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ON THE COVER VCSU alumni mascot Cam Scott ('01) leads the Vikings into their Homecoming game against the Mayville State Comets on October 9. The Vikings shut-out the Comets 34-0. For more photos from Homecoming, see pages 4 and 5.

Welcome To the New Bulletin!

This issue of *The Bulletin* is the first to incorporate a redesigned look and format—we hope you like it!

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The Great News Continues at Valley City State University!

by Dr. Ellen Chaffee, University President

A fantastic example of serving as an economic engine for the region, VCSU played a pivotal role attracting Eagle Creek Software to locate a technology and customer service center in Valley City. The move brings 20 quality jobs immediately and an expected 100 jobs by the end of 2006. To keep this momentum going, VCSU is establishing a Business Institute within a new Center for Customized Learning that will enable rapid, targeted responsiveness to the learning needs of business and industry. We're not only producing quality graduates—we're helping to produce quality jobs!

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and an expected 100 jobs by the end of 2006.*

We are also adding new and exciting academic programs to expand options for VCSU students, including:

Jump Start: an early entry option that allows high school juniors and seniors to attend college level classes while still enrolled in high school.

A Health Science Major: designed for students who are continuing their education in a professional or graduate school in fields such as chiropractics, dentistry, medicine, nursing, or biomedical research.

Music Business: an innovative program for students interested in the growing entertainment industry or for those preparing themselves for a career as independent musicians.

New Online Programs: VCSU offers a wide variety of programs online and recently added a Professional Communication major. Online course enrollment increased by about 25% last year.

New Options for Educators: Many alumni and other teachers across North Dakota are taking VCSU classes online to meet requirements of the "No Child Left Behind" legislation. The proposal to offer the Master of Education degree continues to move through the Board and accrediting agency approval processes.

Undergraduate Science Research: VCSU recently received a \$1.9 million research grant over five years by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). VCSU will use the funding for undergraduate biomedical research and for continued development of the Health Sciences program.

Wireless!

The university's chief information officer, Joe Tykwinski, reports that, "We now offer wireless connectivity to virtually every building with classrooms on campus plus the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse, the Student Center, the library, and even the crow's nest at top of stadium so we can stream video of the games out onto the Internet." Nearly all classrooms will have a new LCD projector for computer and other multimedia sources, and students this fall received upgraded software that includes one of the most popular application suites in the business world.

Regional Partnerships

Our graduates are assets that can help the Shyenenne Valley continue to thrive, so we are working directly with the Valley Development Group to attract new businesses to the area and launch the new VCSU online Technology Education program.

I could continue at length, but you can readily see that VCSU remains a pace-setting university in so many ways. Come see for yourself! ♦

It Takes Two...V-500 And You!

The V-500 Board of Directors have officially kicked off the 2004-2005 V-500 membership drive. According to Sharon McCarriar, V-500 President, "Our goal for this year is \$90,000. We encourage everyone to consider supporting this important program."

The V-500 Scholarship program was founded in 1972. In that year, a total of \$5,000 in scholarships were awarded, most at the \$75 level. Today, V-500 has grown to over 1,100 members and scholarship ranging from \$800-\$1,500. Many of the 1,100 members have multiple memberships. In addition, a growing list of members support the program at upper levels

including V-5,000, V-10,000, or V-25,000. Larry Robinson, Director of University Advancement, stated, "The V-500 Program is a tremendous asset to Valley City State University! Literally thousands of students have benefited from this program. We hear from alumni often, that the V-500 scholarship they received was a very important factor in their decision to attend Valley City State University." Robinson further noted, "Many of our alumni who benefited from a V-500 scholarship while they were students are now becoming members themselves and in turn helping a current student. It is their way of expressing thanks and appreciation and giving something back to V-500 and VCSU."

V-500 memberships are available in a wide range of levels beginning at \$150 per year. Basic membership is available for as little as 41 cents per day. McCarriar noted, "With tuition hikes of 20% last year and 18% this year, the availability of scholarship support is extremely important." Robinson concluded, "The V-500 scholarship program is a wonderful way to support Valley City State University. Your investment in V-500 will pay big dividends. I assure you that if you had the opportunity to meet the recipients of our V-500 scholarships, you would be very impressed. They are outstanding representatives of VCSU and they make us proud."

The Annual V-500 Recognition Banquet will be held on campus on Saturday, December 11. The banquet is followed by the EBC Alumni "In The Christmas Mood" concert in Vangstad Auditorium.

Those interested in becoming a V-500 member should contact the Foundation and Advancement Office, Valley City State University, 101 College Street, Valley City, ND 58072. The toll free telephone number is 800-531-8641. There is an on-line giving option at www.alumni.vcsu.edu. Questions about the V-500 Scholarship Program should be directed to Larry Robinson, Director of University Advancement. Email larry.robinson@vcsu.edu. V-500 contributions are tax deductible.

Welcome Two New Members to Our Alumni Board!

The Alumni Board of Directors is pleased to announce that two new members were elected during the annual meeting held in June. Their primary responsibilities are to oversee the actions of the alumni association and to serve as ambassadors of the university. Board members serve 3-year terms.

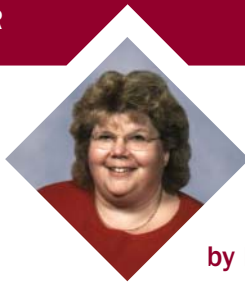


Dennis Klinkhammer is a 1984 graduate of Valley City State University. He taught in public schools in Ellendale, ND; Tracy, MN; and Sartell, MN for 12 years. Dennis is currently a sales consultant for Kathryn Beich Fundraising, helping schools and organizations raise money through magazine, cookie dough, candy, gift wrap and gift sales. His wife, Lori, is a dietitian at Melrose Hospital. Dennis and Lori have two children: Nick (16) and Courtney (14). They reside in Sartell, MN.

Dan Mimnaugh graduated from Valley City State University in 1975 with a B.S. Degree in Business and



Elementary Education. He taught fourth grade in LaMoure for 5 years, and is currently the Camp Director and Superintendent of the Elks Camp Grassick, a residential summer camp owned and operated by the ND Elks in the service of children and adults with disabilities and special needs. Dan has two daughters. Kristen (24) works as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant in the Bismarck School System, and Lori Beth (19) is starting her second year at Valley City State University pursuing a major in Business Administration.



Greetings from Cooperstown

by Linda Olson '77, Alumni Association President

I bring Greetings from Cooperstown, ND to the VCSU alumni out there. I look forward to serving VCSU and its alumni across our great country as Alumni Association President. I am flooded with memories of VCSU, having been born and raised in Valley City and influenced at a young age by the activities in a college town. Then, too, are all the memories that were made during the time I spent on the campus.

My family has a strong tradition with Valley City State University. As a young couple living in Valley City and starting a business and family there, my parents, Vince and Dorothy Olson, have long modeled a strong commitment to VCSU. Before Kolstoe Dormitory was built, they opened their home to college boys (usually athletes) by creating a "dorm-like" atmosphere in their basement. I remember "kids" like Dave Lawson, Gary Theisen, Carlos Alvarez, Mike Hangaard, and Dale and Gayle Moug, who called my home theirs. In later years, Danny Johnson and Mike Smith were known to take their share of showers there as well. In addition, a few lived in the basement "apartments" at our family's funeral home including Craig Murray, Allen Schuldt, Darin King, and Ken Astrup. My parents have served the University well over the years with their time and generosity. My dad Vince, is a VCSU graduate as are all of my siblings including Beth ('76), David ('79), Connie ('87), and Dan ('85). My niece, Sarah, will become a third generation VCSU grad as she is currently in her senior year at VCSU.

The tradition is now passed on to a new generation. I can only hope that we do as well with our generosity as the generation prior. Many things have changed on the campus. When I was in school during the 70's,

young men were coming back to college after spending time in Vietnam. The Vets Club was going strong! The sororities and fraternities were flourishing! There were varsity athletics in track, golf, tennis, wrestling, as well as football, volleyball and basketball. The only computer on campus occupied the entire first floor of the brand new Rhodes Science Center! The new millennium has seen our campus become the "laptop university." Pretty catchy! Kolstoe dormitory now has "suites" with co-ed floors!

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One thing is still the same, however. When VCSU-educated teachers show up to teach at a school or work in a business setting, they are well prepared and make us all very proud. When teachers in the state needed help becoming "highly qualified," VCSU educators and administrators made the chore easier by doing transcript analysis (for free) on an all-day Saturday gig last spring! VCSU continues to stand above the rest.

To all of the VCSU Alumni out there, I challenge you to get involved with your alma mater. VCSU will be holding reunions around the state and the nation during the upcoming year. Take time to get to one of them near you. Reacquaint yourself with your friends from way back then. When the phone-a-thon calls upon you, try to find a little "extra" to help keep your alma mater the **best** we can be. ♦

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*New members elected at the October 4, 2004 Annual Foundation Board meeting



Leading in Educational Excellence & Innovation

by Larry Robinson '71, Director of University Advancement

By the time you read this issue of *The Bulletin*, the fall season will have fully set in here on the campus. The beautiful foliage of ash, oak, maple, and linden trees will be gone for another year. The campus will be anticipating the first blanket of soft, white snow, as the winter season officially begins!

