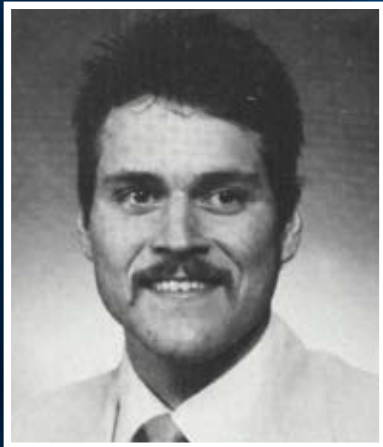


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It was a record-breaker that made headlines nationwide and will continue to affect just about everyone in the region for months to come. In the midst of the crisis, the VCSU community stood out for their incredible contribution to flood mitigation efforts. Here are a few photos of faculty, staff, students, and parents all working hard to avoid massive damage.



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ON THE COVER: VCSU is working hard to bring back two sports that played a major role in Viking athletics for many years: Track & Field and Cross Country. With a long and proud history, these sports produced many memorable athletes and teams. Among them: Clockwise from upper left: 1989 Track team coached by Larry Grooters; Arnold Falk '82 – four time All-American in Cross Country and Track (two years in Cross Country and two years in Track); 1988 Track team coached by Dave Bass; and Gary Schafer '89 – two time All-American in Track and the 1989 NAIA National Champion in the marathon. For more information on our plans to bring these sports back and to see how you can help, see our cover story beginning on page 4.

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Alumni Connections

Dr. Steve Shirley, President

During the past few months I have had the good fortune to meet and interact with a large number of Valley City State alumni and friends at various alumni get-togethers. These have included our "VCSU Tuesday" events that occur once per month at the Speedway Restaurant in West Fargo, ND. This is a new tradition we began this academic year, and I look forward to continuing and growing the tradition in future years. VCSU has a large number of alumni living in the Fargo-Moorhead area, and this tradition has turned into a great way for VCSU alumni and friends to re-connect and stay in touch.

We have coordinated a number of other special activities both locally and across the country throughout the year. Back in December, we hosted a pre-game alumni activity when the VCSU Men's Basketball team traveled to play the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. We had a nice turnout for the event, and everyone in attendance saw our VCSU Vikings play a tremendous game. Unfortunately, we came up one point short and lost on a last second shot. However, there is no question that all of our friends, supporters, and alumni had a terrific time rooting on the Vikings!

In January, I traveled with two VCSU colleagues for some business on Capitol Hill in Washington DC (see the story and photos below). While in DC, we had the opportunity to have supper and connect with some alumni and friends of VCSU. In addition, we met with current VCSU student Greg Innocent who is interning this semester in Senator Byron Dorgan's office.

In February, I attended our annual alumni reunion activities in Surprise

These events provide the opportunity for sharing of stories and memories from days gone by at VCSU. I learn so much about the deep history and great tradition of our campus during each of these events, and look forward to meeting more of you in the future.

and Mesa, Arizona. Thanks to Larry Robinson and Kim Hesch from the VCSU Foundation Office for their efforts in organizing the activities. I was so pleased with the turnout, and it was certainly nice meeting our VCSU friends who reside either part- or full-time in Arizona.

I want to encourage all of you to please take advantage of any opportunities to attend one of these events in the future. We will continue coordinating such activities for the University to remain connected with our friends and alumni. These events also allow VCSU to share the wonderful stories of new activity and initiatives underway across campus. Likewise, these events provide the opportunity for sharing of stories and memories from days gone by at VCSU. I learn so much about the deep history and great tradition of our campus during each of these events, and look forward to meeting more of you in the future.

We are so fortunate to be affiliated with such a terrific institution of higher learning, and it truly does take all of us to keep the momentum as we move forward. You will read stories in this *Bulletin* about new initiatives currently underway at VCSU. In particular, some new programs within our Athletic Department are highlighted in this issue of the *Bulletin*. Please don't be a stranger – if you are ever in the neighborhood, by all means, please stop by the campus for a visit. Additionally, if you have any thoughts, ideas, or stories you would like to share – I would love to hear them. Drop me a line at steve.shirley@vcsu.edu or call 701-845-7102. Thanks for all of your ongoing support, and, of course, GO VIKINGS!◆

Business on Capitol Hill

Dr. Gary Thompson, Dean of the VCSU School of Education and Graduate Studies, Dr. Don Muga, Department Chair of the Technology Education program, and VCSU President Steve Shirley spent two days in Washington, DC in January, 2009. While in Washington they met with Senators Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad as well as Congressman Earl Pomeroy. They also visited current VCSU student Greg Innocent who is currently an intern in Senator Dorgan's office and will be graduating in May. Drs. Shirley, Thompson, and Muga met with Patti Curtis, Director of the Washington office of the National Center for Technological Literacy (NCTL). The NCTL is part of the Boston Museum of Science, and a partner with VCSU's Technology Education program. The VCSU contingent also traveled to Baltimore and met with members of the Maryland Department of Education (DOE). VCSU has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maryland DOE focused on VCSU's online undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the field of Technology Education. President Shirley also met with the editors and several reporters at www.insidehighered.com, an online journal headquartered in Washington DC dedicated to higher education issues.◆

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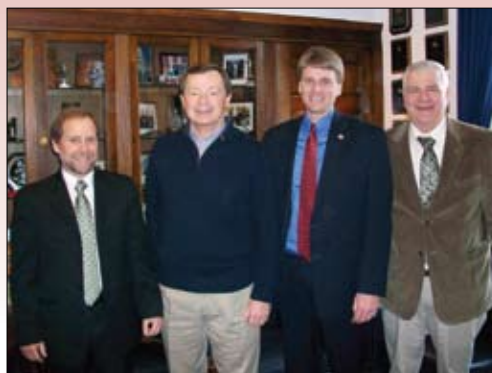
L-R: VCSU Alum Larry Schafer '89, VCSU student Greg Innocent, VCSU Professor Dr. Don Muga, VCSU President Dr. Steve Shirley, former VCSU faculty Philip O'Brien, VCSU Professor Dr. Gary Thompson, VCSU alum Sara (Goffe) Schafer '89. The photo was taken at Georgia Brown's Restaurant in Washington, DC. Sara is currently a middle school assistant principal in northern Virginia; Larry is a consultant and lobbyist for the biodiesel and renewable energy industry; and Philip works for the Department of Defense assisting in the recovery and identification of POW and MIA soldiers.

Middle:

With Congressman Earl Pomeroy in his Washington, DC office.

Right:

With Senator Byron Dorgan in his DC office and Patti Curtis; Patti is with the National Center for Technological Literacy.



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Want to Get Away?

by Missy Vollmers '89, Alumni Board President

I just returned from a six-day stay in Florida visiting my vacationing parents. I know that it was only six days, but I sure came back to work with a new attitude! I know that a trip to Florida would be great for all the VCSU alumni, but that is not possible because of funds and our economy.

What I am requesting for our Valley City State University alumni to do is come back to the campus of VCSU on Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3 for Homecoming! The Alumni Association is pleased to announce they will be holding a reunion of all classes from the Nine's including 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 along with hosting a Greek Reunion for the EBC and Tau Sigs Fraternities and the Philo and Delphi Sororities. In addition, we are inviting the class

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of 2004 back to celebrate their 5 year reunion! You are not off the hook if you do not fit into any of these categories; we want you to come to Homecoming, too! There is room for fun reserved for everyone!

Now that you know that we want you in Valley City on October 2 and 3, call or e-mail an alumni friend right now and organize a "get-away." Call and reserve a hotel room if you need to and start counting the days! Watch for more details on our website and the July issue of *The Bulletin*. I know that after you have spent the weekend visiting and reminiscing with your fellow VCSU alumni, you will be able to go back to work on Monday feeling refreshed and with a changed attitude... just like I felt after returning from my vacation in Florida! ♦

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"What an easy way to give back to the university," commented Kim Hesch, assistant director for University Advancement, "and you get something in return." ♦



Kim Hesch, assistant director for Advancement shows President Shirley a sample of the license plate.



Now More Than Ever...

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

By the time you read this article, the spring season will be upon us. We will once again be approaching the end of another academic year. Commencement will come and go, our senior class will move on with their lives and their careers. We wish them the very best. They, like all of their predecessors will certainly be missed! We will find ourselves in a preparation mode once again for the fall semester and the arrival of another class of students. In many ways, it is a cycle that repeats itself over and over again. Unfortunately, this year is much different. The economic crisis that has gripped this country for the past number of months has created new and serious challenges for everyone. Your VCSU Foundation is no exception!

We all know what the impact of this crisis has had on the stock market, unemployment, housing, foreclosures, retirement accounts, business failures, bailouts, credit, etc. Unless you are part of America's greatest generation, not many have ever experienced economic challenges of this magnitude. At the time of this writing, the U.S. Congress has just passed the nearly \$800 billion dollar stimulus package, in response to our national economic situation. All of us hope and pray that the package works and our economy will soon begin to stabilize and eventually begin to regain the strength we enjoyed for so many years.

Your VCSU Foundation has not escaped the impact of the down turn in the economy. We are not unlike other foundations across this country. The markets have a significant impact on our ability to respond to scholarship and other needs of the university. Our Foundation Board of Directors recently went on record in full support of responding to our scholarship commitments to our students. In my opinion, that unanimous vote was a powerful response by our Board of Directors in the midst of a very difficult economic time. We have been providing a total of \$600,000 in

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scholarship support annually to the students of the university. That support is of critical importance. We must sustain that effort! With ever rising costs to attend college and the ongoing increases in the basic cost of living, our students are depending on scholarship support. A significant percentage of our students are working at least one, if not two jobs to help defray the costs of attending college.

