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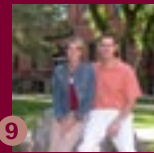
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**Understanding and Support, Please**

Ellen-Earle Chaffee, President

The joys of this job are countless, as are the points of pride in Valley City State University. But the challenges have continued to rise throughout the years, and the time for understanding and action is now.

Here is an example of NOT understanding. Members of another North Dakota community are angry with their president because she committed "only" \$50,000 to an athletic facility renovation in the same year when she had to lay off 19 people in order to balance the budget.

Here are some facts that will, I hope, help you understand what you do and do not see at VCSU.

We make hard budget decisions every year because we must do new things and we have no new funding to do them. An obvious current example is our new master's degree. This very expensive strategic initiative will pay off when it enrolls the projected number of students. Despite serious and often painful reallocations every year, the list of unfunded needs remains long - \$1 million this year.

Two years ago VCSU terminated or reallocated 10.5 staff and faculty positions. As a result, three people we all like and respect no longer work at VCSU – the rest was accomplished in other ways.

In the budget for the coming year, we were again unable to fund three faculty positions and one staff position that were "temporarily" cut in past years. Furthermore, we cut two faculty positions by 25 percent and one staff position, again impacting people we all like and respect.

This year, we offered a full-time faculty position to someone who has provided excellent part-time teaching service here. Instead, she accepted a position in Minnesota that pays \$16,000 more than we can pay. Last month, our well-known, hard-working, highly valued professor Dan McRoberts accepted a position in Wisconsin that pays \$23,000 more than we can pay. On average, salaries at VCSU are 23 percent below market.

By now, you may understand why these two sayings come often to my mind: "If you're going to swallow a frog, don't look at it too long." And, "No matter what you do, somebody won't like it." My colleagues and I would greatly appreciate it if you can understand further that we are probably as unhappy as you may be about some of the things that responsible management requires us to do.

*"If you're going to swallow a frog, don't look at it too long."*

Is there an end to this kind of difficulty? Not soon, and not easily. For many years, we have tried to grow, change, and strategize ourselves out of it. Given the demographics and finances, holding our own in enrollment has been a major victory. However, state funding has declined significantly and deferred maintenance costs statewide have reached \$118 million. The share of our total budget that comes from the state is only 41 percent. Tuition will rise another 9.5 percent this fall, on top of a combined 86 percent increase in the previous eight years.

I am asking for your strong, active support for higher education as a top priority in the next legislative session. Overall, the campuses have just 54 cents per student compared to their peer institutions in other states. The state has money. For example, the ending balance in June 2007 is projected to be well over \$300 million. The state could wipe out deferred maintenance on all campuses and still have over \$200 million left. The issue is vision and the challenge is will power.

In addition, private support for higher education has never had greater impact. Our top priorities for private funds at VCSU are scholarships and unrestricted. Those dollars are the fuel that helps us get ahead of the curve. Your support for V-500, Century Club, the annual auction, phone-a-thon, the annual fund, and endowed scholarships are vital lifeblood for us. Thank you!

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VCSU and the Foundation regret to announce that operating budget constraints have required a reduction in force in the Advancement Office. As indicated elsewhere in this issue, the university's operating budget is very tight, with significant reductions every year. Private funding has grown for endowment and scholarships, but not for operations. Annual cost-cutting in non-personnel areas has not been sufficient to balance the budget.

Val Moritz, Director of Alumni and External Relations, has done terrific work for many years, making the termination of her position all the more regrettable. Those who continue in the Advancement Office will ensure continuity in all essential functions. Please contact us at 800-532-8641 or alumni@vcsu.edu with any questions you may have.

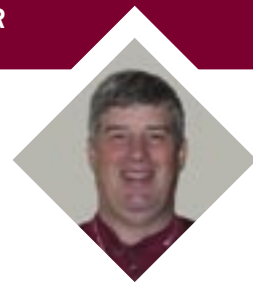
**Note from Val**

by Val Moritz '75, Director of Alumni Relations



I was recently informed that my position as Director of Alumni Relations has

been eliminated due to budget shortfalls. Having packed up 25 years worth of trinkets, gifts and other "stuff," I realize that I am taking much more valuable assets with me – your friendships. Thank you for all the times you responded to my requests for help. Thank you for your phone calls and e-mails – I always enjoyed our visits. I've learned so much from you and about you and I have truly been blessed. I know for certain that I leave this campus a better person because of you. If relationships could be weighed in dollars and cents, I'd be the richest person on earth. Take care, my friends, and God bless.



**Hello Alumni!**

by Jim Ukestad '78, Alumni Association President

This has been a wonderful year being on the alumni board and now I wonder, "Where has the time gone?"

My favorite memories of this past year include meeting VCSU alumni and staff at board meetings, hosting the Alumni Honors Breakfast, participating in the Homecoming parade, and hosting events following the parade.

In June we take part in a luncheon with retired faculty and staff following our annual meeting. What a great way to meet and visit with your past instructors. This is usually following a tour of a department and meeting with current instructors. What an opportunity to feel the pulse of the school. We are always updated by President

Chaffee, and Larry Robinson shares news from the VCSU Foundation. It is an honor to be on the alumni board.

Another great event in June was the Viking Golf Scramble. If you are a golfer (or not!), get a team together or call the office to make arrangements to play next year. This is a good way to visit with your friends. Keep in touch by visiting the web site alumni.vcsu.edu.

It's been a lot of fun serving on the alumni board the past six years and a special honor in serving as president this past year. Consider serving on this board and reconnect with your alma mater. Valley City State University is a great school. Go Vikings!



**Life Insurance as a Gift**

by Larry Robinson '71, Director of University Advancement

Many of you have purchased life insurance with the intention of providing financial stability to your family should something happen to either you or your spouse. Often the policy was purchased years ago when the children were young and at home. In many cases, we have continued to pay the premiums, or in fact, have a paid up policy. As time passed, the circumstances in our lives may have changed. It may well be time to review your policy and see if it continues to meet your changing needs.

Life insurance can be viewed as a tool for many purposes. It is often used to pay taxes and other expenses at the time of death. Folks are often surprised to find that some of the most satisfying uses of life insurance policies relate to charitable giving.

Let's assume that you have an old life insurance policy that you no longer need. Have you ever considered contributing it to a charitable cause? Another possibility is purchasing a new policy and naming the charity as the beneficiary. This option often will make a significant future gift feasible and quite affordable, especially for younger donors.

It is also possible to use life insurance as replacement dollars. Let's say that you are considering a sizable bequest to your favorite charity, but would like to avoid impacting your family's future inheritance. In this case, life

insurance can be used to replace for your heirs, the exact amount donated to the charity.

As you can see, life insurance can be used in many ways. It is a very good idea to review your policy on a regular basis. Perhaps

after doing so, you will want to make the changes necessary that reflect the current conditions in your life.

Should you like to receive further information on this topic, please contact us and request

your free copy of **Your Guide to Gifts of Life Insurance**. You may do so by sending e-mail to me personally at larry.robinson@vcsu.edu or call toll free 800-532-8641.

**VCSU: Such A Great Investment!**

Everyone wants to make a sound investment. That's why there's a whole industry of men and women who serve as investment advisors. They provide charts and analysis and make recommendations.

Thoughtful investors want to support solid companies with a good track record of profits. They want to see growth and success. No one wants to lose money.

Supporting Valley City State University (VCSU) is much like making an investment. But in this case, the returns pertain not to the pocketbook, but to the success of VCSU in fulfilling its mission. Donors "invest" their charitable dollars in VCSU because they believe we will continue to yield handsome returns in the community and society at large.

Those of us who work at Valley City State University are investors, too. We are investing our lives in this organization because we believe it is sound and successful in fulfilling its worthy mission in the world. In fact, all of our volunteers who give of their time and energies are investors as well.

Our planned giving director is Larry Robinson, and in a way, he is an investment advisor. He communicates program results and recommends that prospective donors plan their gifts thoughtfully to support this cause. His "investment tools" include charitable gift annuities, endowment funds, will bequests, and a variety of charitable trusts.

He speaks of the host of satisfied investors who have made significant commitments in Valley City State University. He points out positive developments and the consistent dividends of reaching annual goals. He also

talks with enthusiasm about the leadership of the university, the foundation board, and the outstanding development staff.

You probably have several financial investments you monitor along the way. Well, our "investors" monitor the work of VCSU.

If you would like to learn more about planned giving and how you can make "the investment of a lifetime," complete and mail the response form below. Request the complimentary brochure on planned giving and, if you wish, invite Larry to contact you for a visit. You will happily discover that he is not an "investment pusher," but rather a specialist in charitable giving who seeks the welfare of every donor.

As always, there is no cost or obligation. You can also learn about planned giving by visiting our Web site: [www.vcsu.edu](http://www.vcsu.edu).

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used for scholarships that are to provide significant financial assistance to academically able students from North Dakota, with consideration given for talented student-athletes. The remaining \$100,000 will be used for high-priority facility projects that will enhance VCSU's athletic program.

“Our goal in making this gift is to give back to the people who helped me,” said Mr. Tharaldson. “Being able to do this makes us feel very proud.”

While many gifts of this size permanently endow scholarship funds that only use interest to actually fund scholarships, the terms of the Tharaldson gift stipulates that all funds must be spent within ten years. Said Tharaldson, “We wanted to have as great an impact as possible by allowing VCSU to offer substantially more

scholarships within a defined timeframe. We are very much looking forward to seeing the results VCSU is able to produce with this gift.”

