2-26.

Maynard '57 and Joan (Kruger) '56 Dahl manage to keep busy. Maynard does some remodeling projects for others and

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Joan likes to help people get and stay healthy with Mannatech Nutriceuticals. The Dahls have 13 grandchildren.

Mildred “Mitzi” (Book) Thomas ’57 and her husband, Vern, are enjoying retirement with their children and grandchildren. Their son flies for SouthWest so they are enjoying frequent trips around the U.S. Mildred says “Hello” to all her classmates.

Hillis McKay ’57 and his wife, Myra, are retired and live in St. Charles, MN.

Marian (Ferguson) Swingdoff ’58 is retired from teaching, but substitute teaches in the Lakota (ND) Public School.

Tilford and Mary (Christiansen) Kroshus ’59 reside in Wahpeton, ND. Mary is working at the library at the North Dakota State College of Science. Tilford is directing Bethel Lutheran Church choir and giving private voice and piano lessons during the winter months. He still performs with Kroshus and Krew Dance Band.

James Broschat ’59 now lives year round in Mesa, AZ. Previously, they had spent their winters there for 18 years.

Myron Luttschwager ’59 retired from teaching in 1996 after 37 years, all in North Dakota (Driscoll, Midkota and Edgeley). Myron’s wife, Jean, passed away in May 2002. He now spends half the year in North Dakota and the other half in Texas.

James and Mary (Clark) Kieley ’59 continue to enjoy retirement in the mountains of southwest Virginia near the Blue Ridge Parkway as well as spending time with the families of their five children and eight (soon to be nine) grandchildren.

Edmund and Marilyn Motl ’59 have been spending their winters in New Braunfels, TX, for the past five years. The weather is good and they enjoy the symphony and country music festivals as well as the good Texan hospitality and German food. Their summers are spent at the Minnesota lake home and their condo in Fargo.

1960’s

Mark Motis ’60 lives in Minnewaukan, ND, and would be happy to host any former classmates.

Pat and Karen Hand graduated in 1960. Pat has practiced law in Douglas, WY, for 40 years. They have 8 grandchildren – the oldest is graduating from high school this year. Pat and Karen attended the alumni reunion in Mesa, AZ, last year as they spend a month or so there each year.

Curt Stahl ’62 owns the Bismarck Lawn Spraying Service and Bismarck Lawn Sprinkling Service. His wife, Kathy, is an elementary teacher in Bismarck. Their daughter is a college senior and son, Andy, is in the Army Special Forces.

Curt & Myrna (Johnson) Olson ’62 are both retired. Curt from USMC and Myrna from a defense contractor and volunteer work. They are living in Arlington, VA, after 20 years in southern California. Their home is 3 miles from the capitol. They keep active with hobbies, travel, jobbing and local sightseeing. Curt and Myrna have two children; one lives in Maryland and the other in southern California.

Diane (Kusler) Larson ’64 is a retired Owatonna (MN) school principal. She spent 36 ½ years in education. Diane had served on the NEA Board of Directors, the International Reading Association Board of Directors, was named Owatonna’s Business & Professional Woman of the Year, received VCSU’s Certificate of Merit and MEA’s Outstanding Woman in Leadership Award. Presently, Diane is a full-time caregiver for husband, Don.

Tom ’61 and Laurie Gassman ’66 reside in Newport News, VA. Tom retired from the US Air Force with 35+ years of service.

Irene (Langdahl) Visby ’63 still resides in her home near Hope. She enjoys attending sporting events, reading, and substitute teaching in the Hope-Page schools.

Ellen J. Alm ’63 is enjoying her 27th year as an Associate Broker with RE/MAX International in Ocean

Springs, MS. She was awarded Position #1 in Mississippi for RE/MAX 2003 Agents and was also named to the 100% Club of RE/MAX International.

Marrily (Henne) ’65 and Eugene Henne ’68 have retired after 32 years of teaching business and English in Argyle, MN.

