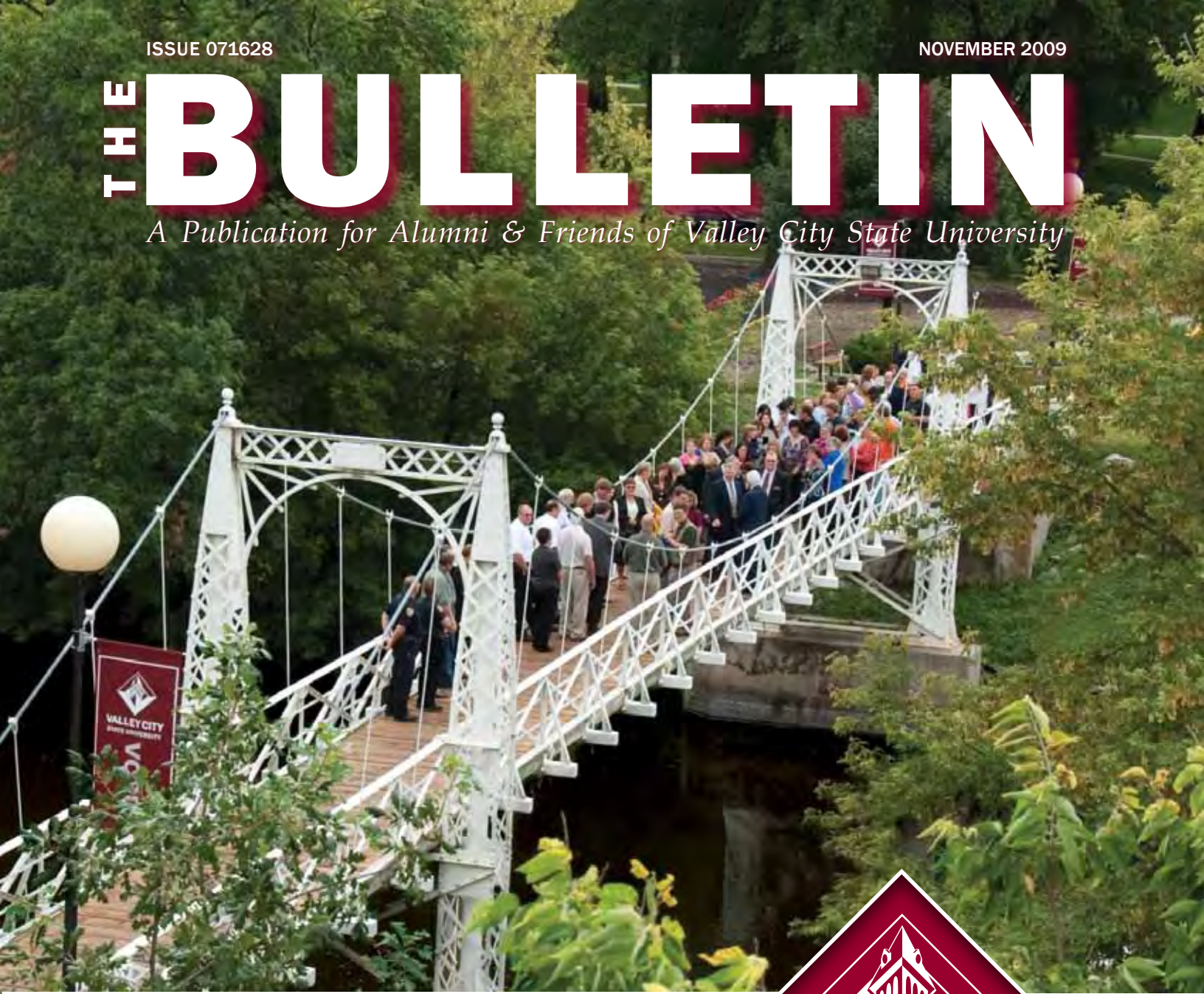


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**A Great Start to 2009-10!**

Dr. Steve Shirley, President

The Fall 2009 semester is in full-swing, and we are quickly marching toward the holiday and semester break. Time is flying by as it always does! Valley City State University has enjoyed a number of tremendous achievements throughout the fall making for an encouraging season. A few highlights from this uplifting fall semester:

In August, it was announced that VCSU had been named to the U.S. News "Best Colleges" list for the 12th straight year. Among other things, the rankings are based on such indicators as graduation rate, average class sizes, student/faculty ratio, percentage of faculty who are full-time, average ACT/SAT scores, freshmen in the top 25% of their class, average alumni giving rate, and peer assessment. VCSU is now the second-highest ranked public baccalaureate college in the Midwest. We are also the highest-ranked university in North Dakota or Minnesota in this category. Twelve consecutive years represents a great model of consistency and worthy recognition for all of the efforts of our students, faculty, staff, and supporters.

***"Overall student headcount at VCSU is 1,083 students which is a 6.3% increase over Fall 2008, and a 10.3% increase in students since Fall 2007. Additionally, this is the largest student enrollment at VCSU in nearly a decade."***

In September, VCSU released its final Fall 2009 enrollment figures. Overall student headcount at VCSU is 1,083 students which is a 6.3% increase over Fall 2008, and a 10.3% increase in students since Fall 2007. Additionally, this is the largest student enrollment at VCSU in nearly a decade. In Fall 2009 we also posted our fifth straight record enrollment of graduate students in the Master's program. The growth in both undergraduate and graduate students has been exciting and demonstrates

that a number of new initiatives being implemented are succeeding. We look forward to this growth continuing and have a number of plans in place as we move ahead.

Also in September, the VCSU Music Department honored two alumni by inducting them into the VCSU Music Hall of Fame. It was a terrific banquet honoring Carole (Paulson) Flatau and Josephine (Wright) Rhoades for their distinguished careers and significant music accomplishments.

In early October, VCSU hosted a successful Homecoming week full of celebrations and activities for alumni, students, faculty, staff, and supporters. In this issue of the *Bulletin*, you will see some highlights from various Homecoming events including the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet, parade, football game, and Alumni Honors Breakfast. Congratulations to all those honored throughout the week, and a special Congratulations to Jerry Topp for being bestowed with the VCSU Alumni Association's most prestigious award – the Distinguished Alumni Award.

You can all take great pride in Valley City State University, and I hope each of you will help in sharing our story with others. Throughout the remainder of the academic year, we will continue to host alumni events such as VCSU Tuesdays at the Green Mill in Fargo (see dates below), our Arizona Alumni reunion events, and other activities. I hope to meet more of you at these events, and, as always, thanks so much for your ongoing support of VCSU! Go Vikings! ♦

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- January 19, 2010
- February 16, 2010
- March 16, 2010
- April 20, 2010



**VCSU Tuesdays!**

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

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

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

Mark your calendar for the next "VCSU Tuesday"  
Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16 and April 20

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Kim Hesch at 800-532-8641 ext 7403 or [kim.hesch@vcsu.edu](mailto:kim.hesch@vcsu.edu).

**Does Your Employer Match Your Charitable Contributions?**

Many companies will match your charitable contributions. Many on a one-to-one basis, some on a two-to-one basis. As a result, if you work for a **Matching Gift Company**, your charitable contributions to Valley City State University Foundation could have double the impact or more!

**To see if your company has a matching gift program consult with your office of Human Resources.**



The Inauguration of Dr. Steven W. Shirley brought together an impressive list of dignitaries from universities throughout the region. Shown below, the speakers included (l-r): Cameron Battagler (president of the Student Senate), Dr. Steven King (gave the invocation and benediction), Richie Smith (president of the State Board of Higher Education), William Goetz (Chancellor of the North Dakota University System), Trudy Collins (presiding officer and vice president of business affairs), John Monilaws '87 (Alumni Board president), Alice (Janish) Beauchman '73 (Staff Senate representative), Dr. Don Mugaan (Faculty Senate representative), and Mary Lee (Peterson) Nielson '79 (Mayor of Valley City). Other speakers included Mr. Ryan Bernstein (representing Governor Hoeven) and Dr. Douglas Knowlton, president of Dakota State University.



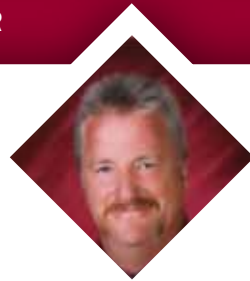
## The Advantages of Year End Giving...

A gift to the VCSU Foundation prior to December 31, 2009, will provide scholarship support for VCSU students tomorrow and an attractive tax deduction to you on your 2009 tax return.

*That's right.* Now is an excellent time to make a donation to VCSU. If you itemize your deductions and complete your gift by **December 31st**, your gift is deductible this year.

For example, let's say you are in the 28% federal income tax rate, and you make a \$1,000 gift this year. The net effect of your gift is that you actually only spend \$720. The \$280 difference is the tax that the donor would have paid if no gift had been made. Without the deduction, the donor may have elected to make only a gift of \$720. As a result of the deduction, the gift will actually generate 39% more to the VCSU Foundation.

**\*We encourage everyone to consult with their tax accountant or attorney on the advantages of year end giving.**



## Greetings from VCSU!

by John Monilaws '87, Alumni Board President

It is with great enthusiasm that I take over the Presidency of our Alumni Board of Directors. I need to thank Missy (Stowman) Vollmers our outgoing President for leaving things in tip-top shape. Our board has become very active and I honestly feel we will make a difference at VCSU.

A few weeks ago I was privileged to be on the stage of Vangstad Auditorium to welcome several honored guests on behalf of the Alumni Association as we inaugu-

rated Dr. Steve Shirley as the 12th President of our University. After several months of delays

due to the flooding last spring, I am sure everyone breathed a sigh of relief when the event was over. Welcome, Dr. Shirley, we look forward to working with you for years to come.

As I write this, I wonder how many of you reading my message took part in the recent Homecoming activities. How many of you made the effort to attend? If you weren't there, you missed a lot of fun. If you were in attendance, I hope when you returned home you felt good about at least one of the activities you attended. I am sure we might have been able to do a few things different, but I think for the most part we can call the festivities a success. If you have some thoughts let us know. No idea is a bad idea unless it is not shared with others.