It has been a very busy and productive fall semester. The campus is bustling with activity. The excitement of the moment is contagious. We have so much to be excited about! Our list of accomplishments is long and impressive. But our work is not complete. Our goals for the future are lofty and speak to an institution where leadership, service, and innovation are not just words, but indeed a way of doing business.

We want to continue to build on our rich tradition of educational excellence and innovation.

We want to continue to build on our rich tradition of educational excellence and innovation. To do so, we need your help.

In the next few months, during our Annual Fund solicitation effort, you will be contacted by current VCSU students during our annual Phone-A-Thon, by a member of the university advancement staff, or by a member of the VCSU Foundation Board. We ask that you give serious consideration to supporting your alma mater during this important fund raising initiative.

Your dollars will assist the university in growing the enrollment, implementing a

Masters of Education degree, creating a Center for Customized Learning to serve business, education and government, and to expand our program offerings in the areas of technology and innovation. Your support will also enable us to recruit and retain highly qualified faculty and staff, and recruit the best and brightest students. Finally, your dollars will assist us to maintain the beauty of the campus and facilities.

VCSU is clearly in a position of leadership within the North Dakota University System. We continue to lead the way in educational excellence and innovation. Our success is no accident. The success we have realized is a direct result of the visionary leadership of President Chaffee, and the hard

work and dedication of our faculty and staff. Central to that success, is the tremendous financial support we have received from our alumni and friends. Without a doubt, we couldn't do it without you! State general fund support covers only 42% of the budgetary needs of the institution. The balance must be made up by tuition and private giving. We have experienced double digit tuition increases each of the last two years. The students have done their fair share. Your financial support has been that "Critical Margin of Difference!" Without your support, we would simply be hard pressed to continue our role

of leadership within the North Dakota University System. Thank you for that support!

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the VCSU Alumni Association, I was touched by the testimonials of the members of the board. Member after member shared a story, or two, about a special member of the faculty or staff during their tenure as a student. Time and time again, the story noted how these folks were always willing to go the extra mile for the students of VCSU. As I listened, the testimonials brought back memories of my years as a student. There were indeed special people on every corner. They were here to lend a hand, offer advice, and pick you up when you were down. How often they "saved the day!"

The tradition of caring and of extraordinary service continues today. What was true then is true today. It is our way of doing business. VCSU is not just another university. As an alumnus put it at our Homecoming breakfast, "There has always been something very special about this university." The experience you receive here is one that will shape your life forever.

As I conclude this article, I can hear the famous chimes on the McFarland clock tower ringing out the sounds of our alma mater. The sounds are touching and warming. They remind me how fortunate we are to be a part of the Valley City State University family! From all of us to all of you, have a **Happy and Enjoyable Holiday Season.** ♦

Note From Val

by Val Moritz '75, Director of Alumni Relations



We have a tendency to take a lot of things for granted. I'm reminded of that every fall at the

beginning of a new school year.

I've had children in the Valley City public school system for several years. For all of their elementary years, they benefited from the dedication of Valley City State University graduates who have dedicated their lives to teaching our children. During junior high and high school, the majority of their teachers were also graduates of our university.

These educators are extraordinary people who come to work everyday with a supply of patience, empathy, determination and a good sense of humor. They are the individuals who long ago coined their own version of "No Child Left Behind" by their encouragement and commitment to every child in their classroom.

As a parent, I've known for a long time that my children were in good hands at school. As an employee of Valley City State University, I'm so proud of our graduates and the wonderful job our university does in preparing these individuals for these very important careers. No matter where you may live, if a Valley City State University graduate is hired at your school, rest assured. You have one of the very best!

PHOTOS BELOW FROM LEFT 1. Coleen (Ellefson) ('86) and Rick Asche. 2. Owen Wallace ('54) and daughter Sara Fleming. 3. Meryl O'Connell (retired bookstore manager), Ellen Kienitz (retired library associate) and Dr. Ellen Chaffee (President). 4. Leone (Langemo) Osmon ('42), Lillian (Langemo) Jacobson ('40), Carol (Watson) Peterson ('50), Tara (Trapp) Salisbury ('02).





Homecoming 2004

The Homecoming festivities of October 4–9 were spectacular, in more ways than one! The weather was perfect—cool and crisp in the mornings and warm, sunny afternoons with brilliant fall colors all around. Best of all, there were lots of great activities for everyone!

Homecoming 2004 was truly one that will last in the memories of anyone who participated. Student co-chairs Greta Trader, daughter of Mary Lee ('74) and Keith Trader ('74), and Ashley Swenson organized an action-packed week with something for everyone. The newly-formed Athletic Task Force added several more creative options and Val Moritz along with the Advancement team had alumni hopping. Doug Peters and Dennis McCulloch made sure everything athletic went as it was supposed to.

The first activity of the week was the 22nd annual Bill Osmon Fun Run, a 1.5 mile run through campus hosted by VCSU's infamous retired Athletic Director, coach and professor from 1947-1983. This year's winners were Bridget Birrenkott and Josh Sponsel.

The first day of Homecoming also featured the Coronation of Royalty in beautiful Vangstad Auditorium, which was nearly full of enthusiastic students and parents. This year, Josh Kasowski (Valley City, ND) was elected the King and Sheena Hamilton (Hamiota, MB) was elected Queen.

A host of activities kept students busy during the week. Homecoming sponsored events included a comedian, a scavenger hunt, and spirit sign making. Two of the most popular student activities during the week included a cosmic glow-in-the-dark dance and the annual Mr. VCSU spoof beauty pageant, in which sophomore John Jacob (Valley City, ND) was crowned this year's Mr. VCSU.

The athletic Hall of Fame banquet was another notable event, with three outstanding individuals and the 1988 football team being honored. Bob King ('55) serves as the classic and much-appreciated emcee for the event each year. Athletic Director Doug Peters and his wife Jennifer made a special new contribution—they selected pictures, film clips, and news stories about each of the honorees and made a very professional 10-minute video so that we could all get a sense of these special athletic achievements.

Homecoming day kicked-off with the Alumni Honors Breakfast, which drew 30 more people than had been expected. Linda Olson, Alumni Association



President, introduced the certificate of merit winners: Don Bigwood ('57), Marion (Peter) Braunberger ('58), Robert Cresap ('61), Francis E. Dahl ('54), Harold Davidson ('54), Michael "Mick" Dunn ('75), Beverly (Rambough) Enger ('74), Eugene "Buzz" Lavey, Cliff Schlosser, and Owen C. Wallace ('54). Dr. Ellen Chaffee, VCSU President, presented the 2004 Distinguished Alumni award to Jeanette (Schaack) Holm ('60). Attendees were treated to several short and very entertaining speeches by the honorees.

Viking Pilots, alumni who as students were voted as outstanding by a committee of students, faculty and administration, were also honored at the breakfast.

Homecoming Game

This was one game in which the Vikings were unstoppable on offense and unforgiving on defense. Brandon Albrecht threw five touchdowns to tie a school record and the defense recorded its first shutout of the year to beat Mayville State 34-0.

Albrecht completed 15-29 passes for 292 yards. His favorite target was Rosh Absolu who caught five passes for 112 yards and 3 TD's. Barrett Szczepanski and Bill LaVoi were on the receiving end of

Albrecht's other touchdown throws.

Josh Kasowski and Greg Dobitz each had 12 tackles to help limit the Comets to 265 total yards while limiting Comet quarterback Jared Williamson to nine of 28 completions on the afternoon.

In other Homecoming sports, the Viking women's Volleyball took on Si Tanka Huron. With the match tied at two games each, the Vikes lost a nail-biter 15-13 in the fifth game of the exciting and entertaining match.

Homecoming Parade

The Homecoming Parade this year featured 76 floats, 18 of which were from VCSU organizations including several alumni groups. First place went to music students for the 2nd year in a row. ♦



Legendary Coach Bill Osmon hosted the 22nd annual Osmon Fun Run. The winners of this year's event were Bridget Birrenkott and Josh Sponsel.



VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee presents Jeanette (Schaack) Holm ('60) with the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Alumni Honors Breakfast.



King and Queen Josh Kasowski and Sheena Hamilton ride in the Homecoming parade.

2004 Viking Hall of Fame Inductees



Individual Inductees

FROM TOP Tyler Schlecht ('91), Jody Schwab Johnson ('89) and John Overbey.

1988 Football Team

FRONT Cheerleaders Tamara Byberg, Missy Stowman, Mary Halvorson, and trainer Kelly Knauss-Petersen
 ROW 2 Pat Klubben, Don Lennon, Terry Kadrmas, Scott Roehrich, Darin Loe, Cory Anderson, Kyle Smith, Andy Williams
 ROW 3 Paco Rojas, Pat Richter, Tyler Schlecht, Joe Peterson, Tom Neaton, Darin Bieri, John Olstad, Bryan Haugen, Steve Quinn, Thad Engberg, Gregg Horner, Rob Keller, Jim Breckheimer, Paul Olson, Anthony Fast, Brent Keith, Doug Wendel, Mark Dufner, Dave Rausch.