Bob Gilbert ’66 and his wife, Susan, retired in June 2002 from the Mora, MN, school system. Last summer they moved back to Ashley, ND. Bob stays busy hunting, fishing, golfing and reading. Bob and Susan are planning their first cruise this spring.

James Schultz ’66 has been retired for five years after 32 years of teaching secondary science. He lives on the Oregon coast and enjoys life. Life is good. “Seize the Day.”

Sharon (Fogderud) Sonneson ’66 has joined the ranks of those who have taught in a one-room school in North Dakota. It’s a wonderful, growing experience. Sharon is teacher/principal at Manning School located southeast of Bismarck.

Marian (Schober) Drenth ’67 is enjoying retirement and keeps busy with pinochle, bingo, visiting friends and relatives, and reading.

Myna (Lindekugel) Peterson ’68 and her husband, Alan, have lived in Illinois since 1970. Myna taught the first four years and then took a 12-year break to be an at-home mom for their two sons, Bret and Chad. She has been back in the classroom and now looks forward to retirement next year. Alan will retire from pharmacy and they look forward to traveling and visiting their sons and daughter-in-laws.

Tom Langemo ’68 has been named Manager of the North Dakota Winter Show. Tom and his wife, Kathy (Heckman) ’68 reside on the family farm near Fingal.

Bob ’69 and Linda (Sander) McKenzie ’70 reside in Springfield, OR. Bob retired in June 2002 and now spends his time golfing, fishing and working in his yard. Linda remains

employed at Springfield High School as Career Center Coordinator. Bob and Linda have two boys.

Mary Jane (Burchill) Anderson ’69 teaches math and science in the Academic Services Center at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton. Her husband, Dwight, is a welder at Ro-Banks. The Andersons have five children; three (Brenda, Rick and Tami) graduated from VCSU.

Jay Morgan ’69 can usually be found with a racquet in his hand but he won’t be found on the tennis court – he’s usually under a shady tree. In fact, Jay refers to himself as the “Shade Tree Stringer.” An employee of the Longboat Key Public Tennis Center in Sarasota, FL, Jay is a certified member of the United States Racquet Stringers Association. He says the key to how often you need to restring your racket is the number of times you play a week. If you play twice a week, your racket should be restrung twice a year. Playing five times a week, your racquet needs restringing five times a year.

1970’s

Tom ’70 and Audrey (Gohdes) McKinnon ’71 are retiring at the end of the 2002-2003 school year. Tom has taught for 31 years (28 in Lisbon) and Audrey has taught for 22 years (19 at North Sargent in Gwinner).

Mary (Kohler) Richman ’70 has taught English in Hawley, MN, since 1973. Mary and Curt have three adult daughters and have recently moved to Big Cormorant Lake.

Debra (Semmens) Sillerud ’71 teaches in Sauk Centre, MN.

Maureen (Miller) Bock ’71 is retired from teaching. She and her husband, Jerry, have two children and two grandchildren. Maureen keeps busy working parttime at the local hardware store and is a new member of the Parkside Nursing Home Board.

Roger and Barbara (Foxen) Gendreau ’72 live in Fargo, ND. Roger is disabled and Barbara

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teaches at Sullivan Middle School. Roger and Barb have two children: Nicole (a VCSU graduate) and Landon, an 8th grader.

Jolean (Bodensteiner) Pederson '72 is a Healthcare Safety Specialist with the North Dakota Workers Compensation working with all of the hospitals and nursing homes in North Dakota. Jolean has recently passed the National Safety Management Board Exam receiving the Certified Healthcare Safety Professional designation at the master level. Jolean and her husband, Neil, live in Fargo and have two daughters: Marnie (Ed) Vining, Boise, ID, and Jan (Marty) Hochhalter and three grandchildren in Carrington, ND.

Dan Schlecht '72 will be retiring after 30½ years teaching and coaching football. Changing jobs and drawing his pension is more like it! Still young and employable, they are anxious to see what the next years bring. It has been a great career, thanks VCSU!