The first scholarships will be distributed in the fall of 2007 and will be continued through the 2015-2016 academic year. Overall awards are planned to total \$57,000 per academic

year with \$34,000 going to academic scholarships distributed by the VCSU Office of Enrollment Services. The remaining \$23,000 will be divided among athletic scholarships for each VCSU varsity sport. All students awarded a Tharaldson Scholarship must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and be residents of the state of North Dakota.

Athletic facility improvement funding will go towards various projects including updates to the college softball facility, the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse, and Lokken Stadium.

Tharaldson, a 1967 graduate of VCSU, entered the hotel business in 1982 with the purchase of a Super 8 motel in Valley City. He later founded the Tharaldson Companies, which builds and operates hotels across the country. Tharaldson



Property Management, the nation's largest independent hotel property management company, operates over 350 hotels in 35 states. In 1998, he received the VCSU “Distinguished Alumni Award” in recognition of the prominence he has achieved in his field.

Tharaldson has a lifelong interest in athletics, and is currently both a sponsor and participant in teams that compete on the national level in the masters and seniors divisions through Senior Softball USA, which fields over 1,500 teams in the USA and Canada. He is as competitive on the field as he is in business, with his teams winning four national

tournaments in the AAA “60 and Over” division. He was chosen to the First All-American team three times. In 1995, he was inducted into the North Dakota Amateur Softball Hall of Fame. Other support for the sport includes sponsoring all trophies for North Dakota State tournaments.

“Connie and I believe in Valley City State University as an asset that delivers tremendous value for its students, the region, and the state,” said Mr. Tharaldson. “In making this gift, we are investing in the growth of VCSU and their students, and are confident it will pay important dividends.”

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## Eide Bailly Partners with VCSU Center of Excellence

VCSU's new Institute for Customized Business Solutions (ICBS) welcomed a new partner when Eide Bailly Technology Consulting (EBTC) entered into a strategic alliance that will produce more curriculum options for students and access to exciting career opportunities upon graduation.

The goal of the alliance is to develop within VCSU graduates a background that will enable them to become Enterprise Software Consultants at EBTC upon graduation. According to the partnership, VCSU will develop and offer curriculum that has been customized to meet the specifications of EBTC. Students who complete the curriculum could qualify for paid, full-time, 1-semester internship opportunities with EBTC. The required coursework will include enterprise software technologies as .NET and SQL Server plus non-technology courses that EBTS values such as professional communication. Internships will first become available in the fall semester of 2006.

Eide Bailly Technology Consulting provides IT consulting, business applications, custom application development, security and compliance, networking and staffing. Scott Kost, Principal at EBTC, said, “We are aggressively pursuing the tremendous opportunities in the enterprise software consulting market, which means that identifying reliable and cost-effective recruiting strategies is key to our continued success. We have always been impressed with the graduates of VCSU, and are pleased to be working with the ICBS to make their graduates even better suited for our needs.”

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, said the ICBS is designed to meet the needs of leaders in enterprise software consulting, so a strategic relationship with Eide Bailly is a natural step. “Public-private partnerships enabled by the ICBS have tremendous potential to create new jobs in North Dakota. We are looking forward to working with Eide Bailly Technology Consulting to meet their needs while building a more positive future for North Dakota.”



Pete Lambert of Eide Bailly Technology Consulting (right), meets with VCSU faculty and staff to discuss the curriculum requirements for students working towards an EBTC internship. Left: Alan Olson, Assistant Professor in VCSU's School of Education and Graduate Studies, and Rick Ross, Chair of VCSU's Division of Business & Information Technology.

## Governor Hoeven Celebrates Funding of VCSU's Center of Excellence



North Dakota Governor John Hoeven made a special trip to campus to present Dr. Chaffee with a ceremonial check for \$1 million to fund VCSU's Center of Excellence: the Institute for Customized Business Solutions.

Governor Hoeven was joined by Shane Goettle, Commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Commerce and Mark Nisbet, Chairman of the Centers of Excellence Commission. Other attendees included representatives of the first two ICBS partners: Ken Behrendt, President of Eagle Creek Software, and Scott Kost, Principal of Eide Bailly Technology Consulting.

## Recognition Luncheon Honors Lifetime Giving Levels and Legacy Society

Gary and Connie Tharaldson were among those honored at a recognition luncheon held in June to honor individuals and organizations for their levels of lifetime giving. With their gift, the Tharaldsons achieved Platinum Level recognition (\$250,000 or more), joining Ardis McCready '49 who with her husband Dr. Richard McCready '47 established the McCready Scholars endowment in 2004. In addition to recognizing individuals for lifetime giving, the luncheon also recognized individuals who have joined the VCSU Legacy Society by including VCSU in their estate plans.

# Funding Topics Take Center Stage

## Support from Alumni and Friends Needed!

As we approach the 2007 legislative session, one topic sure to generate headlines is funding of higher education. This session more than most will be critical to the future of the university system in North Dakota.

### History

In the 1980's the State of North Dakota supported the University System with about 24% of its annual budget. As time went by, state spending on higher education came under increasing pressure until in the late 1990's, the state actually considered changing the state constitution to allow closing individual campuses. Voters soundly defeated the amendment, but this clearly did not put an end to the question of funding.

In 2000, a group of legislators and leaders from education and the private sector, collectively called the Higher Education Roundtable, conducted a study and issued recommendations defining their expectations for the University System and its future performance.

One outcome of the Roundtable was a new funding model completed in 2001 that tied overall state funding of higher education to the state's economy so that funding increases would parallel the growth of the state's economy. At that time, the University System's share of the state general fund budget was 21 percent. Based on this philosophy, in his 2005-07 budget proposal Governor Hoeven recommended the NDUS receive 21 percent of the state's recurring revenues.

However, legislators were also dealing with significant pressure from other areas, particularly human services and the criminal justice system. In the end, only about 19% of the state budget was allocated to higher education, the lowest level in nearly 25 years.

In its 5th annual "Accountability Measures" report, the University System made a number of

observations concerning state funding. Among them: state funding per full-time equivalent student had decreased by over 15% between fiscal 2001 and 2005. In another key measure, the report noted that NDUS institutions, as a whole, were being funded at an average of 56.7 percent of their peers in other states.

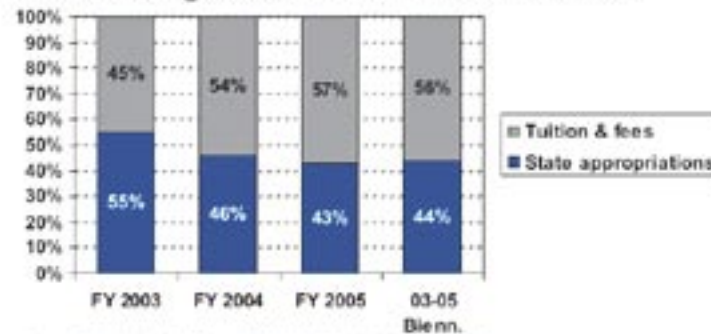
### The Impact of Insufficient State Funding

With state funding at such low levels, the NDUS report also noted that significant increases in tuition, fees and other student charges are needed to offset declining per-student general fund appropriations. At VCSU, for example, students have absorbed an average tuition increase of over 11.5% every year since 2000-2001. On every campus in the system, students are picking up a larger share of revenues than called for by NDUS targets.

Another consequence of this level of funding has been limiting the system's ability to reach other key goals. Since the Roundtable, the University System has had a funding model based on comparing each campus to peer institutions from other states. The intention is to establish the level of funding required for simply continuing operations at the level of the previous budget cycle (parity) and another level of funding required to smooth out differences among campuses (equity). However, the level of funding approved by the legislature left only \$2 million for equity distribution, not nearly enough to make meaningful progress. This has been a continued source of frustration.

Funding shortages affect the physical plants of the campuses, too. For example, VCSU spends about \$260,000 per biennium towards a list of deferred maintenance projects that has

NDUS Average State and Student Shares



Source: "5th Annual Accountability Measures Report," North Dakota University System, December, 2005.

grown to over \$8.5 million. At this rate, completing the current list would take over 65 years. The last time VCSU had a new state-funded building was 33 years ago, and the average age of our buildings is over 55 years.

As these pressures continue to mount, some campuses have begun to experience serious financial problems. In March, Mayville State University presented the state board with a report on its financial status describing substantial concerns over its current and future financial viability and stability. The report, which has since become highly publicized, outlined several causes of these problems, including the "loss of purchasing power as state appropriations have not kept pace with inflationary costs."

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, VCSU President, noted that chronic under funding for both operating and facilities requirements was one of the circumstances that led to the difficulties at Mayville, and commented, "We all face these conditions, and every campus must continue to change or face grave consequences."

### Calls for Increasing Support

Even now, before the legislative season has officially begun, calls for increasing state support of higher education are being heard. The legislature's Interim Higher Education Committee engaged MGT America, a public sector consulting firm with nationwide experience, to

evaluate the funding model for the ND University System and make recommendations for improvement or change.