Being a Greek (EBC forever) it was nice seeing four of our groups reunited at the socials. At the EBC tables I know the stories were flowing! Four more

Greek groups will have an opportunity to get together during next year's Homecoming events. With all the social networks we have at our convenience, we sometimes forget that personal communication is still the best way to go.

To those of you who attended the banquets, socials or the Honors Breakfast, imagine what those events might have been like if you weren't there in person. Out of all the activities held during Home-

coming, I believe the Honors Breakfast is the most important. Honoring

VCSU's "TOP" accomplishments in every field and listening to the award recipients tell how VCSU helped shape their personal careers is a very rewarding experience. Would it be nice to have more people there? You bet it would!!! A good friend told me once "volunteering is an excellent way to get involved and help out, however, everyone must take a turn."

Throughout the next year, VCSU will give you several opportunities to get out and renew friendships, volunteer and get involved. Whether a VCSU Tuesday in Fargo, EBC "We're in the Christmas Mood" show, socials, music concerts, V-500, Medicine Wheel, athletic events, Scholarship Auction, and the list goes on and on, please do your best to get out and support our great University.

I hope to greet you at one of our Alumni Activities. "GET INVOLVED"! ♦



## Thank You Alumni and Friends - We Couldn't Do It Without You

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

By the time you receive this issue of *the Bulletin*, the holiday season will be upon us once again. What an exciting time of the year! This is truly a season of giving, a time of reflection, and an opportunity to say thank you to our alumni and friends for your continued support of Valley City State University. The vitality of any institution is directly related to the level of support it receives from its alumni and friends. Each and every year we embark on a host of fund-raising initiatives to support the many programs and activities of the Alumni Association, Century Club, V-500, VCSU Foundation and many other groups and organizations who serve to

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programs or initiatives, we thank you and ask that you continue that support. Your support is "Making a Difference" at VCSU. If you have not, please visit us on the web at [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu)

and consider making a contribution today. The VCSU Foundation is classified as a 501 C3 by the Internal Revenue Service. Your contribution is tax deductible. As a result, you have the good feeling of supporting your alma mater and benefiting from a nice tax deduction at the same time.

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Valley City State University, thank you for your support of our university. We hope you and yours have an enjoyable and safe holiday season. Should your travels bring you this way, stop by for a visit. The coffee is always on! Go Vikings! ♦

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## Join VCSU Alumni and Friends in Warm Arizona

February 5 - 6, 2010

Mail to: VCSU Foundation, Attn: Kim Hesch,  
101 College St SW, Valley City, ND 58072

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**EVENTS: PLEASE SELECT THE EVENTS YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AND INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - SURPRISE, AZ**

▸ **No-host Luncheon @ 11:30 am**  
Desert Palms Restaurant  
12425 W. Bell Road

\_\_\_\_\_ No-host Luncheon @ 11:30 am - Desert Palms Restaurant

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - MESA, AZ**

\_\_\_\_\_ Golf (\$35 per person) - Arizona Golf Club

Create your own foursome:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Social and Luncheon (\$15 per person)

Checks payable to: VCSU Foundation  
Credit Card  Visa  MasterCard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring a friend! These events are not restricted to just VCSU Alumni**

## The Inauguration of Dr. Steven W. Shirley

AS THE 12TH PRESIDENT OF VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

**T**ruly an event that brought together all corners of the University and the community, Dr. Shirley's Inauguration was the culmination of a week of activities involving both "town" and "gown."

Over the course of the week, a variety of campus and community groups organized a series of events to recognize Dr. Shirley. For example, events hosted by the academic divisions highlighted the unique personality of the division and its contribution to the VCSU experience. Employees and their families were invited to an evening picnic in Chautauqua Park featuring the recently completed Dacotah Bank Pavillion. As one outreach to the community, Dr. Shirley was the guest reader at the Children's Story Time at the Valley City Public Library.

The day of Inauguration began with a ceremony to symbolize the ties between campus and the community. A group of faculty, staff, students, and members of the community met on the walking bridge, then adjourned to the Bowen garden to hear a proclamation by Valley City Mayor Mary Lee (Peterson) Nielson '79 declaring the eleventh of September hence fourth be recognized as "VCSU Day" in Valley City.

The ceremony itself was a formal yet frequently light-hearted celebration to launch the Shirley presidency. After brief comments by representatives of several constituents and friends, State Board of Higher Education president Richie Smith and North Dakota University System Chancellor William Goetz presented Dr. Shirley with the VCSU presidential medallion.

The theme of Dr. Shirley's inaugural address was "Explore, Reach, Achieve." In his comments, he defined "exploring" as finding new answers and new ways to serve students and citizens. In "reaching," he noted, "we move beyond comfort zones and push ourselves to outer limits." He described "achieving" as demanding higher and higher levels of educational excellence.

He then went on to provide the vision for his presidency. He cited continued emphasis on partnerships, expanded diversity and international opportunities, growth in enrollment, and expanded graduate program offerings. He said VCSU will stay at the forefront of technology in its education pedagogy, improve stewardship through green initiatives, and

further its leadership role in addressing a critical nationwide shortage of teachers in STEM disciplines.

"In short, we must stick to what we do best," said Shirley. "Educate future generations of teachers, community leaders, artisans, business and health professionals in North Dakota and beyond. This is at the very heart of what we do... Explore, Reach, Achieve. This is how we will carry out our mission going forward. It is what we will expect of ourselves, and what we will expect of our students." ♦

◀ Twice delayed by record flooding last spring and over 14 months after he took office, Dr. Shirley was formally Inaugurated on September 11, 2009.

*"VCSU will stay at the forefront of technology in its education pedagogy, improve stewardship through green initiatives, and further its leadership role in addressing a critical nationwide shortage of teachers in STEM disciplines."*

# EXPLORE. REACH. ACHIEVE.

## Alums Celebrate 30th "Get a Grip" Reunion



Front Row L-R: Lori (Lothspeich) Kalgard '79, Mary Jane (Loose) Westerhausen '09, Karen (Fregien) Hintzman '79, Laura (Wald) Dankmeyer. Back Row L-R: Sue (Eli) Kurtz '78, Brenda (Garrison) Gienger, Mona (Wald) Miller.

Now, they are separated by hundreds of miles. But 30 years ago, a group of freshmen assigned to the 1st floor of McCoy Hall formed lifelong friendships they have celebrated every year since. This year marked their 30th reunion.

"As freshmen, we were scared out of our minds the first year!" said Lori (Lothspeich) Kalgard '79. "But that is probably one reason the bonds that we formed back then are so strong even today." Sue (Eli) Kurtz said, "Students should stay in the dorm for at least one year so they can develop lifelong friendships. The stay is short but the friendships are long." They have also passed along the tradition of going to VCSU to many of their children, with a total of seven of their children attending.

Over the years, the reunions have evolved to meet changing circumstances. At one point,

the group included husbands and kids, but about 14 years ago, the group decided to make it just for "us girls" (they call it their "get a grip" weekend). Said Kalgard, "It is really nice to have some time to celebrate the common bond... this is where we came from." They have even kept a scrap book to document the reunions and the participants.

The group made this year's reunion special by staying at the President's House Guest Inn. Their agenda included a tour of McCoy Hall, antiquing, ordering Pizza Corner pizza (not their first time!), playing a game of "Whist," and Sunday brunch. The group also has a tradition of staying up until 4:00 AM to solve the worlds' problems, but unfortunately, only three of the group was able to carry on the tradition this year (Karen, Lori and Brenda). ♦

## Alums at NDCTE



The 2009 North Dakota Council of Teachers of English (NDCTE) conference in Fargo attracted participants from all across the state including 11 VCSU alums. Front Row (l-r): Maggie (Clemens) Townsend '02, Joan (Kapaun) Hal-land '77, Bev (Woehl) Weigel '75, Anita Fossum '03 and Kristi (Froeber) Frahm '80. Back Row: Heather (Schmit) Woods '02, Anne (DeKrey) Volk '03, David Woods '02, Candice Paczkowski '74, Jo (Bjornson) Black '77 and Ann (Prestrude) Wendel '69.

Of these, Townsend, Volk, David Woods, and Heather Woods are all in leadership positions with NDCTE through serving on the Board of Directors. NDCTE invites all English teachers to attend the conference next year. For more information, visit [www.ndcte.org](http://www.ndcte.org). ♦

## McLees Family Establishes Scholarship Fund - Offers to Match Other Gifts for Music Scholarships



The children of Marian and Alan McLees have established a scholarship fund in memory of their parents to fund scholarships for the benefit of music students at Valley City State University, with a commitment to contribute up to \$25,000 to match dollar-for-dollar contributions made by others to the VCSU Music Department Endowment Fund or to the McLees fund itself.

Marian Melby McLees grew up in a close-knit Norwegian community in Kulm, North Dakota. She attended Valley City State Teachers College from 1940-1942 as a music major, specializing in voice and piano. After receiving an associate degree in Music Education, she began teaching in Tower City. Alan McLees grew up in Valley City and graduated from VCSTC in 1944. Marian and Alan were married in 1945, and they both taught at schools in northern Minnesota. Later, Alan received an engineering degree from the University of Minnesota, and the family moved to Illinois, where Marian and Alan raised their four children and Alan worked as an engineer for Caterpillar Tractor Company. For Marian, the musical interest she had cultivated at VCSTC remained a focal point of her life. For many years she gave

piano lessons, directed the children's choir at her church and sang in the church choir.

Alan's parents, Mary Campbell McLees and James McLees, were life-long residents of Valley City. The McLees family had settled in the Valley City area around 1900. Like Alan, his Uncle, Ray McLees, and his brothers, Jim McLees and Bill McLees, were graduates of VCSTC. Alan's grandparents, William Campbell and Kathryn McTavish Campbell, came here from Scotland in 1883 to homestead at a farm near Eckelson. They and their sons and grandsons farmed land west of Valley City into the 1980's.