Judy (Sorby) Streich '72 practiced law in Lisbon, ND, after completing her law degree. She then spent 10 years with a regional accounting firm where she was named tax manager. Judy has now taught at Minnesota State University Moorhead for 13 years in the Paralegal Department. She has one daughter, Jessica, and three beautiful grandchildren. Judy loves teaching at the college level and feels that VCSU gave her the background she needs plus some great friends!

Verna Moos '73 is in her 30th year of teaching Special Education as well as her 15th year teaching the adult education program for Northeast Texas Community College.

Alan '73 and Kim (Nudell) Webster '74 have been living and teaching in Custer, SD, for nearly 14 years. The Websters have two children. Seth graduated from Augustana College this past spring and is teaching and coaching in the Winner, SD, school system. Jared graduated from Custer High School last spring and is a freshman at Chadron State

College in Nebraska. He wrestles for the Chadron Eagles. Alan and Kim live on a small farmstead near Ellendale, ND, in the summer months and farm some land. Their "empty nest" is busier than their "full nest." They keep on the go – watching the boys in their endeavors. Al and Kim invite friends to stop in and visit!

Virginia (Paulson) Anderson '73 is still teaching and is in her 28th year of teaching at Britton-Hecla High School, directing theater and coaching the speech team. Her husband, David, works for the county. Their son, Ben and his wife and daughter live in Watertown, SD. What a thrill it is to be a Grandma! Younger son, Zach, is in tech school in the Air Force.

James '74 and Rae Ann (Rolshoven) Vandrovec '75 live in Jamestown, ND. Jim has been with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota for 15 years. Rae Ann is teaching and working on her masters degree in education curriculum. The nest at home is empty. Their son, Terry, is a sportswriter for the Fargo Forum and their other son, Kevin, is a sophomore at NDSU.

Dan Mimnaugh '75 is in his 24th year as the director and superintendent of Elks Camp Grassick, a residential summer camp for children and adults with various disabilities and special needs. Dan's youngest daughter, Lori, will graduate from Steele-Dawson High School this year and plans to attend VCSU in the fall.

Valerie (Thorsness) Vogel '75 is in her 13th year at Saint Joseph School in Mandan, ND. This is her 6th year as principal. Valerie's son, David, live in Inver Grove Heights, MN, and her daughter, Mary Ellen, is employed as an auditor for the State of Minnesota.

Boyd '75 and Kathy (Shape) '74 Sussex are in their 16th year at Milbank (SD) High School. Boyd is still coaching boys basketball and teaching PE and history. Kathy is the At-Risk Coordinator. Their son, Jackson, is a senior this year and was recently named to the SD All-Star Football team.

Jerry Reinisch '75 and his wife, Laurie, have lived in Bismarck for four years. Jerry works as a Biologist/Environmental Science with High Plains Consortium. Laurie works in the Intensive Care Unit at MedCenter One. Jerry also continues to work parttime as a paramedic. Jared is a junior in high school and enjoys hunting and fishing. Jenessa is a freshman this year.

Joan (Kapaun) Halland '77 teaches English at Kindred High School. Her extracurricular activities are junior high girls basketball, varsity track and the one-act play. Joan's daughter, Erin, is a junior at VCSU majoring in business administration and human resources. Her son, Cole, is a junior in high school. Joan is hoping that he will also attend VCSU!

David Katzenmeyer '78 sends greetings to all VCSU alumni. His oldest son, Tark, graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Minnesota with a degree in instrumental music. Any jobs out there? David and his wife, Laurie, also have a very active two-year-old (Nicholas) and a 10-month-old (Daniel). David looks forward to reading the alumni news to see how everyone is doing!

Donn '79 & Kristi (Froeber) Frahm '80 and their family keep extremely busy! Donn is in his 24th year working for Farmers Union Insurance. Kristi is now teaching school again at Sheyenne, ND, after a 2-year semi-retirement. They have a foreign exchange student, Raphaela Selge, from Germany. Their daughter, Whitney, is 16 and started a SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) in her school. Kendall is 7 and a second grader. Donn and Kristi enjoy hearing from VCSU grads.

