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**ON THE COVER** The 2006-07 season was one for the record books for both the men's and women's Viking Basketball teams. The Viking women team ranked second in school history for wins in a season and first for wins in a season against four-year schools, and set several individual and team records. The Viking men earned the right to host the first round of the DAC tournament two years in a row and advanced to the semifinals both years. Although several key players are set to graduate, the future of both programs is bright.

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**You Really Keep Us Going**

Ellen-Earle Chaffee, President

The 2007 session of the North Dakota legislature has a very different tone than those of the last decade or two. The state has unanticipated revenues due to a favorable confluence of energy, agriculture, and business development. Legislators have more of a "can do" spirit this time, and there is no shortage of suggestions for what they should do.

The Governor's budget endorsed nearly the entire North Dakota University System budget request. Legislators are considering alternatives to parts of the request, but the final result could be an appropriation that almost matches the request. You might think that this means all of our problems are solved—but, regrettably, you would be mistaken. The very lean budgets of the past have seriously undermined the strength of the universities, and the current budget does very little to restore it.

One exception to this Spartan rule will probably be in the area of facilities projects. Legislators are more comfortable spending for one-time functions

than for base budget items. So far, the budget includes \$2.2 million for the final phase of steam line replacement at VCSU. The line in question has already exceeded its expected life cycle by fifty percent, so replacement will come none too soon. There is talk of additional projects that could

be added by the end of the session. Each campus will also get a modest increase in its budget for less costly ongoing facility repairs and replacements.

Reviewing the legislative situation has a powerful effect on me and I am overcome

with gratitude! Although I wish the state would do more, I know that our own delegation (Senator Larry Robinson and Representatives Ralph Metcalf and Phil Mueller) are working hard and well on our behalf. And since significant needs remain unfunded, I am profoundly grateful for the generous support of our alumni and friends. You really keep us going, folks, both financially and in spirit. Thank you. Please stop by any time. I would love to thank you in person. ♦

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Thank you.*

**Many Priorities Available for Major Gifts**

**"Academic scholarships, athletic scholarships, and the Annual Fund will always be the top priorities for donated funds," said VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee. "But major gifts we receive from alumni or the community can be directed to special uses that enhance our competitiveness in other ways." Here are some of the most important projects that VCSU has in mind:**

**Entrance to Campus**

Although the VCSU campus is one of the most beautiful in the area, it is located away from major streets, and many visitors to Valley City never actually see the campus at all. A graceful entrance to the campus, consisting of an appropriate identifying structure and landscaping, would serve to make a far better first impression and substantially raise the university's visibility.

**Marketing and Recruiting**

The ability to execute targeted promotional programs consistently over time would be a tremendous asset as we compete for the best and brightest.

**Grants Office Launch**

More and more, VCSU needs to seek funding for new initiatives by applying for grants available through public and private foundations. But managing the application process and keeping the required records is complex and time-consuming. An office dedicated to this function would allow VCSU to earn and effectively manage more of these vital resources.

**Vangstad Auditorium Renovation**

Now over 100 years old, Vangstad Auditorium is badly in need of renovations for everything from structural integrity to comfort and safety features. Gifts in this area would ensure that this beloved facility remains part of the VCSU experience.

**Fieldhouse Addition**

The W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse has been the home of Viking athletics and an important community resource for more than 40 years. A planned addition to this facility would add intercollegiate sports (thereby boosting enrollment); improve the quality of life for students, residents, and prospective new residents; and create a strong visual statement for the entrance to the university.

**Science and Technology Building**

VCSU has not received state funding for a new building in nearly 35 years. One building in particular, the Rhoades Science Center, can no longer offer many of the scientific and technical capabilities that today's students require. A new facility would provide an important boost for VCSU's programs in health and the sciences and would represent a valuable investment in the scientific competitiveness of North Dakota.

**Academic Equipment**

VCSU is an established leader in the use of technology to enhance the learning environment. This position has served the university well for several years. However, technology changes rapidly, and ensuring that students benefit fully requires significant ongoing investment in our technical infrastructure.

**Master's Program**

VCSU's recent approval to offer our Master of Education unfortunately came with no additional funding to establish and grow the program. New funding would help ensure the success of this vital program by supporting important work as curriculum development, new faculty, and program promotion. ♦



## The Honoring Power of Endowments

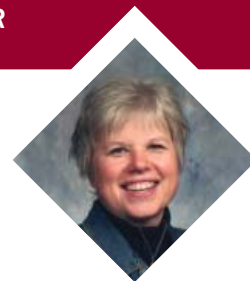
If you wanted to honor your parents or another person who has influenced your life, you would be hard-pressed to find a more fitting way than to establish a named endowment fund. Such a fund carries the honoree's name far into the future as it benefits a worthy cause through annual gifts.

For example, you could create an endowment fund at Valley City State University in honor of your mother. This fund, bearing her name, would produce a certain amount each year to support the purpose of the endowment. It could be for operations, scholarship support, special projects, or to underwrite a specific program. It could also be created in a manner that would give the board of trustees authority to determine how each annual payout would be used.

Every time the fund is mentioned, the memory of your mother would be acknowledged and honored. The association of her name with Valley City State University would recognize her as one having values consistent with the mission of VCSU. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren would identify with the endowment and perhaps contribute to the fund through their charitable gifts, thus developing their own philanthropic instincts.

Endowment funds are easy to establish, and they last indefinitely. They can be launched now with current gifts, or created later through a will bequest or other deferred gift. Another possibility is to start an endowment now and add to it through a bequest. Of course, the advantage of getting an endowment stated now is that you

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## Opportunity Awaits You

by Janis Wallender, Alumni Board President

My third-grade students are learning about philanthropy. We aren't actually using the word "philanthropy," but they are learning what it means to give to others. As part of our unit we read a book called

*The Quiltmaker's Gift*

by Jeff Brumbeau. This book is about a woman

who makes quilts and gives them to the poor. The king desperately wants one of the quilts, but the quilt maker will only give him one when he has given away all of his riches. As the king begins giving away his things, he realizes that each time he does he feels good. This is a feeling he didn't experience as he was greedily collecting all his things. When he has finally given away all his possessions, he receives the quilt from the quilt maker. The final words in the book are, "...never happier than when he was giving something away."

After reading this book, my third-grade students each made a quilt square and then sewed sashing to their squares. Volunteers finished piecing the quilts and another volunteer finished each quilt on her quilting machine. The most difficult part of this

project was deciding who should receive the quilts, since all of the students wanted to keep the quilts. This year's quilts are going to our local hospice and to an orphanage. Some of the comments my students wrote

about this experience were "I think it was fun for everyone to make our quilt," "I wish I could have helped do more," "I keep hoping that I get to do this next year," "We should help our community grow," and "It is fun to help elders and people."

We all have the opportunity to take part in a philanthropic project this summer at our own VCSU. I believe that those of us who attend "We're Back, Giving Back" (see page seven for more details) will leave with comments similar to my students': "I think it was fun giving back to VCSU," "I wish I could have helped more," or "I keep hoping that I get to do this next year." It's not too late to register, so please consider giving back to VCSU. I believe we will leave happier because we have given something back—our time and our talents. ♦



## Support VCSU's Phone-A-Thon: An Investment in Your Alma Mater

by Larry Robinson '71, Director of University Advancement

By the time you receive this issue of *The Bulletin*, many of you will have been contacted by our students during our annual Phone-A-Thon. If you have already contributed or made a pledge to the Phone-A-Thon, thank you for your support! This event is an important component of our annual fund-raising efforts here on campus. The dollars generated from the Phone-A-Thon offset the costs of a number of important events and activities conducted by the university. Included in this list are the publication and mailing of *The Bulletin*, alumni reunions, alumni award programs, homecoming activities, postage, printing, travel, marketing, and many other items. Without the proceeds generated from the Phone-A-Thon, we would be hard-pressed to support these events and activities.

Many universities actually have in place an alumni dues program. The dollars generated from dues paid by alumni provide the resources necessary to publish the

alumni newsletter, conduct awards programs, etc. That is not the case at VCSU. There are no dues required to be a member of your Alumni Association. We simply ask that you consider making a contribution each year via the Phone-A-Thon to help offset costs. *The Bulletin* alone is one of our major cost centers. We publish three issues each year. For our last issue, the cost of printing the 10,000 copies came to \$5,935, and postage amounted to \$1,534. At that rate, the cost of printing and mailing 10,000 copies of *The Bulletin* three times each year would be a whopping \$22,407. And costs are steadily going up!

As you can see, your Phone-A-Thon dollars are important to VCSU. These dollars allow your alma mater to stay connected with you and keep you abreast of developments on the campus. Each and every issue is jam-packed with news about VCSU, Viking athletics, theatre, music, and the ever-popular "Vikings On The Move." This section allows us to maintain contact with you about the latest developments in your life, your family,

and your career. We can then share this information with your friends and classmates across the country and around the world.

We certainly hope that you have already sent in your check for the 2007 Phone-A-Thon. If you have not, there is still time. Simply make your check out to the VCSU Foundation and mail it back in the envelope provided in this issue of *The Bulletin*. Better yet, you can give online at [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu) by using your Visa or MasterCard.