After reviewing the list of peers for each institution, MGT concluded that North Dakota institutions were being funded at 53.7% of their peers (even lower than the 56.7% arrived at under the previous model), and recommended increasing state funding of higher education to 21% of the general fund budget. Separately, ten of the campus presidents sent a letter to the Board of Higher Education asking for focus on two top priorities: a unified system and securing adequate and equitable funding for the campuses.

### What Can Alumni Do?

Ultimately, the solutions to the situation are in the hands of voters. North Dakota residents can ask their representatives where they stand on this important issue, and encourage them to provide adequate funds as called for by the constitution of the State of North Dakota. They can also express their opinions in the polls by favoring candidates who are in favor of adequate funding.

But the legislature can be hard to influence. As we struggle through this situation, scholarships and cash contributions are essential to help students deal with their rapidly increasing burden. At the end of the day, keeping education affordable for all must remain a fundamental goal for North Dakota.

# Students' "Green Ribbon Campaign" Takes Funding Issues Statewide



Prompted by the report from MGT America concerning the status of state funding of higher education, VCSU students Anne Miedema and Kristine Holm decided to act.

Armed with their new status as student senate president and vice president, Miedema and Holm founded the "Green Ribbon Campaign" to help prompt the legislature to provide the adequate funding called for by the state constitution.

The scope of the campaign was initially modest, consisting of creating green ribbons people can wear as a sign of their support and creating brochures describing the case for increased state funding. But

since funding is an issue with state-wide implications, Miedema and Holm felt that the campaign needed to be moved to a state-wide platform.

The two took the idea to the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA), which represents students from all 11 of North Dakota's institutions of higher education. Miedema and Holm wrote a resolution outlining NDSA support for the Green Ribbon Campaign, and submitted it for a vote in the April meeting. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

"Inadequate state funding has many consequences including making education less affordable for students or forcing campuses to drop programs that are important to our education," said Miedema. "We felt it was important to take this issue to the state level in order to demonstrate the broad impact this problem is having."

The campaign officially will officially kick-off when classes resume in the fall, and Miedema and Holm intend to keep at it throughout the legislative session. We are all sure to hear more about this in the months ahead.

# Employee Recognition Banquet



Thirty Years of Service: Judy Hoyt '76 and Carol King Jefferson '74.



Twenty Five Years of Service: Gloria Burkett and Joe Stickler. Not shown: Dave Bass '77, Diane Burr, Rhonda (Hansen) Fairfield '05, and Gilbert Kuipers.



Twenty Years of Service: Don Schaak, Ann (Van Den Broek) Kelly '85, Larry Thoreson, and Joe Tykwinski. Not shown: Jan Drake and Kathy Schlotman.



Fifteen Years of Service: Bonnie Alexander, Margie Eggert, Mylo Falstad, and Bev McAllister. Not shown: James Crawford, Erin Klingenberg, Jan Paulson, and Drew Storbeck.



Five Years of Service: Steven King, Loree Hill, Karen Ostgarden, Todd Rogelstad. Not shown: Fred Charnetski, Lee Kruger, and Trisha McElroy '01.



Ten Years of Service (left): Mike Nix '96, Kim (Svenningsen) Hesch '91, Martin Kelly, Andre DeLorme '79. Not shown: Margaret Dahlberg, and Sarah Hagen (photo courtesy of Valley City Times Record).

Also recognized were Teacher of the Year Joan Aus, and Dr. Jim Wigtill, who has served as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs for two years.

## Higher Ed: An Investment in the Future

Senator Larry Robinson, who is also VCSU's Director of Advancement, offers this thought on the subject of state funding: "In many ways, pressure on state support for higher education stems from rapidly increasing demands in other areas, particularly human services and the criminal justice system. Of course, these demands need to be met. But a key difference between higher ed and some other line-items in the budget is that higher education represents an investment that brings important returns to the state for years to come. If we continue to under-fund this investment, we will certainly pay the price in the future."

# Teacher First, “Coach of the Year” Second



*Kathy '79 and Darrell '79 Berglund are making their mark on the golf world – both were named “Coach of the Year” by the National Federation Coaches Association for their work with the Hazen Golf teams. Darrell received the recognition in 2005, and Kathy in 2006.*

VCSU alumni Kathy (Stowman) Berglund '79 makes a point of letting people know where her priorities lie. “I’m a teacher first, and a coach second,” she said. But this is a point that is easily lost when you are talking to someone who has just been recognized as the national “Coach of the Year” — teacher or otherwise.

Berglund received the honor from the National Federation Coaches Association for her accomplishments with the Hazen girl’s golf team. And her accomplishments are extensive: the Bison recently won the state Class B girl’s golf title for the fifth time in the last 11 years, and finished second five other years. Add to this 19 individual “All State” honors, and you get a picture of a very competitive program.

When she is not working with her team, Kathy team-teaches Science, English and Reading at Hazen Middle School, and still has a passion for it after 25 years in the classroom. “I wouldn’t be teaching today if I didn’t love my job.” Her husband Darrell, also a VCSU alumnus from the class of '79, teaches Science

*“To have received one national honor and be nominated for a second one is so much more than I could ever have imagined. I got into teaching and coaching because I had great role models in college and I’m still in it because I love what I do.”*

in Hazen Middle School, and is the coach of the boy’s golf team, which has also fared very well at many state tournaments.

Kathy isn’t the only Berglund to receive national honors; Darrell was named the state Coach of the Year by the National Federation Coaches

Association in 2005. In fact, Darrell had a significant hand in getting Kathy into golf in the first place. He was the coach for both the Boy’s and Girl’s teams, and was getting so much interest that Kathy was hired as an assistant coach. Then in 1996, she was hired as the head coach of the girl’s team. “I learned a lot just by watching Darrell,” she said, “and he still has a lot to do with the success of the girls.”

Though not really an avid golfer until a few years into married life, the game is now a highly visible trademark of her entire family. Daughter Sara played on her mother’s first six varsity teams, taking medalist honors in three state tournaments and winning senior Golfer of the Year honors in 2001. Son Jordan also played and tied for second individually and helped lead his team to a 2nd place finish in 2005. He, too, was named senior Golfer of the

Year.

Several things contributed to her success, she says. “The kids need to know you care, and one of the first things they notice is the time you are willing to spend to help them improve. In this case, that comes naturally because I get

to do something I really enjoy doing. When the kids do so well, it’s just a bonus.”

Clearly, her time at VCSU had an impact, not the least of which was meeting Darrell. She graduated in 1979 with a major in Elementary and Physical Education, while Darrell majored in Mathematics Education. She was active in many sports, including volleyball, basketball, softball, and cross country. “At VCSU, I got to know almost everyone on campus. It was a great experience and those were four of the best years of my life. I realize now just how lucky I was to have instructors who were willing to go that extra mile for you. You weren’t a number at VCSU; they cared about you as both a student and a person.

Recognition for her accomplishments was not over. In June, Kathy and Darrell headed for Branson, Missouri, for the convention of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association where Kathy was a finalist for an additional national award. “I’m not preparing a speech, though,” she said jokingly shortly before the trip. “To have received one national honor and be nominated for a second one is so much more than I could ever have imagined. I got into teaching and coaching because I had great role models in college and I’m still in it because I love what I do.”

# Building a Beacon of Hope

*Beacon Family Crisis Center is a vision that Amy Harbaugh is in the process of transforming into reality.*

Valley City natives, Amy and Weston are alumni of VCSU. Weston enrolled in 1997 and Amy in 1996. The daughter of Dr. Kim Foell, a chiropractor with a practice in Valley City, Amy studied two years in a pre-chiropractic program while Weston studied Business Administration. In 1998, Amy began work on her Doctor of Chiropractic at Northwestern College of Chiropractic (now Northwestern Health Science University) while Weston went on to graduate from VCSU in 2001.

“I have always wanted to do something like this,” said Amy in describing what got her started the path towards founding Beacon. “Even while working on getting my career started, I always kept in mind that I wanted to do something to help the community.”

But it took a little nudging and the right situation in order to actually get the process started. “My husband and I were in church when the pastor called for five members of the congregation to come forward to recognize their ‘kingdom assignment,’ and I realized I had to go. I think it caught Weston completely by surprise!” As she

stood before the congregation, her thoughts were on the enormity of the task, but her idea would quickly become Beacon Family Crisis Center.

Amy’s thought was to provide resources for families in crisis to help them preserve their marriage and end abuse. For such a mission, family counseling services are a key, both to help victims recover and to prevent children from becoming abusers or getting in abusive relationships of their own. “Counseling is important because it can help end the current abuse and break the cycle of generational abuse. Keeping the family together is important because kids need both parents.” Beacon also organizes bible studies for abuse victims to help them maintain their spiritual health, and provides services that just help families get along in life, such as referrals to mechanics for keeping the family car running.

A unique aspect of Beacon is its recognition and treatment of the physical aspects of abusive relationships. “Abuse often entails psychological or emotional stress that comes out through the body in the



*Valley City native and former VCSU student Amy (Foell) Harbaugh and her husband Weston Harbaugh '01 apply their education, professional skills and compassion to build a needed community resource.*

form of physical symptoms like headaches, digestive issues, and muscle tightness. Treating these symptoms is where my background in chiropractic can help.”

But lots more help would be needed. “As a chiropractor, I understand the physical health and well-being aspects that victims of abuse deal with, and I can sympathize, but running a crisis center involves much more than that.” Her husband Weston took on the role of helping with business aspects of setting-up and running the non-profit organization. “He also provides lots of encouragement and support,” said Amy. “I treat crisis patients after-hours, so there are some late nights, and Weston takes care of the kids and keeps the house running. This is essential to allowing me to devote time to teaching.”