1980's

Paul '80 and Bonnie (Eberhardt) Berg '80 are going on year #23 in Carrington, ND. Paul is the plant manager at Dakota Central Telecommunications and Bonnie is doing medical coding and billing at the Carrington Health Center. They have two children: Jordan, 14, and

Elizabeth, 19, and a student at VCSU! Some of the Bergs' college friends have children going to VCSU and their daughter has met them. WOW! Time sure has gone fast. Paul and Bonnie hope their daughter will have as many good memories of VCSU as they do!

Karen (Thomson) Hejtmanek '80 is employed at Dakota Magic Casino near Hankinson, ND. Her husband, Brad, is employed at Southeast Water Users in Mantador. Karen and Brad have two sons: Doug is 17 and a senior at Hankinson High School. Jason is 14 and a freshman.

Alan '80 and Nancy (Pederson) Sorensen '75 are Valley City residents. Al is in his 19th year at Valley City Junior High School as a guidance counselor and Nancy is in her 22nd year as an optometric assistant. Erin (19) is sophomore at VCSU pursuing an education degree. Krista (15) and Alison (13) are in 9th grade and 7th grade and keep us going at a non-stop pace.

Nanette (Peterson) Hoover '81 finds it hard to believe that she's been out of college for 22 years and has a daughter in college now! Erin is 20 years old and a sophomore in college. Son Phillip is almost 16 and is a sophomore in high school. He plays hockey year round. Nanette has been at HealthPartners for 19 years. She can't wait for spring and the golf season to begin. If you're ever in the Twin Cities and want to golf, give her a call.

Dianne (Winter) Becker '82 teaches at North Central of Barnes. She has two children: Leah, 17, and Logan, 12. Dianne is busy preparing for Leah's high school graduation, remodeling projects around the home, and lots of changes at work. "Hi" to all Tri Sigmas!

Cheryl (Mitzel) Fenno '82 and her husband, Michael, are optometric physicians in two practices in Colville and Newport, WA. Their children, Greg (11) and Jill (8), are active in sports and other activities. The Fennos love e-mail from friends. Their e-mail address is: cfenno@plix.com. They

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are looking forward to a summer full of fun at their cabin and a visit to North Dakota to see family and friends.

Laurel (Ploium) Westby '84 is in her 19th year of teaching in Sheyenne, ND. She loves teaching first grade because it is never boring! She and her husband, Neil, have been married for 22 years and have three children: Mallory (15), Erin (12 ½), and Scott (10 ½). The Westbys enjoy family trips together!

Janel (Hook) Bzdok '85 is in her 18th year of teaching in Texas. She teaches 7th grade English/Reading at Forte Junior High. Janel and Ray's first grandchild, Christian Thomas Sturgell, was born on June 26, 2002.

Bill '87 and Michele (Bischoff) Trader '86 are enjoying life with two children. Jennifer (age 6) and Matthew (14 months) are keeping them busy and out of trouble! After a sleepless 2002, Matthew is finally sleeping through the night. He just learned to walk and finally is getting enough teeth to chew food. Jennifer is loving 1st grade and eagerly looks forward to reading books every night. Bill and Michele each now have worked 15 years with the IRS! What a "taxing" career!

Sheila (Schafer) Cummings '87 is currently in her 15th year of teaching English and Spanish and has been employed at Valley City High School for 12 years. She and her husband, Scott, along with their daughters, Gabrielle (7) and Meredith (4), are eagerly awaiting a new addition to their family in May.

Jay Nitschke '88 is teaching Spanish at Jamestown High School. She enjoyed taking her students to see the wonders of Spain. Jay keeps busy with her house, family and friends when she is not teaching.

Mary (Schauer) Palmer '88 teaches at Century High School in Bismarck, ND. This year, she was awarded the National ING Unsung Hero Award in Education, a \$27,000 award. Mary and her husband, Randy, have a two-year-old daughter,

Carly, who loves to sing, dance, jump and play with animals. Mary is now teaching part-time and has started a videography business at home.