The warm weather is coming. Commencement will soon be here, and another year at VCSU will go into the history books. I am proud to serve as your director of university advancement. VCSU is a great university with a rich tradition and a bright and exciting future. Join us as we move forward. Resources are important to every university, and VCSU is no exception! Support our Phone-A-Thon and help ensure that others will benefit from the great educational experience we call Valley City State University! ♦

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can enjoy the experience of seeing your loved one honored while you are alive.

To learn more about establishing an endowment fund with VCSU, fill out and return the response form below. We will mail you a brochure on endowments without cost or obligation. Also, you can use the form to indicate whether you would like Larry Robinson, our director of planned giving, to contact you. If you would rather contact him by phone, please call our toll-free number, 1-800-532-8641 ext. 37203.

You can also learn about creating an endowment by visiting the planned giving section of our Web site, [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu). ♦

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## Fabulous '40' \$ Scholarship Auction Set

Valley City State University will be stepping back in time on April 20, 2007 with the goal of providing opportunities for students today. The 13<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising auction will be hosted at the Valley City Eagles Club and will incorporate a live auction, silent auction, and online auction with all proceeds going towards scholarships.

The VCSU *Fabulous '40' \$ Scholarship Auction* will take attendees back into the decade of the '40's while trying to break the \$40,000 mark in proceeds. The Eagles Club will become a showcase of the decade that brought the end of WWII, the first computer, and the start of the baby boom. To VCSU, the '40's brought W.E. Osmon and Leone Langemo, the V-12 program from the U.S. Navy, and president Lokken.

The '40's theme will be incorporated into all parts of the popular event which includes a social, silent auction, buffet dinner, live auction and the opportunity to provide scholarship support to students. Auction volunteers will dress in 1940's apparel and attendees are invited to dress in a similar fashion. Promotional materials will appear on March 11 (40 fabulous days prior to the auction) and will be patterned after movie posters promoting the movie *Casablanca*. Instead of Bergman and Bogart, VCSU icons Bill and Leone Osmon star on the materials.

In celebration of the Osmons' legacy, an online auction will be added to the event. Scheduled to run from April 2 to April 18, the online auction will include custom VCSU memorabilia along with a variety of items that will only be available in the online auction. Half of the proceeds from the online auction will go to the W.E. Osmon Scholarship Fund in honor of the Osmons' many contributions to the university. Online auction information will be available March 11 (40 fabulous days prior to the auction) at [www.vcsu.edu](http://www.vcsu.edu).

Tickets will be available beginning March 11 (40 fabulous days prior to the auction) by calling the VCSU Foundation office at 1-800-532-8641 ext. 37203. Items can be donated by calling the same number. ♦

## Christmas Tea and Tour

Dr. Ellen Chaffee and Jan Stowman (foundation board member and co-chair of the President's House Preservation Society) hosted two teas and tours of the historic President's House Guest Inn in December. Ladies from the community were treated to a tour of the house, which was decked out in holiday decorations. The tour included an overview of the history of the house and a description of the projects the President's House Preservation Society is currently working on. ♦



TOP Attendees of the December 11 event were Audrey Gaukler '60, Nancy King, Mary Lee Nielson '79, Carol Peterson '50, Ruth Nathan, Lucy Dosch, Cindy Hovland, Jan Stowman, Ellen Chaffee, Dorothy Olson, Elaine Beyer, Arlene Burchill, JoAnn Nathan, Vi Quick, Donna Enstad, and Diane Scherr.

BOTTOM Attendees of the December 13 event were Linda Skogen '67, Joan Wolski, Avis McDaniel '73, Diane Hill '73, Karen Richman '64, Jan Stowman, Ellen Chaffee, Diana Logan '74, Pat Miller, Linda Lane '86, Bev Van Oosting, and Bonnie Burchill.

## Presidential Preservation

The President's House Guest Inn has been undergoing an amazing transformation the past few months, enabled in large part by the Adopt-A-Room program that began last year. The entrance hall, the stairwell of the grand staircase, and the upstairs hallway have had their layers of old wallpaper stripped and their walls repaired and repapered in period-appropriate wallpapers.

Thanks to Ron '62 and Judy '62 Lokken for returning the original fretwork spandrel that now adorns the archway between the parlor and the music room. It is awesome!

Volunteers were Jan Stowman, Karen Monson '73, Karen Richman '64, LouVay White '65, Veronica Miller, Dale Bentley, Kara Kramin, Becky Heise '80, and Ruth Geinert. Neil Coleman, President's

House work/study student, has been invaluable to our efforts as well.

With the installation of the fretwork, the fireplace mantle looked very plain and uninviting. We have been unable to find a photo of the original, but a little research into similar period

homes identified an appropriate style and look. Luckily, a similar mantle appeared for sale at E & S Antiques in downtown Valley City. It has been purchased and will soon be installed!

Thanks to June House for providing a photocopy of a Madeline Lokken photograph showing the fretwork on the landing at the base of the grand staircase. A reproduction of this unique design is planned. Thank you so much to those who sent historic photos of the house. Any historic photographs, either interior or exterior, are always welcome. A scrapbook of the history of the President's House is in the works!

Karen Richman has adopted the upstairs half bath, and soon the plywood paneling and sheet vinyl will be replaced with hardwood floor and wainscot. A more appropriate pedestal sink is also planned.

Noreen Smestad '81 has donated a portrait of Dr. Ludwig Platou, original builder of the home, which was drawn by a member of her family. She is having it framed, and it will soon be displayed in the Gentleman's Room. Appropriate artifacts, furnishings, or décor original to the President's House or affiliated with VCSU, VCSC,



VCSNC, or VCSTC are welcome, since the mission of the President's House Preservation Society includes promoting the history of both the house and the university.

A sofa was recently donated to the house by a couple in Edgeley. Gordon and Nadine Klassen from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, have generously donated numerous articles to the house including lamps, shades, light fixtures, etc. These historic house enthusiasts, whose son Riley is a student at VCSU, have generously offered these items as well as their labor on future projects (Gordon is a carpenter) as proof of their love of this great old Victorian house. ♦

## Presidential Accommodations

We remind you that these "presidential accommodations" are available to you for parties, retreats, or a romantic getaway! For reservations or more information, call the Student Center at 701-845-7122 or toll-free at 1-800-532-8641, or check out our website at [www.presidentshouse.com](http://www.presidentshouse.com).

## VCSU and Valley City Well Represented in 2007 Legislative Session



In January, VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee hosted a dinner for legislators who are alumni and legislators who represent Valley City. **FRONT** Representative Joe Kroeber '65, Representative John Wall '60, Representative Ben Vig '06, Representative Clark Williams '64, and Representative Ralph Metcalf. **BACK** Representative Phillip Mueller '68, Senator Joan Heckaman '67, Representative Edmund Gruchalla '75, Senator Bob Horne '59, Senator Larry Robinson '71, and Representative Chet Pollert '77. Missing: Ken Svedjan '66.

This year, four alumni joined the ranks of legislators having been elected for the first time:

**Representative Ben Vig '06** (District 23, D), Aneta. Ben earned his spot in the House with an upset victory over the incumbent to become the youngest member of the legislature. He is on the Agriculture Committee and the Finance and Taxation Committee. He graduated from VCSU in 2005 with a B.S. degree in history, and he also holds A.A. and A.S. degrees from Bismarck State College. He is a member of Mayflower 94 Masonic Lodge and Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Senator Bob Horne '59** (District 3, D), Minot. Bob is on the Finance and Taxation Committee and the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. He was an assistant professor of history and social science at VCSU from 1971 to 1974, then was VCSU's director of college relations from 1974 to 1978, and then spent 20 years as the manager of the Minot office of Verendrye Electric Co-op. He also served as director of the North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department. He holds an M.A. degree from the University of North Dakota and a Ed.D. from the University of Montana.

**Representative Edmund Gruchalla '75** (District 45, D), Fargo. Ed is on the Industry, Business, and Labor Committee and the Transportation Committee. He retired after 25 years of service on the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

**Senator Joan Heckaman '67** (District 23, D), New Rockford. Joan serves on the Agriculture Committee and the Human Services Committee. In addition to her B.S. degree in education from VCSU, she holds an M.S. in special education from Minot State and spent 19 years as a teacher in the New Rockford school district. Her son Daniel '96 is also a VCSU alum and is currently serving as the IT Administration Support Manager at Meritcare Health System. ♦

## Scholarship Gifts Have Increasing Impact on Enrollment

As the competition for students heats up, colleges and universities across the nation are turning to scholarships as an important tool they can use to sway students in their direction. With rapid increases in tuition, more and more students are viewing scholarships as a factor that ultimately determines which of their preferred colleges they attend.

Although still relatively limited when compared to many other colleges, scholarship offerings at VCSU have increased substantially in recent years. Between 2004 and 2006, the VCSU Foundation was able to increase scholarship awards by over 40%, and between the 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years, scholarship awards are planned to increase by another 27%. The increases are coming in the form of both the raw number of scholarships (608 planned for 2007-08) and their average size (which is increasing by over 10% from 2006-07).