I fully realize that most everyone has been impacted by the current economic downturn. However, I also realize the importance of sustaining our scholarship commitment to our students. A strong enrollment at the university is clearly

dependent on the availability of scholarship support. Many of you have supported our scholarship programs for years. We thank you for that support. We hope that you will find a way to continue supporting us during this difficult time. For those of you who have not been a member of our V-500 (academic scholarship program) or Century Club (athletic scholarship program) we would ask you to give serious consideration to making a contribution today. Your support is needed now, more than ever. Help us sustain our commitment to our students. You may make an online contribution

at alumni.vcsu.edu, or simply mail your check to the VCSU Foundation, 101 College St. SW, Valley City, ND 58072. Please

make your check payable to the "VCSU Foundation" and note your preference of V-500 or Century Club. We also accept Visa and MasterCard for those who prefer using the credit card option. Your contributions are tax deductible. You can also rest assured that that you are "Making A Difference" in the lives of our students here on the campus. Our challenge is real. We can meet that challenge if we all pull together and support our scholarship program. Realizing a return on your investment in today's economy may be a challenge. I can assure you that an investment in our university and our students continues to pay big dividends!

Thank you for your support. Go Vikings! ♦



Surprise, AZ Reunion

Arizona Reunion 2009 Mesa & Surprise, AZ

Photo to the left:

I to r: Pat (Hafner) '59 & Bill '59 Thomas, Dr. Steve Shirley, Janel & Ron Burger '68, Mary (Kruschwitz) '65 & Henry Schroeder.



Mesa Reunion - Classes of the 50's and 60's

Front Row I to r: Daryl Hornbacher '61, Evelyn (Polries) Warren '42, Met Moore, and Pauline (Elston) Lentz '49. Back Row I to r: Dan O'Connor '61, Don Lemnus '58, Dale Koppelman '61, Bob Lentz '54, Jane Lemnus, Jack Moore '56, and Eileen (Olson) Peterson '56 & Dale Peterson '57.



Mesa Reunion - Classes of the 60's

Front Row I to r: Mary (Kruschwitz) Schroeder '65, Curt Johnson '63, Charles Kinn '63 and Janel Burger. Back Row I to r: Henry Schroeder, Harley & Judy Mathias, John '60 and Joan (Kruschwitz) Ostlie '60, Jerry '60 & Meg Pederson, Robert '61 & Marjorie (Nutz) Sogn '61, Charles Lehman '61, Ron Burger '68 and Bruce Arthun '66.

John Thomas '76 wins a preliminary heat of the 220 yard dash in the 1974 NDCAC meet held at Lokken Field.



PAST VCSU COACHES

1935	J.H. Morrison
1936 - 1943.....	Ray McLeod
1947	Ray DeGreeff
1948 - 1960.....	W.E. Osmon
1961 - 1962.....	Al Evans
1963	Don Lemnus
1963 - 1981.....	Larry Grooters
1981 - 1991.....	Dave Bass
1991 - 2003.....	Jim Egeberg

Track & Field, Cross Country Making a Comeback!

Another Major Step in Growth through Athletics

After a six year hiatus, VCSU is working hard to bring back varsity sports that for generations were cornerstones of VCSU athletics: Track & Field and Cross Country. The decision is creating lots of excitement both on campus and among our alumni and friends.

"I am very pleased that we are working on this," said Dr. Steven Shirley, VCSU president. "This is a great way to boost enrollment while adding another element to the student experience at VCSU." For the last few years, VCSU has

been thinking of athletics as a vehicle to drive growth in enrollment. Dr. Larry Grooters, who recently retired as the Chair of the School of Education and was the Track/Cross-Country coach from 1963 to 1981, said, "When young people

come to the university, they are not only looking for an education; they are also looking for other ways to participate and grow. The more choices the university can offer the more students the univer-

sity will attract."

If students respond as expected, bringing these sports back will have a noticeable impact on enrollment. Assistant Professor Dave Bass, who served as the coach for 10 years after Dr. Grooters, said,

"I think we can attract 35-40 new students the first Fall we compete, and this number should grow to around 60 within a few years. For a school our size, that would be a significant impact on enrollment."

Both sports have a long history at VCSU. The first season of Viking Men's Track & Field was in 1927 back in the days of the North Dakota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (NDIAC, which became NDCAC in 1963). The 1930's saw

five conference championships. World War II interrupted the program in 1943, but the program

resumed in 1947. In the 1950's, track saw more glory years with conference championships in 1953, 1954 and 1959. Women's track and cross country began in 1974.

"We are excited about the opportunity to bring back two sports that have impacted so many former student athletes and will have such a positive impact on our campus enrollment and our athletic department. Please help us make this a reality. We need your support. We need your Viking pride!"

Dave Bass '77, Assistant Professor of Education; Viking Track/Cross Country Coach from 1981-1991



We Need Your Support Fundraising Off to a Great Start!

Bringing back Track & Field and Cross Country has one important precondition: raising the funds necessary to get them started. Dr. Shirley said, "Before any new students get to campus, getting these programs started will involve some major expenses such as salary for the coach, equipment, scholarships, travel, and recruiting. These expenses need to be covered without forcing cuts to other programs."

This led the VCSU Advancement Office and Viking Athletics to begin working with alumni on a fundraising drive to cover these costs.

The goal is to generate \$150,000 in cash and pledges by this Fall.

The good news is that this drive is off to an amazing start. As this issue of *The Bulletin* goes to press, VCSU has already received pledges that total \$112,500. A big piece of this came from the Valley City/Barnes County Development Corporation, which gave the drive an outstanding start with a pledge of \$60,000. "We are convinced that helping the university grow is entirely consistent with our mission of helping Valley City grow," said Jennifer Feist, Executive Director of the Development Corpo-

ration. "We are just pleased to be in a position to offer this kind of support." Other major donors who have already stepped up include the Jan Ingstad family (\$30,000), Alliance Pipeline (\$15,000), and Dacotah Bank (\$7,500).

That still leaves close to \$40,000 that needs to be raised, no small challenge by any means. To reach this goal, the Office of Advancement and Viking Athletics are enlisting the help of prominent alumni, many of whom (but not all) are alumni of VCSU Track or Cross Country. In all, 12 teams of 18 members have been tasked

with raising \$4,800 each to cover the balance left by the major donors. Pledges are being solicited by mail, and teams are making follow-up calls in April.

Bass is optimistic that this goal is realistic. "Our team captains and their team members are all great supporters of the University, and I know the teams will work hard to reach their goals. They are also a pretty competitive bunch, so I might expect to see them prodding each other to see who can raise the most. It will be fun to watch!" ♦

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Both programs were discontinued in 2003 due to budget cuts. "Back then, our administration considered cross country and track too expensive because the squad sizes had dwindled to such a low number of participants. President Shirley understands that aggressive recruiting for cross country and track will help us meet enrollment increase initiatives," said Bass. "When you think of the revenue added from 30 - 60 new students, the return looks pretty good."

The teams should be in good shape as far as facilities go, too. The track at Lokken Field was resurfaced last year, and it includes all the features necessary to host

invitational meets starting in April of each year. Although some believe that an indoor track is a requirement to field a competitive team, Bass disagrees. "Valley City is within an hour of the two best indoor facilities in the area, and our central location means our travel expenses will be lower than

many other schools." For Cross Country, Valley City's two golf courses make excellent courses.

If all goes according to plan, VCSU will spend the 2009-2010 year building the program and recruiting the team. The first competition will be the Cross Country season in Fall of 2010 followed by

Track & Field in Spring of 2011.

Bass thinks prospective coaches will view this as a great opportunity. "Starting a program from scratch is both a challenge and a tremendous opportunity. For that coach, the door will be wide open for a high level of achievement!" ♦



"The opportunity to compete at the collegiate level is a once in a lifetime experience. By making a pledge, our alumni are helping the university continue to offer opportunities they enjoyed when they attended VCSU."

Larry "Buck" Grooters '57

Professor Emeritus and Viking Track/Cross Country Coach 1963-1981





We had originally intended to use these pages to cover Dr. Shirley's inauguration, but the severe spring flooding of the Sheyenne River changed those plans in a hurry. As we go to press, the threat is far from over, but one thing is already certain: the incredible effort by members of the VCSU community played a pivotal role in flood preparations and avoiding massive damage. Everywhere flood mitigation operations were taking place, VCSU logos were prominently seen. Mary Lee (Peterson) Nielson '79, mayor of Valley City, said, "The students, staff, faculty and alumni of VCSU have made a difference in our flood fight. They have been a force at Sandbag Central. Our volunteer firemen have high praise for the students on the lines building the dikes. The sport teams have been outstanding. We wouldn't want to be without VCSU in this time of need." The inauguration of Dr. Shirley has been rescheduled for Friday, May 8, and will be covered in the July issue of *The Bulletin*. ♦





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Joan Aus Awarded Doctorate in ELL Education

The University of North Dakota recently awarded Joan Aus her doctorate in Education, concentration in ELL (English Language Learners) Education.

Dr. Aus is an Assistant Professor of Education and Director of ELL Education at Valley City State University (VCSU). She has been with VCSU teaching classes in ELL, communication, educational methods and cultural diversity since 1999. In 2004 and 2005, Aus served with the 141st Engineer Combat Battalion in Iraq as a diesel mechanic combat engineer and computer operator, but continued to teach college-level classes in communication to dozens of students in Iraq and Kuwait, and she completed nine semester hours towards her doctorate. She also served with the Air Force during the Persian Gulf War. She earned her B.S. from Black Hills State University and her M.Ed from South Dakota State University.