According to Larry Robinson, Executive Director of University Advancement, "We are excited about the commitment that the McLees family has made to help the University expand its scholarship program for students studying music. This is a great opportunity for others to double the impact of their gifts for the benefit of the students in the Music Department." Questions regarding this program may be directed to Dr. Diana Skroch in the VCSU Department of Music at 701-845-7273, or Larry Robinson in the VCSU Foundation office, at 701-845-7217. ♦

## Alumni Receive Certificate of Merit Awards at Homecoming

The Valley City State University Alumni Association honored ten alumni with the Certificate of Merit Award at the annual Homecoming Alumni Honors Breakfast on Saturday, October 3. The Certificate of Merit was established by the VCSU Alumni Association to recognize alumni for service, accomplishments, or other noteworthy honors. The alumni and the accomplishments for which they were honored are:

**GREG ALLEN '87** is the Administration Manager at Cavendish Farms in Jamestown, ND.

### Honors and Awards

- ▶ Has been recognized for presentations to various groups and organizations including: DECA, Marketplace for Kids, Safety Professional of the Year
- ▶ Business Challenge, Character Counts

**MICHAEL BLAKE** is Full Professor of Jazz and Percussion at the University of North Dakota.

### Honors and Awards

- ▶ UND Jazz Ensemble performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival in 1999 & 2005
- ▶ Published two contest snare drum books -1999
- ▶ Named to Who's Who in Higher Ed. the last six years
- ▶ Paiste Company cymbal artist, Vic Firth Sticks & Mallet artist
- ▶ Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from ND National Band Association
- ▶ Recorded for Prairie Public TV three times
- ▶ Performed at the International Percussive Arts Convention on Drum Set - 2006
- ▶ Recipient of "Artist of the Year" in Grand Forks - 2008

**GARY CLARK '71** is a Principal at West Fargo High School. He has been with the West Fargo Public School system since 1971 and has been the Principal since 1998.

### Honors and Awards

- ▶ Jaycees Young Educator for West Fargo -1980
- ▶ Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator for ND - 1980
- ▶ Warren E. Shull Student Council Advisor of the year for ND - 1995
- ▶ National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Assistant Principal of the Year for ND - 1996.
- ▶ Met Life/NASSP Principal of the Year for ND - 2009



The alumni honored include Back Row (l to r): Gary Clark '71, Horace; Greg Allen '87, Jamestown; Scott Roehrich '91, Valley City; and Mark Rerick '01, Hillsboro. Front Row (l to r): Mike Blake, Grand Forks; Kimberley (Nudell) Webster '72, Custer, SD; Kathy (Ringdahl) Marquette '93, Wahpeton; and Alan Sorensen '80, Valley City. Not pictured Eric Olson '00, Gwinner and Cory Schall '99, Oakes.

**KATHY (RINGDAHL) MARQUETTE '93** is an Associate Professor at North Dakota State College of Science.

### Honors and Awards

- ▶ NDCS Excellence in Teaching Recipient - 2002
- ▶ Outstanding Performance Recipient, Dale Carnegie Training, Washington DC - 2008
- ▶ NDCS Excellence in Training Recipient - 2009

**ERIC OLSON '00** is a 5th Grade Teacher and Head Football Coach at North Sargent Public School in Gwinner, ND.

### Honors and Awards:

- ▶ Region 1A Football Coach of the Year - 2008
- ▶ State Class A Football Coach of the Year - 2008

**MARK RERICK '01** is a teacher, coach and athletic director at Hillsboro Public School.

### Honors and Awards

- ▶ Regional Coach of the Year (Football) - 2006, 2007 & 2008
- ▶ State Coach of the Year (Football) - 2008
- ▶ Regional Champs - 2006, 2007 & 2008
- ▶ 9 Man State Champs - 2008

**SCOTT ROEHRICH '91** teaches Math and is the Head Football Coach for Valley City Public Schools.

### Honors and Awards

- ▶ AA Football Coach of the Year - 2008

**CORY SCHALL '99** teaches grades 4 - 6 Elementary Science and is the Head Wrestling Coach at Oakes Public School.

### Honors and Awards

- ▶ Class B Wrestling Coach of the Year - 2006
- ▶ Region 1 Coach of the Year - 2009
- ▶ Class B Wrestling Coach of the Year - 2009
- ▶ Class B State Wrestling Individual Champions - 2009
- ▶ Class B State Dual Team Wrestling Champions - 2009

**ALAN SORENSEN '80** has been the Jr. High Guidance Counselor for Valley City Public Schools since 1984.

### Honors and Awards

- ▶ Teacher of the Year, Valley City Public Schools - 2009
- ▶ Middle Level Advisor of the Year-Student Council - 2006

**KIMBERLEY A. (NUDELL) WEBSTER '72** is a sixth grade math and science teacher with the Custer School District in Custer, SD.

### Honors and Awards

- ▶ South Dakota ESA Region 7 Teacher of the Year - 2008
- ▶ Custer Teacher of the Year Award - 2008
- ▶ South Dakota State VFW Middle School Volunteerism Award - 2006
- ▶ South Dakota Middle School Science Award - 1998
- ▶ Golden Apple Award-Harding County Schools - 1987
- ▶ Master Teacher Award-Harding County Schools - 1986
- ▶ Woman of the Year-Buffalo, SD - 1983-84

## Jerry Topp Recognized with Distinguished Alumni Award



Jerry Topp '74 with his wife Marie (Vining) '74

Jerry Topp, a 1974 graduate of VCSU, has been selected by the VCSU Alumni Board of Directors to become the 56th recipient of the association's most prestigious award, the Distinguished Alumni award. Mr. Topp was recognized at the Homecoming Alumni Honors Breakfast on Saturday, October 3.

Topp joined Eide Bailly in 1978 and was promoted to partner in 1989. He served as partner-in-charge of the firm's Fargo office for four years before being appointed to chief operating officer in 2000. On May 1, 2003 he was elected by the partners to serve as managing

partner/CEO of the firm.

As managing partner, Topp is responsible for carrying out the policies and objectives adopted by the firm's Board of Directors. Topp oversees the management and profitability of the firm and is responsible for implementing and monitoring actions to achieve the firm's strategic and long-range plans. Topp is also responsible for monitoring developments in the profession and business environment, and determining their relevance to the firm, to ensure continuity and success.

Topp is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the AICPA Major Firms Group Committee, and has most recently served on the AICPA Nominations Committee. He is also a member of the North Dakota and Minnesota Societies of Certified Public Accountants.

Topp is a Grace City, N.D. native. He has a bachelor's degree in business education from VCSU and a master's degree in accounting and business law from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N.D. He holds his CPA license from the state of North Dakota.

Jerry lives in Fargo with his wife, Marie (Vining) '74, who is a retired regional vision consultant with the North Dakota School for the Blind. They have two grown sons. ♦

## Cox Named Teacher of the Year

Coon Rapids Herald - by Elyse Kaner

Doug Cox was named one of the Spring Lake Park (SLP), MN, School District 16's Teachers of the Year.

Cox, a fourth- and fifth- grade teacher at Westwood Intermediate School, was honored at a gathering at Acapulco restaurant in Blaine at the SLP Teachers United sponsored event.

As district teachers of the year, the winners receive recognition, an award, and an invitation to speak at the opening day school in-service next year. Winners are also nominated to compete in next year's Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

Cox joined District 16 in 2000 and worked as a third and fourth-grade teacher at Woodcrest Elementary until 2005, at which time he took his current position at Westwood Intermediate. Before joining District 16, Cox worked as a substitute teacher in North Dakota schools and as a long-term substitute in the Centennial School District. In addition to a bachelor's of education degree from VCSU, he holds a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Minnesota.

"I am the teacher I am today because of the people that I work with and the experiences I have had working with them," Cox wrote in the Teacher of the Year selection process.

He resides in the Elk River area with Diana and their two children Kendall, 5, and Kelly, 3. ♦



## Inspired student puts Salina teacher in national spotlight

Susan (Miller) Jordan '83 was recognized with the National Federation of Republican Women's "My Favorite Teacher" award. Jordan was presented the award by Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, the featured speaker and presenter, at the Federation's national convention held in Orlando in September.

To make the honor extra special, Jordan was nominated by one of her students at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary School in Salina, Kansas. The student, Magdalena (Lena) Kellogg (now in 4th grade), wrote in her essay nominating Jordan, "I think she is the best because she is so energetic and so funny and she helps us a lot... She made me want to go to school every day. She made me feel loved by listening to me. When I see her in the hallway, I get excited. I am thankful she was my teacher!"

Jordan's husband, Jeff, and their daughter, Samantha, 14, were in the audience when she was presented the award. Lena was also at the convention and brought along an entourage of her own that included her mother, who is a member of the Salina County Republican Women, both of her grandmothers, and an aunt.

This is not the first time Jordan has been recognized. In 2005, she was recognized with the Kansas Citizenship Teacher of the Year - Elementary Level.

In addition to an impressive teaching career, Jordan is also retired from 30 years of service as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot in the Army National Guard, including one year flying combat medical evacuation missions in Afghanistan.

*"This past summer, after finding out I was among the five finalists for the national award, I called my favorite Teacher, Linda Holcomb, who was my 2nd grade teacher and also my college advisor at Valley City State University. I apologized to her and told her I really didn't remember one lesson she taught me in reading or math, but what I do remember was the connection she made with me, and I thanked her for that. All over America, students are back in the classroom and with them are thousands of amazing teachers who are building relationships and making connections with their students. Through those connections, my hope is that those teachers are teaching students, not just the state objectives in reading and math, but are teaching students that their greatest accomplishment can be as simple as making the world better - just by being in it."*

**Susan Jordan, accepting the National Federation of Republican Women's "My Favorite Teacher" award.**

## VCSU Ranked #2 on U.S. News "America's Best Colleges" List



VCSU earned the #2 spot among the Top Public Baccalaureate Colleges in the Midwest in the 2010 edition of America's Best Colleges by U.S. News Media Group. This marks the 12th year in a row that VCSU has received this recognition from U.S. News, and is an improvement over its ranking from the #4 position last year. VCSU is the highest ranked college in North Dakota or Minnesota in this category.

Dr. Steven Shirley, VCSU president, said, "We are very pleased to receive this recognition and view it as an affirmation of the high quality educational experiences we provide for our students. This is especially exciting as it marks our 12th consecutive year receiving this honor."

VCSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni can all take great pride in our outstanding showing among public schools in the Midwest."

The U.S. News college rankings group more than 1,400 accredited four-year schools based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and compares them based on a set of 15 widely accepted indicators of excellence. Criteria in which VCSU fared exceptionally well among public schools in the Midwest included Average Freshman Retention Rate, Average Graduation Rate, Student/Faculty Ratio, Percent of Faculty Who are Full Time, and Alumni Giving Rate. ♦

## VCSU Enrollment Grows to Largest in Nine Years

Final fall enrollment figures at VCSU showed total headcount increased from 1,019 in 2008 to 1,083 this year, an increase of 6.3%. Undergraduate headcount of 961 was a 6.8% increase from 2008, while graduate headcount of 122 was a slight increase over 2008. VCSU also has 6.7% more students living in campus residence halls compared to a year ago.

VCSU President Steve Shirley said, "The faculty and staff at VCSU have focused on a number of initiatives to increase enrollment, and we are pleased that these initiatives are showing results. These solid results also reflect the responsiveness of our academic programs in serving the needs of college-bound students."

According to Dr. Shirley, new programs and recent collaborative efforts are contributing to enrollment growth. One addition that has been popular is online undergraduate core music courses. In another example, a collaboration between VCSU, Dakota College at Bottineau and local healthcare providers allows students in Valley City to earn a licensed practical nurse (LPN) certificate.

Another strategy VCSU is using to drive enrollment growth is an expansion of intercollegiate athletic opportunities. According to Shirley, "Enrollment this semester included new students that came to VCSU as a result of adding men's and women's golf this fall. We also recently completed a campaign to raise \$150,000 to fund the return of cross country and track & field, and anticipate that we will see these sports attract additional students for the 2010-2011 academic year." ♦

## VCSU Students Learn and Teach in Honduras

Valley City Times-Record

Two Valley City State University students traveled to Honduras this last summer as part of a Spanish course.

Cassandra Birchem and Sara Henderson arrived in Honduras on June 1 and remained there until Aug. 1 and Aug. 12 respectively.

"I wasn't really sure what to think at first," said Birchem, a junior from Lisbon, who is majoring in Spanish education. "I was a little nervous about the whole situation because I was told my host families wouldn't speak English."

Henderson, a sophomore from Bemidji, Minn., majoring in elementary education and minoring in Spanish, also wondered what she was getting herself into. Her concerns going in were for her safety and what the people would be like.

While the students were in Honduras, the country experienced the first coup in Central America in 16 years. Honduran President Manuel Zelaya was ousted by his own military on June 27 and an interim government was established despite overwhelming and virtually unanimous condemnation by other nations.

"I really enjoyed being able to see history in the making," said Birchem. "At first, I didn't know what was happening because I didn't have a radio or TV that was in English. The first couple days were the worst because everybody was worried and we weren't able to go out or do anything. The areas that I stayed in and visited didn't really seem to be affected by it, though, and so I felt safe and comfortable."

The students attended a language school in the Caribbean coastal city of La Ceiba for the first half of their experience, and then put their Spanish-speaking skills and English language-teaching skills into practice in the central

region of the country, doing volunteer work for the remainder of the trip.

Henderson taught English as well as crafts at an orphanage. "I have never felt so needed at times," she said.

Birchem, taught English to kindergartners in a public school as well as to older children through a community education program. "I think that my world and life will never be the same because of the things I saw and experienced," she said. ♦



## First Students Graduate from Dakota Nursing Program at VCSU

The first four students to complete their coursework under a collaborative practical nursing program being delivered by VCSU and Dakota College at Bottineau received their pins in a ceremony recently conducted at the Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City. The students earned a certificate in Practical Nursing and are eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses.

The Dakota Nursing Program is a nursing education consortium made possible through the collaborative efforts of Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, Dakota College at Bottineau, and Williston State College. In May, 2008, the North Dakota Board of Nursing approved a collaborative practical nursing program to be delivered in Valley City by VCSU and DCB. In the program, students complete their general education requirements through VCSU and receive their classroom instruction in nursing via Interactive Video Network (IVN) from DCB. Clinical practice opportunities for students are available through Valley City healthcare providers including the Sheyenne Care Center and Mercy Hospital.

The pinning ceremony is a nursing school



Left to right: Jill Halland, Alicia Broten, Paula Fogarty (program administrator), Shereen Meyer, and Bonnie Fretheim.

tradition that dates back to before the turn of the twentieth century. It is an expression of the culmination of all their hard work and a time to mark when the student transitions from the role of student to practicing nurse. The lighting of the candle symbolizes the Florence Nightingale lamp that always shines as a symbol of the practice of nursing.

This ceremony not only marked the fulfill-

ment of the dreams of the students to become nurses, but also fulfillment of a dream of a long time faculty member of VCSU, Bonnie Alexander, who unfortunately passed away in 2007. Dr. Hilde Van Gijssel, Associate Professor at VCSU, said, "Being able to have this ceremony in Valley City with students who live and work in Valley City is one of Bonnie's great legacies." ♦

## VCSU Scholarship Dinner

The annual Scholarship donor dinner is an opportunity for individuals and organizations that have established named scholarships to meet the students who were awarded the scholarships. This time also gives the students a chance to say "Thank You" in person to the donors.

Anyone interested in establishing a scholarship may contact the Office of Advancement at 800-532-8641 ext 7203 for more information. ♦



1. Ralph '48 and Carolyn '47 Kolstoe with Megan Wolbaum (Dr. S.O. Kolstoe and Marian Kolstoe Prior Scholarship)
2. Ty '52 and Carol '50 Peterson with Zach Lee. (Alex Lowe Peterson Memorial Theatre Scholarship)
3. Jerry Foss '41 and Sonja Plautz (P.L. Foss Music Memorial Scholarship)
4. John '47 and Marilyn Rhoades with Megan Tomkins (L.D. "Dusty" Rhoades and Josephine Wright Rhoades Memorial Scholarship)

# Homecoming 2009



Homecoming weekend was busy once again with well-attended class reunions from the "nines," a five year reunion for the class of 2004, and Greek reunions for the EBC and Tau Sig fraternities and the Philo and Delphi sororities.

The football game against Black Hills State turned into a heartbreaker with the Vikings scoring 21 fourth quarter points that brought them within a 2 point conversion of tying the game. But with :50 to go, the conversion failed, and the game ended with a 21 - 23 Viking defeat. One special highlight of the game was a new Viking mascot, courtesy of Viking friend John Schonert, that is doing a great job keeping our fans excited.

Mark your calendar for next year's Homecoming on Saturday, October 2, 2010!



# COACH DEW RETIRING IN DECEMBER



After 35 years of dedicated service to VCSU, Coach Jim Dew is retiring at the end of this Fall semester.

His career has been legendary both at VCSU as well as throughout the Conference. Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, he came to VCSU in 1974 as Head Football and Baseball Coach and instructor.

In football, Coach Dew led the Vikings from 1974 to 1993 and to eight NDCAC Championships and 3 NAIA playoff seasons (including the only playoff win in school history in 1980). In 20 years as head coach, his win-loss record was 116-65-2 for an outstanding winning percentage of .642.

In baseball, Dew coached 18 years piling up

272 wins and five NDCAC championships.

Dew is a member of the VCSU and Mayville State Hall of Fames and eight of his teams have been inducted into the VCSU Hall of Fame. He was also an accomplished sports official working high school and college events. He has been honored for 35 years of membership in the American Football Coaches Association.

His competitive spirit runs in his family, as well. His son Jimmy was a four year letter winner on the baseball team. Daughter Alicia was a three year letter winner on the volleyball team and a member of the 1993 team that is in our Hall of Fame. Daughter Dani ran for the Cross Country team and went to Nationals in Track. ♦

Coach Dew's legacy will always be about more than the championships. It is about the young peoples' lives he continues to touch through the men who played for him.

- **Gregg Horner '90, current VCSU Assistant Head Football Coach; played under Dew 1985-1988; coached with Dew in 1989**

The records and honors achieved speak for themselves but there are not enough superlatives to describe the compounding impact that Coach Dew had as an instructor, coach, mentor, colleague, and friend to over two and sometimes three generations of family members whom attended Valley City State. His legacy is evident in the classrooms and on the playing fields not only in the state but across the country. He epitomized Viking Team Pride for 35 years with an infectious energy that will be missed by all.

- **Cory Anderson '89, Played football and baseball for Dew 1984-88; assistant coach under him from 1991-1993 in football and baseball; co-worker from 1993-2007.**

Probably the most used phrase of our baseball team era would be "where's Kemper?" We were driving to Oklahoma for our spring baseball trip and our basketball team was playing in the national tournament in KC. We were taking the people mover to the game...but he had no idea where Kemper Arena was. So he pulled up to anyone he saw (in some very bad neighborhoods) and just yelled out "where's Kemper?"

I think Coach Dew's (and Paulette's) biggest influence would be the father figure that he was to so many of us players. He expected us to be good citizens and good people. He wanted to know what you were doing off the field and who you might be dating. I still open the door for women/ladies as we would get scolded in college if we didn't and he saw it... I think even more than the teams and championships, he delivered great people and citizens... and I would like to know how many coaches that he put out from his teams which I think is a reflection of him (as well as others...)

# Where's Kemper?

- **Darin Loe '90, played football and baseball under Dew 1985-1989; Head baseball coach at Northwest MO State University**

Thanks for the influence and impact you had on me as a man of God, husband and father.

- **Dan Pettit '87, Played for Dew 1983 - 1986**

I came to Valley City from a tough St. Thomas Aquinas Raider team in Ft.

Lauderdale and Coach quickly handed us our pink practice jerseys! Our freshman year we were traveling to Bemidji. I believe I gave fellow freshman Mark Manno a pinch of skoal. 5 minutes later we are pulled over on the side of the road so Mark could upchuck. I think Coach is still shaking his head at me!