Naomi (Wieland) Kreidlkamp '89 is back to teaching full-time. She has fun with preschool children in the morning and remedial classes in the afternoon at Holy Spirit Elementary in Fargo. Naomi and her husband, Kevin, enjoy watching their son, Tyler, trumpeting and playing basketball and their daughter, Amanda, dancing and tumbling.

1990's

Lee Rorman '90 is the Labor Relations Manager at Case New Holland in Fargo and is also an adjunct instructor for the University of Mary-Fargo center. In his spare time, Lee is doing research for a book concerning labor union corruption.

Nancy (Stone) Bernstein '90 is working at the Kindred Public School with special needs children. Her husband is a welder with a local union. The Bernsteins live on a farm southwest of Kindred and also raise cattle. Nancy's oldest daughter, Leanne, was married last April and is about to make Nancy a grandmother! Her youngest daughter, Crystal, lives in San Francisco where she works for GEI Entertainment. Harlan and Nancy built their log home two summers ago. It's nice and cozy with a big porch!

Valerie (Elken) Cooper '90 is a literacy specialist and summer school coordinator in Academy District 20 in Colorado Springs. She also does some private tutoring and is a religious education coordinator for the Air Force Academy Community Center Chapel. Valerie's husband, Brad, is still flying for United Airlines and the Air Force Reserves. Their daughter, Madison, is an active first grader who keeps Brad and Valerie on their toes!

Tamara Byberg-Kautzer '91 was married last October to Matt Kautzer. They are having a great time being newlyweds. Tamara is finishing up a masters degree in curriculum and instruction.

Teaching high school students can be a challenge, but she enjoys working with them. Tamara teaches Language Arts at Sheyboyan North High School.

Patrick '91 and Tami (Haussler) Klubben '92 live in St. Peter, MN. Patrick is a teacher and coach at St. Peter High School and will complete his masters degree in teaching and learning in May of 2003. Tami continues to teach grades 3 & 4 at Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School in Belle Plain, MN. She also coaches gymnastics in St. Peter.

Kim (Svenningsen) Hesch '91 changed jobs this past December and is now the Executive Assistant in the President's Office at Valley City State University. She's enjoying the change and being back on campus! In August 2001, Kim and her husband, Wade, welcomed son, Easton Soren, into the world. They are enjoying being parents and watching him grow and discover new things.

Brenda (Hardy) Mitzel '92 is in her 11th year at Wolford, ND, and can't believe how time can fly by so quickly. She also teaches adult technology classes during the winter. Brenda sends greetings to all her old college friends and sends regrets for missing some of them at homecoming.

David '92 and Celeste (Krein) Olson '94 are now living in Valley City. David is a math instructor at VCSU and Celeste is a kindergarten teacher at the Fort Ransom Elementary School. They have one daughter, Abby, who will be 5 years old in April.

Steve and Mary (Enstad) Fike '92 are enjoying their 6th year in the Fessenden-Bowdon area. They have three children: Kara (7), Brian (5), and Jaye Nicole (2). Steve continues to farm and Mary teaches junior high in the Fessenden-Bowdon School.

Ross '93 and Barb (Didier) '92 Loibl live in Bismarck with their two sons, Nate (6) and Nash (2). Ross works for Wells Fargo as a business banker and Barb teaches third grade for Mandan Public Schools.

Jeff '93 and Julie (Madsen) Aas '95 teach in the Bemidji (MN) High School. Julie is the varsity girls choir director and Jeff teaches social studies and advanced placement courses. Ninety-eight percent of his students received college credit last year by scoring high marks on the Advanced Placement Exam. Gunnar (3) and Britta (1), along with Mom and Dad, are enjoying the recent purchase of their lake home.