Dr. Aus developed VCSU's ELL program to be available completely online and to serve both in-service teachers as well as traditional undergraduate students. Enrollment in the program has been growing rapidly and is at an all-time high with roughly 70% of the students residing in North Dakota and the remainder scattered all around the country. Aus is also developing a graduate program in ELL that is planned to be offered in conjunction with VCSU's online Master of Education. ♦



Klingenstein Publishes Book on the Business of Piano Teaching



Associate Professor Beth Gigante Klingenstein has published the 2nd book of her career: *The Independent Piano Teacher's Studio Handbook – Everything You Need to Know for a Successful Teaching Studio* (Hal Leonard

Corporation, 2009).

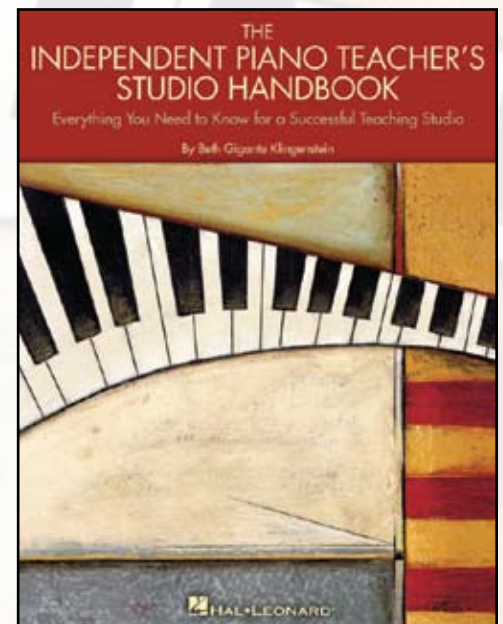
"I wrote this book to give piano teachers a single source for all the information they need to run the business side of their studio," said Klingenstein. "Teachers who are just getting into the field can use it as a good foundation on what they need to know to run a successful business. Experienced teachers can use it because it has lots of material that is unique in the industry. I also know many teachers who are using it in their classroom as part of their curriculum."

The book covers dozens of business and pedagogy topics, all related in various ways to

the business issues independent piano teachers face. Examples include developing and maintaining professionalism, finances, establishing lessons, image, ethics, studio and national standards, technology, careers in music, funding and advocacy, and many more.

The book includes various unique features that piano teachers will find useful. Each topic includes an in-depth list of references that readers can use to get more information. Another unique feature is an appendix that includes sample documents that music teachers need on a regular basis.

Klingenstein has been with VCSU since 1994 and is the founder and director of the VCSU Community School of the Arts. A music teacher herself for over 40 years, she has also developed a national reputation as an expert in the subject of the business issues involved in teaching music. She has delivered many presentations to local, state and national music organizations, and was a columnist for *American Music Teacher* magazine, the most widely read publication in the field. Her first book, *A Business Guide for the Music Teacher* (Neil A. Kjos Music Company, San Diego, CA), was pub-



lished in 1987. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Syracuse University and a Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership through the University of North Dakota. ♦

V-500 Recognition Banquet

The annual V-500 Recognition Dinner was held on Saturday, December 13, 2008. Any donors who have signed up for a V-500 membership over the past year or renewed a membership were recognized at the dinner. In addition, any members achieving a lifetime giving level were presented with a plaque or certificate. Following the dinner, everyone attended the EBC Alumni "We're in the Christmas Mood" show in Vangstad Auditorium. ♦



Top photo: Back row (l to r): Dennis Nathan, Lance Jenison (State Farm Insurance), Rudy Hanson '66, Ken Christianson '71, Matt Pedersen, Carl Borden, and Jim Van Dyke.

Front row (l to r): JoAnn Nathan, Laney Jenison, Sheryl (Hermanson) Hanson '71, Karen (Clemenson) Christianson '72, Joan (Lundholm) Noeske '62, Hulda Pearce, Debb Bjornson (Barnes County Abstract), and Nadine Van Dyke.

Bottom photo: Back row (l to r): Ron Zitzow, Phil Mueller '68, Darren Bjornson, Josh Kasowski '05, Larry Robinson '71, Kevin Eggermont, and Dr. Steven Shirley.

Front row (l to r): Dawn Zitzow, Darlene (Elston) Mueller '69, Paige Bjornson, Alison (Zaun) Kasowski '06, Mary Lee (Haugland) Robinson '71, Mary Nelson, Kim (Gruman) Eggermont '96 and Bev (Rambough) Enger '73.

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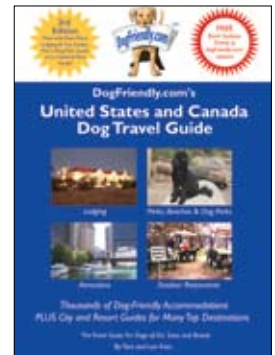
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Medicine Wheel Going to the Dogs

Medicine Wheel Park has received recognition in another national travel guide:

Dogfriendly.com's United States and Canada Dog Travel Guide (paperback), 3rd Edition, by Tara and Len Kain. Ca-



tering to dog owners who vacation with their pets, the book covers places that are friendly to dogs under the categories of Lodging, Cities and Resorts, Parks, Beaches and Dog Parks, and Highway Guides. For more information on the book or to check out this entry, visit www.dogfriendly.com. 🐕

Workshop to Help Teachers Motivate Students through Integrated "STEM"

Faculty members at VCSU are planning to offer a summer workshop for K-12 teachers. The workshop will focus on helping teachers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (the STEM subjects) use new and innovative curriculum that dramatically improves student motivation.

Dr. Don Mugan, VCSU professor and chair of VCSU's Department of Technology, said, "The United States is facing a dramatic shortage of graduates in the STEM subjects, and much of this is directly related to traditional K-12 teaching methods that frustrate and discourage students. The curriculum we are presenting at this workshop was designed by nationally-recognized leaders in STEM education, and will give teachers

the tools they need to improve the technological literacy of their students."

The curriculum being presented was developed by the National Center for Technological Literacy (NCTL - a unit of the Museum of Science in Boston) and focuses on helping students apply their math and science knowledge to solve real-world problems. Mugan said, "This approach gets students 'hands-on' with math and science, which gets them more interested and improves comprehension and retention." VCSU has a partnership agreement with the NCTL to increase the number of K-12 educators who can use NCTL materials, and VCSU uses NCTL materials in its own Technology Education coursework.

Workshop leaders will include nationally-rec-

ognized STEM leaders from the NCTL as well as faculty from VCSU's Department of Technology Education. A special keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Yvonne Spicer, NCTL Vice President for Advocacy & Educational Partnerships, at 6:30 pm on Sunday, June 14. On Monday and Tuesday, separate workshops are planned for teachers in elementary, middle and high school grades to meet the varying requirements of their classrooms. The workshop will provide attendees with text and lab materials so that they can begin using workshop concepts right away.

The workshop will be offered June 14 - 16 on the VCSU campus. Continuing education graduate credit is available. For a complete agenda, more information, or to register, visit ted.vcsu.edu ♦



Homecoming 2009



Make Plans
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Martin "Doc" Kelly Retires

Dr. Martin Kelly, VCSU's director of theatre, is retiring this year after 13 years of service. In this time Dr. Kelly has directed 30 productions at Valley City State University, four productions for the community theater, and has supervised several student-directed productions. His many accomplishments include the conversion and renovation of Theatre 320 and the addition of a Theatre minor. In his retirement, he plans to spend time play writing, screen writing, writing novels, and spending time with his three "beautiful grandchildren."

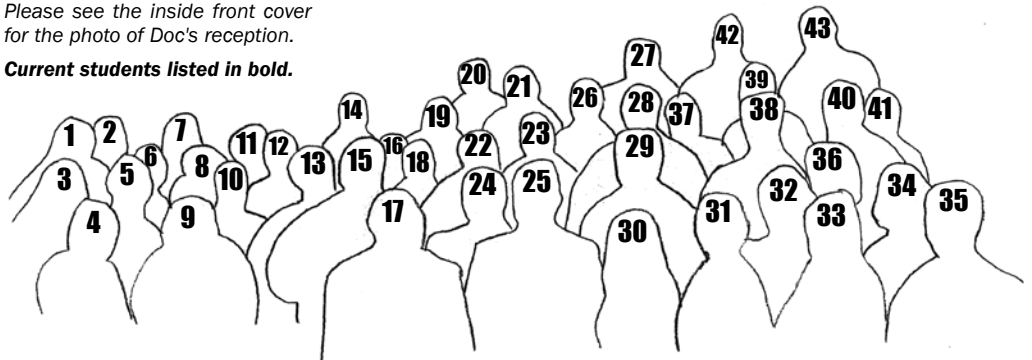
In his final production at VCSU, "Death of a Salesman," "Doc" played the role of Willy Loman. A reception was also held in his honor and attracted many alumni of his productions. A photo of the group at Doc's reception is located on the inside front cover. ♦



Martin Kelly playing the lead role of Willy Loman in his final production at VCSU.

Please see the inside front cover for the photo of Doc's reception.

Current students listed in bold.