**EAT YOUR BANANAS, GOTTA HAVE YOUR POTASSIUM!**

- **Jim Thies '84 - Played for Dew 1980-1983**



**HELLS BELLS!**

# VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS VIKINGS



## 09-10 Viking Basketball

Note: Preseason and November/December Home games will be played at the Hi-Liner Activity Center

DATE	TEAM	OPPONENT - Home Games in Bold	TIME
Oct. 29	M	<b>Lakehead University (Canada)</b>	7:00
Oct. 30	M	<b>Midland Lutheran</b>	4:30
Nov. 6	W/M	<b>Dordt (IA)</b>	5:30/7:30
Nov. 7	W/M	<b>Northwestern (IA)</b>	2:00/4:00
Nov. 9	M	Montana State (Exhibition)	7:00 MST
Nov. 13	W	Mount Marty	6:00
Nov. 14	W	Dakota Wesleyan	4:00
Nov. 14	M	<b>Viterbo College</b>	3:00
Nov. 17	W/M	Trinity Bible	6:00/8:00
Nov. 21	W/M	<b>Peru State (NE)</b>	1:00/3:00
Nov. 23	W	UM-Crookston	7:00
Nov. 24	M	Concordia St. Paul (Exhibition)	7:00
Nov. 27	W/M	William Penn (IA)	5:30/7:30
Nov. 28	W/M	Iowa Wesleyan	1:00/3:00
Dec. 4	W/M	Minot State	5:30/7:30
Dec. 5	W/M	Dickinson State	4:00/6:00 MST
Dec. 9	W	Augustana College (Exhibition)	7:00
Dec. 13	W	<b>St. Kate's (MN)</b>	3:00
Dec. 16	W	St. Cloud State (Exhibition)	5:00
Dec. 18	M	Robert Morris Tourney	TBA
Dec. 19	M	Robert Morris Tourney	TBA
Dec. 20	W	UC-Colorado Springs	3:00
Dec. 21	W	Johnson & Wales (Denver)	7:00
Dec. 28	M	University of Winnipeg Tourney	TBA
Dec. 29	M	University of Winnipeg	TBA
Dec. 30	M	University of Winnipeg	TBA
Jan. 2	W	<b>University of Sioux Falls</b>	3:00
Jan. 4	W/M	<b>MN-Morris</b>	5:30/7:30
Jan. 8	W/M	<b>Black Hills State</b>	5:30/7:30
Jan. 9	W/M	<b>SD Mines</b>	4:00/6:00
Jan. 14	W/M	<b>Jamestown College</b>	5:30/7:30
Jan. 22	W/M	Mayville State	5:30/7:30
Jan. 23	W/M	Dakota State	4:00/6:00
Jan. 29	W/M	<b>Dickinson State</b>	5:30/7:30
Jan. 30	W/M	<b>Minot State</b>	4:00/6:00
Feb. 5	W/M	SD Mines	5:30/7:30MST
Feb. 6	W/M	Black Hills State	4:00/6:00MST
Feb. 10	W/M	Jamestown College	5:30/7:30
Feb. 19	W/M	<b>Dakota State</b>	5:30/7:30
Feb. 20	W/M	<b>Mayville State</b>	4:00/6:00
Feb. 24		DAC Quarterfinals	TBA
Feb. 28		DAC Semi-finals	TBA
Mar. 2		DAC Finals	TBA

## Women's Basketball Preview

### Vikings Look to Continue Climb

Head coach Jill DeVries begins her 11th season at VCSU and although the Vikings have garnered their share of accomplishments in her tenure, they have yet to become a consistent contender in the Dakota Athletic Conference. However, with the roster featuring first team All-DAC post player, Abby Rittenhouse (14ppg, 6rpg), and third team All-DAC guard, Amanda Brown (10ppg) along with floor general Caitlyn Wojahn, all the elements figure to be in place for a run at the program's first Dakota Athletic Conference crown.

VCSU returns eight of their 10 letter winners from the 2009 team that left their legacy by being the highest nationally rated women's basketball squad in the program's history at #19 last season. With that success comes great expectations for the 2010 team. Four starters return for the 17-13 Vikings including Rittenhouse, Brown, Wojahn and Mandy Johnson. Mix their returning talent with the incoming class and the Vikings hope to catapult themselves to the top of the league and a national tournament berth.

"We are looking at this season as an opportunity to demonstrate the experience gained by the young players last season," DeVries said. "We were able to take great strides last year and with the adversity that we had due to flooding in the spring and the shortened school year. The girls are really looking forward to being back in action this season."

In addition to the success on the court in 2009, the women's basketball team ranked 5th on the 2009 Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA's) Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll with a team grade point average (GPA) of 3.61. This is the second consecutive year VCSU's women's basketball team has been recognized on this list, and represents an improvement from the team's 11th place position in 2008. The team was separated from the NAIA top GPA of Dana College (NE) by only .153, and is the only women's basketball team in the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) to make the national academic ranking in 2009.

"Our program has always been proud of how seriously we take the term 'student-athlete.' It takes great effort and commitment to be your very best in all that you do and we believe winning in the classroom is as important as winning on the court," said head coach Jill DeVries. ♦

## Men's Basketball Preview

### Strong Defense Forms Foundation for '09-'10

The success of the Vikings during the 2009-10 season will rely on a combination of a core group of experienced players with some exciting new talent in the program. Under the direction of head coach Jeff Kaminsky, VCSU has built a reputation for being one of the best defensive programs in the country. This season should be no exception as the Vikings continue to be at or near the top of the Dakota Athletic Conference in all defensive categories on an annual basis.

The Vikings have eight returning players in the program including five that have seen significant time in the starting line-up. Seniors Orlando Anderson, Dareon Spencer and Chris Fuqua along with juniors Mark Klingberg and Calvin Kraft will bring leadership to the team as it strives to rise to the top in the always tough Dakota Athletic Conference. The Vikings also welcome five freshmen to the team from areas ranging from Killeen, Texas to Windsor, Ontario.

The schedule for the Vikings includes more home games than in previous years and tournaments in Chicago and Winnipeg. ♦







### Men's and Women's Golf Recap Viking Golfers Hit the Tees For First Time Since 1993

In the first half of the season, the men's and women's golf teams showed they are more than the new kids on the block in the Dakota Athletic Conference. Fielding the first women's team since 1983 and the first men's team since 1993, the teams competed in three two-day DAC events along with some non-conference one-day tournaments. The season officially opened for both teams on September 2 at the Jimmie Open held at Hillcrest Golf Course.

The men were led by Sean Krall from Valley City with a stroke average of 74.5. Krall has registered four Top 5 finishes. Blair Gilberts, Hawley, MN is averaging 78.9 with one Top 10 finish. Taylor Henrickson, Barnesville, MN is averaging 79.9 with one Top 10 finish and Arick Scherr, Carrington, ND is averaging 82.6 with one Top 10 finish.

The women have had a balanced attack featuring Liz Nelson, another Valley City High product, with an average of 99, and Kelsey Wilhem of Leonard, ND with an average of 100. The women's team has shown significant gains in the second day of scoring at events averaging 39.5 fewer strokes on day 2.

The men have 10 members on the roster, eight of whom would not be at VCSU if not for the golf team. On the women's side, five ladies competed as varsity golfers this fall.

After half of the conference season, the women's side is led by Minot State with 16 points, followed by Black Hills with 13. The Viking women are currently fifth out of six teams, leading South Dakota Mines by one point.

The Viking men will enter the winter in third place with seven team points. Minot leads with 15, Dickinson has 11, and Jamestown College and South Dakota School of Mines are tied with six team points.

Men's Coach Nathan Stover said the first half of VCSU's reentry into golf went well, and he expects the future to be even brighter.

"I'm excited about the future, ecstatic," he said. "I think we have a group of guys that can compete to win the conference, maybe not this year, but certainly down the road."

The Valley City State golf teams are off for six months. The spring half of the conference season kicks off April 11-12 at the South Dakota Mines Invite. ♦



## VCSU VIKING ★ HALL OF FAMERS ★



▲ 2009 Hall of Fame: Individuals inducted during Homecoming at the annual banquet on October 2. Shauna Cochrane-Thompson '93 - Volleyball and Softball; Dwight Leier '68 - Special Recognition Category; and Randy Betsinger '78 - Football.



▲ The 1967 Men's Cross Country Team inducted for their accomplishments. Members present were: (back l to r) Ron Holzworth '69, Ray Holzworth '69, Rocky Stack, David Flach '69 and Dennis Kost '69. (front l to r) Dale Hillstrom '69, Myron Loberg '68, Dwight Leier '68 and Gary Rufsvold '68.



▲ 1982, 1983, 1984 Football Teams:  
Back l to r: Dan Smith '83, John Hardy '83, David Schramm '88, Jerry Krosbakken '86, Jeff Pederson '83, Cory Anderson '89, Coach Jim Dew, Pat Horner, Kent Luttschwager, Peter Leno '86 and John Pettit '84.  
Middle l to r: Coach Bob Bruhschwein '57, Ted Knutson '84, Steve Guenter '84, Billie Wilson '85, Dan Olson '85, Chuck Kessler '92, Dave Severson, Jeff Volk, Paul Keidel '87, and Jed Klein '85.  
Front l to r: Staurt Good '89, Bob Wald '89, Kevin Bratland '90, Darren Leier '87, Tom Spencer '87, and Paul Leier '85.

## Viking Women Complete Trifecta of Academic Achievement

Providing further evidence that VCSU recognizes the student part of student-athlete and all the roles they must fulfill, all three women's from 2008-09 were nationally recognized for academic achievement.



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The volleyball team was honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association by being one of 36 NAIA teams that beat a minimum team GPA of 3.30 during the full academic year. With the NAIA at nearly 290 total members, the Viking volleyball team ranks in the top 12% of all volleyball teams. Only one other team from the Dakota Athletic Conference was so honored.



The women's basketball team was recognized by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association as the 5th best NAIA academic team in the nation, boasting a team GPA of 3.610, just by .153 off the nation's best. The Vikings were the only Dakota Athletic Conference team to be ranked in the top 25. "Our program has always been proud of how seriously we take the term 'student-athlete.' It takes great effort and commitment to be your very best in all that you do, and we believe winning in the classroom is as important as winning on the court," said Head Coach Jill DeVries.