Teresa Luthi '94 resides in Fargo. As a Captain in the Air National Guard, she was activated as Service Flight Commander in response to September 11th events. At the conclusion of her activation, she was invited to paint murals for the Coast Guard in Puerto Rico in March and July 2002. She went back to her full-time position with the North Dakota National Guard Counterdrug Division and also had the fantastic opportunity to travel to Jordan and Italy with the Guard. In November, Teresa accepted a new position with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) as a screening manager at Hector International Airport in Fargo. She is engaged to Bert McDonough from Moorhead, MN, and is planning an October wedding.

Brenda (Anderson) Hill '94 is a kindergarten teacher in Wahpeton, ND. She and her husband, Nathan, are expecting their first child in May.

Scott '95 and Kathryn (Mrozla) Webster '91 are living in Moorhead, MN, where Scott is employed as an administrative assistant in the Music Department at Concordia College and Kathryn is an assistant teacher at Trinity Preschool.

Chad & Kristin (Haugen) Slyter '96 are now living in Bottineau, ND. Chad manages the bookstore at MSU-Bottineau and is also the volleyball and women's basketball coach. Kristin stays home with 3-year-old daughter, Abby. She is a Pampered Chef kitchen consultant and is working on a masters in management at MSU. The Slyters are expecting

In Remembrance

Gladys (Schlotman) Nysted, Carrington
 Luella (Egge) Ellingson, Fargo
 Thomas Mahan '43, Seattle, WA
 Mervyn Anderson, Valley City
 Elizabeth (Gordon) DuVall, New Rockford
 Ivan Hendrickson '40, Brainerd, MN
 Lillian "Penny" Eissinger Smith, Newport, OR
 Owen Jensen '65, Wahpeton
 Selma Tang, Cooperstown
 Grace (Brumwell) Anderson '28, Grand Forks
 Phyllis (Ruud) Abell '57, Fergus Falls, MN
 Betty (Lautt) Asche, Rochester, MN
 E. Maxine Dokken '55, Spokane, WA
 Mathilda (Wengeler) Dick, Devils Lake
 Robert Grieger '46, New York Mills, MN
 Olga (Micklesen) Pedersen, Bismarck
 Clara (Dale) Brown '27, Bowman
 Clara (Haldrosen) Knodel '39, Bowdon
 Mabel (Carlson) Wood, Warwick
 Lucille (Graven) Hendrickson, Moorhead, MN
 Mabel (Buvick) Bratland, Richland, WA
 Agnes (Nelson) Rosier '29, Glendale, AZ
 Marion (Sharkey) Jacobs '30, Sutter, CA
 Alice (Solberg) Kolberg, Cando
 Ragna (Aune) Frederick, Escondido, CA
 Benedicta (Marmo) Reiniger, Carrington
 Elizabeth Price '50, Worthington, OH
 Margaret Trautman '31, Jamestown
 Bob "Goose" Johnson '58, Pelican Rapids, MN
 Effie Haugen '31, Valley City
 Leola (Strandberg) Larson '56, Lisbon
 Harry A Syvertson '39, Fargo
 Burdette Mosher '43, Mesa, AZ
 Lorene (Netz) Pagel, Fargo
 Dorothy (Nelson) Ernst '34, Fargo
 Laura Mae Peterson '25, Hunter
 Lyle Guscette, Cooperstown
 Esther (Clausen) Elliott '33, Valley City