Homecoming featured a reunion for the classes of 1944 and 1954. Pictured here: Bob Lentz ('54), Eugene Lavey ('54), Owen Wallace ('54), Mary Lavey ('54), Dr. Ellen Chaffee (President), Harold Davidson ('54), Herdis (Stalvik) ('44) and Wallace Iverson.

Busy Construction Season at VCSU!

It has been a busy construction season at VCSU! Graichen Gym received a major update and addition (foreground) that included a new lobby area, elevator, rest rooms, fire safety features and handicap accessibility features. Kolstoe Hall received a \$2.8 million renovation that converted the facility to two and four bedroom suites with private bathrooms and living areas, air conditioning, plus a new elevator and sprinkler system. A surprise water leak ruined the gym floor in the W.E. Osmon Field House, forcing it to be unexpectedly replaced. That work was completed prior to the beginning of the basketball season.



VCSU received the results of student satisfaction surveys conducted by Noel-Levitz, a nationally recognized consulting firm, showing that VCSU students are significantly more satisfied than average for students at other four-year colleges both in North Dakota and nationwide.



Hilbert "Si" Seiwert Receives French Legion of Honor in D-Day Anniversary

Sixty years after the invasion of Normandy that signaled the "beginning of the end" of Hitler's occupation of Europe, VCSU alum Hilbert "Si" Seiwert ('42) along with over 100 other U.S. and Canadian D-Day veterans were awarded the French Legion of Honor in a June 6, 2004 ceremony honoring and awarding all the participants that took part in that fateful day at Bayeux, Normandy.

After graduating from VCSU in 1942, Seiwert went into officer's training at Columbia University in New York City, and received a commission in July of 1943. Seiwert served on LST 503, a 327' landing ship tank with a crew of about 125. He was the Boat Officer, and commanded six Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel (LCVP)—36' boats used to transport personnel and material between the transport ships anchored off-shore and the beaches. He and his crew initially landed on the Gold Beach on June 6, 1944 to provide support for a British task force that liberated the French town

of Bayeux, about eight miles from the English channel. His other contributions to the war effort include participating in four separate assault crossings and assisting in building pontoon bridges to help General Patton's army cross the Rhine River and quickly bring hostilities to an end.

After the war, Seiwert went on to spend 50 years in the business of international commerce, cargo and air insurance, and become part owner of Roanoke Companies, an insurance and bonding company that became the largest underwriter of U.S.

Customs Bonds for the Treasury Department. He is now retired and living in Lafayette, CA, though he travels quite a bit to vacation in Arizona or to visit his three children and six grandchildren living in various parts of California. He returns to VCSU nearly every year for Homecoming week to meet old friends and reminisce. He is also looking forward to returning to Valley City for a reunion of all three Valley City high schools planned for June of 2005. ♦



PHOTOS BELOW FROM LEFT 1. Men's Basketball Coach Adam DeHaan takes a turn in the "Dunk Tank" during the Homecoming tailgating party. 2. Student Jeff Rerick meets Dr. John Keller ('55), donor of the scholarship that Jeff received, at the annual Scholarship Luncheon. 3. Music students show their Viking pride on their way to winning "first place" for the 2nd year in a row in the Homecoming Parade. 4. Hilbert "Si" Seiwert ('42) and Mel Hill ('34).



VCSU Plays Critical Role in Attracting Software Company to Regional Tech Center

\$50,000 Donation to Help Establish Business Institute

VCSU was instrumental in attracting Eagle Creek Software Services, a national software services provider exclusively dedicated to the CRM industry, to establish a technology and customer service center in Valley City. The center is expected to house 20 employees immediately upon opening and is expected to grow to house approximately 100 employees by the end of 2006.

Eagle Creek President Ken Behrendt said, "We looked at many locations throughout North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. We selected Valley City because the collective community clearly demonstrated the greatest understanding of our needs while having the capabilities to meet these same needs far into the future. We are confident this center will become a strategic resource helping Eagle Creek meet its goals and solidify its position as the premier provider of CRM services offering the strongest value proposition for its customers."

According to North Dakota Governor John Hoeven, "We are creating more high-paying jobs and companies are capitalizing on our exceptional workforce. We look forward to the internships

and career opportunities Eagle Creek offers for our VCSU and University System graduates."

Congressman Earl Pomeroy said, "This announcement is great news for my hometown of Valley City. Eagle Creek is making a significant investment in our community, which is proof positive that our state is a great place to do business."

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, President of VCSU, said, "This agreement is an

agreed to add coursework specifically tailored to meet the needs of Eagle Creek: management of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) systems from Siebel Software, Inc., a key business partner of Eagle Creek. Students in the Eagle Creek track will also gain valuable work experience through a two-semester internship at the company for both pay and academic credit. In

This agreement is an outstanding example of the great things that happen when business, government and the educational system cooperate.

outstanding example of the great things that happen when business, government and the educational system cooperate. We are pleased to be working with Eagle Creek and look forward to being an integral part of their success."

VCSU played several roles in the process. The VCSU Division of Business and Information Technology offers coursework in computer programming in C++ and SQL database management concepts, making VCSU an excellent source of potential employees for Eagle Creek. The university also

addition, VCSU agreed to develop and execute a recruiting plan to establish the initial base of employees and provide a flow of prospective employees for the future.

The package also includes a \$50,000 donation in the name of Eagle Creek Software for VCSU to establish a Business Institute. The institute will develop within a new Center for Customized Learning for rapid, targeted responsiveness to the learning needs of regional business and industry. ♦

VCSU Recognized for Excellence

VCSU continues to gain both local and national recognition for excellence. In August, VCSU was again recognized in the "America's Best Colleges" edition of U.S. News & World Report as one of the Top 5 Public Comprehensive Colleges in the Midwest, marking the seventh consecutive year that we have received this honor.

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, VCSU President, said, "Our record of success stems from our vision of attracting and retaining talented individuals who advance quality learning opportunities and economic growth through technology and innovation. We are very pleased to have been honored by U.S. News seven years in a row."

The U.S. News ranking system relies on quantitative measures that education experts have proposed as reliable indicators of academic quality, and it is based on their nonpartisan view of what matters in education. These measures fall into seven broad categories: peer assessment, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rate performance.



The announcement was made in a press conference that included (from left) Congressman Earl Pomeroy, VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee, Eagle Creek President Ken Behrendt, Director of Development for the Valley City-Barnes County Development Corporation Jennifer Feist, and North Dakota Governor John Hoeven.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 4

10:00 am

The Crooked Putter
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SATURDAY, FEB. 5

4:00-7:00 pm

The Terrace Green
at Viewpoint RV & Golf Resort
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Mesa, AZ 85207

For more information,
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VCSU Alums Enter 3,000 Mile Road Rally

What has seven heads, 1,000 horsepower, three sponsors, and its own web site?

You probably wouldn't guess a team of adventurous VCSU alumni who entered a 3,000 mile road rally across France and Spain, to Morocco and back, but that is in fact the right answer!

We'll Take Your Questions One at a Time

Let's start with "what are we talking about"? The subject is the Gumball 3000, a road rally held annually since 1999 in exotic locations around the world. The organizers use the term "race," but in reality, speed is only one of the goals. Other important goals include simply finishing the

grueling six-day, 3,000 mile event and, more importantly, having an outrageously good time. The route had the competitors start in Paris, drive through Spain, into Morocco, then finish in Cannes, France the day before the film festival. *Autosport* magazine covered the original event in 1999 and commented "It was more like a rock 'n' roll tour than a rally."



So who did this? A group of VCSU alumni, including Troy ('94) and Janelle (Sorby) Wittenburg ('94), and Kimberly (Borgen) Reynolds ('94), who were hosted by Kim's husband, Jerry Reynolds, in the event. Their team also included a fifth member: Brad Allison.

And what exactly did they do? They entered the 2004 Gumball 3000 (May 4-10) driving two vehicles: a Dodge (Viper) Hennessy Venom 650R and a Hummer H2 sport utility. Jerry and Kimberly drove the Hennessy and

invited the Wittenburgs to drive the H2 support vehicle. It is a good thing they had both vehicles too—Jerry totaled the Hennessy, along with Brad Allison, somewhere in Morocco about half-way through the event. No serious injuries, but a great story to tell!



How did we come up with the numbers in the headline? Well, "Seven heads" came from the five

team members plus one head for their fictional driver, Torquenstein, and one yak skull attached to the grill of their Hummer (we're still looking for an explanation of the yak skull)!

1,000 horsepower came by adding the specs from their Hennessy Venom 650R to the Hummer H2 Sport Utility. 1,000 horsepower might sound like a bit of overkill, but in this event, it was just about right.