These gains were largely driven by a series of major gifts that established new scholarship funds. In 2004, Dr. Richard R. '49 and Ardis L. (Severson) '47 McCready established the McCready Scholars Endowment to provide annual renewable full funding for tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board for outstanding students. In 2005, VCSU received a bequest of \$750,000 from the estate of Charlotte Van Houten '29 to fund a perpetual Charlotte Van Houten Scholarship for VCSU students. In 2006, Dr. Don and Marjorie Meredith provided a generous supplement to their scholarship fund. It now provides four years of support to an outstanding student in mathematics or science every year. Most recently, Gary '67 and Connie Tharaldson gave a total of \$1 million, 80% of which was earmarked for scholarships.

The sheer size of these gifts is one sign of the impact they will have on VCSU's scholarship resources, but the Tharaldson gifts also added another element that will further increase their near-term impact: they specified that the gifts must be spent within 10 years. This is in contrast to many gifts that fund scholarships in perpetuity by spending only the interest from investing the funds. The 10-year provision allows the university to offer many more scholarships of greater value over the lifetime of the gift than would be otherwise possible.

With the recruiting season in full swing, the first Tharaldson scholarships are being offered to students entering VCSU during the fall semester of 2007. So far, the Office of Enrollment Services has offered 38 scholarships, for a total of \$68,000. To receive Tharaldson academic scholarships, students must meet grade point requirements and be residents of North Dakota. Dan Klein, director of enrollment services, said, "These scholarships are having a tremendous impact on our ability to compete for students. Competition is intense, and scholarships are a key tool we have for attracting students to VCSU."

The athletic department plans to award \$46,000 per year in Tharaldson scholarships. Doug Peters, athletic director at VCSU, said, "These scholarships are enabling our coaches to recruit and retain high-caliber student-athletes." Like the academic scholarships, the Tharaldson athletic scholarships will be awarded only to residents of North Dakota. Two awards have already been announced: one to Jill Noeske of Valley City, a standout volleyball player, and one to Jackie Mitchell, who has played basketball for both Finley-Sharon and Hope-Page schools.

Dr. Ellen Chaffee notes that both the university and the students benefit from these scholarships. "When recruiting, we often are competing with much larger universities that have far greater resources. Scholarships like these help us to level the playing field so we can be more effective in attracting talented students. Of course, the main beneficiaries are the students. These scholarships are vital tools to help them deal with the increasing costs of a college education." ♦

*If you would like to recommend a prospective student for a scholarship, contact:*

**Academic Scholarship:  
Enrollment Services at  
[enrollment.services@vcsu.edu](mailto:enrollment.services@vcsu.edu) or  
(800) 532-8641,  
ext. 37101.**

**Athletic Scholarship:  
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member of the  
Viking coaching staff at  
[vikings.vcsu.edu/staff/](http://vikings.vcsu.edu/staff/)**

## Reunions & Socials Arizona



**1** Surprise, AZ Event attendees. **FRONT** Bill '59 and Pat '59 Thomas, Ellen Chaffee, Jackie Noack '49, Vae Kruschwitz '34, and Joan Ostlie '60. **BACK** Bob '55 and Joanna '53 St. Clair, Colleen "Coke" Aafedt '52, Joyce Moe '66, Mary Schroeder '65, Pat Mosal, Nancy and Jerry Anderson '63, and John Mosal '70.

**2** Don and Marge Meredith with Dr. Chaffee (Mesa, AZ).

**3** Marilyn Peterson Baumann '55 and Jenneice Sommerfeld '67 (Mesa, AZ).

**4** Bob King '55, Vince Olson '57 and Don Lemnus '58 (Mesa, AZ).

**5** Mary Broude, Ellen Chaffee, and Thomas Ostenson (Mesa, AZ).

## "We're Back... Giving Back"

Join the Alumni Association Board of Directors for our 1st annual "We're Back... Giving Back" alumni retreat!

This alumni work retreat will be held on the VCSU campus from 1:00 pm June 14 through 12 noon on June 16. This is an opportunity to show VCSU our gratitude, connect with alumni classmates, and even make some new friends.

We have several projects lined up, but also have some fun things planned in conjunction with Valley City's "Rally in the Valley."

- We will:
- ✓ See what's new at VCSU – and what might be the same
  - ✓ Help catalogue archives
  - ✓ Work on campus beautification projects
  - ✓ Participate in the "Community Days" parade in conjunction with the 9<sup>th</sup> annual "Rally in the Valley"
  - ✓ Have fun!

A block of rooms have been reserved in Kolstoe Hall – this is the dorm that was recently renovated, and yes, it has air conditioning! Cost of the retreat is \$75 which includes housing and meals.

To register, fill out the form below and return it to VCSU Foundation / 101 College St SW/ Valley City, ND 58072 or register online at [alumni.vcsu.edu/alumni-events/](http://alumni.vcsu.edu/alumni-events/) and click on **RSVP Form**.

### "We're Back . . . Giving Back" Registration Form

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## Two VCSU Fixtures Retire

The month of December saw two longtime VCSU contributors retire. Kay Kringle '66, professor in the VCSU Division of Communication Arts and Social Science, retired effective the end of the fall semester, and Bill Ament, who had been the vice president of business affairs since 1993, retired at the end of December.



Kay had been with VCSU since 1978, teaching classes on Spanish language and culture, and has made many important contributions including establishing sister university agreements with the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California Sur (UABCS) in La Paz and the Universidad Regional del Sureste in Oaxaca. These agreements have provided valuable opportunities for student exchanges for students from both countries, and foreign

study has become a requirement for VCSU majors in Spanish education. To support these exchanges, Kay has served as the supervisor for all exchange students and has taught a class in La Paz. Kay also founded and managed Fiesta Mexicana, a biannual event that drew to Valley City dancers, artisans, government officials, and university representatives from the communities of Oaxaca and La Paz. Her passion for Latin American travel has included leading various student and community trips to Mexico and attending an educational conference in Havana, Cuba.

While a search is conducted to permanently fill Kay's role, Anthony Dutton '97 has agreed to step in for the spring semester. Tony is well known around VCSU, having graduated with the class of 1997 with majors in Spanish education and history education. He holds an M.A. in history from NDSU and is currently working on his Ph.D. in Latin American history.



Bill Ament was with VCSU for a total of 29 years, beginning his career in 1977 as an accountant and serving as comptroller for both VCSU and Mayville State University when their business operations were combined in the early 1990s. He has served as vice president of business affairs for 14 years.

Much has changed at VCSU over the years, according to Ament. "The technology is the part of the work that has changed the most. When I

started work here, we were using punch cards to update the general ledger," he said. Work had begun on development of the Higher Education Computer Network (HECN), the first online administrative system for managing university finances. HECN was implemented in the early 1980s and served as the main administrative system until VCSU began serving as a pilot for ConnectND in 2003.

During his retirement, Ament plans to keep busy with woodworking projects in his shop, other hobbies such as fishing and hunting, and spending time with his seven grandchildren. "I'm not worried about keeping busy," Ament said. "My wife and kids have lots of projects lined up for me!"

His responsibilities are being assumed by Trudy Collins, who joined VCSU in December. ♦

## Family Trio Goes Online for Master's Degrees

### VCSU teaching program has grown in popularity

By Amy Dalrymple  
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Three members of the same family from three states are teaming up to pursue master's degrees.

The three, all alumni of Valley City (N.D.) State University, decided to return to their alma mater for a two-year online program. Ken Felchle, a 34-year-old North Dakota native who graduated from VCSU in 1995, enrolled in the Master of Education program from his home in Soldotna, Alaska.

Felchle wanted to complete his master's earlier, but he was deployed to Iraq with the National Guard through January.

After returning, the middle school history teacher discovered that VCSU offers an online program taught by many of the same instructors he had as an undergraduate student.

The Master of Education program, in its second year at VCSU, has grown faster than expected, said faculty member Terry Corwin.

Sixty students are enrolled for the fall semester, which began last week, compared with 19 students who were enrolled last year, Corwin said.

The program, designed for teachers in elementary or secondary education, offers two concentrations — technology education and teaching and technology.

Felchle, who teaches in Kenai, Alaska, is pursuing the teaching and technology concentration to learn how to integrate technology into the classroom.

"Everything's moving closer to technology, and education is no different," said Felchle, who also teaches an outdoor survival course.

Meanwhile, Felchle's sister Karen Black of Rugby, N.D., had been thinking about pursuing a master's degree for several years but hadn't found a program that was right for her.

Black, 49, is a 1979 graduate of VCSU and the technology coordinator and a teacher in Rugby.

Another educator in the family and a 1998 graduate of VCSU — sister-in-law Kim Bishop of Las Vegas — was looking for an online program because she needs credits to get an endorsement on her teaching license.

The three decided to enroll in the program at the same time and take the same classes so they could support each other.

"It was kind of an accountability factor," Black said.

Already this week, Black said her brother called her to give her a nudge when he noticed she hadn't yet turned in an assignment.

As an educational computer strategist, Bishop, 30, trains teachers to integrate technology into the classroom. Black has a similar role in Rugby and also teaches three classes a day.