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| 2. Kayley Erlandson | 13. Miranda Madsen Olson | 24. Miriam (Wagner) Vogel '81 | 35. Kaitlin Huss |
| 3. Amber Szklarski | 14. Trent Kosel | 25. Martin L. Kelly (faculty) | 36. Kaylah Borg |
| 4. Beth Leinen | 15. Cal Olson | 26. James Jensen | 37. Mike Morrissey |
| 5. Alfredo Carballo | 16. Phillip Godel '03 | 27. Andrew Hager | 38. Justin Stangler '05 |
| 6. Crystal Hust | 17. Rodli Pedersen | 28. Ben Bernard '01 | 39. Lee Homan |
| 7. Courtney Henkel | 18. Bridget Ertelt '05 | 29. Troy Hanson '90 | 40. Adam Berger |
| 8. Danielle Phares | 19. Jeff Levy | 30. Andrew Kelsch | 41. Gilbert Kuipers (faculty) |
| 9. Chantel (Molina) Thiel '03 | 20. Ivan Lora | 31. Alicia Rohr Kelly | 42. Cameron Battagler |
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The Alumni Association is pleased to announce they will be holding a reunion of all the classes from the **Nine's**

(1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999)

along with hosting a **Greek Reunion**

for the EBC & Tau Sigs Fraternities and the Philo & Delphi Sororities

Watch for more details in the next issue of The Bulletin and on our website! A mailing with registration information will be sent to these groups in June.

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Music Hall of Fame Banquet

Honoring:

Josephine (Wright) Rhoades '17 (in memoriam) & Carole (Paulson) Flatau '60

Saturday, May 9, 2009
Social at 6:00 pm - Dinner at 6:30 pm
Valley City Town & Country Club

For nomination forms or to make reservations contact Paula Larson at 701-845-7272 or e-mail paula.larson@vcsu.edu

Payment must be received no later than April 23 - tickets not available at the door.

Bringing Dreams Everywhere She Goes

How do you follow-up on a career spanning 35 years teaching elementary school children? For Loretta Welk-Jung '64, the answer is to write books that have the potential to touch thousands more.

"I was always a closet writer," said Loretta. She actually wrote many books over her career, but as most were never published, their main use was in her own classrooms. For the two that were published, *Alphabet Apple* (1976) and *Brain Builders!* (1983), Loretta had sold the rights and thousands of copies were printed.

But when an illness forced her to retire from teaching, her thoughts turned to the future grandchildren she may never know. Wishing to leave a legacy of her values to live a well-balanced life, she was inspired to create *Crystalene The Rainbow Snow Girl*.

"Crystalene is not a snowman," said Loretta. "She is a snow girl. And she uses all the colors of the rainbow to teach children about courage, energy, love, hope, freedom, and wisdom." She modeled Crystalene from her German Russian heritage and used the names of her three grandsons as the characters.

In her book, *Crystalene*, three boy cousins build Crystalene and learn from her about the concepts of courage, energy, love, hope, freedom and wisdom. Each concept is associated with a color of the rainbow: purple is for wis-

dom... green is for hope... and blue is for freedom... (to keep young boys interested, she lets them know that these colors also represent the Minnesota Vikings, Green Bay Packers, and the Jamestown Blue Jays).

Her first printing was only 100 copies, and Welk-Jung gave away many to grandchildren and family friends. The rest she sold to area schools.

Soon, more grandchildren arrived. So, feeling good about her success and having recovered from her illness, she decided to write a second book. This led to the sequel, *Crystalene, the Rainbow Snow Girl, Returns*.

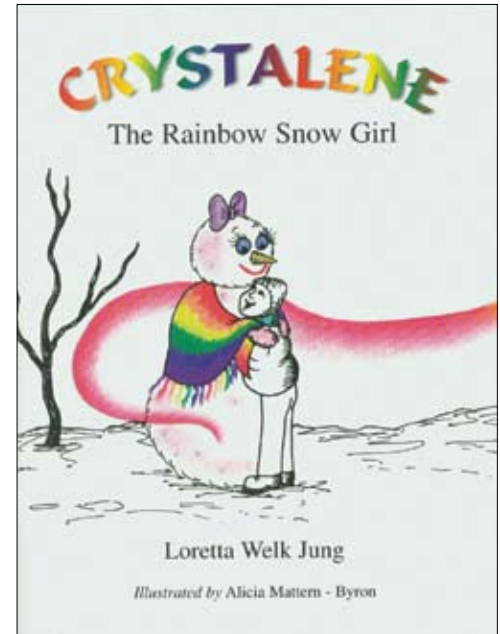
As word about *Crystalene* spread, an article about her appeared in the *Jamestown Sun* and Loretta began receiving requests for school programs that use *Crystalene*.

Now *Crystalene* has grown to include even more products including three more books, two music CD's, and even a plush *Crystalene* doll. In all, 6,000 *Crystalene* products have been shipped to all 50 states and 10 foreign countries. Loretta has conducted dozens of programs throughout North Dakota and several other states.

With all this activity, she is beginning to have trouble keeping up. "My goal for this year is to explore working with a major publisher who can handle selling *Crystalene* so I can focus more on my writing and programs.

How will the story of *Crystalene* end? According to Loretta, "Of course, it will end with a dream!"

You can meet *Crystalene* by visiting www.crystalene.net ♦



Loretta Welk-Jung '64 recently visited VCSU to donate a set of her children's books and educational materials to VCSU and present to Head Start kids.



Romance Comes to the VCSU Planetarium

Known for its informative, fun, and entertaining shows about Astronomy, the VCSU Planetarium was recently used for a decidedly different purpose: a wedding.

The couple is Alan and Lori (Stanford) Kiefert. Alan farms with his brother just south of Valley City, and Lori is a Radiologic Technologist at Mercy Hospital. Lori attended VCSU in 2005 and 2006 before graduating from the Radiology program at Minnesota State Community and Technical College (MSCTC). While attending VCSU, Lori toured the Planetarium and came away impressed with its capabilities.

But was she so impressed that she wanted to get married there? "Alan and I chose February 21 for our wedding date because it is the anniversary of our first date," said Lori. "We've always thought it would be very romantic to get married under the stars, but February in North Dakota isn't quite the time to be under the stars. I thought about how beautiful it was in the Planetarium with all the stars and felt that would be a very romantic place to hold our wedding." Their wedding was held as scheduled under a spectacular starry sky that would have made Van Gogh proud.

This was actually the second wedding to be held in the Planetarium. The first was held years ago when the facility was under the management of Eileen Starr and involved the son of Leonhardt Gunsch, who was one of the individuals most directly responsible for its construction. Current Planetarium Director Wes Anderson said, "We get a lot of schools and other groups coming to the Planetarium for shows, but this is the first time I've been involved in a wedding." When asked whether he thought it might become a more popular destination for weddings, Anderson replied, "I don't think I'll quit my day job." ★

2008 Football Recap CALHOUN, BEILKE LEAD EXPLOSIVE OFFENSE

The Viking edition of Football for 2008 provided plenty of excitement in both close games and fireworks from the offense. After an exciting 1 point victory over NCAA Division II Minnesota State University Moorhead (30-29), the team finished the season 5-5. Of the five losses, four were by less than a touchdown.

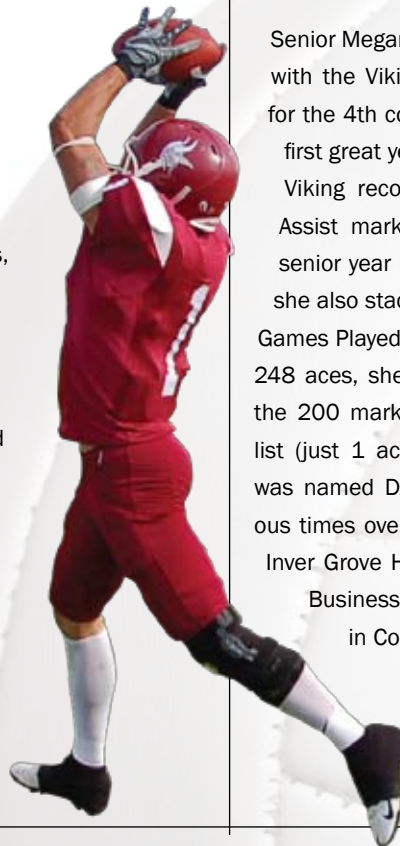
Viking star wideout Chauncey Calhoun was named to the American Football Coaches Association's All-American team and a First Team All-American by the College Fanz Sports Network. Calhoun was the No. 2 receiver in the NAIA with an average of 113.7 yards per game, and added 14 touchdowns. He ended his senior year with the following NAIA national ranks: 2nd in Receptions per Game, 2nd in Receiving Yards per Game, 4th in Scoring per Game, and 15th in All Purpose per Game. He was the only NAIA player chosen for the prestigious Texas vs. the Nation All-Star Game for professional prospects January 31 at the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas (shown live on CBS College Sports).

Throwing the ball to Calhoun was senior Quarterback Jason Beilke who had an impact on the NAIA statistics as well. Beilke was 3rd

in Passing Yards per Game and 5th in Total Offense. Beilke, is now the single season and career leader in Passing Attempts and Passing Yards per Game, and the single season leader in Pass Completions, Passing Yards, and Passing Touchdowns. On the career ledger, Beilke ranks 2nd in Completions, Passing Yards and Completion Percentage. He was named 1st Team At Large All Dakota Athletic Conference.

Overall, the Vikings boast the #3 offense and the #4 passing attack in the NAIA. ♦

Wide receiver Chauncey Calhoun earned first team All-American status for the Vikings along with other accolades.



2008 Volleyball Recap BIG FINISH FOR FLOERKE

Senior Megan Floerke capped her final season with the Vikings being named All-conference for the 4th consecutive year. This was not her first great year: she left her mark all over the Viking record book. She broke the Career Assist mark during her junior season. Her senior year helped build upon that mark and she also stacked up numbers finishing 2nd in Games Played and 3rd in Matches Played. With 248 aces, she is one of four players to break the 200 mark, and she is 2nd on the career list (just 1 ace shy of the career mark). She was named DAC "Setter of the Week" numerous times over the past 4 years. Floerke, from Inver Grove Heights, MN, will graduate with a Business Education degree and a minor in Coaching.