"Three Sponsors"? Believe it or not, the team actually got three organizations to sponsor their adventure. Now that's marketing!

Its own web site? Browse the picture gallery, read press releases or find out what the buzz is all about. Check it out at <http://www.torquenstein.net>.

When not racing through Europe, the crew leads relatively normal lives. Kimberly owns "Rover's Playhouse," the new "doggy daycare" in Fargo, and Jerry is a network administrator for a computer business. The Wittenburgs live in Wahpeton—

Troy is the Red River Valley Concierge Manager for Wahpeton/Breckenridge, and Janelle is an Administrative Assistant/Records Technician with the Wahpeton Police Department. Troy and Janelle have two kids: Hannah (8) and Marah (6). ♦



VCSU Holds 2nd Annual Scholarship Donor Luncheon

The Scholarship Donor Luncheon is an opportunity for individuals who have established named scholarships to meet and have lunch with the students who were awarded the scholarship. It is a great opportunity for donors to see first-hand the good that is being done with their donations. Anyone interested in establishing a named scholarship should contact the VCSU Advancement Office at 800-532-8641 ext. 37203 for more information.



FRONT Bryce Koscielny, Shannon Mundfrom, Cathy Bernhagen, Jill Anderson, Amy Vaillancourt, Greta Trader, Nicole Swenson, Thomas Milbrandt, Justin Stangler, Jennifer Goebel **ROW 2** Myrna McGregor (Lindstrom-McGregor Scholarship), Cele Soroos (Soroos Scholarship), Imogene Arndt (Geila Stemen Memorial Scholarship), Sharon McCarriar (Elane McCarriar Scholarship), Diane Hill (Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship), Janae Larson, Renae Houghton, Virginia Schmidt, Meryl O'Connell (Jim O'Connell Memorial Scholarship), Carol Peterson (Alex Peterson Memorial Scholarship), Bruce Jones (Valley City Times Record Journalism Scholarship) **ROW 3** Josh Kasowski, Kenneth and Arlys Bates (Clara Smedshammer Memorial Scholarship), Torrey Berge (Janet Berge Memorial Scholarship), Earl Evenstad (Jean Evenstad Memorial Scholarship), Jennie Fischer, Brandon Bata, Nathan Aakre, Jeff Rerick, Barbara Berg (Milton Berg Memorial Scholarship)





Vangstad Twins Celebrate 103rd Birthday

Retired VCSU Library Professors Lillian Jacobson and Anne Haugaard, are shown here visiting with Lena ('29) and Thilda ('29) Vangstad in late July. Lena was an Associate Professor in Education at VCSU for 31 years (1937-1939 and 1942-1971). Thilda was an Associate Professor in Social Science for 26 years (1945-1971). They both retired in 1971 and were granted professor emeritus honors in 1974. "The

twins" celebrated their 103rd birthday on July 29th. Accompanying Jacobson and Haugaard to visit the Vangstads were Val Moritz, Director of Alumni Relations, and Larry Robinson, Director of University Advancement. According to Robinson, "We had a wonderful visit with the twins. There was so much to catch up on and our time passed so quickly." The Vangstads make their home in Osakis, Minnesota. ♦

Success Stories

Bill Trader '87 received the 2004 Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Federal Executive Association "Outstanding Community Service Performance Award." This award recognizes professional/technical employees who demonstrate outstanding professionalism and dedication in assisting internal stakeholders and external customers by providing quality public service. Bill has worked for the IRS since 1987 and currently works in the Large and Mid-Size Business Division of the IRS in the Retail, Food, Pharmaceuticals, and Health Care Industry.

Pam McFarland '98 was named the Outstanding North Dakota SkillsUSA Advisor of the year in May 2004. She was then named the Region IV Advisor of the Year. Region IV represents 11 midwestern states. At the 40th Annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, MO, in June, she and four other finalists were interviewed for the National SkillsUSA Advisor of the year. Pam also served as a panelist at a Skills University entitled "Running a More Effective SkillsUSA Chapter." Pam has been the Health Careers Instructor at the Richland County Career and Technology Center in Wahpeton for 28 years.

June 17 & 18, 2005

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ALUMNI REUNION DECADE OF THE 1950'S

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Lunch with VCSU Alumni Board of Directors and VCSU Retired Faculty and Staff
Campus and Community Tours
No-Host Social & Dinner

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Valley City "Rally in the Valley" Parade
Lunch with Dr. Ellen Chaffee
Car Show
Flea Market
Street Dance

Join your classmates for a reunion at Valley City State University. Plans are still being made, so watch your mail for specific details.

A recent survey of employers of VCSU graduates showed an overall satisfaction rate of 98.8%. Dr. Ellen Chaffee, VCSU President stated, "Employers like hiring VCSU graduates for the abilities they develop at VCSU."

Viking Volleyball



The VCSU volleyball program began a new chapter this fall under the leadership

of new coach, Charity Nix ('00). Nix took over for long-time coach Dianne Burr who spent 21 seasons with the Vikings, closing out her career with over 300 victories and eight conference championships, the last in 1996.

Nix is no stranger to the Viking program as she was a vital cog in Burr's last title squad as a senior on the 1996 team. Nix is also familiar to the program as a coach, spending two years along side Burr on the bench as an assistant. She has also coached in Lisbon and at Shanley. The last two years, Nix has been coaching at Valley City High School.

The Vikings opened fall practice with 15 players and youthful energy as the squad lists 11 players as freshmen or sophomores on the roster. Although the record may not show the progress Coach Nix had hoped for, the Vikings have received great individual performances from Sarah Hiebert, Karen Rawlings, Skye Braun and Kim Bilokreli. A glance at the DAC-10 statistics page shows many of these players in the top five in their specialty areas as well as the Vikings listed in the middle to top of the team statistics. As the squad gains experience, expect the record to show what the stats are already pointing to as the Vikings appear poised to make a run at the conference standings in the near future.

Viking Football

Valley City State head football coach Dennis McCulloch welcomed 101 players to the Vikings 2004 football camp in August. McCulloch is in his eighth season (11th overall) at the helm of the Vikings and has a rejuvenated football program with new winning traditions. The Vikings captured the inaugural DAC-10 football crown in 2000, while qualifying for the NAIA playoffs in both 2000 and 2001. The Vikings have gone 30-12 in the last four seasons including a slumping year in 2003 when they went 5-5 and 4-5 in the rigorous DAC-10 conference.

McCulloch welcomed back 41 letterwinners and 15 starters from last year's team. Eight starters returned on defense while five are back on offense and appear poised to make great strides in 2004. The offense got off to a tough start when fifth-year senior quarterback Chad Lueck suffered a season-

ending broken collarbone during the first game of the season against Black Hills State. Taking the helm capably has been Brandon Albrecht, a sophomore from Wimbledon, ND. Albrecht, who is currently the leading passer in the DAC-10, is joined in the backfield by running



backs Kenard Walker (#4 rusher in the DAC-10) and Anthony Walkine. Albrecht has plenty of options to throw to including senior Travis Anderson and junior Rochenal

Absolu. Both Anderson and Absolu are in the top ten in receptions in the conference while Absolu is leading the DAC-10 in scoring. The offensive line of Andy Hart, Jon Matos, Travis Lester, Brandon Bartsch, Bryce Kilmer and Ryan Botner along with tight end Barrett

Sczepanski have provided great protection for Albrecht.

Pre-season All-American Josh Kasowski is playing up to potential, leading the team in tackles and is number three overall in the NAIA at 14.7 tackles per game. Safety Paul Mehle leads the DAC-10 in interceptions with seven, and is ranked second nationally. The Vikings

defense has also received strong play from Greg Dobitz, Ali Larijani, BJ Ingram, Mike Duchscher and Shaun Williams. ♦

Viking Women's Basketball Outlook

Rebuilding a women's basketball program is no easy task especially one with the rich legacy of success. Responding to the serious challenge is what drives head coach Jill DeVries. DeVries begins her sixth season as head coach at Valley City State University fully intent on restoring the Vikings to championship contenders in the Dakota Athletic Conference 10.

In five seasons at VCSU, DeVries has rebuilt the program, including posting a respectable 13-16 season in 2003-04. DeVries and the Vikings charted a sizzling finish to the 2004 season advancing to the semi-finals of the Dakota Athletic Conference Tournament for the first time. The 2003-04 Vikings notched some memorable victories, including a 62-60 win over #1 ranked University of Mary in February and



a 62-46 drubbing of #17 ranked Dickinson State University in the first round of the DAC-10 tournament. Despite the disappointing loss to Minot State in the DAC-10 tournament semi-finals, a game in which VCSU had a 20 point second half lead, the Vikings are optimistic about the upcoming season.

Twelve players return to the Vikings program that was one victory away from reaching the NAIA National Tournament for the first time in school history. The addition of five newcomers to the 2004-05 squad has the VCSU women's basketball team hoping to be a strong contender for the DAC-10 title.