Several others are volunteering to get Beacon running. Pastor Terri Bateman, provides counseling. Dr. Martin Eng, owner of Lighthouse Chiropractic, the practice where Amy works, is serving as a Vice President in an advisory role. Even the mayor of Elk River, Stephanie Klinzing, is helping her find other resources. Accounting and tax help is being provided by Sheri Merklung. Amy even has marketing help from a local consultant, Beth Steiner, who is now helping to get the word out about Beacon’s services.

And now Beacon is up and running, and seeing its first clients. “Our first clients are still in the middle of dealing with their crisis,” said Amy. “They started out being somewhat withdrawn and not willing to share, but over time, they opened up. The most satisfying thing is seeing them make progress.”

Amy is now working towards buying a house that so that Beacon can offer a treatment facility of its own and safe refuge emergency housing to families in crisis. “We are in fund raising mode now, and are working with the church to raise \$10,000 this year. At the moment, we’ve only raised \$500, so we have a long way to go,” said Amy.

Amy said the most difficult part of the job is simply not getting too close. “You want to fix everything, but by yourself, you just can’t. Recovery is a longer process that, in many ways, is up to them... and to God. The best we can do is get them started in the right direction.”

Amy currently works at Lighthouse Chiropractic in Elk River, MN. Weston is a general manager at Superior Tool, LLC in Maple Grove, MN. They have two children: Peyton age 5 and Madelyn age 2.

If you would like to make a contribution to Beacon Family Crisis Center, call 763-242-2120.

## Joan Aus Named Teacher of the Year



*Jeremy Hulderman, Co-Chair of the VCSU Student Senate Teacher of the Year Committee presents Instructor Joan Aus with the Teacher of the Year award.*

# All the Choices in the World...

They all studied in VCSU's Department of Communication Arts, but their careers and interests are taking decidedly different paths

Rochester, Minnesota. Sheridan, Wyoming. La Paz, Mexico. A systems engineer. A newspaper reporter. A Spanish teacher. On the surface, the stories of alumni who studied in VCSU's Department of Communication Arts don't seem to have a lot in common. But they are all fascinating stories of people working in a field they love.

To be sure, the department of communications has a central role to play for all VCSU students. As one of the eight "abilities" that all VCSU graduates are expected to exhibit, communication is an important part of the curriculum for all VCSU students. But alumni who selected majors in this area have also found that Communication Arts also provides an intriguing variety of career options and life experiences.

For example, Cyrus Kirby '00 combined English Education with minors in Computer Science and Speech, Communication, and Theatre Arts. While at VCSU, Cyrus became interested in computers and communication. He was given an opportunity to start working with IBM in Rochester, MN as a technical writer where he wrote on-line documentation and books. He is currently the eSupport design integration and alliances, System i5 Taxonomy and Metrics engineer, and Customer Quality and User Experience team lead for System i5 for IBM. In addition to working with cutting edge technology, Cyrus gets to work with customers and other IBM employees all over the world.

VCSU's "laptop for every student" initiative definitely gave Cyrus the upper hand when it came to getting a position. "Having access to a computer 24/7 allowed me to actively participate with other students and explore new areas of computer technology," said Cyrus.

His wife Alicia (Tveten) Kirby '00 also appreciated the technology at VCSU. She went into teaching History and English, and adds, "As a teacher, I was perhaps one of the most computer savvy educators in the school."

In the case of the Kirbys, this emphasis on the student as an individual paid an additional bonus: they were actually 'set-up' by two of their favorite instructors, Katherine and Dan McRoberts, who knew the two and recognized them as a perfect couple early on. "We even competed at speech meets together in the duo category where we acted as a married couple," said Alicia. "If you ask the McRoberts', they will tell you that our falling in love and getting married was no surprise."

Another success story from the Communication Arts division is Bill Wambeke '04. He was one of the first graduates from VCSU's new Professional Communication major, a program designed for students looking for non-teaching careers that favor English skills. Bill came to VCSU as a transfer student looking for a career in journalism, and was attracted by the concentration in Media Communication that the program offered.

It paid off. Immediately after graduation, Bill landed a job as a staff reporter/copy editor with the *Aberdeen American News* in Aberdeen, SD. "The media concentration was a big plus, but so

were other opportunities at VCSU, like having the opportunity to serve as co-editor of the school paper," said Bill. "VCSU definitely helped me get that first job."

But with his roots in Wyoming, he kept his eyes open for opportunities closer to home, and just recently accepted a job at The Sheridan Press in Sheridan, WY, a western town right at the base of the Big Horn Mountains that is only about an hour and a half away from his and his wife's families. Bill serves as the editor of the Outdoors section and also covers local news.

During his short journalistic career, Bill has been able to cover some interesting stories. "I went scuba diving with the county dive team (in South Dakota) to write a story about their new headsets that work under water," Bill said. "For another story, I rode with a city street sweeping crew (in Aberdeen) from midnight to 5:00 am. I had no idea how much stuff went on at night!" He and his wife Jessica recently had their first child, Olivia Wambeke in April. The couple currently resides in Ranchester, a small town 15 miles northwest of Sheridan.

But Communication Arts isn't only about English; VCSU also offers a major program in Spanish. Jenni Crom is an Elementary Education/Spanish Education double major with a minor in English as a Learned Language, and took advantage her Spanish skills to spend a significant part of her studies in La Paz, Mexico. VCSU has a "sister" university relationship with the Autonomous University of the Southern Baja (UABCS) in La Paz, and the two frequently exchange students. Jenni spent a semester at La Paz during her sophomore year, and is returning there for her student teaching. "My experience in La Paz was absolutely amazing!" said Jenni. "Learning about culture is one thing, but experiencing it makes it a reality. It's hard to put into words an experience that has truly changed my life."



Bill Wambeke '04 was one of the first graduates from VCSU's new Professional Communication major, and is now working at The Sheridan Press in Sheridan, WY as editor of the Outdoors section and also covers local news.

Cyrus '00 and Alicia (Tveten) Kirby '00 with their son Liam in sunny San Diego, CA in 2005. Cyrus works for System i5 for IBM in Rochester, MN, working work with customers and other IBM employees all over the world.



# Volunteers Work "Quietly" at the Silent Auction

When guests stroll through the silent auction that is held in conjunction with VCSU's Scholarship Auction each spring, they naturally focus on all the great items up for bid. For each item, a card recognizes the individual or organization that donated it. This is one way we say "thanks" to our donors.

But these cards don't recognize another important component of the auction: the people who do all the work involved in making the event happen in the first place.

For many years now, much of that work has been born by volunteers Nancy King and Dorothy Olson. Married to VCSU alums Bob King '55 and Vince Olson '57, Nancy and Dorothy are lifelong friends who, throughout their nursing careers, became well accustomed to service. Though they are now retired from nursing, they certainly have not retired from their orientation towards service.



Their hard work and dedication pays off – big. The silent auction is an essential part of the Scholarship Auction, and generates thousands of dollars for scholarships every year. It is an excellent addition to the live auction because it involves a wide variety of items and price ranges.

But making the silent auction successful is no small task. For their part, Nancy and Dorothy

collect donated items, group them into baskets, decorate them, and align into 3 sections for the different time slots. Their eye for decoration makes the silent auction an attractive visual addition to the evening. They do a fantastic job, and with them in charge, there is never any doubt that it will come off perfectly.

## Lots of Room for More Volunteers!

The work that Nancy and Dorothy do for the silent auction is a great example of making a non-financial contribution to VCSU that pays-off in important, financial ways. For more information about any of the volunteer opportunities listed below, please contact the advancement office at 701-845-7203 or alumni@vcsu.edu.

### Volunteer opportunities:

- Helping track lost alumni
- Help with mailings
- Join the Auction Committee
- Host an event for alumni in your area

# Scholarship Auction Fun



Right: JoAnne and Tim Kadrmars.

Middle Left: Roberta Lemnus, Mike Lentz '88 and Kathy Lentz.

Middle right: Ronnie Lee, the morning DJ of "The Raven" 103.1 KRVX radio, and Dr. Chaffee.

Below: Bill Lydell '55, Janet Schultz '66.

Below middle: Brenda Schell, Jeannie and Dave Johnson.

Below Right: Joni Bergan '83.



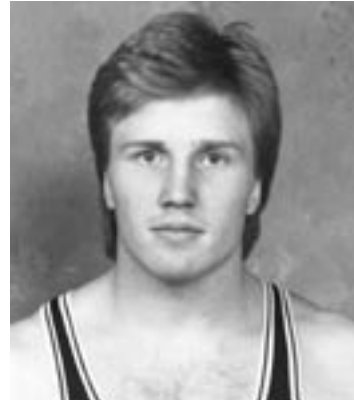
Men's Basketball Coach Jeff Kaminski and his wife Cindy watch while Assistant Basketball Coach Nathan Stover '00 tries his luck guessing the secret 6-digit combination that would unlock a vault holding \$50,000, a promotion sponsored by Dacotah Bank in conjunction with the annual Valley City State University Silent Auction. Though nobody entered the correct combination, this year's event was a tremendous success by all accounts, drawing the biggest crowd in recent memory. Many thanks to all those who donated items to be auctioned off and many thanks to all those who attended.