All three have busy lives, so the online format works best.

Felchle is married, has a five-year-old son, and coaches three sports. Black is married, has three daughters—the youngest a sophomore in high school—and directs a gifted and talented program. Bishop is married and is expecting her second child.

Other online programs they looked at cost about \$4,000 more than the VCSU program, which costs \$8,000.

Corwin, VCSU's director of special projects who now teaches one of the online courses, said the university charges the same tuition rate to students out of state so the price is more reasonable.

Teachers with master's degrees will typically see a bump in salary, Corwin said. The cost of the program should pay for itself within five years.

All three said they hope the knowledge they gain from the program will enhance what they can bring to the classroom.

The 32-credit program, which includes summer coursework, takes about two years to complete.

When they're done, Felchle plans to return to Valley City for the graduation ceremony, something he skipped in 1995 and regrets.

"I want to walk through," Felchle said. ♦

## Have you signed our guestbook?

Did you know that our alumni web site has an electronic guest book that visitors can use to leave messages for other visitors? Check it out at [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu)! Here are a few of the entries we've seen posted:



## Lost Championship Ring Returned through Alumni Web Site

The 2000 Viking football team provided fans with a memorable season, rolling to an 11-1 season record and taking home the DAC-10 championship. To honor that accomplishment, every member of the Viking team received a "Championship" ring, individually inscribed with the name of the team member and his jersey number.

Tailback Jonathan McLaren (No. 31), from Winnipeg, Manitoba, was a member of the winning team. During the championship season, he ran ninety-two times for a total of 312 yards and one touchdown, caught three passes for eighteen yards, and returned four kickoffs for seventy-nine yards. "I took pride in being part of the team that won the conference championship that year," said Jon, "and the ring has been a symbol of that pride."

Jon has worn it continually since then, until the ring was sadly lost at Grand Beach on Lake Winnipeg. "I was in the water playing catch with some of my friends from the University of Manitoba. The ring flew off my finger when I threw the football, and it landed somewhere in the water. We looked for it as long as we could, but couldn't find it. I was pretty sure I wasn't going to see it again."

Fortunately, the ring would find its way home. Soon after Jon lost the ring, Marlene Swickis, an area retiree with a hobby of using a metal detector to find lost valuables in public places, became involved. "When we heard that a ring had recently been lost at the beach, we thought we might be able to return it to the owner if we could find it." Marlene was true to her form. She soon found the ring buried in the sand underwater.

As it turned out, returning the ring to its owner would be more difficult than finding it. The ring's inscription provided Marlene with Jon's name and a means of locating him, but VCSU's football staff had lost touch with Jon over the years and did not have information on how she could contact him. Undaunted, she continued to try other ways,

even contacting several "McLarens" in various North Dakota phone books. Still no luck.

About ready to give up, she tried the VCSU Web site to see if she could contact other alumni who might know how to locate Jon. Her best bet appeared to be a "guestbook" feature that would allow her to leave messages for alums. She posted a

message describing her desire to return the ring to Jon, and went on with her life.

Months passed, but Marlene finally received a call from a staff member at VCSU saying he had been successful in finding Jon by working through academic records and getting in touch with a family member. Jon called Marlene, and they arranged a time to meet.

"He came by on December 24," said Marlene. "The fact that it was the day before Christmas made it feel like returning the ring was my Christmas present."

Jon has just completed his fifth year of eligibility as No. 33 for the University of Manitoba football team. He ranked No. 3 in All-Purpose Yards for the Bisons, with most of his playing time being on special teams. Over his career, he returned thirty-six punts for 160 yards and twenty-eight kick-offs for 680 yards. He also ran the ball six times for thirty-five yards for the offense and made ten tackles for the defense. He is in the process of assembling a highlights tape of his football career, which he hopes will get him an invitation to participate in the Canadian Football League draft.

Jon offered to give Marlene a finder's fee, but she declined, saying that her real reward was seeing the ring returned to its owner. But if Jon's football career is as successful as he hopes, her efforts may pay off in other ways: he promised to give Marlene two tickets to his first appearance in the CFL's Grey Cup. ♦



## Hoops Teams Have Reasons to Celebrate

This winter, the VCSU basketball teams have seen a level of success unmatched in recent years. At the midpoint of the season, the men's team was at the top of the conference standings, and the women's team found its way to the top the following week. With both teams in the chase for the conference title, the level of excitement surrounding Viking basketball could not have been higher.

Although neither team was crowned league champion, the end of the regular season brought playoff games for both teams to the VCSU campus, and hosting these playoff games was a first for the

Vikings since the Dakota Athletic Conference was formed in 2000.

The best way to describe the VCSU women's basketball season is record-breaking. With 18 wins, the team ranked second in school history for wins in a season and first for wins in a season against four-year schools. The Vikings broke eight team records and set 11 individual records, with seniors Loni Hall and Mallory Undlin doing most of the damage to the record books.

Hall, a 6-foot-1 senior from Parshall, N.D., will go down in the books as one of the best players ever to wear a Viking uniform. The post player set career records for

field goals made (569), free throws made (423), rebounds (855), and blocked shots (92). She finished with 1,624 career points, second on the all-time scoring charts to VCSU great Wanda Schwab '94. Loni also tied a game record for blocked shots, with three against Martin Luther College.

Hall's teammate Mallory Undlin also completed her career with a record-breaking season. A 5-foot-9 senior from Lansford, N.D., Undlin finished the 2006-07 campaign breaking four single game records and a season record, and finishing in the top five in several statistical categories.

In leading the Vikings to a huge

win over Mayville State, Undlin set single-game records for scoring (38 points), free throws (15), free throws attempted (15), and free throw percentage (100%, 15/15). She also set the season record for free throws made (144). A two-year starter for the Vikings, the junior college transfer finished third on the charts for free throws made (233), eighth for steals (112), second for most steals in a season (70), and second for most rebounds in a season (241).

More important, coach Jill DeVries guided all those individual successes into team success. Along with Hall and Undlin, experienced

four-year letter winners Molly Schultz and Beth Orthman led the way as the Vikings finished the season with the second-highest number of wins in a season in the program's history (18) and the most wins in a season against four-year programs (18). Over the course of the season, the team broke eight school records and earned its place in the record books with top-three finishes in 19 other categories.

The men's basketball team, coached by Jeff Kaminsky, has also been on a winning streak. The team has won more games in the past two seasons than any team since those of Bob Parker in the 1985-86 and 1986-87 seasons. With 28 wins, the Viking men's team earned the right to host the first round of the DAC tournament two years in a row and advanced to the semifinals both years.

As with the women's team, four seniors led the way for the Vikings. Jon Lindahl and Jackson Sussex were four-year letter winners, and transfers Justin Curry and Stephen Howard contributed to the success of the team.

Finishing the season with eight conference wins was quite an accomplishment, considering it was only the second time VCSU won eight or more conference games since the 1986-87 season and the first time the Vikings finished over .500 since joining the Dakota Athletic Conference.

In the last two seasons, the men's team had outstanding individual performances as well. Brandon Bata finished his four-year career in the 2005-06 season ranked seventh in scoring and eighth in rebounding.

Lindahl, Curry, and Howard made their marks on the charts as well. Lindahl finished third in career three-point field goals attempted and tied for third for three-point field goals made. Curry broke the single-game record for steals and ended up second for steals in a season. Howard climbed the charts in blocked shots, finishing fourth in school history for blocks in a career and in a season.

Although the Vikings are sad to see these eight seniors graduate, the future of both programs is bright. ♦



*jon lindahl #15*



*loni hall #40*



*stephen howard #43*



*mallory undlin #20*



*beth orthman #30*



*justin curry #31*



*molly schultz #15*



*jackson sussex #4*

## Viking News and Notes

### Viking Softball Alumni Game Set

Valley City State University Viking Softball will host the inaugural Viking Softball Alumni game on April 21, 2007. All softball alumni are encouraged to participate in the game and take advantage of the opportunity to visit with current and former players. Anyone interested can contact head coach Chad Slyter '96 at 800-532-8641, extension 37243, or chad.slyter@vcsu.edu.

### Viking Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

Nominations for the Viking Hall of Fame class of 2007 are now being accepted. Requirements include participation as a varsity athlete at VCSU prior to 1997. The online nomination form can be found at [vikings.vcsu.edu/halloffame/php/nomination.php](http://vikings.vcsu.edu/halloffame/php/nomination.php). For more information, contact Cory Anderson '89 at 701-845-7413 or [cory.anderson@vcsu.edu](mailto:cory.anderson@vcsu.edu).

### Summer Camp Dates Set for Viking Sports Camps

The VCSU Athletic Department has announced a full slate of summer athletic camps. Team and individual camps will be conducted in volleyball, football, and basketball for a variety of ages. A complete listing can be found at [vikings.vcsu.edu/camps/](http://vikings.vcsu.edu/camps/).

### Viking Scramble Social

VCSU Athletics will host a Scramble Social at 7:00 p.m. at the Valley City Town and Country Club on June 1, 2007. This first-time event will provide a way for people to gather prior to the Viking Scramble on Saturday. Come out and join us for food and fun!