The Vikings will look to senior guard Lacey Turcotte and junior guard Janae Larson to score from the perimeter along with a host of young players that are all expected to contribute. The Vikings also return DAC-10 Freshman of the Year, Loni Hall. Hall is the Vikings' returning scoring and rebounding leader.

The Vikings expect the addition of junior college transfer Sarah Heringer, 5'11" forward from Lambert, MT, to bring a much needed scoring punch from the power forward position this season.

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Viking Men's Basketball Preview

Two steps forward and one step back best describes the three years of Adam DeHaan's tenure at Valley City State University. After improving on the previous season's record the first two years, the Vikings labored through a 7-21 season. Injuries and personnel issues side-tracked the youthful squad time and again; however, a core group of eight veterans return to right the Viking ship.



Senior Tyrone Terry, a 6'4" guard from Valley City, is expected to have a great senior campaign. Terry led the Vikings in scoring last season (averaging 12.3 ppg), minutes played (averaging 27.1), free throw percentage (78.4%), and assists (100). Brandon Bata (Kensal) led NAIA II in field goal percentage converting 65.5% of his scoring opportunities last year

despite battling a chronic leg injury. The mark also set a new single season record for the Vikings. His efficiency shooting the ball sets the table for Bata (12.3 ppg) to become an impact player in the conference.

Matt Klabo was compromised with a back injury as a junior but led the team in rebounding grabbing 6.6 boards per contest. The 6'7" senior averaged 10 points per contest in 2003-04 and is looking forward to increasing production. Kevin Faulkner (Detroit, MI) averaged 5.1 ppg while playing in every game for the Vikings last season. The 5'10" senior guard adds pure speed and tenacious ball pressure to the Viking rotation.

6'6" Mayville native Steve Trudeau averaged 17 minutes per game as a freshman, and is expected to play both forward positions this season. Sophomore Jonathan Lindahl is also adaptable on the floor, averaging 5.4 points per contest as a freshman. Lindahl also scores well on the block and will be utilized in the post as well as on the wing. Jackson Sussex (Milbank, SD) stepped in at point guard as a true freshman. The 6'0" Sussex started 10 games and rallied the Vikings past #22 ranked Sioux Falls on December 19.

A knee injury forced Dickinson Trinity stand-out Brady Ernst to red-shirt in 2003-04. The 6'1" freshman guard will compete to earn the point guard spot. Another freshman point guard, Dustin Hodgson, joins the Viking program. The 5'8" Wahpeton Husky led the high school Eastern Dakota Conference (EDC) in assists for three seasons.

Two experienced players hoping to make an impact this year include Jon Steffich and Terrance Allen. Steffich transfers from MSU-Bottineau where he averaged 20.6 points per game and shot 94% (124-132) from the charity stripe. For his efforts, the 6'3" guard was named to the Mon-Dak Conference 2nd team. Allen (Macon, GA) returns to basketball after a two-year lay-off. The 6'7" senior lefty adds much needed size to the Viking post rotation. Previously, Allen played at Western Nebraska Community College and Bemidji State University. ♦

Winter 2004-2005 Viking Schedules

(Home games in BOLD)

Men's Basketball

2004

Oct. 30	University of Great Falls	7:30 pm
Nov. 2	Trinity Bible College	7:30 pm
Nov. 9	Dakota Wesleyan University	7:30 pm
Nov. 12	University of Northern Montana	7:30 pm
Nov. 19	Presentation College	7:30 pm
Nov. 20	University of Minnesota-Morris	5:30 pm
Nov. 23	MN-State University Moorhead	7:30 pm
Nov. 27	University of Minnesota-Crookston	7:30 pm
Dec. 3	Black Hills State University	7:30 pm
Dec. 4	South Dakota Tech	5:00 pm
Dec. 10	Dakota State University	7:30 pm
Dec. 11	Si Tanka University at Huron	5:00 pm
Dec. 17	Jamestown College	7:30 pm
Dec. 18	University of Mary	5:00 pm
Dec. 19	Presentation College	7:30 pm

2005

Jan. 3	University of Minnesota-Morris	7:30 pm
Jan. 7	Dickinson State University	7:30 pm (MT)
Jan. 8	Minot State University	5:00 pm
Jan. 13	Mayville State University	7:30 pm
Jan. 21	Dakota State University	7:30 pm
Jan. 22	Si Tanka University at Huron	5:00 pm
Jan. 28	University of Mary	7:30 pm
Jan. 29	Jamestown College	5:00 pm
Feb. 4	Minot State University	7:30 pm
Feb. 5	Dickinson State University	5:00 pm
Feb. 10	Mayville State University	7:30 pm
Feb. 18	South Dakota Tech	7:30 pm (MT)

Women's Basketball

2004

Nov. 2	Trinity Bible College	5:30 pm
Nov. 6	University of Sioux Falls	6:00 pm
Nov. 9	Dakota Wesleyan	5:30 pm
Nov. 14	Mount Marty	4:00 pm
Nov. 24	MN-State University Moorhead	6:00 pm
Nov. 29	University of Minnesota-Morris	7:00 pm
Dec. 3	Black Hills State University	5:30 pm
Dec. 4	South Dakota Tech	3:00 pm
Dec. 10	Dakota State University	5:30 pm
Dec. 11	Si Tanka University at Huron	3:00 pm
Dec. 17	Jamestown College	5:30 pm
Dec. 18	University of Mary	3:00 pm
Dec. 29	Presentation College	5:30 pm

2005

Jan. 3	University of Minnesota-Morris	5:30 pm
Jan. 7	Dickinson State University	5:30 pm (CST)
Jan. 8	Minot State University	3:00 pm
Jan. 13	Mayville State University	5:30 pm
Jan. 15	North Dakota State University	6:00 pm
Jan. 21	Dakota State University	5:30 pm
Jan. 22	Si Tanka University at Huron	3:00 pm
Jan. 28	University of Mary	5:30 pm
Jan. 29	Jamestown College	3:00 PM
Feb. 4	Minot State University	5:30 pm
Feb. 5	Dickinson State University	3:00 pm
Feb. 10	Mayville State University	5:30 pm
Feb. 18	South Dakota Tech	6:30 pm (CST)
Feb. 19	Black Hills State University	6:30 pm (CST)

Fund Established for Vangstad Auditorium Organ and Sound System

The beautiful sounds that once came from Vangstad Auditorium are no longer capturing the attention of our ears as they did years ago—both the organ and sound system are badly in need of repair. In response, the VCSU Foundation has established a fund and is soliciting private donations to make repairs.

The famous organ in Vangstad Auditorium, located in a pit in front of the stage, is crying out for help. According to Larry Robinson, Director of University Advancement, “The music from this organ has touched all of us as we have gathered in this beautiful auditorium for Commencement exercises, musical productions, and a host of other events. I can’t begin to imagine a Commencement without the wonderful sounds of that old organ playing our Alma Mater. It is part of our culture and tradition.”

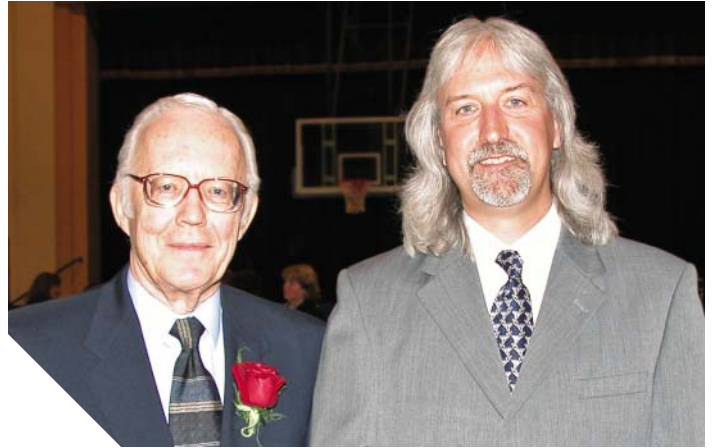
Lance Johnson, of Johnson Organ in Fargo, inspected the organ and found that it would take nearly \$50,000 to make all of the necessary repairs and put the organ in top notch condition. Mr. Johnson has worked on the organ for 40 years going back to 1964. Johnson noted, “This is a special

instrument. When I started in the organ repair business, the repair work on this organ was one of my first accounts. It is a wonderful instrument in a beautiful auditorium. Like anything else, ongoing maintenance and repair is a necessity.”

Because the organ is used on a fairly regular basis, some of the repairs will have to be made in the near future. “We certainly hope we can generate sufficient donations so the most urgent repairs can be made before Commencement 2005”, noted Robinson.

The aging sound system in Vangstad Auditorium is also badly in need of repair, and in fact failed during the annual Commencement last spring. Initial estimates place a new system at approximately \$20,000.

In announcing the establishment of the fund, Robinson stated, “Alumni and Friends who are interested in contributing to the fund should send their contributions to: The VCSU Foundation Office, 101 College St., Valley City, ND 58072. Another option is to make a donation online at www.alumni.vcsu.edu. The foundation office accepts Visa and Master Card.