# VIKINGS HALL OF FAME SELECTS STANDOUTS



**Charles Cook** – A 6'5" center for the Vikings during the 1981-82 and 1982-83 seasons, Cook left his mark. He led the team in both scoring and rebounding both seasons that he played for the Vikings. In his senior campaign, Cook scored at a clip of 17.8 points per game while shooting 61% from the floor. He also averaged 9.8 rebounds per game. Cook's efforts did not go unnoticed as he was 2-time NDCAC and District 12 selection. Cook was also honored as the District 12 MVP in 1983 and was an NAIA All-American in 1982. Cook led the Vikings to consecutive NDCAC championships.



**Duey Yliniemi '92** – Coming to VCSU as a junior college All-American, expectations were high for Duey Yliniemi. As a two year letter winner for the Vikings, Yliniemi lived up to those expectations. He capped his stellar career off with a NAIA National Championship in the 158 pound weight class. The ride to the national championship also included the District 12 Championship, NDCAC Championship, Most Valuable Graduating Senior in the NDCAC, and the Most Valuable Graduating Male Athlete at VCSU. Overall, his team finished 12th in the NAIA National Tournament.



**Kelly Utt '92** – A two sport star for the Vikings in Softball and Track & Field, Utt earned the honors to prove it. A four-year letter winner in Track and Field, she qualified for the NAIA National Track and Field Championships all four years in the Javelin. With 3rd, 5th, and 11th place finishes, Utt brought home NAIA All-American Honors in 1989 and 1990. A standout shortstop on the softball diamond, Utt was named All-WACND in '88 and '90 and All District 12 in '90 and '92.



**Darrell Anderson** – 18 years of service, 3 conference basketball championships, 5 straight NDCAC tennis titles, and a golf championship are enough to qualify any coach for induction into a Hall of Fame. Including the formation of the Board of Directors for the Vikings Booster Club, Hall of Fame, and an athletic training program means that the former Athletic Director and Coach is a well qualified inductee into the Viking Hall of Fame that he helped create.

**2006 VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent - Home Games in BOLD	Time
Sep. 2	St. Olaf College (MN)	1:00 PM
Sep. 9	at Penn State (NE)	1:00 PM
Sep. 16	Dakota State University	1:30 PM
Sep. 23	at Jamestown College	1:00 PM
Sep. 30	Mayville State University (VCSU Homecoming)	1:30 PM
Oct. 7	at Dickinson State University	1:30 PM
Oct. 14	Minot State University	1:30 PM
Oct. 21	South Dakota Tech	1:00 PM
Oct. 28	at Black Hills State University	1:00 PM
Nov. 4	at Dakota State University	1:30 PM

**DAKOTA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS 2005**

**1988 and 1989 Softball Teams** (next page) - Double the championships is a good way to describe this selection for the 2006 Vikings Hall of Fame. With an undefeated 10-0 record in the WACND in 1988 and a 10-2 record in 1989, Hall of Fame Coach Linda Roberts also led the talented Vikings to back-to-back District 12 Championships.

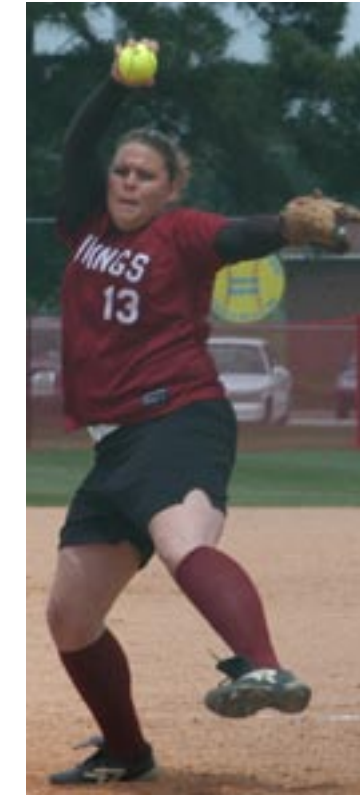
Roberts was assisted by Darcie Hanson '89, Scott Wagner, and Mary Enstad. The two teams consisted of the following players: Noelle Barber, Shauna Cochran '93, Rhonda Denbow '90, Jody Freed, Holly Pow '92, Misty Ross '91, Holly Reynolds, Wanda Schwab '94, Kelley Utt '92, Laura Zacher '95, Tammy Cromwell, Lori Meyers, Kelley Pierce, Joleen Rinas '89, Mary Edlund, Mary Enstad, Darcie Hanson '89, Lisa Undem '85, Linda Vetter '90, Paula Wieland and Lena Thorson.

# VCSU Athletes of the Year

Karalea Morris and Brandon Bata were named the VCSU Vikings Female and Male Athletes of the Year during the Viking Century Club's annual ice cream award social.

Morris, a senior from White Rock, British Columbia, has been a dominant force for the Viking Softball team. Morris ranks in the top 4 in the nation in batters struck out per game, hits allowed, and opponent batting average. She has set the VCSU record for strikeouts in a season and most importantly has helped lead the Vikings to a record breaking 31 wins, a Region III Softball Championship, and a berth in the NAIA National Softball Championships.

Bata, a senior from Kensal, ND, also was a major impact on the men's basketball team. Although the Vikings were picked by DAC coaches to finish last in the league, Bata lead them to a 4th place finish and the first home playoff berth for VCSU since the inception of the DAC. Bata paced the Vikings in scoring and rebounding, was an all-conference selection, DAC Most Valuable Senior and was honored as an NAIA Scholar-Athlete.



**VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS VIKINGS**

**2006 VIKINGS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent (Home games in Bold)	Time
August 25	at Northwestern Tourney	TBA
August 25	at Northwestern Tourney	TBA
September 1	at Concordia-Moorhead Tourney	TBA
September 2	at Concordia-Moorhead Tourney	TBA
September 5	at Concordia-Moorhead	7:00
September 6	at Mayville State University	7:00
September 12	at Presentation College	7:00
September 15	South Dakota Tech	7:00
September 16	Black Hills State University	7:00
September 22	at Minot State University	7:00
September 23	at Dickinson State University	3:00
September 26	at Presentation College	7:00
September 29	at Jamestown College	7:00
September 30	at Dakota State University	7:00
October 4	Mayville State University	7:00
October 20	at Black Hills State University	7:00
October 21	at South Dakota Tech	3:00
October 27	Dickinson State University	7:00
October 29	Minot State University	3:00
November 4	Dakota State University	7:00
November 5	Jamestown College	3:00
November 8	DAC Quarter Finals	TBA
November 11	DAC Final Four	TBA
November 12	DAC Final Four	TBA





Karalea Morris leads the Vikings in the "Parade of Champions" at the NAIA National Softball Championships in Decatur, Alabama.

## Viking Scramble a Success



Jerry Olson '55, former coach of the UND Sioux football team, Chris Ley '59, Bill Osmon '42, Vint Zabel '58 and VCSU Hall of Famer Al Dosch '55.



Former coach Jim Dew putts as former players Cory Anderson '89, Tyler Schlect '91 and Doug Schindele '87 watch.



The team of Rudy '66 and Ryan '92 Hanson, Kirk Baeth '94, Kevin Baumgarn and Dick Elkins '66 finished first.

The VCSU Athletic Department hosted the 12th annual Viking Golf Scramble in Valley City. The field of 32 teams with a total of 160 golfers took to the links in support of the scholarship fund at VCSU.

In the Don Bauer Championship Flight, 6 strokes separated the field. The team of Rudy '66 and Ryan '92 Hanson, Kirk Baeth '94, Kevin Baumgarn and Dick Elkins '66 finished with a 58. In the Open 1 Flight, Nat Hill, Chris Howson '01, Mark Rerick '01, Casey Olney, and Dean Hjort brought home the title with a 12 under 59. In the Open 2 Flight, Terry Dunphy '68, Tom Langemo '68, Jim Knutson '70, Joe Lunde '67 and Brian Griffin '69 led the field with a 5 under 66. All results from the tournament can be found at [vikings.vcsu.edu/vikingscramble/results.htm](http://vikings.vcsu.edu/vikingscramble/results.htm).

"The tournament came off without a hitch. Cory Anderson '89, Bob Bergan '82 and Ron Moser '81 did a great job pulling everything together," commented Doug Peters, VCSU Athletic Director. "The best part for me was to look around the room at the end of the day and see the pride and tradition that our community and alumni have within Vikings Athletics."

The successful history of the Viking Scramble is based on the wide range of support it receives from the community. The Valley City Town and Country Club and Bjornson Municipal Park play key roles as the courses co-host the tournament. Major sponsors include Dacotah Bank, Leever's Super-Valu, LAFARGE Dakota Inc, and Valley Sales, plus 36 hole sponsors show their support of the event and Viking Athletics. "We have seen the support of our sponsors and participants pay off on the playing fields," continued Peters. "Conference Championships (football) and National Championship Berths (softball) don't come without scholarship support and the proceeds from this tournament play a big role in that."

The date for the 2007 Viking Scramble has been set for Saturday, June 2nd with a social on Friday night. Registrations are now being accepted through the VCSU Vikings web site.

## Class of 2006 Commencement

The class of 2006 celebrated VCSU's 114th Commencement Exercises on May 13 with President Dr. Ellen Chaffee presiding. On and off rain was not enough to interfere with a successful and memorable event. 123 graduates marched of a total class of 213 graduates for the year.