The 2008 edition of the Vikings went from a .500 record to a 9-24 mark with a late season slide. ♦

2008 - 2009 Women's and Men's Basketball Recap

The women's basketball team spent the entire season on a mission to prove the pollsters wrong and earn respect. At the end of the year, they had accomplished their mission.

Picked to finish 8th in the preseason poll, the team ended up finishing 4th in the DAC with a conference record of 8-6 and 17-13 overall. Of the team's six conference losses, four were by one possession or in overtime. They won their first round DAC playoff game for the first time since 2003-04, but their season run came to an end with a 67-64 loss in the DAC semifinal at the hands of conference champion Dickinson State.

The team spent 2 weeks in the NAIA top 25 rankings peaking at #19, the highest mark ever for a VCSU women's team. The last time a team was ranked prior to this year was 1993-94 when it spent three weeks in the poll with the highest mark coming at #23.

All-conference recognition came to three Vikings. Sophomore Abby Rittenhouse, a 6'1" center, from Burnsville, MN, was selected for the 2008-09 First Team All-DAC. Rittenhouse averaged 14.1 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. Senior guard Brittany Olson and sophomore guard Amanda Brown were selected for the Third Team All-DAC. Olson, the lone senior

on the roster, averaged 13.6 points and 3.8 rebounds for the season. Brown averaged 10.9 points and 5.4 rebounds.

The men's and women's teams went a combined 4-0 versus Mayville State to retake the President's Cup. It was the first 4-0 sweep of Mayville since the beginning of the Dakota Athletic Conference.

The men's team never quite found their rhythm going 13-16 and finishing tied for 4th place in the conference. They will bid "adieu" to three seniors who helped the team on its best four year run since the glory days of the Osmon era. Ray King, Mike Stowman and Zac Wolf were mainstays of teams that accomplished many things. Last year, they led the team to a #14 NAIA national ranking, the highest ever for a VCSU team. They are the first group of seniors to finish in the top half of the Dakota Athletic Conference each of their four years. Stowman, from Tower City, scored over 1,000 points in his career and is 2nd on the VCSU All-Time list in three point baskets. Wolff, from Park Rapids, MN, finished his career as the all-time leader in blocked shots. ♦



2008-09 Women's team earned highest ever NAIA ranking.

2009 Baseball Preview - YOUNG AND HUNGRY

The 2009 Viking baseball team enters the season optimistic under second-year Head Coach Casey Olney. After graduating 10 seniors following the 2008 season, and carrying only one senior on the roster this year, the Vikings are picked to finish sixth in the DAC. With many new faces on the roster, the team is eager to prove itself in the tough conference.

Coach Olney believes this year's Vikings are young and hungry, and he is confident that the team could be a surprise contender down the road. "These guys have a lot to prove. We have a number of players stepping into roles that they have not been in before. It all depends on how ready they are and how well they handle being 'the guy'."

The 2009 Vikings may appear younger than they actually are. With red shirt (RS) junior Josh Standing Elk, RS sophomores Ian Jansen and Josh Evans, and transfers Justin Connell, Mike Danielson, and Matt Borgford all probable starters, the team may not be as inexperienced as it first appears.

Offensively the Vikings will be led by RS sophomore Evans and sophomore Tanner Bombenger, who both had above average offensive numbers in 2008. Bombenger hit .267 overall in 2008 which was second among freshmen in the DAC. Evans, who took over as the starter in centerfield half way through the 2008 season, hit .321 with a .429 on base percentage.

Outside Bombenger and Evans, the Vikes do not have a proven commodity with the bat. Cory Arnason, the lone senior, spent last season pitching exclusively, but had 55 at bats two years ago as a sophomore. Olney said "Cory has really committed himself and is in great shape this season. He is stronger and more ready now than he was two years ago to have an impact."

Standing Elk was an all-conference performer two seasons ago at Bismarck State College (BSC) as was Shane Schoeneberg last season. Also joining the Vikes from BSC is junior catcher Justin Connell. "Josh, Shane, and Justin have all played a lot of college baseball and that should serve us well going forward," said Olney. Borgford and Danielson showed promise in the fall and winter. "Matt swings well from the left side and Mike has shown outstanding power and should be the opening day DH. I know both of those guys have the ability to get the job done at the plate," said Olney.

After sitting out last season, RS sophomore Jansen is also penciled into the lineup. "This is Ian's third year in the program and I think that this is the year that he is really ready to contribute. When Ian was recruited we thought that he could be an outstanding college hitter and this year is his chance to prove us right."

The Vikings have several freshmen who are expected to contribute this season including Garrett Jackson from Gillette, WY, Mark Kerkowich from Neepawa, MB, and Valley City native Preston Jensen. Jackson hit .341 with



Viking Baseball; Pride, Tradition, Family

5 HR's and 39 RBI's last season for the Gillette Wyoming Legion team which captured the Wyoming state title. Kerkowich hit .416 in the Canada Cup while playing for the Manitoba Provincial youth team. Last Fall, Jensen led all freshmen in the VFL by hitting .386 and hit .439 with 7 HR's this summer for the Valley City legion team. "All three of these guys are ready physically to do the job in college," said Olney.

The 2009 pitching staff looks far different than last year when nine different pitchers started conference games. While many of the faces are relatively new, on paper the overall talent and depth of the staff has been upgraded.

Sophomore Taylor Nelson, second year player Nathan Lutkemeier, Standing Elk, and freshman Valley City native Derek Zitzow are battling for the weekend starter spots. Three

lefties will be competing for two spots in the starting rotation. Dan Maurer, a junior from Linn-Benton CC, Schoeneberg, and Roberto Rodriguez all bring experience to the rotation. Schoeneberg was an all-conference selection at BSC and Rodriguez pitched at the DI JUCO level in the competitive Arizona Community College Athletic Conference (ACCAC).

The closer role will be filled by junior Grant Kragness, who will move from the starting rotation and be called upon to get outs at the end of the game. Olney says "The staff this year is a bit more experienced overall. We have two of the opening day rotation guys from last season moving into the bullpen which I think shows that we have improved from a talent perspective. In baseball it really always comes down to pitching and the depth that teams have on the mound. If we can stay healthy early on, I like what we bring to the table." ♦

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2009 Softball Preview RELOADED FOR NEXT YEAR

Coach Chad Slyter was always reluctant to label the 2008 season as a "rebuilding" year. But with a roster that included 12 freshman it was difficult not to look at it that way. Maybe not accepting that label wore off on the young Viking squad as well.

"I think we kept referring to it as a "reloading" year and not a rebuilding year," said Slyter of the 2008 season. "We knew that we had a talented freshman class to go with the great group of sophomores and juniors, and we knew they were going to compete right away."

The lineup didn't buy into the idea of "rebuilding," either, posting the Vikings third straight 25 win season and a fourth place finish in the DAC tourney in May. The experience gained by the young Vikings in 2008 and another solid recruiting class has given the squad a few reasons to feel optimistic as they prepare for the 2009 season.

The Vikings return their number one pitcher, junior Krystal Hathaway, who pitched a majority of last season with a leg injury and are hopeful she will return to form for the upcoming spring. Hathaway led the pitching staff last year in several categories including Wins (9), Shutouts (3), Innings Pitched (120), Strike Outs (154) and Batting Average Against (.224). "I think the feeling on the team is that we can compete for a championship this spring. We return all of our starters and key reserves from last year and our new players are going to push us to be better so we are all excited," Hathaway said. Also returning on the pitching staff will be junior Karisa Etter. Etter provided valuable innings while Hathaway worked through her injury in the early part of the season, throwing a no-hitter on spring break. They will be joined by freshmen Paige Smith and Jen Shadlock, and both look to log some innings for the Vikings in their first year.

Hathaway paced the Viking offense, slugging her way to a .440 batting average in about



Reloaded team looks for fourth straight 25 win season.

half of the season. She was followed by fellow battery mate, junior Amanda Carter who hit for a .347 average with nine doubles, five home runs and 25 RBI's. Then the impact of the freshmen in 2008 was seen. Cyndi Figol, Bre-Ann Robertson and Jane Pettit all rounded out the .300 hitting club, batting .339, .333 and .308 respectively. The freshman trio also combined to score 109 runs between the three of them and drove in 86 runs. Junior Lacey Hauser was not far behind hitting for a .292 average with 19 runs scored and 14 RBI's.

"I think that as freshmen we made a successful transition to the college level," explained Robertson. "We were fortunate to get valuable experience in all kinds of situations that will help us be ready for this year." Also back from last year's team are senior Lara Loomis, sophomores Margaret Wilson, Cora Mikkelson and Mandy Johnson. All players gained valuable experience and contributed in the 2008 season, setting them up for success this season.

Along with Smith and Shadlock, newcomers to this year's team include Amanda Brown, Alex

Lanz, Sara Gullickson, Ashley Mayry, Brittney Robertson, Kate Swanson and red-shirt freshman Erika Calkins. Carly Holub will red shirt in the 2009 season. Slyter believes that this year's recruits will contribute just as the freshman did in 2008. "I really believe we have added great talent and depth to an already talented group. This year's class will contribute and add speed to the lineup, speed that was lacking on last year's squad.