VCSU Hosts James D. Ployhar Honor Band Festival

The Music Department of VCSU hosted the second annual James D. Ployhar Honor Band Festival during the weekend of Oct. 15 and 16.

68 selected students from 15 high schools around the region were invited to campus to spend two days rehearsing under the direction of VCSU Assistant Director of Music, Sigurd Johnson. They then performed live at the City Auditorium playing selections focused on patriotic themes.

The event is named after Valley City native, VCSU alum, noted composer, arranger and music educator James Ployhar ('49). His credits include long lists of music education books designed for beginning and intermediate level band students. National and international recognition he has received includes the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence, induction into the American Bandmasters Association, and Kappa Kappa Si's Silver Baton Award, which acknowledges lifetime achievement in the music field.

In preparing for the event, Ployhar and Johnson collaborate to select the pieces to be performed. Johnson was the conductor for most of the performance and Ployhar conducted the finale. ♦

VCSU Music Department Announces Fund Raising Priorities for 2004-2005

The VCSU Department of Music recently announced its fund raising priorities for the 2004-2005 academic year. According to Division Chairperson Diana Skroch, “Top priority for 2004-2005 includes raising the dollars necessary to support the scholarship program and dollars to purchase a new set of timpani (large, tunable kettle drums).” The Music Department Scholarship program is financed by the Friends of Music. Each year, the Friends of Music campaign generates nearly \$20,000 for scholarships. “We would be hard pressed to attract quality students to our department without the

scholarship program. We are most appreciative of the support that the Friends of Music have provided.”

VCSU student, Virginia Schmidt, a Music Business major from Devils Lake, added, “I am very grateful for the scholarships I’ve received while attending VCSU. Being a non-traditional student, each and every dollar makes an immense difference. There is little time for work outside of practicing and studying and I appreciate each and every person donating to scholarship programs. Your generosity is making a difference in many lives and futures, mine included.”

The replacement of the timpani

drums is a new priority for the department this year.

The current drums are 40 years old and have out-lived their usefulness. Skroch stated, “Central to attracting students to the department is the availability of quality equipment. The timpani drums must be replaced. We expect a new set to cost, at minimum, \$10,000.”

Alumni and friends interested in contributing to either of these causes should send their contributions to the Department of Music, Valley City State University, Valley City, North Dakota. For your convenience, there is an online

giving option at www.vcsu.edu.

Folks may also elect to use either Visa or Mastercard. All contributions will be noted in the annual Donor Edition of *The Bulletin* which is published in November of each year.

This year, the Music Department is forming a brand new Music Alumni Advisory Council. The group is expected to meet three times annually (November, February, May) and advise and assist the Department with recruitment and fundraising. Alums who are interested in becoming more involved may note this on their donor card this year.

VCSU Season of Great Music

Nov. 4	Jazz Ensemble 7:30 pm <i>Student Center Cafeteria</i>
Nov. 7	USAF Offut Brass Quintet, Concert 3:00 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Nov. 8	Inpulse, Concert 7:30 pm <i>Vangstad Auditorium</i>
Nov. 13	VCSU Chamber Festival 7:30 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Nov. 14	Eric Bergstedt, Baritone Recital 3:00 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Nov. 20	University Singers and Chamber Ensembles 7:30 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Nov. 22	General Student Recital 7:30 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Dec. 2	EDC Solo Contest All Day <i>Foss Music Hall</i>
Dec. 4	Concert Band 3:00 pm <i>Vangstad Auditorium</i>
Dec. 6	Valley Voices and Valley City Civic Orchestra 7:30 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Dec. 9	Christmas at St. Catherine's (Magnificat) 7:30 pm <i>St. Catherine's</i>
Dec. 12	Community School Recitals 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Dec. 14	Courthouse Carols 7:30 pm <i>Barnes County Courthouse</i>
Jan. 23	Lauren Pelon, Celebrating Centuries of Folk Music 7:30 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Feb. 11	Darci Bultema, Soprano Recital 7:30 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Feb. 11-12	VCSU Solo Seminar Recital 5:00 pm (12th) <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Feb. 13	VCSU Faculty Recital 3:00 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Feb. 21	Gallo and Thompson, Piano Recital 7:30 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
Feb. 24	Wieska and Hubert, Violin and Piano Recital 7:30 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
March 6	Stephanie Leadens, Saxophone, and 3:00 pm Cathy Bernhagen, Soprano/Percussion Recital <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
March 13	Hooten Cruz, Trumpet and Guitar Recital 7:30 pm <i>Vangstad Auditorium</i>
March 31	General Student Recital 7:30 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
April 10	Leesa Levy, Soprano Recital 3:00 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
April 14	General Student Recital 11:00 am <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
April 15	Class A East Sub Region Vocal Festival All Day <i>Foss Hall</i>
April 17	University Singers, Percussion, Bells 3:00 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
April 19	Region V Vocal Festival All Day <i>Foss Hall</i>
April 21	Jazz Ensemble 7:30 pm <i>Memorial Student Union Cafeteria</i>
April 24	Valley Voices and Valley City Civic Orchestra 7:30 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
April 30	Concert Band and Concert Choir 3:00 pm <i>Vangstad Auditorium</i>
May 1	Bridget Ertelt, Mezzo-Soprano Recital 3:00 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
May 5	New Composition Recital 7:30 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>
May 8	Community School Recitals 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 pm <i>Froemke Auditorium</i>

For ticket information, contact the Music Department at 800-532-8641 ext. 37272

VCSU Season of Great Theatre

December 1-4

The Women of Lockerbie by Deborah Brevoort

In this moving and modern story, a group of women in the small Scottish village of Lockerbie help an American mother mourning the loss of her son, killed in an act of senseless terrorism. The women of Lockerbie bring comfort, understanding and, in an act of heroic courage, take on an arrogant and officious bureaucracy.

March 2-5

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare

This famous love story is set in renaissance Verona, where two families are entangled in a violent feud. A Montague youth falls deeply in love with the young daughter of the Capulets, and with help from Friar Lawrence, who hopes their love will finally bring an end to the bloodshed, they are married. The young couple's happiness is thwarted by continuing violence in this beautifully tender story with splendid swordplay and a heart red with blood.

April 27-30

A Festival of One-Act Plays

Can we actually have student written and directed one-act plays that are better than last year? Everyone agrees that the one-acts last year were the best ever, and our writers are already busy creating scripts that they hope will be staged in Theatre 320. Join us again for the insights of our own young people, revealing their unique relationships and some rollicking comedy. You will leave feeling glad you were there!

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

2004 Weddings

- Tracy Becker '03 &
Timothy WinkelmannMarch 21
- Dustin Walstrom '95 &
Char SatterMay 1
- Jennifer Gortmaker '01 &
Michael Kleingartner.....May 8
- Jackie Wolf '04 &
Tim BrobergMay 29
- Joshua Argall '99 &
Mindy RathjeJune 5
- Paula Axtman '90 &
Mark Miller.....June 11
- Tami Anderson '00 &
Jason Hunt.....June 18
- Carl Gast '94 &
Jennifer SchlotmanJune 19
- Eric Olson '00 &
Brook KallenbachJune 26
- Heidi Thompson '97 &
Steve Hassler.....June 26
- Tony Picallo '02 &
Kasey Kottsick '00June 26
- Mary Wesnevski '04 &
Jason Burchill '04.....Date Unknown
- Gloria Gackle '78 &
Dale GackleDate Unknown
- Sheila Zaun '04 &
Chris Larson '04July 9
- Jason Haugen '96 &
Jaynae StaninaJuly 17
- Tamara Singleton '91
Allen HoweJuly 24
- Michelle Neameyer '01 &
Cody Nelson.....July 24
- Cory Still '00 &
Allison McCrayJuly 31
- Melissa Johnson '01 &
Kevin Kennelly.....Aug. 14
- Melissa Hust '01 &
Michael Lloyd '04Sept. 4
- Mike Hinrichs '97 &
Tara Fiechtner.....Sept. 25
- Chantel Hager '98 &
Brent Hoffert '97.....Oct. 16

Gift Annuity Quiz

The charitable gift annuity is the most popular life-income gift instrument among donors throughout the country. How much do you know about this gift device? Here is a little true/false quiz to test your knowledge.

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- 1 The payments provided by gift annuities change each year, depending on the economy.
- 2 The donor who establishes a gift annuity is always called "the annuitant."
- 3 As a rule, rates paid on gift annuities are lower than those paid on commercial annuities.
- 4 Only qualified nonprofit organizations can offer gift annuities.
- 5 Normally, a portion of the payments received from gift annuities is tax-free.
- 6 Payment rates for gift annuities decrease with age.
- 7 The maximum number of annuitants is two.
- 8 Payments from charitable gift annuities can be deferred for years.
- 9 Donors receive an income tax charitable deduction for the entire amount contributed for a gift annuity.
- 10 Gift annuities tend to be rather risky for donors.