Top right: Matt (right) and Mark (left) Nielson became fourth generation alumni of VCSU. Both graduated Summa Cum Laude, and Matt delivered a Graduates' Reflections address. It has been a very busy time for the Nielsons as Matt also was married and Mary Lee (2nd from left) was elected Mayor of Valley City. Here, the grads and their mother are joined by grandparents Ty '52 and Carol (Watson) Peterson '50.

Second down on right: Dr. Chaffee and faculty members clap for the new graduates  
Second row far left: Greta Trader graduated Cum Laude and also delivered a Graduates' Reflection address. Here she is joined by her parents (who are also VCSU graduates) Keith Trader '74 and Mary (Trautman) Trader '74.

Second row middle left: Don Elstad and Deric Ingram pose together for a picture in the main hallway.

Second row middle right: This year's graduates also included a mother & son: Shellee and Brandyn Sauer of Lisbon. Shellee majored in Education and recently accepted a teaching position in Milnor. Brandyn majored in Business, and will be working as a financial representative at Northwest Mutual Financial Network in Fargo.

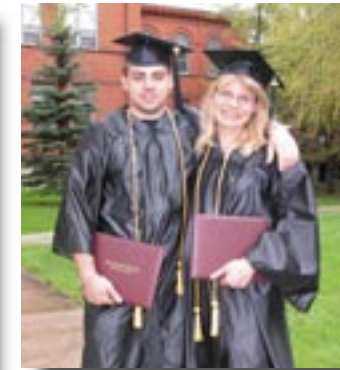
Second row far right: Olaoluwa "Laolu" Oladosu is joined by her mother Bisi, who flew from Nigeria to attend Commencement, and her brother Femi, who flew from Maryland. Laolu is now working as an Intern at Eagle Creek Software in Valley City.

Bottom row far left: Brandon McAfee poses with his family after the ceremony.

Bottom row middle left: The Commencement address was delivered by Senator Ray Holmberg, District 17, Grand Forks. Among his many roles, the senator serves as Chairman of the Higher Education Roundtable.

Bottom row middle right: Lindsey (Johnson) and Joshua Sponsel were married in February, 2006, and Lindsey will be attending the Montana State University - Billings studying for a Master of Education degree in School Counseling.

Bottom right: From left: Erin Metcalf, Eve Kinn and Claire Jorgensen. Erin is the Office Manager at the Ladish Malt plant in Spiritwood, and Claire is a Business Office Technician at VCSU.



## VCSU Season of Great Music

Aug. 27	David Asbury, Guitar .....	3:00 pm
	Fromke Auditorium*	
Sept. 23	Choir Rummage Sale Fundraiser .....	9:00-3:00
Sept. 24	Cathy Bernhagen, Soprano .....	3:00 pm
	Fromke Auditorium	
Sept. 30	Leesa Levy, Soprano & VCSU Faculty .....	3:00 pm
	Fromke Auditorium*	
Oct. 3	Montana Skies .....	7:30 pm
	Vangstad Auditorium	
	(purchase VCACA membership at door)	
Oct. 14	James Ployhar Honor Band Concert .....	3:00 pm
	Graichen Gymnasium	
Oct. 22	Sheena Hamilton, Mezzo Soprano .....	3:00 pm
	Fromke Auditorium	
Oct. 26	General Student Recital .....	7:30 pm
	Fromke Auditorium	
Oct. 27-28	MTNA/NDMTA Competitions	
	Foss Hall	
Nov. 2	Concert Band .....	7:30 pm
	Graichen Gymnasium*	
Nov. 4	Chamber Music Festival	
	Chamber Concert.....	7:30 pm
	Fromke Auditorium	
Nov. 9	Jazz Ensemble.....	7:30 pm
	Cafeteria*	
Nov. 13	General Student Recital .....	7:30 pm
	Fromke Auditorium	
Nov. 17-18	Madrigal Dinner .....	6:00 pm
	Cafeteria (special charge)	
Nov. 18	NY Ballet .....	7:30 pm
	Vangstad (purchase VCACA membership at door)	
Nov. 30	EDC Solo Instrumental Contest	
	Foss Hall	
Dec. 2	Concert Band .....	3:00 pm
	Vangstad Auditorium *	
Dec. 7	Christmas at St. Kate's: Voices & Orchestra ....	7:30 pm
	(free will offering)	
Dec. 10	CSA Recitals .....	2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm
	Fromke Auditorium	
Dec. 11	Garage Bands .....	4:00 pm
	Fromke Auditorium	
Dec. 12	Singers' Carol Sing .....	7:30 pm
	Valley City Courthouse	
Jan. 14-15	VCSU Solo & Ensemble Seminar	
	Foss Hall	
Jan. 14	VCSU Faculty Recital .....	7:30 pm
	Fromke Auditorium*	

\*Fee Concerts: \$5.00 Adult Admission Charge, VCSU Students, Faculty, and Staff Admitted Free

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## NEW TIMPANI DELIVERED

May 1, 2006 was an especially exciting day for the Department of Music, as four beautiful, brand-new Yamaha Symphonic Professional timpani were unpacked and put to use.

"The timpani formerly used by the bands were over thirty years old and had long ago outlived their musical potential," said Dr. Sigurd Johnson, VCSU's Director of Bands. "Students were becoming discouraged because it was just so difficult to control the tuning and the performer could not produce pitches consistently."

The Music Department began a drive in Fall 2004 to secure funds for the \$10,000 purchase. With a combination of two years of generous donations from music alumni and music local funds, the new timpani became a reality this spring.

Martin Olsen, percussion major from Sandefjord, Norway, said, "The resonant sound of these instruments is head and shoulders above that of the old set. It is absolutely inspiring," said Olsen. "This will help us represent the university as professional musicians."

## VCSU Music Department Initiates Music Hall of Fame

The VCSU Music Department, in conjunction with the VCSU Music Alumni Advisory Council, is planning an exciting day of Homecoming activities for all music alumni of Valley City State University. All alumni are invited to share in the days festivities and enjoy the many special events planned.

Of special interest this year is a new event that will become an annual homecoming tradition. The VCSU music faculty, together with the VCSU Music Alumni Advisory Council, will choose an exceptional alumnus or group of alumni to be inducted into the VCSU Music Hall of Fame each Homecoming.

Included in the Homecoming activities for Saturday, September 30th are:

- 10:00 am: Music alumni will meet in Foss parking lot to ride in a special Homecoming parade float.
- 1:30 pm: Music alumni are invited to bring their instruments and play in a combined Alumni/VCSU Pep Band at the game against rival Mayville State.
- 5:30 pm: A special VCSU Music Hall of Fame Dinner is scheduled in the Skool Room of the Student Center. The dinner will offer VCSU music alumni an opportunity to visit with friends while serving as a fundraiser for VCSU music scholarships.
- James Ployhar, Class of 1949, will be honored as the first inductee of the VCSU Music Hall of Fame.
- 7:30 pm: The dinner will be followed by a recital given by soprano Leesa Levy and pianist Sue Nagel in Foss Hall's Froemke Auditorium. Levy serves as the Choral Director and vocal instructor at VCSU. Assisting in the recital will be VCSU music faculty Sigurd Johnson, percussion; Jon Rudolph, guitar; Margaret Hammerling, flute; Jesse Braunagel, trumpet; and John DiFiore, saxophone.



James Ployhar, the first inductee of the VCSU Music Hall of Fame, is considered to be one of the most prolific writers in the field of music education. His credits have appeared in well over 750 music publications, his compositions and scores have aired on network TV, and his music is performed internationally in Europe and Asia. Ployhar's extensive background in orchestration includes work with Knud Hovaldt of the Danish Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Ployhar was awarded the Citation of Excellence by the executive committee of the National Band Association and in the Spring of 1977, Ployhar was awarded the Alumni Association's Distinguished

Alumnus Award. He was president of the VCSU Alumni Association during the 1975-76 year and has long been a vigorous supporter of the college, including membership in V-500.

The Ployhar Band Festival brings numerous talented high school band students to the VCSU campus each Fall and has become a popular annual event.

Music Alumni Registration Form  
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Valley City State University  
101 College Street SW  
Valley City, ND 58072

Come join your fellow VCSU Music Alumni for a day of Homecoming Festivities!

- \_\_\_\_ Number riding on the Homecoming Float  
\_\_\_\_ Number playing in the Pep Band;  
Instrument(s) played \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Number attending the Music Hall of Fame dinner  
Cost of the Dinner is \$30.00 per person.  
Please make checks payable to "VCSU Music Department."  
Deadline for dinner reservations is September 15th.  
\_\_\_\_ Number attending the recital (free admission to alumni and guests)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

# VCSU Season of Great Theatre!

October 18 - 21

## Steel Magnolias

by Robert Harling

This play, which earned immediate critical and popular appeal when first produced in New York, features a group of chatty Southern ladies in a Louisiana beauty parlor, owned by Truvy, who knows how to keep her colorful clientele pleased. Alternately hilarious and touching—and in the end, deeply revealing of the strength and purpose which underlies the antic banter of these characters—this is a play to remember for a long, long time, even if you've seen the stars who played these wonderful characters in the popular film.