"We were very competitive last year in a lot of games, losing a number of games by one or two runs. Our goal this year is to be consistent offensively to produce runs and allow our pitchers to relax and throw strikes. I also believe that our defense will be much improved as well. With good health, I think this group has the leadership, talent and attitude to compete with any team in the DAC and we are looking forward to a great season," Slyter concluded. ♦



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2009 Men's Baseball

Home games in **BOLD**

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Apr. 4, 2009	Jamestown College (at Jamestown)	1:00 PM
Apr. 4, 2009	Jamestown College (at Jamestown)	4:00 PM
Apr. 5, 2009	Jamestown College	1:00 PM
Apr. 5, 2009	Jamestown College	4:00 PM
Apr. 9, 2009	Concordia College	3:00 PM
Apr. 10, 2009	Dickinson State University (at Dickinson)	2:00 PM
Apr. 10, 2009	Dickinson State University (at Dickinson)	5:00 PM
Apr. 11, 2009	Dickinson State University (at Dickinson)	2:00 PM
Apr. 11, 2009	Dickinson State University (at Dickinson)	5:00 PM
Apr. 13, 2009	Jamestown College (at Jamestown)	2:00 PM
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May 1, 2009	DAC Tournament (at Minot)	TBA
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May 3, 2009	DAC Tournament (at Minot)	TBA
May 4, 2009	DAC Tournament (at Minot)	TBA
May 7, 2009	NAIA National Tournament (at TBA)	TBA
May 8, 2009	NAIA National Tournament (at TBA)	TBA
May 9, 2009	NAIA National Tournament (at TBA)	TBA

2009 Women's Softball

Home games in **BOLD**

Apr. 1, 2009	University of Minnesota - Crookston	3:00 PM
Apr. 1, 2009	University of Minnesota - Crookston	5:00 PM
Apr. 4, 2009	Jamestown College (at Jamestown)	1:00 PM
Apr. 4, 2009	Jamestown College (at Jamestown)	3:00 PM
Apr. 5, 2009	Jamestown College	1:00 PM
Apr. 5, 2009	Jamestown College	3:00 PM
Apr. 8, 2009	Mayville State University (at Portland)	3:00 PM
Apr. 8, 2009	Mayville State University (at Portland)	5:00 PM
Apr. 10, 2009	Dickinson State University (at Dickinson)	1:00 PM
Apr. 10, 2009	Dickinson State University (at Dickinson)	3:00 PM
Apr. 11, 2009	Dickinson State University (at Dickinson)	1:00 PM
Apr. 11, 2009	Dickinson State University (at Dickinson)	3:00 PM
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Apr. 14, 2009	Northern State University (at Aberdeen, SD)	4:00 PM
Apr. 15, 2009	Minot State University	2:00 PM
Apr. 15, 2009	Minot State University	4:00 PM
Apr. 16, 2009	U of M - Crookston (at Crookston, MN)	3:00 PM
Apr. 16, 2009	U of M - Crookston (at Crookston, MN)	5:00 PM
Apr. 18, 2009	Dakota State University	1:00 PM
Apr. 18, 2009	Dakota State University	3:00 PM
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Apr. 19, 2009	Dakota State University	3:00 PM
Apr. 21, 2009	Dakota Wesleyan University	3:00 PM
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Apr. 22, 2009	Northern State University	2:00 PM
Apr. 22, 2009	Northern State University	4:00 PM
Apr. 24, 2009	Mayville State University	2:00 PM
Apr. 24, 2009	Mayville State University	4:00 PM
Apr. 25, 2009	Black Hills State University	1:00 PM
Apr. 25, 2009	Black Hills State University	3:00 PM
May 1, 2009	DAC Tournament (at Dickinson)	TBA
May 2, 2009	DAC Tournament (at Dickinson)	TBA
May 14, 2009	NAIA National Tournament (at Decatur, AL)	TBA

Reconnect at VCSU Tuesdays

Don't miss the last social of the year!

April 28, 2009

Watch the next issue of *The Bulletin* for more event information

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

The events will be held 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the academic year, at the Speedway Restaurant in West Fargo. Please join us for complementary snacks and refreshments!

**For more information or to RSVP please contact:
Kim Hesch at 800-532-8641 ext 37203 or kim.hesch@vcsu.edu**

VCSU Music Hall of Fame Recognition Banquet



Josephine (Wright) Rhoades '17



Carole (Paulson) Flatau '60

The Music Hall of Fame Recognition Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 9, at the Valley City Town & Country Club, honoring two outstanding VCSU music alumni: Josephine (Wright) Rhoades '17 (in memoriam) and Carole (Paulson) Flatau '60. All VCSU alumni are invited to attend this special event to honor these exceptional women. A social hour will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm. The evening will be filled with memories and stories, celebrating the service of these distinguished individuals to Valley City State University and the musical culture of North Dakota and beyond.

Josephine Wright Rhoades attended the Valley City Normal School, where she later served as instructor of piano and accompanist for the department, as well as for nearly every musical group in Valley City. One of her compositions won the 1916 All North Dakota Song Contest. Perhaps Ms. Rhoades' greatest contribution to Valley City State University is her composition of the words and music of VCSU's Alma Mater. She was a member of the Valley City Music Club (an affiliate of the National Federation of Music Clubs), a church musician at Epworth United Methodist Church, and recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from KOVC Broadcasting Company in 1953.

She moved to California in the 1960s where she continued to be active in the Methodist Church and as an accompanist. Ms. Wright died at the age of 87, after over 70 years of contributions to the music profession. She was married to Louis D. Rhoades, who taught at VCSU from 1919-1961, and for whom the VCSU Rhoades Science Center is named.

Carole Flatau has had a long and distinguished career in music. Her career began in Valley City where she served as an independent piano teacher and church organist until 1985. She then moved to Florida where she accepted the prestigious positions of Director of Keyboard Publications for Columbia Pictures and later Music Editor at Belwin/CPP and Warner Brothers. In 2000, she returned to Valley City where she now operates an independent music studio, serves as an organist at Epworth United Methodist Church, and is a free-lance editor and composer. She owns her own music publishing company, Noteworthy Publications. Flatau was recognized as the North Dakota Music Teachers Association Teacher of the Year in 2002 and as a Music Teachers National Association Foundation Fellow in 2005. She is nationally recognized as an advocate for traditional American music, including folk songs and patriotic music.

Alumni are encouraged to contact the Department of Music about the criteria for this award and to nominate candidates who meet the criteria for the 2010 Hall of Fame awards. For nomination forms or to make reservations (\$30 per person) for the 2009 Music Hall of Fame Banquet, contact Paula Larson in the Department of Music office: paula.larson@vcsu.edu; (701) 845-7272. Payment must be received no later than April 23; tickets will not be available at the door. ♦

March, 2009

Dear VCSU Music Alumni,

Your "Friends of Music" Board wishes you a very Happy New Year!

The VCSU Music Department is thriving and bustling with many fine music majors, and the staff in the department is very caring and knowledgeable. I hope that many of you read the article in last summer's Bulletin about the initiation of a special "Music Alumni Endowment" from which will come music scholarships. Our goal is to raise at least \$10,000; and we are asking each of you to consider a personal donation of a minimum of \$100 to add to this cause.

Those of you in the education field are already aware of the shortage of music teachers in North Dakota. That number will only grow larger unless we can attract and retain music majors into universities across the state. In order to do that here, VCSU must be proactive in offering scholarships to talented musicians who intend to enter the education field.

Please consider carefully what you can donate to become a part of this great cause. Each of us is in a position to be a part of this project that can make such a difference in the lives of future music students at VCSU. Checks can be earmarked, "Music Alumni Endowment", and mailed to:

VCSU Music Department
101 College Street SW
Valley City, ND 58072

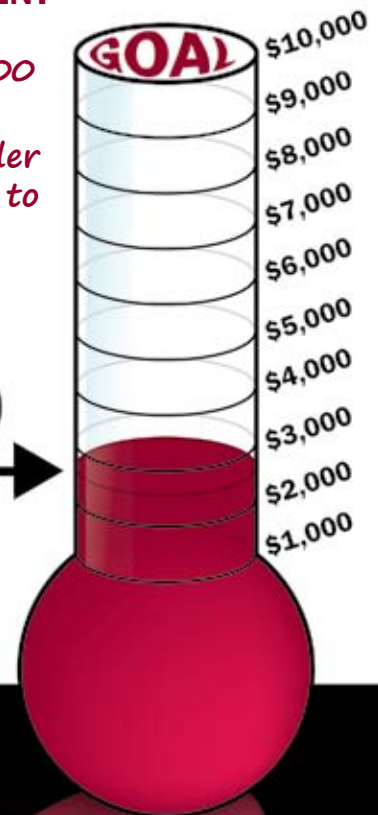
Thank you for choosing to be a part of this newest "dream" for our music department!

"Friends of Music" Board President
Sue Gorman - Oakes, ND Band Director

THE MUSIC ENDOWMENT
is at \$2,650
with a goal of \$10,000

Please carefully consider
what you can donate to
help us raise the
remaining \$7,350.

\$2,650



Good News!

Charitable IRA Legislation Passed!

For individuals aged 70½ or older with Individual Retirement Accounts, you can once again make outright gifts using IRA funds without tax complications!