The softball team achieved the mark as 5th best in the country as well. The Viking Softball team was recognized by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) with the "Girls Got Game" Top 10 Academic Team award. The Vikings were the number five team in the NAIA with an overall team grade point average of 3.457. In addition to achieving the team award, nine Viking Softball players received individual recognition and were awarded the NFCA "Girls Got Game" All-American Scholar-Athlete award. To receive the award, the student-athlete must have an overall grade point average of 3.5 for the academic year. The Vikings were the only DAC team in the top 10. ♦



## Fieldhouse Repairs Underway



Last summer, much of the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse was closed after an inspection of the Glulam (Glued Laminated Timber) arches supporting the roof revealed rotting that weakened the structural integrity of the roof and required substantial repairs. Since then,

VCSU has been working with engineers to determine the extent of the damage and architects to design a solution. Repairs are now underway.

One of the first steps was to build a shoring tower to support the roof. With this work done, the building was reopened, but with the shoring tower occupying much of the basketball court, the facility remains unsuitable for competition. Work is currently underway on the abutments and bases of the dome structure. We anticipate being back in the Fieldhouse in early 2010.

In the meantime, the Viking volleyball team conducted its season in Graichen Gymnasium for the first time since the 2004-2005 season. Home basketball games are being held in the Hi-Liner Activity Center in the Valley City High School until the Fieldhouse repairs are completed.

As additional information becomes available, it will be posted in the news section of [www.vcsu.edu](http://www.vcsu.edu).

## Fund Raising for Track and Cross Country Reaches Goal Varsity sports to be reinstated Fall '10

Valley City State University's campaign to raise the funds required to reinstate Track & Field and Cross Country as varsity sports has reached its goal of \$150,000. With this accomplishment, reinstating these varsity sports is assured for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Dr. Steven Shirley, president of VCSU, said, "I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of the donors who made this possible. We are very much looking forward to bringing these sports back. In addition to providing exciting opportunities for our students to compete at the varsity level, these sports are an important part of our efforts to increase enrollment long term."

VCSU announced the intention to reinstate the sports earlier this year but made the move contingent upon successfully raising \$150,000 to cover the associated start-up costs so that funds would not need to be diverted from other sports. The funds raised will be used for equipment, scholarships, and salary and fringe benefits associated with the hiring of a coach.

Assistant professor and former VCSU Track & Field Coach Dave Bass has been serving as the coordinator for the program until a coach is hired and has already successfully recruited several student athletes. A nationwide search for a coach will be conducted between January and April of 2010.

# VCSU 2009-2010 Theatre Season:

(date changes will be announced if needed)

**Valley City: Comedy Tonight!** | Theatre 320 | November 19, 20, 21, 8:00 pm

**Searching for David's Heart** | Theatre 320 | February 11, 12, 13, 8:00 pm

**Tintypes** | Vangstad Auditorium | April 15, 16, 8:00 pm • April 17, 2:00 pm matinee and 8:00 pm

**VCSU Theatre Department** | 101 College St SW • Valley City, ND 58072 | 701-845-7320

## VCSU Music Hall of Fame Honors Two Music Alumni



Dr. Steve Shirley, VCSU president (right) greets John '47 (left) and Daniel (middle) Rhoades who accepted the tribute to their mother, Josephine (Wright) Rhoades, recognizing her induction into the VCSU Music Hall of Fame.



Carole (Paulson) Flatau '60 (left) receives a tribute recognizing her induction into the VCSU Music Hall of Fame from Associate Professor Beth Klingenstein (right).

## Fine Arts Seeks to Endow Jahn Scholarship Fund



The Cathy Jahn Memorial Scholarship Fund, originally established in 2006, is approximately \$1,100 short of qualifying for full endowment. As a result, the Division of Fine Arts is seeking contributions to cover this difference so that the fund can begin to distribute scholarships.

Cathy lived in Valley City with her husband Bill for many years and was very active in the community. She completed her BS degree in Art Education at VCSU in 1998 and was an adjunct professor teaching art education in the Division of Fine Arts. She founded the Small World Daycare at St. Catherine's Catholic Church and Cathy's Classics Gift Store, both in Valley City. She passed away unexpectedly in 2006.

If you would like to help this fund reach endowed status, please send your contribution to: The Jahn Memorial Scholarship Fund, VCSU Foundation Office, 101 College St. SW, Valley City, ND 58072. ♦

## Stull Scholarship Fund Receives Additional \$40,000 Bequest

The Art and Music Departments recently received a \$40,000 bequest to supplement the Stull Scholarship Fund. The dollars are to be used for scholarships for art and music students. "We are very thankful and appreciative for this generous contribution to the Stull Scholarship Fund. These dollars will provide scholarship support for our students for many years to come," stated Dr. Diana Skroch, Chair of the Division of Fine Arts.

The Stull Scholarship is provided in memory of Harriett (Lusyd) Stull, an adjunct faculty member at the State Teachers College during the summers of 1928, 1930, 1931, and 1934; and a public school teacher in Groton, SD; Jamestown, ND; and Mankato, MN. In 1941, She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education with minors in Music Education and Elementary Education. In addition to her devotion to the visual arts, she was an accomplished musician, performing for numerous community events. She passed away in Santa Cruz, CA, October 1, 1980. ♦

# Performing Arts

## WINTER/SPRING 2009-2010 VCSU PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR

Nov. 1 Heidi Kirsch, Soprano ..... 3:00 pm <i>Froemke</i>	Apr. 15 Region 5 Vocal Contest <i>Foss Music Hall</i>
Nov. 5 Ployhar Honor Band & Barnes County Music Festival ..... 7:00 pm <i>Vangstad</i>	Apr. 22 VCSU Jazz Ensemble* ..... 7:30 pm <i>Student Union Cafeteria</i>
Nov. 8 Valley Children's Choir*** ..... 3:00 pm <i>Froemke</i>	Apr. 25 Concert Choir & University Singers*** ..... 7:30 pm <i>Epworth Methodist Church</i>
Nov. 12 VCSU Jazz Ensemble* ..... 7:30 pm <i>Student Union Cafeteria</i>	Apr. 28 Garage Bands..... 7:00 pm <i>City Park OR Vangstad TBA</i>
Nov. 12 Regional One-Act Plays ..... 7:00 am - 4:00 pm <i>Vangstad</i>	May 2 Casey Behm, piano ..... 3:00 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Nov. 18 VCACA: Paul Asaro, Ragtime Pianist+ ..... 7:30 pm <i>Vangstad</i>	May 6 Composer's Concert..... 7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Nov. 19 General Student Recital ..... 7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>	May 8 VCSU Band & Percussion* ..... 3:00 pm <i>Vangstad</i>
Nov. 20 VCSU Concert Band & Percussion* ..... 7:30 pm <i>Vangstad</i>	May 9 VCSU Community School of the Arts Recitals.... 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Nov. 22 Micki Buchholz, mezzo-soprano/saxophone..... 3:00 pm & Sonja Plautz, trombone, <i>Froemke</i>	May 9 VCACA: Home Free, a capella+ ..... 7:30 pm <i>Vangstad</i>
Dec. 3 East Region Instrumental Contest ..... Daytime (TBA) <i>Foss Music Hall</i>	May 13 Valley Children's Choir & Valley Voices*** ..... 7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Dec. 5 Valley Voice & Valley City Civic Orchestra*** ..... 7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>	
Dec. 10 VCSU Concert Choir & University Singers*** ..... 7:30 pm <i>St. Catherine's</i>	
Dec. 12 EBC Christmas Hit Parade..... 7:30 pm <i>Vangstad</i>	
Dec. 13 CSA Recitals ..... 2:00 - 4:00 pm <i>Froemke</i>	
Dec. 14 Garage Bands..... 4:00 pm <i>Vangstad</i>	
Dec. 15 Valley Voices, VCSU Choir, University Singers..... evening <i>Courthouse Carol Sing</i>	
Jan. 30 Concert Band & Chamber Ensembles..... 3:00 pm <i>Vangstad</i>	
Feb. 4 Michael Whisler, Guitar ..... 7:30 pm <i>Vangstad</i>	
Feb. 21 VCACA: John McKay, Classical Favorites+ ..... 3:00 pm <i>Vangstad</i>	
Feb. 25 Mauvais Sort ..... 7:30 pm <i>Vangstad</i>	
Feb. 27 National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Festival <i>Foss Music Hall</i>	
Feb. 28 Valley Children's Concert*** ..... 3:00 pm <i>Froemke</i>	
Mar. 1 James Adams, trombone & Chris Mahan, percussion* .... 7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>	
Mar. 6 Manhattan Piano Trio ..... 7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>	
Mar. 11 General Student Recital ..... 7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>	
Mar. 16 Region 2 Vocal Contest <i>Foss Music Hall</i>	
Mar. 26 Margaret Hammerling, flute & Jon Rudolph, guitar* ..... 7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>	
Apr. 1 East Region Vocal Contest <i>Foss Music Hall</i>	
Apr. 8 Elissa Berg, piano & Alison Jenson, percussion..... 7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>	
Apr. 12 General Student Recital ..... 7:30pm <i>Froemke</i>	
Apr. 14 Region 2 Instrumental Contest <i>Foss Music Hall</i>	

## Fine Arts

### WINTER/SPRING 2009-2010 VCSU FINE ARTS CALENDAR

Oct. 5 - Nov. 13 Artists' Crawl Exhibition	
Nov. 5 Artists' Crawl Reception ..... 5:30-7:30 pm <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Nov. 6 Artists' Crawl Open Studios ..... 7:00-9:00 pm	
Nov. 7 Artists' Crawl Open Studios ..... 10:00am-4:00 pm	
Nov. 8 Artists' Crawl Open Studios ..... 11:00am-4:00 pm	
Nov. 16 - Dec. 18 Mike Rasmussen Paintings <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Dec. 10 Mike Rasmussen Reception ..... 7:00-8:00 pm <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Jan. 4 - Jan. 29 VCSU Art Faculty Exhibition <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Jan. 28 Art Faculty Reception ..... 5:00-6:30 pm <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Feb. 1 - Feb. 26 James Krotzer, Folk Artist <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Feb. 26 James Krotzer Reception ..... 3:00-4:30 pm <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Mar. 1 - 12 VCHS Exhibition <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Mar. 15 - Apr. 16 Annual Art Student Exhibition <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Apr. 15 Art Student Reception ..... 5:00-6:30 pm <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Apr. 19 - May 7 Brianne Heupel Senior Exhibition <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Apr. 30 Brianne Heupel Reception ..... 6:30-8:00 pm <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	