## Mark Your Calendars!

- April 20, 2007 ♦ VCSU Scholarship Auction
- June 1, 2007, 7:00pm ♦ Viking Scramble Social
- June 2, 2007 ♦ Viking Scramble
- September 21, 2007 ♦ Viking Hall of Fame Induction
- September 22, 2007 ♦ VCSU Homecoming
- September 29, 2007 ♦ 50 Years in Lokken

For up-to-the-minute news on Viking Sports go to [VIKINGS.VCSU.EDU](http://VIKINGS.VCSU.EDU)

## "12th Man Bash" a Smash

The Viking football staff and the VCSU football alumni hosted the first ever "12th Man Bash" in Mahanomen, Minnesota, to support Viking football. A big crowd and big prizes made the atmosphere electric.

The prize winners were:  
 Quarter of Beef – Vince Olson '57  
 Quarter of Beef – Glen Schmalz '76  
 Quarter of Beef – Ray Rienhart  
 Quarter of Beef – The Grohmans  
 Minneapolis Fun Pack – Mark Askerooth  
 Lake of the Woods Walleye Fishing Trip – LeeRoy Foss  
 Clydesdale Wagon Train Vacation – Bob Wiese  
 Guided Goose or Pheasant Hunt with Northern Exposure Hunts – Kirk Olson  
 \$250 Cash – Mike Silbernagel '03  
 Alaska Fishing Trip – Sonja Horner



The real winner of the night was Vikings athletics: all proceeds will go to the football scholarship fund.

Coach Dennis McCulloch (right) presents Bruce Large '51 with the Most Senior Alumni award at the "12th Man Bash." After graduating from VCSU, Bruce taught in the sciences for 32 years.

## Traveling Trophies at Home



Three traveling golden trophies are on display at the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse as proud testimony to recent Viking victories in heated rivalries.

### The Paint Bucket

With 101 football games between VCSU and Jamestown College on the books, it is fitting that the most unique of the trophies has been around the longest. Created in 1961 to promote a cleaner rivalry between the two campuses, the golden Paint Bucket sits on top of a base engraved with the scores from games over the last 37 years. The Paint Bucket came back to VCSU in 2005 after a thrilling 20-19 victory. This year's 7-6 win ensured that the Bucket stayed home.



### The Mayor's Cup

Awarded to the winner of the annual football game between the Vikings and Mayville State, the Mayor's Cup has not left the VCSU campus since it was established in 2003.



### The President's Cup

The President's Cup, which began in 2002 as a competition with Mayville State, has been more difficult to hold onto. The cup is awarded to the school that wins the greatest number of basketball games (men's and women's) in the regular conference season. In the event of a tie, the cup is awarded to the winner of the football game. The President's Cup came home this winter following a 87-65 win by the Viking women's basketball team. ♦



## National Tournament Banner Unveiled

A banner recognizing the 2006 VCSU softball team for winning the Region III championship and qualifying for the NAIA National Softball Championships is unveiled in the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse.



## Viking Fans of the Year

### Melgaards Named Viking "Fans of the Year"

Dave and Beve Melgaard are presented the Vikings Century Club "Fans of the Year" award by Century Club President Ron Moser '81. The award is given to fans who display exemplary support of the VCSU Vikings. The Melgaards are the 10th recipients of the award.

## VCSU Mourns Loss of Osmon



The Valley City State University community is saddened at the passing of our most notable icon, Bill Osmon '42. A long-time coach, athletic director, and friend for whom the university's fieldhouse is named, Osmon passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, while wintering in Mesa, Ariz.

A native of McVie, N.D., Osmon was a 1942 graduate of Valley City State College. He received a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado and did advanced work at the University of California.

He began his coaching career at Valley City High School. After brief coaching stints at Jamestown High School and in Laramie, Wyo., he became head basketball coach at Valley City State College in 1947 and assumed the duties of athletic director the following year.

Teams coached by Bill Osmon won a total of 24 conference championships in four different sports. He retired from basketball coaching in 1969 to devote full attention to his duties as athletic director. He served as chairman of NAIA District 12 for 20 years and in 1979 was named to the NAIA Hall of Fame. His dedication to his work earned him the 1981 Special Achievement Award from the North Dakota Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

Bill Osmon retired on December 31, 1982, after serving the university for 35 years as coach, teacher, and athletic director. The Valley City State University fieldhouse was officially named the W.E. Osmon Building for Physical Education on October 15, 1983. In 1986, Osmon became a member of the first class to be inducted into the Viking Hall of Fame.

His legacy continued after his retirement with the beginning of the Bill Osmon Fun Run in October 1983. The annual run kicks off the VCSU homecoming activities. Osmon had appeared each of the past 24 years as the official "starter" of the opening homecoming event.

In memory of Bill and the many lives he touched, a website has been set up for individuals to share thoughts and memories with the family and the VCSU community. The website address is [blogs.vcsu.edu/vikings/](http://blogs.vcsu.edu/vikings/). ♦



Bill Osmon with 2006 Fun Run Winners Bridget Birrenkott and Coty Beck



# V-500 Recognition Banquet

The V-500 Board of Directors recently held its annual Recognition Dinner. The dinner was held on Saturday, December 9. At the dinner, all new and renewed memberships were recognized, as were donors that had reached a certain lifetime giving level. Attendees of the banquet were then treated with reserved seats at the EBC Alumni "We're in the Christmas Mood" show.

V-500 is a scholarship program founded in 1972 by a group of visionary leaders who realized the importance of scholarship support for VCSU students.



TOP FRONT Sharon McCarriar, Ruth Nathan, Pat Nielson, Arlene Burchill, Phyllis Sheridan '56, Susan Pfeifer, and Sue Larson '72. BACK Hilde van Gijssel, Jeff Nathan, Allen Nielson, Nyle Burchill, Jim Sheridan '57, Paul Pfeifer, and Bruce Larson.

MIDDLE FRONT Mary Lou Luttschwager '57, Frank and Donna Mae Weis, Tracey Zaun (Hi-Line Electric), Tonya Powell, Deb Koppelin, Jan Stowman, Roberta Lemnus, and Rosalyn Bruhschwein. BACK Dr. Mitzel (Dakota Clinic), Chad Zaun (Hi-Line Electric), Larry Doyle '68 (First Community Credit Union), Ross Powell '99, Bobby Koeplin, Charles Stowman, Bob Lemnus, and Bob Bruhschwein '57.

BOTTOM FRONT Sue Johnson, Joy Rand, Pat Miller, Helen Metcalf, Lori Thompson, VirLyn Hoff '71, and Lynette Karges. BACK Stan Johnson, Roger Rand, Jim Miller, Ralph Metcalf, Gary Thompson, Gordon Hoff and Dean Karges '70.

## VCSU Mourns Loss of Music Hall-of-Famer Ployhar



James D. Ployhar '49 died Tuesday, January 2, 2007, in his Fargo home. He was born September 22, 1926, in Valley City, graduated from Valley City High School, and served in the Army in the Philippines and Japan before returning to continue his education. He earned a B.S. from Valley City State University and an M.A. from

the University of Northern Colorado, and did doctoral study at UCLA. He married Ruth McLain on August 22, 1948, in Durango, Colorado.

Mr. Ployhar was a vigorous supporter of Valley City State University. He frequently gave to the Phone-A-Thon and music fundraisers, and he was a member of V-500 for over 25 years. He was the president of the VCSU Alumni Association during the 1975-1976 year, and in 1977, he received the Distinguished Alumnus award. In September of 2006, he became the first inductee into the VCSU Music Hall of Fame. He appeared every year at the Ployhar Band Festival which brings numerous talented high school band students to campus each fall. His parents, Helga and Roy Ployhar, were also supporters of VCSU, having established the Ployhar Music Scholarship in 1986.

Mr. Ployhar began his career as a music educator in Lakota, N.D., then spent 19 years as a teacher at Agassiz Junior High School in Fargo. He was a frequent clinician and guest conductor at the undergraduate and university level throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

He is considered to be one of the most prolific writers in the field of music education. His credits have appeared in well over 800 music publications, his compositions and scores have aired on network TV, and his music is performed internationally in Europe and Asia. Mr. Ployhar's extensive background in orchestration includes work with the Danish Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mr. Ployhar is the author of numerous band courses, arrangements, and compositions. He is the recipient of the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence offered for outstanding contributions to bands and band music, and was a member of the American Bandmasters Association. He was commissioned by the North Dakota legislature to write "The Flickertail State March" and "The Centennial Overture."

In addition to music production, he formed and directed the Fargo Theater Big Band All-Stars and co-produced the Disney adventure film, Iron Will. He and Ruth enjoyed many activities together including camping, concerts, church activities, and travel. ♦



Jim Ployhar congratulates high school students participating in the Ployhar Honor Band Festival in October, 2004. Although he was unable to attend the 2005 and 2006 events, he certainly offered his support from afar.