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click on the "Planned Giving" link on the left
-or- contact Larry Robinson at 800-532-8641
ext. 37203 or larry.robinson@vcsu.edu ♦

2008-2009 VCSU Concert Calendar

Spring 2009

- April 19 Kelsey Wilhelm, Saxophone
& Casey Behm, Piano..... 3:00 pm
Froemke
- April 21 Jamestown College
& Valley City Civic Orchestras*** 7:30 pm
Vangstad
- April 23 VCSU Jazz Ensemble* 7:30 pm
Cafeteria
- April 26 VCSU Concert Choir*** 7:30 pm
Epworth Methodist Church
- April 29 VCSU Garage Bands..... 7:00 pm
City Park OR Vangstad (TBA)
- May 6 Brett Family+ 7:30 pm
Vangstad

- May 7 Composers' Concert 7:30 pm
Froemke
- May 9 Friends of Music Board..... 10:00-12:00 noon
Foss Conference Room
VCSU Concert Band* 3:00 pm
Vangstad
- VCSU Music Hall of Fame Banquet..... 6:00 pm
Town & Country Club
- May 10 VCSU Community School
of the Arts Recitals 2:00 & 4:00 pm
Froemke
- May 10 Valley Voices*** 6:00 pm
Froemke

*Concert Admission: \$5.00 Adult charge. VCSU Students, Faculty, and Staff Admitted Free.
***Free Will Offering Concerts
+VCACA Concerts: Admission by SEASON MEMBERSHIP, which may be purchased at the door.
Students @ \$12; Adults @ \$30; Families @ \$65

2008-2009 VCSU Gallery Schedule

- March 30 – April 17 **Through the Lens**
Alice Beauchman and Bob Christy
Reception: Friday, April 3, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- April 20 – May 8 **Senior Exhibition – Micki McLain**
Reception: Sunday, May 3, 3:00 – 4:30 pm



Holmes Family Scholarship Established

The VCSU Music Department has received a \$10,000 gift to establish the William Garth and Mae Holmes Family Music Scholarship.

The gift was provided by the late William (Garth) Holmes and his wife Mae. William and Mae are parents of Susan (Holmes) German '73 and Elaine (Holmes) Kluck '78 who received their music education degrees from VCSU and have taught music for many years. Susan is currently the director of bands in the Oakes (ND) Public Schools, and Elaine is choir director at Hawley (MN) Public School. The scholarship will be awarded to upper-level music education majors. ♦



Pictured Left to Right:
Elaine (Holmes) Kluck '78,
Susan (Holmes) German '73,
Barbara Sherburne
Front: Mae Holmes

In Remembrance

James H. Buehler '50, Klamath, OR
 Delyght K. (Fode) Groth '47, West Seattle, WA
 Lois H. (Strandberg) Hendrickson '40, Breckenridge, MN
 Ingrid (Andresen) Klamt '28, Galesburg
 Ruth E. (Svestad) Larson, Stanley
 Louise (Kressin) Jordheim Roche '39, Fargo
 Edna M. (Wolff) Skramstad '58, Valley City
 Darrell T. Matejcek '75, Lawton
 Alba (Nudell) Clancy '68, Buffalo
 Esther (McAfee) Laughlin, Bismarck
 Ruth L. (James) Myers '74, Carrington
 Maxine L. (Axtell) Ames, Minot
 Rodney L. Olson '70, Hallock, MN
 Ethelyn (Louden) Raveling '40 and '63, Fargo
 Clara L. (Savre) Alexander, Lisbon
 Harold D. Michelson '37, Bismarck
 Faye Cooper '58, Fargo
 Ruth A. (Lytle) Wick '41, Fargo
 Dorothy G. Olson '79, Windsor, CO
 Ardyce E. (Oien) Weiss '42, Valley City
 Una May (Whitman) Kolberg '37, Bismarck
 Dorothy (Shenton) Riederer, Beach
 Shirley A. (Grotberg) Licha '77, Valley City
 Emma Mae (Seidlitz) Swenson '42, Fargo
 Leigh P. Hanson '73, Portland, OR
 Mildred (Miedema) Hanson '45, Valley City
 Vera L. (Hofmann) Heupel '71, Medina
 Beatrice L. (Klubben) Bettermann '47, Minot
 Eldeane (Kylstad) Johnson '79, Lisbon
 Anna E. Gallagher, Fargo
 David J. Grosinger '69, Mandan
 Donna L. (Peterson) Nassest '51, Colorado Springs, CO
 Agnes D. Olson '46, Jamestown
 Kirt W. Johnson, Valley City
 Ruth A. (Stensgaard) Kringler '40, Fargo
 Eileen K. (Klemetson Solberg) Williamson, Lidgerwood
 Robert A. Wraith '59, Renton, WA
 Cecilia (Peitz) Soroos '36, Valley City
 Pearl I. Wilson '69, Fergus Falls, MN
 Richard McCosh, Keizer, OR
 Beverly A. (Colville) Svenningsen, Valley City
 JoAnne M. Milne '74, Wahpeton
 Cornelia "Connie" Martineau, Devils Lake
 Sherman A. Syverson '68, Enderlin
 Leonard "Buzz" Retzlaff '50, Mesa, AZ
 Steven W. Malsam '83, Valley City
 Harry W. Moore '48, Fargo

Former Faculty & Staff

Dr. Kalyn J. Anderson, Fargo

Vikings on the Move

1930's

Olivia (Kjelland) Carlson '33 says there is nothing new and exciting about her at all. She says that she is an old lady of 96 and she leads a very quiet life as you would expect.

Leona (Stillman) Rennels '36 is 91 and lives in a retirement home.

1940's

Josephine (Rueckert) Koch '42 lives in Valley City. Her husband, Ted, passed away on June 30, 2005. Josephine keeps busy with church (she is a member of The Congregational Church), Eastern Star, church circle, homemakers club, birthday club, going out for coffee with friends and also attending activities at VCSU which she enjoys.

Jeannette Ertelt '43 is still living in greater New York City. She is growing older as gracefully as possible and always has a loving spot in her soul for good ole' Valley City State University.



Albert Greffenius '47

was honored by the Davis Brown Law Firm for 41 years of service on Thursday November 6, 2008. "Gref's" international law practice was groundbreaking for the firm during his full-time practice from 1967 to 1993. He worked with Iowa companies looking to create distribution channels or license products in other companies. Albert enjoys his passions of flight, acting and family. He was featured in the June, 2008 edition of *Iowa Lawyer* magazine.

Roger '48 and Lorraine '48 (Faust) Ludwig have been at Steele, ND, for the past 11 years. While there, they have gained three great-granddaughters, Anna Volk, Drew Stroh and Jordan Stroh. Lorraine turned 80 and Roger still gives her an A+ for her cooking and cleaning. They spend lots of time visiting with their friends from the State Teachers College (VCSU) and the Valley City area.

1950's

Leona (Geisler) Schober '50 has been widowed for 7½ years, but, still lives in her big house in West Fargo. In May, she flew to attend her granddaughter's high school graduation in Chandler, AZ and also attended her grandson's confirmation. Her granddaughter went on to attend school at the University of Arizona in the fall. In July, Leona's son, who lives in Greenville, SC, his wife and their two sons visited Leona. In Oct 2007, Leona was able to visit them at their home to attend their oldest son's confirmation. Leona's two single sons live in North Dakota and manage to get home for the holidays. She still keeps busy with church activities, leading two ladies bible study groups, is a historian for the church ladies group and an ambassador for the Lutheran Laymen's League. She had to cut back on her needlework after having her second cataract surgery in 2008, but, still manages to do some quilting at her church. Leona will be 80 in 5 ½ months.

Iva (Hoefs) Prudlik '51 and '64 has been retired from teaching since 1993. She was a teacher for 45 years in ND and then was a substitute for another 10 years. Iva now enjoys full retirement by quilting at her church and doing some camping with her husband, John. She also joined a local Red Hat group which meets monthly.

Roland '51 and Mari Ann (McDonald) Peterson '57 went to Oregon in September to attend Roland's retirees reunion. Roland visited with teachers and friends at Five Oaks Jr. High and Whitford where he was a counselor and administrator for 35 years. Mari Ann visited with many of her teacher friends from Sherwood where she taught first grade at John Hopkins Elementary. They also spent part of December and January in Fairfax, VA, with their daughter Kylie. Roland and Mari Ann make their home in Carrington, ND.

Elaine (Arndt) Peitz '58 retired in 2000, after 35 years of elementary teaching. Her husband **Don Peitz '57** retired in 1997 after 39 years of teaching music. Don passed away on December 14, 2007. He was inducted into the Oakes Public School "Hall of Fame" on October 6, 2008.

1960's

Carl Peter '60 will mark his 10th year of retirement on June 30. Carl was the registrar at VCSU from 1970 to 1999. Post Polio Syndrome has caused a weakening of his muscles so he now uses an electric wheelchair outside of his home. He and his wife are enjoying their seven grandchildren; three of them live in Valley City. Carl sends greetings to all the graduates that remember him.

Pat (Gately) Bell '64 retired on June 30 after 35 years in education: eight years of teaching and 27 years as director of the Valley City Area Teacher Center located at VCSU with the addition of coordinator of the South Central Education Cooperative Regional Education Association the last three years. Pat is widowed (Rod) and has four married sons and nine grandchildren. She plans to travel, dance, bike, garden, volunteer and spend lots of time with family spread across the USA. Taking piano lessons may even be on the horizon for her.

Faye (Olson) Bubach '65 and her husband, Bob, live south of Litchville on the family farm. Bob was a music teacher for eight years at Central Valley and Verona; he farmed for 38 years and retired from farming three years ago. Faye taught in Grand Forks for six years and the next 35 years were spent in Marion, Litchville, and Litchville-Marion schools. She retired from teaching last spring after 41 years in education in various teaching assignments and concluded her career as principal at Litchville-Marion Elementary. Faye and Bob have two children. Their son **Brian Bubach '97**, his wife Genelle, and son Christian live in West Fargo. Brian is an assistant to the executive secretary of the ND High School Activities Association in Valley City and Genelle is a Spanish teacher in the Kindred Public School system. Christian is a 4th grader at Aurora Elementary in West Fargo. Their daughter, Rebecca, is married to Steve Lahlum. They have two boys, John who will be 5 in October and Matthew who will be 3 in November. Becky is in the Quality Control Department at Dakota Specialty Milling in Fargo and Steve owns/operates a garage in Moorhead. They make their home in Moorhead. Faye enjoys the "unscheduled time" that retirement brings, but does not find it particularly leisurely. They do enjoy having more time with the grandkids, going to bluegrass festivals, and visiting with family and friends.