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

\*\*\* Free will offering concerts

+VCACA Concerts: Admission by SEASON MEMBERSHIP, which may be purchased at the door. Student @ \$12; Adult @ \$30; Single Parent Family @ \$40; Families @ \$65

## In Remembrance

Edward F. Morris '59, Cincinnati, OH  
 Patricia A. (Herbol) Gerzin, Fargo  
 Rachelle J. (Wilhelm) Sorensen '66, Sidney, MT  
 Gladys May (Hanson) Doris, International Falls, MN  
 Roger William Steinbrecher '75, Cottage Grove, MN  
 Helen E. (Neva) Timm, Kensal  
 Tyrone Sampson, Portland, OR  
 Jean (Forthun) Lee-Brown '48, Mesa AZ  
 Marlo R. Tveter '79, Oakes  
 Thomas M. Hagen '70, Grafton  
 Ellen M. (Johnson) Leonard '31, Olympia, WA  
 Alyce E. (Byberg) Johnson '49, Fremont, CA  
 Scott J. Baumgartner, Valley City  
 Margaret V. (Johnson) McDaniel '35, Carrington  
 Gloria Jean (Anderson) Newton '86, Robinson  
 Ann Shirley (Lundberg) Modahl '57, Longmont, CO  
 Edith M. (Bullis) Bodewin '46, Peoria, AZ  
 Agnes M. (Stanton) Gassmann '37, Fargo  
 Gary A. Nelson '69, Whitefish, MT  
 Ernest Gjerdevig '50, Carrington  
 Ward Tom Stine '64, Fargo  
 Vic R. Fandrich '63, Carrington  
 Maurice M. Strom '64, Detroit Lakes, MN  
 Elmer E. Schweitzer '57, Jamestown  
 James W. McCord '59, Bismarck  
 Marion A. (Hickey) Barnick '69, Jamestown

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# Leave a Legacy



## at Valley City State University

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

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

# Vikings on the Move

## 1950's

**Rockne '57 and Avis (Powlison) Larvick '56** are still retired and enjoying life in Pendleton, Oregon. They want to say hello to all their former classmates and they would love to hear from you. In addition, Rockne taught at VCSU in the early 1970's and he would like to hear from former students, faculty, and staff. Their e-mail address is: rockavis@mac.com and telephone number is 541-276-1345.

## 1960's



**Peter Anderson '60** is enjoying retirement. Pete and his wife, Ihla, enjoy spending time with their 12 grandchildren, although their grandchildren are getting older and have so many activities that Pete and Ihla don't see

them as often as they'd like. Pete still volunteers at Tamarisk, an agency that assists families when their spouse or family member is terminally ill. Fishing trips are always on his agenda and the occasional day here and there is spent substitute teaching in Spring Lake Park's school district. They like to socialize with their good friends and try to play golf a few times a week. Pete and Ihla spend several weeks each winter in Ixtapa, Mexico, and then they go on to Destin, Florida for 6-8 weeks. They try to escape from the long, cold Minnesota winters.

**Robert '61 and Eileen (Rolfzen) Cresap '60** reside in Cloquet, MN. Bob recently retired from his position as director of the college in the high school's program for the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. Bob plans on spending more time with his wife and family, enjoying their cabin on Grand Lake and tinkering in his woodworking shop.

**Dr. Fran Monseth '64** is in his 39th year of administration and teaching at Free Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis. He has frequent opportunities for teaching missions overseas and in recent years, has conducted pastoral training classes in South America, Eastern and Central Europe, Africa, India and Sri Lanka. He and his wife of 43 years, Ellen, have six married children and 24 grandchildren.



**Audrey (Wibstad) Heupel '66** lives in Inver Grove Heights, MN and has worked for Thomson Reuters for

23 years. She has two grown children and two grandchildren. Audrey has traveled all over Europe and quite often to Arizona. She plays a lot of golf and is always looking for someone new to play golf with.

**John Otto '68** and his wife Murial (House) Otto reside in Ulen, MN. In 2002, John retired from teaching and coaching. He'd been at Ulen-Hitterdal (MN) High School for 34 years. The year before he retired, the school named the football field, "John Otto Field"! John is now working part-time for Triangle Agronomy driving a truck during the spring & fall. During the winter months, he subs at U-H High School and Elem. Muriel worked as a dietary cook at the Viking Manor Nursing Home for 25 years. She retired three years ago and also subs at U-H High School & Elem. They have two children and two granddaughters.

**Gary Rufsvold '68** is in his fourth season as head basketball coach at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, MN. Previously he had been the athletic director and head boys basketball coach at the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield, MN. Gary was recently named the MIAC Coach of The Year.

**Gene '69 and Sue (Piper) Boyle '70** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 19 (the actual date was Aug. 16). The celebration was planned by their daughters **Becky (Boyle) Jones '96** and her husband Robert, **Nancy Boyle '99**, and her son, Dan, and his wife, Jenny. Over 150 people attended the celebration and Gene and Sue were thrilled to see old friends and family. They have a new grandson, Logan Eugene (age 5 months), son of Dan and Jenny, and their 6 year old grandson, Ty, started kindergarten this fall. Gene and Sue are still educators; Gene is principal at Moorhead High School and Sue is a special educator at Sheyenne 9th Grade Center in West Fargo. They live on Turtle Lake, east of Moorhead, and would love alumni to call or stop by. Becky is the activities director and greek life director at MSU-Moorhead and her husband is the food service director at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fargo. Nancy is the volunteer coordinator at the FM Rape and Abuse Crisis Center. Dan is the Director of Housing at the University of Sioux Falls and an interim pastor at Trinity Baptist. His wife is a 3rd grade teacher.



**Robert Kohler '69** is in his 21st year as a professor in health and physical education and an administrative assistant in football and the athletics marketing director at Concordia College. He is pictured with his

18 month old granddaughter, Quinlan Kohler.  
**Paul '69 & Sue (Sorenson) Mark '69** are both retired and living in Phoenix, AZ. After leaving VCSC in 1969, Sue was an elementary teacher with emphasis in 5th-6th reading and social studies (10 yrs). Paul was a Jr-Sr High science teacher (8 yrs). Paul spent the rest of his working life in pharmaceutical sales specializing in oncology products. Sue ran her own business, AADS Filing Systems, Inc. This was a custom

designed non-alphabetized filing folder niche marketed to dentists. The business was sold November 2004. They have two children; son, Allyn, and daughter, Melissa, who are both in the Seattle area so Paul and Sue burn up the road or air to see them, their son-in-law, Rory Russell, and their two grandsons. William is in the 3rd grade, loves baseball, basketball, and swimming. His favorite subjects are math and science. Christopher is 3 1/2 years old, has a radiant smile, will be going to pre-school soon, and thinks that grammy and papa can see things through the telephone. Paul and Sue enjoy reading, walking, hiking, traveling, and visiting friends. Life is fast paced for them and they think that retirement is great.

## 1980's



**Rynette (Hjelmsstad) Burckhard '84** resides in Minot, ND, where she is in her 21st year of teaching.

This year, she is teaching remedial reading and math after teaching 20 years in a regular classroom. Rynette and her husband, Byron, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in July. They have two daughters, Bethanie (20) and Kristin (18) who are both students at Minot State University.

**Randy and Melissa "Lisa" (Walker) Hajek '86** are still living outside Fargo, where Randy farms and Lisa is a fifth grade teacher with the West Fargo District on Horace Elementary. They will have been married 25 years this winter! Both enjoy their music; Randy still plays the trumpet (a plug for the EBC Alumni Christmas Show!) and Lisa directs the church senior choir and sings with a contemporary Christian a capella group, "Cool Reign." The group has recorded one CD, and they are looking forward to recording a Christmas CD sometime soon. Their son, Joshua, attends MSU- Moorhead and is looking to continue the music tradition with a degree in audio production. Their daughter, Jessica, is married and has two adorable children, Gabe (3) and Gracie (5 mos.), whom are not spoiled at all by grandma and grandpa! They enjoy hearing from VCSU classmates and are looking forward to Homecoming!



**Mark '80 and Jennifer (Bennett) Conlon '87** have lived in Bismarck, ND, for 15 years. Mark is the editor for the Farm & Ranch Guide and Jennifer teaches elementary physical education at Lewis & Clark Elementary in Mandan. Jennifer

retired from coaching Mandan High School

volleyball 4 years ago and now enjoys watching their sons, Andy (17) and Alex (15) play tennis and baseball.



**Darrin Roach '89** and his wife, Andrea, relocated to Fargo in the summer of 2008, where he began his position within the Fargo

Catholic Schools Network (FCSN) as Principal of Sullivan Middle School. Their daughters Shanley (14), Kendra (12), and Shayna (5) also attend the FCSN. Their youngest, Ashland (2), still has a couple of years before life turns serious. "It has been so nice being back close to VCSU, and being able to visit the campus and stay in touch with the activities. Reconnecting with old friends has been a blessing. For those of you who have not been back, you need to make the trip." Darrin invites everyone to look him up if you are in the Fargo-Valley area.

## 1990's

**Melinda Berg '90** teaches Spanish for the Bismarck Public Schools where she has been for the past four years. From 2001-2004, Melinda worked as an admissions counselor for Mayville State during which time Dr. Chaffee was president for both MaSU and VCSU. Melinda has spoken with hundreds of high school students from rural and urban ND and MN passionately promoting the excellent opportunities offered to students so they can achieve personal and academic success. Melinda is grateful for the excellent education she received while attending VCSU. From Spain to Montana to Alaska and back home to North Dakota, she has been gainfully and happily employed every single year since earning her degrees at VCSU. She feels few other institutions of higher education anywhere would have been as accommodating as Valley City State as she strived to accomplish biology and Spanish major degrees while working three jobs. Lab times were available during the evenings and weekends; instructors were almost always available to speak with in person, and most of them were very understanding and flexible.