ANSWERS

- 1 **False.** One of the compelling things about gift annuities is the steady payment amount. Year in and year out the amount is the same.
- 2 **False.** The annuitant is the person or persons receiving income from the annuity. A donor may establish a gift annuity for another person (annuitant), such as a spouse or parent.
- 3 **True.** Since part of the contribution to establish a gift annuity is considered to be a gift to the organization, the annuity amount is smaller than it would be if the entire contribution were used to purchase an annuity.
- 4 **True.** Gift annuities are only available from charitable and educational institutions that have been qualified by the IRS—and often by state government—to issue them.
- 5 **True.** The percentage of payments that is tax-free varies depending on the type of asset used to obtain the annuity and the life expectancy of the annuitant(s).
- 6 **False.** The opposite is true. The older the annuitant, the higher the rate is likely to be.
- 7 **True.** The IRS has stipulated that a maximum of two persons can receive payments from a gift annuity.
- 8 **True.** These arrangements are called "deferred payment gift annuities" and are popular among younger donors who want to combine charitable giving with a retirement supplement plan. They defer income until later and, in the meantime, the rate of payment increases due to the compounding value of the delay.
- 9 **False.** The two-part name, "gift" and "annuity," point to the fact that only part of the contribution amount is a charitable gift; the other part is an investment in an annuity contract. Only the gift part produces an income tax charitable deduction.
- 10 **False.** Gift annuities are quite safe because they are tied to the assets of the charity, not an income portfolio. The organization issuing the annuity must make the annuity payments no matter what happens to the economy.

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Reunions and Socials

VCSU social in conjunction with the North Dakota Education Association (NDEA) meeting October 21 in Bismarck.



Jane Feist, Caryl (Kelly) Reslock ('67), Jan Stowman.



Diane and Harvey ('61) Schilling, Al Kosir ('49).



FRONT Virginia and Tom ('71) Trousdale, Jan Stowman. BACK Doug ('74) and Deb Bertsch.



Kim Kuhlmann ('04), Brady Larson ('04).

Kenai, Alaska Reunion



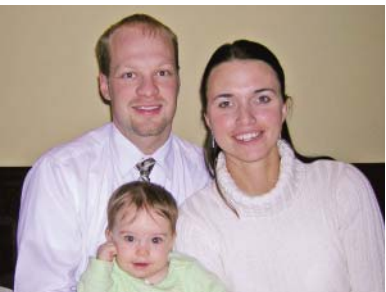
Marie Vinson ('01) and Matt North ('02).



Ned ('98) and Valerie (Buchholz) ('99) Clooten.



Sarge ('98) and Heather (Swanson) ('95) Truesdell with their son Jersey.



Matt ('98) and Nicole Streiff and their daughter Jenna.

In Remembrance

Jessie Schmoker, *LaMoure*
 Lucille (Verduin) Flach '43, *Litchville*
 Phyllis (Florhaug) Schlecht, *Wimbledon*
 Bernice (Brophy) Odenbach '63, *Carrington*
 Helen (Prah) Mariner '32, *Jamestown*
 Howard Larson, *Lisbon*
 Violet (Persson) Hickey '35, *Bellevue, WA*
 Robert Smith, *Racine, WI*
 Amelia (Buchholz) Shepherd, *Fargo*
 Lloyd Welken '40, *Salisbury, NC*
 Don Sherman '64, *Valley City*
 Jean (Strand) Paczkowski, *Abercrombie*
 P.J. Cunningham '82, *Cocoa, FL*
 Marcella (Bechthold) Liebelt, *Bowdon*
 Myrtle (Malosh) White, *CA*
 Gladys (Emery) Ekblad '51, *Minot*
 Rosella (Brock) Danielson '33, *Valley City*
 Marlys (Moen) Lura '56, *New Rockford*
 Alpha (Soroos) Stone '33, *River Falls, WI*
 Gladys (Anderson) Sondreaal, *Moorhead, MN*
 Donald Rinehart '89, *Bridgewater, SD*
 Arlyn Irion '71, *Langdon*
 LaVerne (Gust) Kresse '62, *Embsen*
 Joyce Anderson '51, *Forman*
 Joyce (Bruhschwein) Gerace, *McKinleyville, CA*
 Helen (McKay) Russell '34, *Basin, WY*

Former VCSU Staff

Dorothy Bettermann Siverson, *Moorhead, MN*
 Sigrid Ovrebo, *Halstad, MN*

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Vikings On The Move

1960's

Larry Schwahn '63 retired as Executive Vice President of Oakley National Bank. He is looking forward to spending time with his grandchildren and being free to do things on the spur of the moment.

Howard Trapp '68 has joined the staff of Seifert Realty, Pelican Rapids, MN, as a Realtor specializing in lakeshore, residential, rural and commercial properties. He will work in the Cormorant Village office. Howard previously worked as a Sales Associate and Property Manager for Valley Realty in Valley City.

1980's

Kevin Brewer '82 has been married to Donna (Skramstad) for 22 years. They have three beautiful daughters; Danielle (18), Alexis (13), and Kassidy (10). The girls are all involved in surfing, dirt biking, and being Southern California blondes, along with supporting their Dad's efforts as he competes as an Ironman Triathlete. The Brewers reside in Murrieta, CA in the wine country just north of San Diego. Kevin is Vice President and Partner of ProGraphics, LLC, a full service graphic design and commercial printing firm in the Los Angeles area. Donna is their top Account Manager. All football players from the 1996 Hall of Fame class are invited to join the Brewers in L.A. when the Vikings play Azusa Pacific University in November. Send an e-mail to kevinb@prographicsllc.com.

Beth (Gerntholz) Wieland '86 has been hired as an Area Specialist in the Valley City office of the USDA Rural Development.

1990's

Rhonda Denbow '90 has been named Head Softball Coach at Minnesota State University Moorhead. For the past 13 years, Rhonda has played for the Smitty's Senior softball team in Winnipeg. The team has won seven national softball titles in nine seasons.

Becky Ust '93 accepted a teaching position in Bismarck. She had lived in Valley City for 15 years and had taught and coached at North Central of Barnes for 12 years. Becky is looking forward to this new adventure. Her parents are moving to Arizona so she will be vacationing frequently there with them.

Bryan Knoblich '97 is working with Twin Valley Council Boy Scouts of America as a District Director. He loves his job, fundraising, working with volunteers, and being out in the community. He and his wife Rachel (Klungtvedt) have 4 sons; Ashton (8), Colewyn (6), Hayden (2), and Westin (8 months). They keep very busy raising their boys, volunteering, and Rachel sells vintage items and decor on Ebay. They also are very active in their church. Anyone can email the Knoblichs at vintagemama@earthlink.net

Where Are They?

We do our best to stay in-touch with our alumni, but inevitably, we fall out of contact with some of them! In this issue, we are focusing on getting updated information on the alumni from the 1950's. If you know the current address of anyone listed below or can direct us to someone who does, please contact our office at 800-532-8641 ext. 37403 or send an e-mail to val.moritz@vcsu.edu. Thank you for your help!

1950

Thomas Barnard
Evangeline Belling
Ralph Berg
Margaret Born
Anna Gates
Franklin Hogan
Doris (Fagerstrom)
Ingram
Ninita (Phillips)
Kings
Willard Mattson
Edna (Hollingsworth)
Neumann
Richard Oeffner
Shirley Roscoe
Alice Rue
June (Olney)
Sakshaug,
Donald Thoreson
Virginia Wittmier

1951

Esther (Meier)
Anderson
Ruby Berg
Hannah (Syversrud)
Bond
Lawrence Brooks
Don Collins
Ruby Dalsgaard
Gladys (Bergliot)
Erickson
Helen Fritchie

Agnes Fritz
Henry Galloway
Dorothy (Clark)
Gernhardt
Verona Gulsvig
Arnold Leland
Ann (Paulson)
McLachlan
Thomas Melgard
Marie Monk
Marie (Myron) Monk
Mildred Munro
Marilyn Murphy
Phyllis Oien
Loretta Schneider
Helen (Berg)
Steadman
Carol (Robinson)
Strum
Shirley (Motl)
Syverson
Ellenora (Adam)
Todahl
Marlys Vanstad
Milton Will
Laurel Wolden

1952

Donald Aase
James Anderson
Robert Baarstad
Eunice Blocker
Jeanne Fiedler
Marlys (Thoen)
Johnson

Dorothy (Lindell)
Kluge
George Kraus
Leatrice (Skjerven)
McGuigan
Ellen (Webster)
Olson
Bernice (Ferguson)
Schutt
Emma Shanks
Dorothy Vondergeest
Ruth (Hochhalter)
Wilson
Shirley (Lovell)
Wilson
Stanley Wolden

1953

Glenn Berg
Luella (Wieland)
Birkholz
Carol Carlson
Noreen (Helbig)
Fischer
Dale Heese
Agnes Kranz
Virginia (White) Kuhn
Beatrice
(Abrahamsen)
Leland
Marilyn Nelson
John Richardson
Lou (Kube) Scherer
Donna (Heldt)
Schramm
Nina Seppanen