February 28 - March 3

## A Doll's House

by Henrik Ibsen

In this masterpiece of modern realism, by Norway's greatest writer, a door slams that was heard around the world. Nora, a young housewife, has been concealing a secret for years, out of a desire to sacrifice for her husband, as she believes he would for her. With her husband's promotion, events are set in motion that builds the tension. As a woman's basic dignity is revealed, the dishonesty of a marriage based on illusions is exposed in one of the greatest plays of world theatre.

November 29 - December 2

## My Three Angels

by Sam and Bella Spewak

Set on Christmas Eve in the penal colony of Devil's Island in French Guiana, this famous comedy features a store manager, his wife and their beautiful young daughter. There's more "bah, humbug" than Joyeux Noel: the business is failing, customers won't pay, and the owner is ready to evict them. Then three convicts, hired to fix the roof, happen by to help. One has been sentenced for swindling; the other two for murder, but their Christmas gift is to save the family—aided by Adolph, a truly venomous "character."

April 25 - 28

## A Festival of One-Act Plays

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## Vikings On The Move

**1940's**  
Freda (Rader) Fugle '40 celebrated her 90th birthday in June 2005. She lives in her own home in Portland, Oregon. This year will make 64 years in this beautiful state.

E. Palmer Rockswold '41 celebrated his 90th birthday in April.

Loren Law '42 and his wife, Arlene, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in April. They spend the winters in Florida and return to Minneapolis for the summer.

Roy and Harriet (Noltimier) Ottinger '47 returned recently from Georgia where they visited their daughters Dr. Mary (Augusta) & Drs. Amy & Ken Kitching and two grandchildren (Statesboro) and Dr. Paul (Atlanta). They also visited Ann Levine and husband, Jack, in Washington D.C. for three weeks during Cherry Blossom Festival. Their son, Dr. Roy II and son Roy III, joined them for Thanksgiving at Amy's. Roy and Harriet also attended their grandson's (Jared

Ottinger) graduation from chiropractic college at Northwestern in Minneapolis. His father Dr. Alan and Roy placed his hood on him.

Eunice (Pera) Hafemeister '48 has settled in Minneapolis having moved from Missouri last year. She grew up in North Dakota and taught for a number of years in Minnesota and North Dakota, so she feels that she has come home. Eunice is enjoying family and cultural events and makes frequent trips to visit her granddaughter in Toledo, Ohio.

Pat Denny '49 and her brother, Herb '53, are dividing their time between Everett, WA, LaJolla, CA, and Juneau, AK. They both have fond memories of their years at VCSU and the wonderful friends from that time.

**1950's**  
DeForest Peterson '51 and Dolly (Wilkins) Peterson (Mercy nurse '49) have moved into a retirement center called "The Pines" in Davidson, North Carolina. DeForest and Dolly retired in 1989 from funeral service in Valley City. They continued to live in Valley City while wintering in Florida until June 2005 when they moved to North Carolina where their son, Lee Peterson '75 is employed as a real estate broker.

Ward and Mary Lou (Peterson) Wilkins '53 have lived in Coon Rapids, MN, for 40 years. Ward's third published book Small Town America, The WWII Years is in Valley City, Fargo and Anoka, MN book stores as well as the North Dakota and Minnesota public library systems. Ward has appeared at a number of metro-area service clubs through the Minneapolis Speakers Bureau as well as the Barnes County Historical Society program last November.

Nancy (Emery) Peterson '54 invites friends to stop in for coffee when in the Sequim, WA, area. Nancy and her husband, Boyd, are happy to recall and review North Dakota memories and unique opportunities.

Dr. John F. Keller '55 is enjoying his retirement to the fullest and glad he retired in Valley City. He gets to see so many of his graduates when they return for visits.

Lloyd '59 and Joanne (Sheldon) Reynolds '60 reside in Bozeman, MT. Lloyd retired from teaching music in WA in 2002 and Joanne retired from teaching 1st grade in 2004. They moved to Bozeman, MT where they are a big part of 2 young grandsons' lives. Their 2 granddaughters live in New Zealand. Lloyd sings in the Bozeman symphonic choir and Joanne volunteers in an elementary school.

**1960's**  
George Wieland '61 will retire on June 30 after 30 years in public school administration and 10 years in teaching.

Curtis and Myrna (Johnson) Olson '62 spent many years moving around the country courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps. They have now settled in

southwest Utah, drawn by the nice weather and the beautiful scenery. They live 20 miles from Zion National Park.

Charles and Colleen (Bryngelson) Zick '64 are both retired from the Grand Forks Public Schools. They have enjoyed a cruise to Alaska and a vacation in Florida. Charlie is active in Lion's Club and New Horizon Band while Colleen is involved in P.E.O. and ADK.

Carol (Kuhn) Williams '65 retired in 2004 after 38 years of teaching and then began a new career. She completed the training with the Davis Dyslexia Correction Program and set up a center in Inver Grove Heights to help dyslexic individuals read and reach their full potential.

Mark and Barbara (Murdock) Thomason '66 live in Park Rapids, MN. Mark taught for 2 years in Litchville, ND, and then attended UND Law School from 1968-71. He has been practicing law in Park Rapids since 1971. Barb taught two years in Litchville and three years in Grand Forks. She is the Alcohol & Violence Prevention Counselor and the boys and girls tennis coach at Park Rapids High School.

Terry Dunphy '68 retired from a career in education in 2001 and is currently working as an associate with Dakota Commercial and Development in Grand Forks. He's having lots of fun developing the property around the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

**1970's**  
Gary Garman '70 retired in 2002 after 30 years of teaching and coaching in ND. He taught from 2002-2003 in Las Vegas and then retired to his hometown, Sykeston, ND. Gary spent this past winter coaching with his son-in-law Dustin Flaten. Dustin and Jodi Garman Flaten teach and coach basketball in Lemmon, SD.

John Gisi '71 is the CEO and Chairman of the Board for the National Bank of Arizona.

LaVonne (Carlson) Rustad '72 retired in May 2005 after completing 33 years of teaching music in ND (Bowdon for 2 years and Fargo for 31). She feels she received tremendous training at Valley City State University.

Boyd '75 and Kathy (Shape) Sussex '74 have made their home Milbank, SD for 19 years. Boyd just completed his 31st and final year as head boy's basketball coach. He ended his career having the highest percentage of wins in Milbank history. Both Boyd and Kathy will continue to teach. Their son, Jackson, is a junior at VCSU and is a member of the men's basketball team. Kathy has not missed a game for the last three years and now Boyd will be able to watch Jackson play his senior year. The Sussex's would like anyone who is in the area to give them a call and stop for a visit.

**1980's**  
Nanette (Peterson) Hoover '81 sends greetings to her friends from VCSU! Her daughter, Erin, is a senior at NDSU and her son Phillip is a freshman at Century College in the Twin Cities. Nanette has worked for 23 years for HealthPartners - a health care organization. She enjoyed hearing from some college friends over the holidays.

Curry Mund '83 has been at Rugby High School since graduating from VCSU. He coaches junior high girls' and boys' basketball. Curry is very grateful for the great education he received at VCSU.

Sharon (McCleary) DeRosa '85 graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Doctor of Management degree. During the required four-year, full-time program, Sharon also participated in six two-week residencies and continued her career as a high school science teacher. She lives in Chandler, AZ, with her husband, Michael A. DeRosa, Ph.D.

Jed Klein '85 is the General Manager for Pepsi Cola Bottling of Huron, SD. They have franchises in four branches: Huron, Pierre, Chamberlain, and Mitchell, SD.

Edie (Denning) Wagar '86 was named "Teacher of the Year" in the Valley City Public Schools.

Dr. Bill Wieland '86 is the recipient of this year's "Outstanding Faculty Member" award at Northern State University. Bill was selected for this honor based on his service to the community, as well as teaching and research excellence. He joined the faculty of Northern State in 1994, teaching music theory, piano and music technology. Prior to coming to NSU, Bill taught at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, De Paul University and Northwestern University. He received his award during the spring commencement ceremonies which were held Saturday, May 13.

Valerie Weaver '87 is teaching in the Andover, MN, school system. She is also the yearbook advisor, newspaper advisor, and the "behind the wheel" and classroom driver's education instructor. Valerie is enrolled at Hamline University for administration.

Del Mari Runck '87 has been promoted to Executive Vice President of Neighborhood National Bank in Alexandria, MN. She will continue to serve as the bank's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operations Officer. In her role, Del Mari works with the President and the Board of Directors in the overall administration of the bank as well as having direct responsibility for financial policies and banking operations.

Shelly (Buchholz) Deile '88 is teaching second grade in Wishek School. She and her husband, Darren, bought his family's grocery store. Shelly and Darren have two children - Jacob is 8 yrs. old and Abigail is 3 yrs. old. Shelly enjoys hearing from VCSU friends.

Naomi (Wieland) Kreidkamp '89 lives in north Fargo with her husband, Kevin, daughter,

Amanda, and stepson, Tyler. Naomi enjoys teaching kindergarten at Longfellow Elementary School when she is not watching Tyler's jazzy performances on the trumpet or Amanda's dance and violin fun. Please give her a call if you're ever in Fargo.

**1990's**  
Brian and Ranell (Scherr) Hanson '90 reside in Grafton, ND with their five children, Steph (13), Paige (10), twins- Jaden and Jillian (8) and Cole (6). Brian owns and operates Hanson's Auto and Implement in Grafton and Hanson's Implement in Cavalier. Ranell teaches 6th grade at the middle school. All children are now in school and life is busy running!