Harriett (Oakland) Burgard, Houston, TX
 Kim Lagodinski, Edgeley
 Gary W. Johnson '67, San Mateo, CA
 Sarah (Thiesen) Hinger '59, Jamestown
 Eugene Lundberg '50, Brandon, SD
 Priscilla (Stein) Stine '30, Sun City, AZ
 Arlene (Rasmusson) Rufsvold '49, LaMoure
 Berniece (Weaver) Schneekloth '35, Tower City
 James Hetland, Grand Forks
 Loraine E. Johnson '44, LaMoure
 Kenneth Haraldson '40, Kalamazoo, MI
 Beryl (Sisco) Ginsbach '37, Jamestown
 Harriette Prickett, NewRichmond, VA
 Erling J. Logan, Ashford, OR
 Leona (Gjovig) McCullough '31, Fargo
 Anne (Zwinger) Balvitsch '33, Minneapolis
 Margaret (LePire) Close '42, Devils Lake
 Lloyd Krug '45, Albuquerque, NM
 Dorothy (Nielsen) West '58, Detroit Lakes, MN
 Carol (Johnson) Thompson, Fargo
 Ronald Blazek, Hunter
 Helen (Nelson) Coles '42, Osnabrock
 Frances (Northridge) Housel '33, Seattle, WA
 Julia (Birnbaum) Lenzen, Breckenridge, MN
 Gustave Fuhrman, Fessenden
 Agnes (Reid) Euren '26, Fargo
 Henrietta (Hillerson) Bratland '33, Fargo
 Maurine Nogosek '25, Jamestown
 Jean (Seymour) Golz, Valley City
 Harriet (Milne) Rock '38, Larimore
 Edith (Ryder) Jordahl, LaMoure
 Arthur Jensen, Fargo

Former VCSU Staff

Mabel L. Larson, Valley City

Friends

Harold Sandness, LaMoure

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their second child at the end of March.

Tracy Anderson '96 continues to live on a farm near Page, ND, with her husband, Mike, and daughter, Sydney. Tracy has been the postmaster in Erie, ND, since September 2001. They are looking forward to celebrating Sydney's first birthday and Tracy's 30th birthday on December 14 and 15.

D.C. Lucas '96 has joined Sundog Interactive as an

e-business sales consultant. D.C. has eight years of technology sales and consulting experience. He holds various certifications from Microsoft.

Bryan Schumacher '97 is in his third year of teaching at Wishek Public School. He is the assistant girls basketball coach and head girls and boys track coach. Bryan is also the advisor for FBLA. In May of 2002, Bryan was selected Class B Region 4 Girls Track Coach of the Year and also Class B

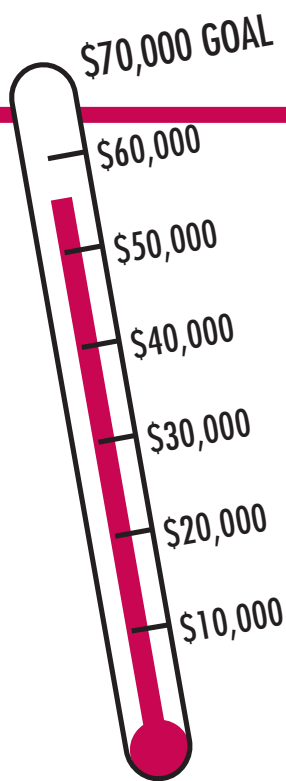
Region 4 Boys Track Coach of the Year. He has also been named in "Who's Who Among American Teachers."

2000's

Alicia Hoffarth '00 has been appointed to the board of directors for the North County Trail Association, the national trail organization whose volunteers and members assist in the construction, maintenance, and publicizing of the North Country National Scenic Trail.

Cori Greenstein '01 moved to Fort Collins, CO, in October and is employed as a loan officer for UC Lending.

Amy Pesek '01 and her daughter, Hannah, live in Devils Lake. Amy is teaching K-4 Title I Reading at Prairie View Elementary School.



2003 Phone-A-Thon... We're Almost There!

The 2003 Phone-A-Thon is now in its final stages. Students have been working diligently every evening to contact VCSU alumni and friends. The Phone-A-Thon is the only fundraiser conducted annually by the Alumni Association. Money raised through this effort funds scholarships, publications, correspondence with alumni, reunions and socials, staffing, and campus projects.

In addition to the money raised, there are many more benefits resulting from this endeavor. Friendships have been formed between alumni and student callers. Alumni have offered words of advice and encouragement to students preparing to graduate and others have even offered to help in contacting prospective employers.

If you have not yet been called for the Phone-A-Thon, we hope you will return your donation in the envelope included with this publication. We really need your help to achieve our goal.

If you've never donated before, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. If you have donated before, thank you for what you have done and, hopefully, what you will continue to do.

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