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## VCSU Gets Four More Ph.D.'s

Three faculty and one staff member at Valley City State University (VCSU) recently participated in commencement ceremonies at North Dakota State University (NDSU), having completed work in their Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree programs. Those earning their degrees include Dr. Bonnie Alexander, associate professor of biology; Dr. Heather Kvilvang, assistant professor in the School of Education and Graduate Studies; Dr. Erin Klingenberg, director of counseling and human resources; and Dr. Kerry Gregoryk, assistant professor and division chair in VCSU's Division of Business and Information Technology. All are also members of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's largest and most selective honor society for all academic disciplines. With these additions, 54 percent of the VCSU faculty hold terminal degrees and another 20 percent are currently completing work on terminal degrees. ♦

## In Remembrance

Kathy (Marsh) Rohwedder, *Dickinson*  
 Carol E. Anderson, *Fargo*  
 Inez (Dorrance) Bergeson '36, *Lisbon*  
 Karen (Evenson) Gast '67, *Bismarck*  
 Kathleen (Weber) Seay, *Bowie, MD*  
 Alice (Halvorson) Nelson '37, *Valley City*  
 Dorothy (Timm) Junell '43, *Silverdale, WA*  
 Hazel (Merritt) Hungate '35, *Portland, OR*  
 Chester "Chet" Larson '58, *Wahpeton*  
 Dacotah (Saufley) Harmsen, *LaMoure*  
 Robert L. Ertelt '63, *Valley City*  
 Francis E. Gapp, *Rolla*  
 Marie (Gourde) Byzewski '31, *Grafton*  
 Marie (Paulson) Egge '32, *Billings, MT*  
 Margaret (Hentz) Scheller, *Jamestown*  
 Larry A. Becker '71, *Valley City*  
 Alvild (Berghlot) Degnan, *Valley City*  
 Frances (Hanggi) Burns '31, *Bowman*  
 Lennis (Attletweedt) Thompson '49, *Mesa, AZ*  
 Enid (Gusaas) Harstad, *Valley City*  
 Edna (Hollingsworth) Neumann '50, *Pikeville, TN*  
 Louise (Hatlie) Johnsgard, *Fargo*  
 Joy Johnson, *Moorhead, MN*  
 Evelyn (Bjugstad) Kurle '50, *Bismarck*  
 Leone (Platz) Grooters '50, *Alexandria, MN*  
 Jane (Stulc) Haas '63, *Ashley*  
 Clinton W. Harstad '47, *Underwood, IA*  
 Alta Czech '65, *Jamestown*  
 Maxine (Aadland) Medhaug, *Vebien, SD*  
 Evelyn (Hoover) DeVore, *Steele*  
 Corenne (Stading) Krieg '51, *Dickinson*  
 J. Harland Pederson, *Devils Lake*  
 E. Vernon Hendrickson '41, *Lake Park, MN*  
 Rosemary Landsberger '41, *Bismarck*  
 Marvel (Erbele) Freadhoff, *Jamestown*  
 Martha (Skaar) Sandvol, *Carrington*  
 Wallace R. Ethen, *Binford*  
 Ray McDaniel '56, *Devils Lake*  
 Cecilia (Gellner) Lorenz '40, *Langdon*  
 Amelia (Weshnevski) Bartkowski '32, *International Falls, MN*  
 Violet (Zinke) Bohl '48, *Woodworth*  
 Solveig (Nesset) Bell '29, *Albuquerque, NM*  
 J. Josephine (Tang) Rothert '32, *Cooperstown*  
 Carl F. Mikula '60, *Mission, TX*  
 Ida (Harth)Volker, *Hawley, MN*  
 James D. Ployhar '49, *Fargo*  
 Katherine (Remboldt) Thorstenson, *Bismarck*  
 Glee (Lettenmaier) Luther, *Alice*  
 Helen (Ruud) Wold '35, *Fargo*  
 Lorain (Bohn) Worner '38, *Willmar, MN*  
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## Vikings on the Move

### 1930s

**Florence (Anfinson) Erb '33** is living a very quiet life with her daughter in California. She is content to be with family in these "golden years."

**Luella (Boettcher) Reisenburg '36** celebrated her 90th birthday this past summer with an open house from May through August at the Senior Center in Hope, N.D. She says she doesn't know what the Lord has in mind for her, but plans to stick around to find out! Luella still lives on a farm near Colgate, N.D.

### 1940s

**Loren Law '42** and his wife, Arlene, are spending the winter at their condominium on Singer Island, Fla. He turned 90 years old on February 8 and is enjoying good health. He and Arlene will celebrate 68 years of marriage on April 9, 2007. They will be at home in Edina, Minn, on May 1, and will enjoy their lake home in Annandale, Minn.

**Virginia (Mosher) Homan '43** has had a terrific year. Six of her eleven grandchildren graduated from their formal education in May 2006. J.T. and Mary Ellen Homan's son Julian Peter graduated from Colorado Springs University cum laude in international business; their son Philip graduated from NDSU in landscape architecture; and their daughter Caitlin graduated from Cottey College in Nevada, Mo., (she is now at UND majoring in chemistry). Caroline will graduate in December 2007 from NDSU with a master's in couple and family therapy. Wade Scott has two children who have graduated or will soon! Spencer graduated from Dubuque Seminary in May and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in July. Zena will graduate from UND in May 2007 as a medical doctor specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. Kurt's son, Lee, is a student at VCSU. Sue's son, Karl, bought a printing business in Concord, Calif., and her daughter, a graduate of Humboldt University, is planning to further her education. Virginia's family has gained three new members; a daughter-in-law (Josh married in August) and two great-grandchildren (Karl's little girl and Spencer's little boy). Virginia says she is truly blessed.

**Esther (Nelson) Miller '43** and her husband, Dolan, are pretty much stay-at-homers. They rely on walkers to get around. Esther says these "golden years" are nothing to look forward to! Arthritis has taken its toll. They miss all the traveling they've done but feel fortunate to have seen most of the world.

**Elizabeth (Whitmer) Fuhrer '45** enjoys the alumni newsletters and remembers the good times she had while in college. "We were so free of worry and burdens," she says. She is so grateful for having had Reuben Fuhrer as her mate for 59 1/2 years. Reuben, class of '51, passed away on December 24, 2005.

**Evelyn (Johnson) McCracken '45 and '69** is enjoying retirement and does volunteer work at DeSales High School in Washington. She also substitutes when they are in need of a teacher. Evelyn and her husband, Leo, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They also attended a family reunion in Milnor, N.D. She sends greetings to all her dear friends!

**Ina (Faust) Oppegard '47** says, "No news is good news at my age!" She still lives with her son, **Rod '87**, in the family home in Dazey, N.D. She has 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Eleanor (Miller) Peterson '47** and her husband, Lynn, are privileged to have their youngest daughter, Lori Gardner, and her husband, Bill, stay at their house from the middle of March to the end of August. They have been attending colleges in Pasadena, Calif., in preparation for their return to Nairobi, Kenya, to train students at Pan Africa Christian College to become Bible translators.

**John Rhoades '47** and his wife, Marilyn, are retired and live in a small mobile home community close to a home in Campbell, Calif., where they lived for 50 years. They have four sons, four daughters-in-law, and four grandkids. They exercise at a community college three times a week. John bowls, sings in the choir, and belongs to Sons in Retirement (SIRs). Marilyn subs in Campbell, volunteers in a classroom once a week, and chairs a scholarship committee for the Women's Service Club of Campbell. They are both active in the Methodist Church.

**James Nielson '48** says hello to all EBCs, especially those of the '40s who played in the "Hit Parade" band and took part in the show.

### 1950s

**Leona (Geiszler) Schober '50 and '75** has most of her activities centered on her church. She leads two Bible studies, volunteers with office activities, helps with quilting, is the historian for the Women's Group (LWML), is an ambassador for Lutheran Hour Ministries, and has been able to continue going to international conventions on the church mission bus since her husband passed away. Her four grandchildren live in Arizona and South Carolina; so she doesn't see them enough, but does fly alone to see them. She is going to Arizona in March.

**Jean (Leach) Parrow '55** retired from her duties as a postmaster in Ada, MN after 25 years with the Postal Service and 11½ years of teaching in various elementary schools in North Dakota and Iowa.

**Eugene "Whitey" & Lois (Gilbert) Larsen '57** are both retired elementary school teachers. They are enjoying their two new granddaughters from China, and making many trips to Denver to visit them. They also enjoy baseball spring training in Phoenix, A.Z., during the month of March.

**Arlen Thorstenson '57** has lived in the same house in San Diego since 1959, 46 years. He and his wife, Astrid, have three adult children; their two sons are engineers and their daughter is a teacher. All of them live within four miles. They have seven grandchildren aged 10 to 18. They love life!

**Vinton and Darlene (Popp) Zabel '58** are now living half-time in Mesa, Ariz., where they enjoy golfing with VCSU friends. The warmer months are spent on Lake Miltona by Alexandria, Minn.

**Shirley (Lien) Grondahl '59** and her husband, Carroll, are living in their house for the 44th year. They like to travel a little but are not snowbirds. They have a son and daughter-in-law in Boise, Idaho, with two children, and a son and daughter-in-law in Bismarck. Shirley still sees friends who went to school at VCSU.