**Becky (Blasey) '92 and Brent Keith '92** relocated to Winston Salem, NC over the summer due to a job and to be closer to family. They have two children; Derek is 12 and in the 7th grade and Kaleb is 10 and in the 5th grade.

**Charles '92 and Gwen (Skjefte) Kessler '86** live in Carrington, ND, where Chuck is in his 7th year as the high school Principal. Gwen is the ingredient sales manager for Dakota Growers Pasta Company where she has worked since it opened in 1994. They have two daughters, McKenzie, a senior at NDSU, and Charlsey, a junior in Carrington.

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## Weddings

- Wendy Rudolph '09 & Wade Reister.....May 16, 2009
- Jenna Steidl & Brandon Bjugstad '07..... July 18, 2009
- Sarah Stack '06 & Brandon Caulfield..... July 24, 2009
- Sheena Plecity '09 & Mike O'Leary..... July 25, 2009
- Sarah Aasheim '09 & Brayton Fox '07..... August 8, 2009
- Jennifer Goebel '06 & Jonathan Hirschert..... August 8, 2009
- Trisha Hansen '01 & Mark Fraase..... August 8, 2009
- Angela Weingarten & Justin Bear '05..... August 8, 2009
- Mallory Glasow '09 & Nik Pickett..... September 5, 2009
- Heidi Sandness '03 & Jerad Plesuk..... September 5, 2009
- Brittany Gustafson '08 & Benjamin Holten.....September 12, 2009
- Kristel Rohwedder '01 & Shane Amundson.....September 12, 2009
- Stephanie Ray & Karsten Melgaard '03..... October 17, 2009
- Tiffany Ost '09 & Jake Fylling '09..... October 24, 2009
- Janae Larson '07 & Jess Helvick.....December 19, 2009

## John & Jan Paulson Retire after a combined 39 years of Service



After 20 years of service, John Paulson retired from his position as grounds keeper/maintenance worker and after nearly 19 years of service, Jan Paulson retired from her position as custodian in the Rhoades Science Center. On October 24, their family hosted a retirement party that was well-attended by many family, friends, and co-workers.♦

# milestones...



**Brent Hooley '94** and his wife, Kami, are the proud parents of a daughter, Hannah Drees, who was born on June 25, 2009. Hannah joins Lana, 5, & Zachary, 3.

**Sarah (Sutter) Feist '01** and Mark Feist were married on June 13, 2009 in Bismarck. The couple is making their home in Fargo.



**Amber (Ussatis) Aberle '03** and her husband, Jeremy had their first baby, a baby girl, Danica Rae Aberle, on April 17, 2009; she was 9lbs 6oz and 21 inches long.



**Amy (Pomranke) Ripperger '03** her husband, Jarad, are the proud parents of Isley Marie, born on July 10, 2009. They reside in Knoxville, IA.



**Trevor Hansen '05** and his wife, Sarah, had a baby girl at 6:50 am on August 5, 2009 at the Jamestown Hospital. Sophia Evelyn Hansen weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 21 inches long.



**Katie Cavallaro '07** and Stephen Howard are the proud parents of their first child, Anthony Thomas Cavallaro-Howard, born April 11, 2009. Anthony was 6 lbs 4 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long. He was born at Mease Countryside hospital

in Safety Harbor, FL. Katie and Stephen live in Tampa, FL, where Katie is an accounts payable processor/researcher and Stephen is a cook.

**Kory '08 and Dani (Newell) Foss '07**

are currently teaching in Mobridge, SD. Kory is teaching middle school social studies and is coaching high school boys basketball and VFW baseball, Dani is teaching 2nd grade. On November 29, 2008 they welcomed Evelyn Jo Foss into their family.



## "Guy and Doll" Become Husband and Wife



**Sean '09 and Michelle (Meckle) Swenson '07** were married on May 30, 2009 in Rugby, ND. Both Sean and Michelle have taken teaching jobs in Ray, ND. Sean teaches 7-12 science, coaches jr high football and is the SADD advisor. Michelle teaches 7-12 math and is the speech coach and student council advisor. The couple met during a VCSU production of *Guys and Dolls*.

If you know other VCSU alumni couples who met during a VCSU Theatre production, please email VCSU Director of Theatre, Jenni Lou Russi at [jennilou.russi@vcsu.edu](mailto:jennilou.russi@vcsu.edu)



## VCSU Grads Recognized by NDACTE

Annette (Peterson) Beattie and Tracy Becker '04 were presented with the Young Educator of the Year awards by the North Dakota Association of Career and Technical Educators (NDACTE) at its annual conference. These awards recognize teachers who have been in in career and technical education for three to five years, have made a significant contribution toward innovative, unique and novel programs, and have shown a professional commitment early in the teaching career.

Annette has taught Technology Education at Barnes County North, North Central Campus for four years. She has a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and Management from NDSU and a Master of Education from VCSU with a concentration in Technology Education (July, 2008). She is a member of ITEA, ACTE, and NDEA. She transformed a welding class into a standards-based Tech Ed program. She has started a Technology Student Association chapter with students competitively contending in the events while qualifying two students for nationals. This coming fall, Annette's Technology Education program will be expanded to include Barnes County North's Wimbledon-Courtenay campus. She is active in her community.

Tracy is a Marketing Education teacher at the James Valley Career and Technology Center in Jamestown. Tracy has been teaching marketing for the last 4 years and she has developed a very productive program. Tracy is a member of ACTE, NDACTE, MEA and local, state and national Teacher Education Associations. Tracy is the DECA and Yearbook advisor and spends her free time working with students.

Tracy's marketing education program has seen growth in the past couple of years. She teaches at the technology center as well as over ITV serving Medina, Montpelier, and Pingree/Buchanan school districts. Tracy's DECA chapter has also seen growth in membership as well as activities. Her DECA students are very active in both the community and the school giving the chapter an excellent reputation. Her students have had great success at the local, state, and national DECA competitions. Her passion, enthusiasm and perseverance have proven success in her program. ♦

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**Scott Harpt '95** and his wife Amanda have 3 children; Jackson (6), Ava (4) and Addison (2). Scott teaches English and Communication at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

**Kirk '98 & Karrie (Habeck) Zink '97** are living in Hillsboro, ND. Kirk is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in East Grand Forks, MN and Karrie teaches kindergarten at Hillsboro Elementary School. They have 4 children: Oakly, 16; Brooklyn, 12; Jensyn, 6; and Niko, 1.

## 2000's

**Darin Walters '02** graduated from UND in August with a Masters degree in Educational Leadership. Darin is a physical science teacher and football coach at Grand Forks Central. He and his wife, Beth, have two sons J.B. (3 years old) and Reese (6 months).

**Megan McCann-Engberg '03** and her husband Byron were married on August 8, 2008. They live in Crary, ND, and both teach in Devils Lake. Megan teaches 9-12 Spanish at DLHS and also teaches IVN Spanish to Maddock, Minnewaukan, Leeds and Adams-Edmore. Byron teaches 8th grade English at CMS Middle School.

**Ryan Botner '05** married Amanda Perkerewicz on June 19, 2009, in Fargo.

**Tom '05 and Linda (Sabinash) Klapp '04** have been married for almost five years. They live on a farm near Gardner, ND. Tom is currently in his fourth year of teaching science at Northern Cass Public School. Linda has been at Innovis Health in Fargo for three years where she works as a medical technologist. In their spare time, they enjoy hunting, fishing, golfing and horseback riding.

**Bryce McLean '05** married Jackie Sonntag on May 2, 2009. They are happy to return to Calgary, Canada, where they both grew up and their families still reside. This spring, Bryce graduated from law school at the University of Alberta and has taken an articling position at Field Law, practicing litigation and corporate law. Bryce, along with several Viking alumni, continue to play baseball together in Calgary's FMBA.

**Thomas Dorsz '06** currently works for Guidance in Giving (GIG), a professional fundraising company based out of New York. His company handles multi-million dollar accounts for catholic parishes, dioceses and schools all across the country. Thomas has been with GIG since August, 2006 and loves his job. Through his job, he travels to Charleston, SC, Wheeling, WV, Helena, MT, Lexington, KY and a few other places in between. Thomas wants to thank all the teachers that helped him along the way.



**Kimberly Souba '09** graduated from VCSU in Dec. 2008 and began teaching fifth grade at St. Louis Catholic School in Princeton,

IL the following month. This year she is teaching Jr. High reading and religion at the same school. While at VCSU, Kimberly was a member of the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation. She left the religious community in June and is living in Seatonville, IL, near family and friends. Kimberly is currently working on her master's degree in teaching and technology online through VCSU. The picture is of her grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, twin brother, and three nieces at a family reunion this summer. Kimberly is in the back row, far right. ♦

**We would LOVE to hear from YOU!**  
Submit your "Vikings on the Move" or "Milestones" entry by contacting the VCSU Alumni Office:  
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1960 Darlene Barr	1961 Kirker Clark	1961 Naomie (Reich) Wolf	1962 Kathleen (Heitkamp) King
1960 Ethel Bruns	1961 Ann Connie	1961 Robert Woods	1962 Marion Krueger
1960 Ruth (Kuhnle) Burbage	1961 Robert Crider	1961 Carl Ziegelmann	1962 Sharon Lee
1960 Dale Cameron	1961 Janet Delvo	1962 George Anderson	1962 Jean Lemmon
1960 Dale Christiansen	1961 Lucille Fjeld	1962 Athneal Bader	1962 Lucille Light
1960 Coletta Dickhausen	1961 Dale Gayer	1962 Edna (Dieterich) Boelter-Fischer	1962 Joseph Mayer
1960 Glyndon Ecker	1961 Bonita Gereszek	1962 Darylne Brunsvold	1962 Edythe Mittleider
1960 Richard Grose	1961 Marcella Gilk	1962 Phyllis Christensen	1962 Grace Naatus
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