Kenneth Taft
DuAnn (Lindemann)
Torgerson
Harriet Weber

1954

Marilyn Barr
Lillian Bergstrand
Ronald Kuhn
Marilyn (Gentzkow)
Norenberg
Hester Peterson
June Slagerman
Sidney Smith
Terrence Stoudt
Walton Walter
Elnore Wiebe
Grace Williams

1955

Ruby Baarstad
Cora Baldwin
Harriet Bjur
Kathleen Bruns
Gerhart Buchfink
Edwin Carlson
Marie Eissinger
Georgena Ertelt
Hilda (Holmes)
Ettleman
Char Ferguson
Geraldine Hickey
Wyona (Bertsch)
Jebb
Myra Johannesen

Margaret (Hajicek)
Johnson, 1955, 1956
Sharon Kieley
Rose (Kunkel) Krush
Myrna (Williams)
Lehr
June (Chapieski)
Martin
Shirley Matthys
Dorothy Mattson
Annie (O'Hara)
McEwen
Beverly Meyer
Lois (Hollinberger)
Michelson
Lora Morris
Leona Norton
Marlys Okken
Clarabelle
(Baltrusch)
Ortmann
Janet Peckham
Donald Sandness
Roselyn Schmitt
Ellentina Schultes
Donald Schultz
Roy Schultz
Dorothy Shelver
Sheila Sullivan

1956

Evelyn Aalgaard
Cheryl Amundson
Janet (Freeman)
Anderson

Shirley Bayley
Janet Bratland
Shirley Bratlie
Carol Brown
Lillie Bubach
Faye Carol
Betty Christmann
Sandy Christmann
Arlene Cichos
Marvin Eissinger
Gordon Fish
Edmund Gienger
Ione (Taplin) Gimbel
Douglas Halley
Arlys Hanson
Jo Ann Hanson
Morrene Haugen
Wesley Jahn
Martha Jakle
Robert Johnson
Vivian Kalmbach
Loramae Kent
Joyce Klubben
Rella Lang
Janet Linde
Marvin Martill
Agnes (Carlson)
McCasland
Rose Mehlhoff
Arlys Meyer
Wava (Morris)
Mosbrucker
Olive Nelson

Alfred Melo '97 has been named the Athletic Director of Mohave High School in Bullhead City, AZ.

Wendy Birhanzel '98 is living in the Los Angeles area and has taken on a new job as Literacy Coach for an elementary school in the South Central area of Los Angeles Unified School District. Wendy is also beginning her doctorate program in Educational Leadership and Policy in Urban School Settings at the University of Southern California. Their orientation present from the doctorate program was tickets to the USC/Notre Dame football game—pretty nice.

Autumn Flatten '99 is a Vocational Instructor for the Human Service Agency in Watertown, SD. They have recently opened a retail store, Ernie's Emporium, selling products made by their clients. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Autumn also manages the store and oversees a day program where individuals work on products to sell. Ernie's Emporium officially opened on June 1.

2000's

Kasey Kottsick '00 and **Tony Picallo '02** were married on June 26th in Rockledge, FL, and are currently living in Merritt Island. Tony is a Physical Education teacher at Cocoa Beach High School and is Assistant Football Coach and Head Strength and Track Coach. Kasey is a Financial Insurance Coordinator at a dental office.

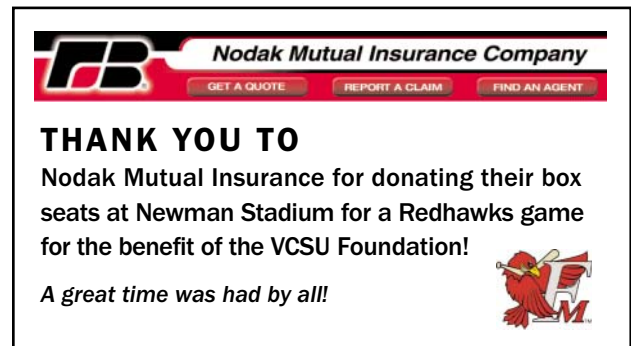
Garitt Irey '04 is teaching fourth grade at Stanley (ND) Public School. He is also an Assistant Football Coach.

Clint Johnson '04 is employed as a Desktop Support Analyst with Dakota Growers Pasta of Carrington, ND.

Jerald LeMar '04 is teaching sixth grade at Northridge Elementary School in Bismarck, ND.

Aaron Thielges '04 is employed as a Mathematics Teacher at Shanley High School in Fargo, ND.

Scheryl Kottsick '04 is an 8th grade Health Teacher at Mandan Junior High.



Mary Olmstead
Vera Olsen
Arlene Olson
Hannah Paulson
Eunice Peterson
Kathleen Purcell
Monte Romine
Diana Schauer
Ella Schneider
Isabel Shank
Amy (Gates) Sisk
Loretta (Hogan) Stern
Marjoline Struxness
Dorothy Suda
Vydell Suko
Dale Swartz
Bernice (Werth) Todd
Ida Walter
Teresa Weniger
Esther Wittmier
Viola (Werre) Wolf
Gladys Wright

1957

Duane Alm
Beverly Anderson
Marlene Bassingthwaite
Elnora (Redmann) Birks
Virginia (Brousseau) Boom
Clara Buchfink
Adline Buss
Darlene (Morrison) Carter
Shirley Crane
Shirley Dahl
Mildred Davidson

Veronica (Torscher) Davis
Mildred (Swearingen) Ferguson
Gail Fitzpatrick
Frances Foran
Rhoda Funston
Nellie Giles
Helen (Hendricks) Harper
Darryl Haugen
Kent Heaton
Edna (Domres) Hodgson
Ralph Jarvis
Elaine (Johnson) Kavlie
Arthur Keller
Shirley Markel
Dolores Mattheis
Anna (Sanborn) McGarry
Alice Miller
Agnes Modahl
JoAnne Monson
Grace Naatus
Richard Neff
Jerry Nelson
Iva Neumann
Dorothy Odden
Eleanor Ohm
Donald Rafffenbeul
Patricia Renault
Donald Reslock
Verlyn Ricketts
Karlene Scheibe
LoEtta (Remmich) Sellner
Ann Shockman

Grace (Peckham) Sparrow
Loretta Spiss
Wanda Stomme
Rose Stull
Erma Suemnicht
Myrtle Thelen
Cara Thompson
Dale Thompson
Marcella Thorstenson
Alan Tolstad
Beryl Ulven
Werner Veil
Marcellius Volk
Marlin Walter
Veryl Walter
Florence (Weiss) Weiss
Karen (Haedt) Whittaker
Louis Wolter
Joan Yunker
Alma Zimmerman

1958

Kathleen (Butler) Abraham
Erling Abrahamson
Sandra Arsneau
John Birkholz
Margaret Boyle
Betty Braa
Mark Cory
Elizabeth (McNair/Strommen) Dillashaw
Barbara Eberly
Richard Eberly
Arlene (Walberg) Fail

Ida Faller
Clarence Fetzer
Geraldine (Butler) Fridgen
Donna Goertzen
Joyce Harstad
Jeanette Haskell
Rozella Haugan
Cleo Johnson
Robert Keelling
Gertrude Keller
Barbara Kelley
ElVira Ketterling
Alice Klepetka
Audrey (Larson) Klievoneit
Ernest Knudson
Faye Lacher
Dan McGee
Shirlee Milbrandt
Lunora Mosher
Allene Mueller
Lois Nagel
Richard O'Connor
Cynthia Prodzinski
JoAnn Radermacher
Richard Riedmann
Donna Schumaker
Dorothea Senzek
Sandra Shockman
Lila Shyse
Kay Steffen
Edythe Tiedtke
Milda (Hagglund) Ueland
Vernon Veer
Betty Voeller
Marlene (Hoerauf) Walth

Vernon Wiedmeier
Gloria (Moselle) Wiegers
Gerald Wohler
Mima Zirbel

1959

Dayananda Abeywickrame
Mary (Kitsch) Armentrout
Elizabeth Barnett
Margaret (Simonson) Bergene
Marlene Bodell
George Carman
Bernard Collins
John Dwyer
Gloria Ellison
Florence Elstrom
Angeline Erhardt
Robert Erickson
Kathleen Flados
Robert Frank
Carol Fredrickson
Paul Gillund
Harriet (Peterson) Greuel
Carol Halvorson
Rogene (Berndt) Hersch
Robert Higginbotham
Ronald Hoefs
June Johns
Anna Johnson
Richard Johnson
Verona Johnson
Violet Johnson
Virginia Kent

Mariann (Noeske) Kessler
Sharon Kulla
Diane Loibl
Dorothy Maddocks
Roger Mathiesen
Mona McCoy
Rosemary (Froemke) Melgard
Blossom Miller
Marlyce Miller
William Mitzel
B Marie Moon
Alvin Odegaard
Mildred (Sad) Olson
Carol Overland
Walter Pederson
Lorraine Poier
Isabel Prescott
David Sandness
Harold Schoephoerster
Beverly Smith
Mary Sogn
Grace Solhjem
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