**Tilford and Mary (Christensen) Kroshus '59** are still living in Wahpeton, N.D., with a beautiful lake home on Pickerel Lake near Underwood, Minn. Mary is still working at the NDSCS Library. Tilford is still directing church choir and playing in the Kroshus and Krew Band.

### 1960s

**Irene (Langdahl) Visby '60** continues to live near Hope, N.D., where she keeps busy attending her grandchildren's sporting events. She also substitute teaches in the Hope and Page schools.

**Gladys Kelly '62** is enjoying life back in North Dakota after living in Oregon for 39 years.

**Karen (Schmitz) Bueling '63 and '75** has been the Sheldon (N.D.) School (grades K-6) librarian one day a week for the last three years. The school will close after this year and Karen says the community will miss their school.

**Jerrold Busche '65** has owned a marketing, advertising, and public relations agency since 1978 in Jacksonville, Fla. He and his wife, Robin, have been married for 36 years. They have two married daughters and four grandkids.

**Lester Hintz '65** and his wife, Karyl (Tait), have lived in Blue Earth, Minn., since 1970. Lester retired in 2001 after 35 years of teaching high school math. Before coming to Minnesota, he taught for two years in Elgin, N.D., and two years in Hettinger, N.D. He also spent one year in graduate school at the University of Oklahoma. Karyl retired from Wells Fargo Bank in 2005. They have three children and 10 grandchildren.

**Carol (Meier) Baillie '67** is in her 47th year of teaching, 39 of those at Wilton Public School. She has two married daughters and two grandsons, Dylan (8) and Jordan Binder (1). Her husband, Dan, is still working in sales at Woodmansees Office Supply.

**Bill Coghlan '67** has lived in St. Cloud, Minn., since 2000. He is still working full time. Bill and his wife, Cate, have been happily married for 38 years. They have two grown children, Barbara and K.J. Bill enjoys being around their five grandchildren. He recently purchased lake property and is looking forward to the summer.

**Joan (Leichtman) Heckaman '67** is currently serving her first term in the North Dakota Senate, representing District 23.

**Eldon Ukestad '67** retired from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Laboratory in 2000.

**Dwight Leier '68** has been voted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, with induction scheduled for June 28, 2007, at the national convention in Milwaukee, W.I.

**Gary Rufsvold '68** is enjoying his new job as the basketball coach at the College of St. Catherine in Minnesota. They are having a very successful season and will make the playoffs the first time in the history of the school!

**Janie (Burchill) Anderson '69** and her husband, Dwight, built a new house in Wahpeton and sold their home in the country to their oldest daughter and her husband. They (Brenda and Nathan Hill) are the parents of Janie and Dwight's three grandchildren; Jazmine (3½), Jonathan (2), and Jaxon (4 months).

**Jay Morgan '69**, having lived in Florida for 34 years and returning to North Dakota every year, invites all North Dakota residents, vacationers, snowbirds, friends, and, of course, VCSU alumni to join him and Louise at the annual North Dakota Suncoast Association luncheon held the third Saturday in February. Contact Jay Morgan, president, at (941) 378-4444. This was his 31st consecutive year in attendance.

### 1970s

**Larry Cook '70** is teaching physics at Bismarck High School. He will finish his 37th year of teaching this spring.

**Gary Garman '70** retired from 30 years in North Dakota education in 2002. Since then, he has taught one year in Las Vegas, worked as a security guard at Yellowstone National Park, and retired to his hometown of Sykeston, N.D., where he is on the park board. He spent the last two winters coaching boys' basketball in Lemmon, S.D., where his son-in-law, Dustin Flaten '00, is head coach and his daughter, Jodi Flaten '01, is head coach for the girls' team.

**JoAnn (Lee) Spickler '70** is now teaching English (mornings only) at Midkota High School in Glenfield, N.D. In the afternoons she enjoys spending time with her three young grandsons.

## Weddings

Sarah Svenningsen '05 & Seth Skogen .....December 2, 2006

Mark Nielson '06 & Cathy Bernhagen..... December 16, 2006

Lori Wang '95 & Brian Youngdahl ..... December 30, 2006

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Benora (Arnston) Lindgren '34, *Maddock*  
 Laura Marie Davidson, *Alberta, MN*  
 Leah Harth '29, *Breckenridge, MN*  
 Harriet (Pitra) Schulz '41, *Carrington*  
 Eva (Petersen) Bauer '32, *Fargo*  
 Major Alan R. Johnson, *Yakima, WA*  
 Clarence H. Laber '50, *Devils Lake*  
 Mary (Fiedler) Heutenroeder '39, *Grand Forks*  
 Thomas Aichele Sr. '60, *Baldwin*  
 Allan R. Bergland '62, *Bismarck*  
 Marlys (Burgeson) Langemo '50, *Valley City*  
 Verona (Boettcher) Johnson, *Bellingham, WA*  
 W.E. "Bill" Osmon '42, *Valley City*  
 Gladys (Swenson) Stowman '24, *Valley City*

### Former Faculty

Maxine Johnson, *Antioch, TN*  
 Mildred (Sad) Olson '59, *Fargo*

### Former Staff

Myrna (Walterson) Kratz, *Valley City*  
 Burnice (Harshman) Radtke, *Valley City*

**Tom '70 and Kaye (Larson) '68 Ukestad** both retired from teaching in Texas in December and took jobs in their neighboring state of New Mexico. Tom teaches geometry, trigonometry, and calculus. He is still working on his second master's degree in math at UTEP. Tom and Kaye have three children in college. The twins attend full time, Abbie at Gonzaga University and Erin at Trinity University in San Antonio, and their son attends part time at UTEP. Their oldest daughter and her three children live around the corner from them.

**David Challey '71** is the branch manager of First Community Credit Union in Hankinson. His wife, **Connie (Schmidt) '72**, is a second-grade teacher in her 34th year at Hankinson. They live on Lake Elsie. They see **Al '71 and Gisela (Kohn) '71 Cruchet** and have **Bruce '76 and Cyndi (Levi) '77 Stein** as neighbors on Lake Elsie.

**Peggy (Johnson) Brandenburger '72** has worked for the US Postal Service for the last 25 years. She and her husband, Tony, reside in Ellendale, N.D. They have one daughter, Julie Nelson, a nurse in Grand Forks, and two granddaughters.

**Sue (Holmes) German '73** is in her tenth year as Oakes High School band director. Her band is traveling in May to New York City, where they will perform at the United Nations. She is on the staff of Northern Ambassadors of Music for the second time, and will travel to seven countries in Europe in July 2007. Sue is a member of the NDHSAA Music Advisory Committee and the North Dakota National Band Association. She and her husband, Chuck, enjoy summers at their Elm Lake home, with frequent visits from their children and eleven grandchildren.

**Tim Kaim '73** is in his 31st year of teaching, the last 27 of which have been in special education. He is currently in his 24th year teaching overseas for the Department of Defense school system and has been stationed in Canada, Korea, and two different regions in Germany. He has been able to spend a great deal of time traveling in Europe and Asia.

**Roni (Becker) Sletto '73** says her husband, Greg, still farms, and she still teaches at Dunseith High School. Their daughter, Brenna, is a junior at Minot State University. Their son, Greyson, is a sophomore at Bottineau High. They enjoy summers at Lake Metigoshe and basketball games during the winter.

**Janet Simon '75** was recently honored with a plaque hung in the Cleveland Hill Athletic Hall of Fame.

#### 1980s

**Dianne (Winter) Graff '82** and husband, Brad, were married in May 2006 on Mackinac Island. Her son, Logan, is 16 and a sophomore at VCHS.

Her daughter, Leah, who is 21, will graduate in April 2007 from the University of Mary and is getting married in June. Dianne will also graduate in April 2007 from the University of Mary with a master's degree in elementary education administration.

**Barb (Townsend) Waldock '85** will be in her 22nd year in Parshall, N.D. She has been teaching kindergarten for 18 of those years. Her husband, Dan, runs a small grain farm and cow-calf operation. During her free time and summers, she enjoys reading, photography, and stained glass. Barb is looking forward to a vacation in Egypt this spring.

**Guy Huus '86** is the president and owner of Dakota Natural Foods, Inc., which has been packaging sunflower seeds and making snacks for 30 years.

**Bill '87 and Michele (Bischoff) '86 Trader** are completing their 20th year working for the Internal Revenue Service. In 2006, both were inducted into the North Dakota Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. They have two children, Jennifer (10) and Matthew (5), who are both active in many sports. The Trader family resides in Grand Forks, N.D.

**Darrin Roach '89** is the principal of Wimbledon-Courtenay High School in Wimbledon, N.D. He is also the assistant football and boys' basketball coach. He and his wife, Andrea, have been married for 13 years. They have three daughters, Shanley (6th grade), Kendra (3rd grade), and Shayna (2), and another on the way in May.

#### 1990s

**Valerie (Elken) Cooper '90** continues to stay extremely busy with her literacy teaching and civilian contract with the Air Force Academy. She and her husband, Brad, continue to enjoy living in Colorado and would love to hear from anyone visiting their area!