Paul Conrad '90 is teaching in Albany, MN.

Ellen (Musgrave) Berg '90 has just completed her 11th year of working at Briggs Library in the Interlibrary Loan-Lending Department at SDSU in Brookings, SD. She loves her job and works with librarians from all over the world sharing materials from their library. Her husband Don is a professor in the Geography and History Department. They now have six grandchildren and are planning their retirement in a couple of years. Don and Ellen send their greetings to colleagues and friends.

Stacey (Kirchmeier) Hoven '91 lives in Ada, MN, with her husband Eric and three wonderful boys that keep them very busy. Chase is 10, Tyler 8 and Ryan 2 ½. They are tons of fun! Eric farms around the Ada/Borup area. Stacey is in her 9th year of teaching first grade at Norman County East. She will try a new adventure with second graders in the 06-07 school year. The Hoven family enjoys spending time at the lake swimming and fishing and they spend lots of time watching the boys play baseball. The entire family enjoys watching the stock car races, too.

Rebecca (Johnson) Kadrmas '92 has been named Assistant Principal at Gordon Russell Middle School in the Gresham (WA) School District. She has 14 years of educational experience. Rebecca currently teaches eighth grade science and health at Parkrose Middle School. She will assume her new responsibilities on July 1.

Brenda (Hardy) Mitzel '92 was chosen as the "North Dakota Small School Technology Leader of the Year" last summer. It was a very nice surprise. Brenda is grateful to the VCSU Alumni Association for awarding her a Certificate of Merit at Homecoming 2005. That was another great surprise!

Dale Elfman '93 is completing his 9th year at Rugby High School.

Brenda (Griffin) Allen '93 is living in Minot, ND. She went back to school and received her nursing degree. Brenda currently works at a long term care facility in Minot. Her husband Steve is a city firefighter. They have a daughter, Lindsey, born 1-16-2006. Brenda would like to hear from long lost friends!!!

Teresa (Luthi) McDonough '94 is currently on military leave from her position as manager at the Transportation Security Administration, in order to serve in Baghdad, Iraq for the next several months as a security forces commander for the North Dakota Air National Guard 119th.

Phil '95 and Randene (Prawdzik) Chickillo '96 are elementary physical education teachers in Florida. Phil is completing his 13th year in the classroom and Randene is in her 11th. Their daughter, Gina, was three years old in March.

April (Arlie) McNaboe '96 is in her 6th year working as a staff physical therapist at Black Hills Orthopedic & Spine Center. She and her husband, Kale, have two daughters, Cloe (3) and Abby (1). They plan to attend April's 10 year anniversary/homecoming September 2006.

Chris '96 and Cassie (Blanchard) Bastian '99 are residing in Casselton, ND. Chris has just completed his first year as elementary principal at Central Cass Elementary. Cassie will be teaching K-4 music at Oriska and Buffalo next fall. Chris and Cassie have one daughter, Emma, who is four years old. The Bastians invite their friends to contact them at ccbastian@msn.com

Crystal (Herr) Nehlich '98 has been promoted to Personal Banker at Dacotah Bank in Valley City. She has been with Dacotah Bank for more than two years. Crystal and her husband, Kim, have two daughters.

Chad and Staci (Wilson) Rudolph '96 have a 9 year old daughter. Staci is working for Alternative Billing Solutions in Jamestown, ND as an Order Confirmation/Document Control Manager.

Autumn (Flatten) Sonstebø '99 works for the Human Service Agency in Watertown, SD. She was married in September, 2005 to a wonderful guy who farms and raises Angus cattle near Watertown.

**2000's**  
Rodney Bettis '02 is a Correctional Officer II at the Monroe Correctional Complex-Washington State Reformatory in Monroe, WA. Last June, he married his high school sweetheart from Alaska, Georgianna "Nikki" Waterer, and they are expecting their first child (a girl) in August. Rodney and Nikki reside in Mill Creek, WA.

Ryan Botner '05 was named New Financial Representative of the Year by Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Fargo.

**Friends**  
Edward Butcher, VCSU history and political science professor from 1967-1971, has served two sessions in the Montana Legislature as state senator. He has been on the state education committee, finance committee and served as chair of the highways and transportation committee. In 2004 he ran for the House of Representatives where he is currently serving on the house taxation committee, education committee and as chair of the house agriculture committee.

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Reunions & Socials

- **NDEA, Bismarck, ND** **October 19, 2006**
- **Soldotna, AK** **October 31**
- **Surprise, AZ** **February 2, 2007**
- **Mesa, AZ** **February 3**
- **Elk River, MN** **March 17**

### Homecoming 2006!

- September 29 & 30**
- **Hall of Fame Induction Social**
- **Dinner**
- **Alumni Honors Breakfast**
- **Parade**
- **Tailgating**
- **Homecoming Game vs. Mayville**
- **State**
- **Dance**
- Watch your mail for more information!**

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## Weddings

Mikah Boudreaux '97  
& Kynda Shortridge..... 12-30-05  
Paula Hartman '96 &  
Steve Petersen .....2-11-06  
Wade Snyder '00 &  
Jessica Bezek ..... 5-20-06  
Emmy Dunwoody '05 &  
Bryan Niewind '00.....6-10-06

## In Remembrance

Alice (Lende) Sola, Fargo  
Agnes (Jacobson) Knudson '28,  
Seattle, WA  
Sandra (Rupp) Hanson, Fargo  
Ethel (Orner) Krapp '41, Jamestown  
Cherry (Wood) Monson '43, Devils Lake  
O. Arnold Norman '26, Grosse Pointe, MI  
Alton Bjork '37, St. Paul, MN  
Esther (Anderson) Westerman '29 Oakes  
Elton Erickson '61, Glenfield  
Rozella (Schultz) Holden '37, Valley City  
Bertha (Larvick) Abrahamson '62, Fargo  
Ila (Rutherford) Evanson '25, Fargo  
Paula (Nyhagen) Schutt '74, Milnor  
Leo Schelske '55, Fargo  
Agatha Gaukler, Lidgerwood  
Florence (Gray) Odegaard '31, Fargo  
Pearl (Daniels) Bentson, Forman  
Iris (Buetow) Benson '55, Jamestown  
Richard L. Martin, Valley City  
Dorothy (Kerndt) Kohnke '35, Billings, MT  
Jack Wieland '61, Dazey  
Warren Kapitan '40, St. Paul, MN  
Geneva Borho '39, Langdon  
Leah Gladue '99, Fargo  
Frances (Discher) Glasow, Leonard  
Thomas Manns '68, Dickinson

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John ('47) and Marilyn Rhoades



**Kristina Bjorlin** still enjoys working, most recently as a project leader for a Nordic Investor Relations Conference in mid June in Stockholm. Finance people, investors, and stock exchange analysts from Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark and Iceland attended. This summer, she and her husband are enjoying holidays on their island in the Baltic.



Genelle (Rumer) Brunner ('76) and James Brunner of Bend, OR.



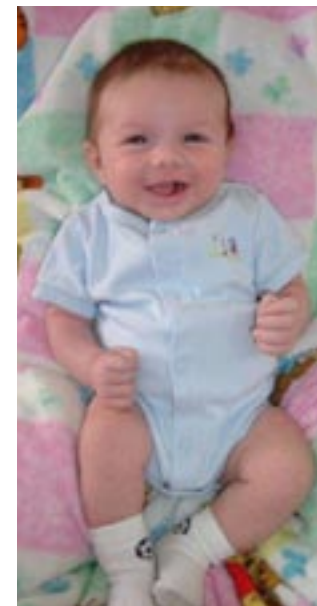
**Anessa Pfeifer-Johnson '91** had a unique opportunity to travel to Japan paid for by the government of Japan through the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. The program is designed to increase understanding between the people of Japan and the United States by inviting U.S. elementary and secondary educators to visit Japan and share their experiences with

fellow Americans upon their return. In November of 2005, Anessa was part of a group of 197 teachers from the U.S. who went to Japan to listen to speakers, tour their government offices and participate in their classrooms. It was a wonderful experience. In this picture Anessa is eating with a group of seventh graders. Anessa is an English teacher at Mandan Public School.

## Milestones



**Allison (Nenow) '01 and Chad Mack** of Jamestown have a daughter born on October 20, 2005. Torrie's grandparents are VCSU alumni as well: they are Roger '80 and Lois (Johnson) '74 Nenow of Woodworth.



**Cory Davis '00** is married to Megan Davis. They live in Otsego, MN and have a daughter Elle who is 8 months old.



Liza (Schultz) '02 and Lucas Klettke Wedding



**Heather (Wagner) Wald '03** married **Glen Wald '04** while still attending college. They moved to the Twin Cities, and have recently had a baby boy. Jacob Anthony Wald was born August 17, 2005, their three year anniversary!



Children of **Holly (Paulson) '94 and Mike '94 Olauson**. They have three children Jacob 10, Chelsey 8, and Braeden 17 months.



**Ellis '75 and Susan (Reich) Thompson '75** pose with their son Nathan and daughter Emily at Emily's graduation from Texas State University. Susan is the library coordinator for the Socorro School District and supervises 34 libraries. Ellis recently retired from teaching band in El Paso and will be joining the Real Estate firm of Keller Williams.



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