**Major Curtis Cannon '91** is currently the commander of Charlie Company of the 134th BSB. He has been training for and serving in Iraq since August 2005. His deployment at Camp Adder in Tallil, Iraq, has just been extended to July 2007. **Yvonne (Overn) Cannon '89** is teaching third grade and is holding down the "Cannon Fort" until Curt's return. Yvonne and their three children, Austin (12), Lauren (10), and Leandra (8), are anxious for Curt's safe return. Please pray for peace.

**Don and Donita (Stenson) Lennon '91** are now in their 16th year in the education field. The past 13 years have been in the West Fargo Public Schools. Don is now in his third year as assistant principal of Cheney Middle School. Donita teaches eighth-grade math at the school. They have two children, Alexis (11) and Luke (6).

**Shari (Krause) Wirkus '92** and her husband, Jeff, married in 1996. They have lived in Watertown, S.D. since then. They have two sons, Garret (9) and Grant (5). Shari is a prevention specialist at the Human Service Agency. She gets to work in the school system but doesn't have to do it every day. Her job is great and she loves Watertown!

**Brenda (Griffin) Allan '93** has been living in Minot off and on for the past 12 years. She went back to school and got a nursing degree. She says it's the best thing she ever did next to getting married (again) and having her daughter, Lindsey. She works at a nursing home in Minot and loves her job! She would like to hear from any friends she has lost touch with over the years.



**Karl Blake '94** has been promoted within Polar Communications (Park River, N.D.). He took over the role of assistant plant manager on January 1, 2007. He began his employment with Polar as a computer programmer in 1994. Karl will assist in overseeing all plant and Internet operations.

**Brenda (Anderson) Hill '94** is still teaching kindergarten in Wahpeton, N.D. This summer she and her family moved out to her home farm near Wahpeton. Her husband, Nathan, is still a painter at Wil-Rich. They have three children: Jazmine (3 1/2), Jonathan (2), and Jaxon (4 months).

**William "Buff" Murray '95** is currently teaching math at Valley City High School. He has been married to **Karen (Burchill) Murray '96** for 10 years. They have three children, Emily (8), Benton (5), and Avery (3). He also is finishing up his master's degree in education from Minot State this year. Any friends coming back to Valley City can send him a line at buff.murray@sendit.nodak.edu.

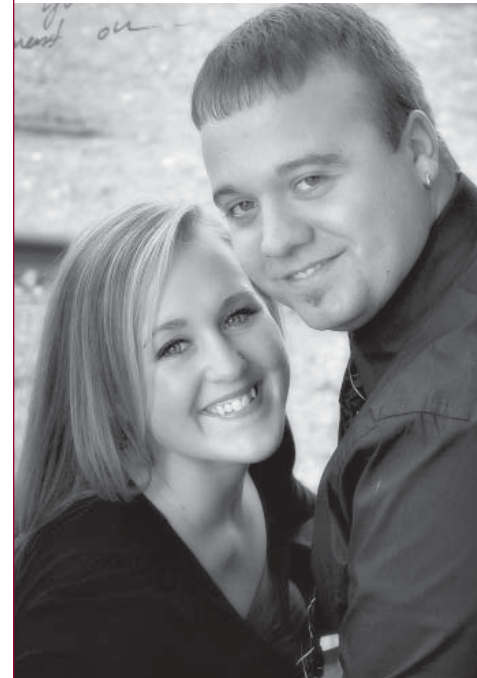
**Staci (Wilson) Rudolph '96** is working for Alternative Billing Solutions in Jamestown, N.D. She is the order confirmation/document control manager and has been there for over seven years. She and her husband, **Chad Rudolph '96**, have a 10-year-old daughter. Chad is a senior records specialist at AgCountry Farm Credit Services.

**Jeff Wyckoff '97** has been a police officer for the City of Shakopee for four years. He is currently assigned as the school resource officer at the high school. He and his wife, Lisa, have two kids, Sophie (2 1/2) and Tommy (6 months). They reside in Prior Lake, Minn.

#### 2000s

**Brady Fritel '01** is a technical support engineer for Microsoft in Fargo, N.D.

## MILESTONES



LEFT Amber '04 (Dramstad) and Clay Monson had a baby boy, Jarin Dean, on April 23, 2006.

LEFT Trevar Hansen '05 recently became engaged to Sarah Miller from Valley City. He is in his second year of teaching algebra, trigonometry, business math, and general math in Drayton, N.D. He also coaches junior high football and helps out on the varsity squad. Sarah is living in Valley City and going to college in Jamestown (Trevar tried to tell her that VCSU was a much better choice, but since VCSU doesn't have a nursing program, he lost that argument).

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**Anjelika (Berg) Kocher '01** is married to Kurt Kocher and has three beautiful children, Grant (4), Micaela (3), and Bethany (1), as well as one step-daughter, Ashleigh. Together the family resides in Anjelika's hometown, Crosby, N.D., where she is owner, director, and teacher at Early Learning Kindergartens, a preschool for children ages 3 to 5. Kurt owns Kocher Financial, where he works as an accountant. In their free time, the family can be found at their lake home on Black Tale Dam.

**Ryan '00 and Maggie (Clemens) '02 Townsend** had a daughter, Katie Jo, in January 2006. The Townsends live in Warsaw, N.D., and both continue to teach at Minto High School in Minto, N.D.

**Amber (Ussatis) Aberle '03** got married this past summer, on June 10. She and her husband purchased a home and reside in Mandan, N.D. She is in her third year of teaching at Mandan High School. She is the head debate coach, assistant speech coach, and head DECA advisor. She says her education and experiences at VCSU more than prepared her to be a successful teacher and coach. The sorority and other organizations and clubs she was in helped her prepare students for competition and dealing with what they call the high school DRAMA!

**Benjamin Ford '04** is employed with Remco Software, Inc., based in Dickinson, N.D. He and his wife, Tina (also attended VCSU but transferred), just bought their first house. "Thanks to all of VCSU for being the BEST college!" he says.

**Jacquelin Zimmerman '06** currently works for Microsoft and SEI as a partner account manager for the Southeast region, managing Microsoft Partners. She resides in Moorhead, Minn. Her lovely child, Deja, is now 15 months.

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# MILESTONES



## A Wedding in Mexico with VCSU Connections

On Saturday, November 25, 2006, Sergio Castañeda '00 from La Paz, BCS Mexico, and Eva Dusolier, an exchange student from VCSU's sister university, UABCS, during the school year 2001-2002, were married in La Paz. The wedding took place on a beach on the Sea of Cortez. Witnessing the ceremony for the groom were Anthony Dutton '96, currently adjunct professor of Spanish at VCSU, and Erik Kringlie '92, systems administrator at VCSU. Also present for the beach wedding were John Lukach '02, who works as an IT security engineer for Bank of the West in Fargo; Rodrigo Gaitan '04 from Tijuana, Mexico, currently living in San Diego and developing an e-commerce business there; and Oscar Fischer '99, co-webmaster for CIBNOR, a biological research center in La Paz. The bride and groom now make their home in Nome, Alaska, where Sergio is a technology specialist for the Nome School District.

BACK John Lukach, Tony Dutton, Rodrigo Gaitan, Erik Kringlie

FRONT Oscar Fischer, Eva Dusolier, Sergio Castañeda



Brian Youngdahl and Lori "Wanger" Wang '95 exchanged vows at St. Henry's in Monticello, Minn. on December 30, 2006. Brian is a heavy-equipment operator for Armstrong Crane & Rigging Corporation out of New Brighton, Minn. Lori is currently substitute teaching for Monticello, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted, and Annandale school districts. Brian, Lori, and Shane (aged two and a half) Youngdahl reside in Clearwater, Minn. They can be reached at ljwanger@yahoo.com.



Cindy Mund '00 and Jon Brown were married on June 17, 2006, in Milnor, N.D., and currently live on a farm southeast of Devils Lake, N.D. Cindy teaches business and coaches girls basketball at Lakota High School in Lakota, N.D. Jon farms and ranches near Devils Lake.



Scarlet Gray '03 and Ben Bernard '01 were married on August 5, 2006, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Valley City. Ben is a computer services specialist for the Architecture and Landscape Architecture Department at North Dakota State University. Scarlet is teaching independent music lessons and working part-time for the planetarium at Minnesota State University-Moorhead while completing a master's degree in English from the University of North Dakota. The couple resides in Fargo.

## "Ma" Reynolds Celebrates Her Ninety-Fifth Birthday

Olga "Ma" Reynolds celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 11, 2007. Many will remember her as house mother first in the now-demolished East Hall, then in McCoy Hall and, finally, in Snoeyenbos Hall. Ma Reynolds also worked at the Student Center checking meal tickets for many years.

Olga thoroughly enjoyed her 21 years at VCSC. She has many fond memories of all the girls and women who lived in the dormitories during her tenure and of the many young men she came in contact with in the food line, as well as with much of the staff at VCSC.

She retired to Mandan, N.D. to be near her brothers and sisters, and later moved to Primrose in Bismarck. Olga always appreciates cards or letters from friends. Her present address is: Edgewood Vista #150, 3406 Dominion St., Bismarck, ND 58503



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