John '66 and Verna (Triebold) Manstrom '66 celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary in June. They live in Roswell, GA. Both John and Verna are retired and spend their time with their daughter and son-in-law and their children ages 6 and 8 ½.

David Rust '67 was elected to the ND House of Representatives for a four-year term of office on November 4, 2008. After spending 41 years as a ND educator (34 as a superintendent of schools), he retired on July 1, 2008. David taught math at Gwinner (seven years) and was superintendent in the schools of Jud (three years), Regent (three years), and Tioga (28 years). David and his wife, Claudia, have four married children and five grandchildren.

Lenore (Frigaard) Lebahn '68 retired from teaching health and physical education at Litchville - Marion Elementary School in May, 2008. Lenore and her husband, Terry, moved to Valley City in June, 2008 exchanging homes with their son Neil and his family. **Neil '96**, his wife, **Tricia (Brandt) '98**, and their children, Dave and Alana, now live on the family farm at Litchville. Lenore enjoys having more time to spend with their seven grandchildren.

Lynn (Neustel) Dewitz '69 is a Great Western Network Interactive Television High School Art Instructor teaching art from the Steele, ND, site. She teaches Art I, Art II, and Advance Art to ten different schools each day. Lynn and her husband, Rick, still live on their farm at Tappen. They

have irrigated crops and raise Black Angus cattle. Rick and Lynn have four sons: two of them married and one has three daughters, ages 12, 4, and 20 months. Lynn was very fortunate to have been chosen by the International Institute of Education to go to Japan for 15 days all expenses paid by Toyota Corporation. It was an amazing trip! There were 50 teachers (picked from all high school subjects) out of 500 applicants from all over the United States. Lynn was the only one from North Dakota. She made the trip in the summer of 2007 and spent the last school year doing presentations and utilizing the information in her classroom.

1970's

Larry Clark '72 retired from teaching math for 32 years in May, 2005. He spent his last 10 years at Drake School. Larry still lives in Drake and substitute teaches, is a substitute bus driver along with coaching little league baseball and elementary girl's basketball.



Kim (Nudell) Webster '72 was named the 2007-2008 Custer School District "Teacher of the Year" and went on to win the South Dakota West River Region 7 "Teacher of the Year" award. Kim has been teaching for over 35 years, the last 18 of which have been in Custer, SD. She teaches departmentalized math and science

in the sixth grade at Custer Middle School. She has previously taught in Goodrich and Marion in ND and Buffalo in SD. She credits her third grade teacher at Buffalo, ND, **Alba (Nudell) Clancy '68** and **Esther Elliott '33** under whom Kim was a student teacher. The indelible marks made by Clancy and Elliott were the beginning of a highly-honored teaching career that include a State (SD) Middle School Science Award, a State (SD) VFW Volunteerism Award, a Golden Apple Award, a Master Teacher Award and a Women of the Year Award. Kim's husband **Alan '74** teaches seventh and eighth grade wellness at the middle school. Kim and Alan have two sons, Seth teaches elementary education in Winner, SD and Jared and his wife Sara live in Rapid Valley, SD where Jared teaches in the industrial technology department at Custer High School. While at VCSU, Kim was an active member of the concert and marching bands, Delphis, EBC hit parade chorus line, and Board of Governors. "Valley City State was an awesome institution for me to start my career" says Kim.

Verna Moos '73 is beginning her 36th year of teaching high school special education for Pewitt CISD in Omaha, TX and her 20th year for Northeast Texas Community College in GED/ABE classes.

Margie R. Nelson '73 retired from teaching in June of 2008. She enjoyed golfing and traveling in the fall and still substitute teaches occasionally, but, not too often.

1980's

Jerald Hagen '80 recently moved to Glenwood, MN, with his 13 year old daughter, Mackenzie, who is in 7th grade. Jerald works in Starbuck, MN. In June, his oldest daughter **Christina Hagen '04** was married to Jason Monilaws and they reside in Hankinson. Daughter Stephanie manages a store in Sioux Falls, SD, and Alexandra and Cassandra go to school in Grand Forks. Jerald tells everyone "good luck, have fun, enjoy!"

David Bergum '81 has two wonderful sons who are both attending college. AJ, 20, is a Jr. attending UW-Platteville majoring in mathematics, and Benjamin, 18, is a freshman at Iowa State majoring in horticulture/sports turf management. When they have the chance, they enjoy fishing, hunting, golfing and anything else outdoors. They are country bumpkins living in beautiful Harrison Hollow surrounded by 30 acres of wooded property. Baxter, (their 3 year old lab), keeps Dave company while the boys are off to school. Dave is starting his 15th year at North Crawford High School, working with emotional/behavioral disability students, grades 7-12. It will also be

his 15th year as the varsity girls basketball coach where he has compiled an overall record of 191-109. Dave also serves as the athletic director, varsity baseball and assistant football coach. For the past five summers, he has coached the Viroqua Junior Legion, 167-84, and assisted the varsity legion ,214-93. His teams have won two state championships, been runner-up three times and finished third twice at the Division II National tournament.

Thomas Kramer '88 his wife, Jill Sells, and their children, Alex (11) and Mari (8), live in Seattle, WA, where Tom has been for the last 17 years. Tom works as a guidance counselor in one of the high schools and Jill works in child/family health and advocacy. They took a two week family road trip through Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota in the summer of 2007. They were able to stop in Valley City, tour the VCSU campus and visit with family and college friends. "It was great to see Valley City State and the community again."

Jeff '88 and Shelley (Hanson) Lagodinski '88 have been living back in North Dakota (in Ellendale) for the last six years. They are both employed by Dickey/LaMoure Special Ed Unit, with Jeff working at LaMoure High School and Shelley working at Ellendale Elementary. Jeff also keeps busy doing screen printing on shirts, jackets... whatever. Shelley had the honor of speaking at the North Dakota Reading Conference last April about the newest research and discoveries in reading and the successes experienced in her own classroom. Jeff and Shelley have two children, Bill, who is currently attending Bismarck State College, and Lindsay, who is a junior in high school. Hello to all Philos and EBCs!



Jeff Powers '89 coaches and lives in the Oldsmar, Florida, area with his wife **Tawnya (Steedsman) '89**, and their five children. Jeff played basketball for VCSU under coach

Bob Parker. Jeff and his family and Tawnya's parents from Enderlin attended the VCSU men's basketball game against host Warner University in Lake Wales, Florida, on December 29.

1990's

Ellen (Musgrave) Berg '90 is keeping very busy in spite of the fact that she retired June, 2007. She thoroughly enjoys having her own schedule, doing handiwork, gardening, volunteer work and trying to keep up with their six grandkids. She and her husband, Don, travel in the summer and in the winter Ellen prefers to hibernate and read. Ellen says hello to all of her former classmates and teachers.

Tony Fast '93 is currently a conductor for BNSF railroad in Glasgow, Montana. He has been married to his wife Susan for four years and they have three kids, twins Dylan and Drew (13) and Bryce (10).

Chris Lunde '96 has been married to Annette Ronningen from Cooperstown for 11 years. He is currently a project coordinator for Strata Corp. in Valley City. Chris and Annette have three daughters: Jessica (14), Jacee (8), and Jady (4). Chris hopes everyone is as well as he. God Bless.

Kevin Dauphinais '97 is currently working for the Spirit Lake Tribe as the director of human services. After receiving his BS degree he worked for the Spirit Lake Tribe as a case manager for three and a half years and seven years as the human resources director for the Spirit Lake Casino & Resort .

Dennis Waloch '97 just celebrated 10 years with Walgreens and he is currently a store manager in New Ulm, MN, where he has lived for a little over two years. Dennis is active in the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce and the New Ulm Business and Retail Association where he is a member of the steering committee. He is finding more

Weddings

Briget Sabourin '00
& Jeremy Johnson.....December 27, 2008

Lynette Mund
& Ryan Johnson '97.....December 27, 2008

Jessica Ballinger
& Adam Watterson '04.....December 27, 2008

Ashley Enger '08
& Bryan Carroll '03.....May 30, 2009

time to golf and camp in the summer. Dennis and his wife, Jen, have two boys Leo (3) and Henry (1) and are enjoying being back in a smaller community.

Madyuri "Margi" (Viera) (Carbajal) Faze '99 and her husband, Arnold Faze, have three children, Cristian, 11, Lauren, 4, Sienna, 1. Early last year she was named the 2007 Body-for-Life Grand Master Champion in the worldwide weight loss and fitness challenge. She has been able to travel the country serving as a spokesperson for the program. In November of 2008, Margi also won the Fitness America-Bikini Classic competition. Her story is featured on bodyforlife.com, local news and LVAC magazine cover. In February of this year, she will be publishing her first book, *Transformation Journal*, a nutritional and fitness log book and guide. It is possible that Margi will visit Valley City this coming fall as one of her good friends, **Jill Sletteland '99**, is getting married. Shout out to her fellow Vikings!!!!



Derek Hjelseth '99 wed Trudy Cruchet in 2002. They reside in Fargo where Derek is employed with the North Dakota National Guard as well as a production manager for Sign-A-Rama. Trudy works for Lutheran Social Service of MN in Moorhead coordinating services for persons with brain injuries. They have three children, Maggie (9), Oakley (2 1/2) and Jayla (1 year).

Marlo (Meikle) Platz '99 lives in Jamestown and works case management for adults with DD at Alpha Opportunities, Inc. where she has been employed for nearly seven years. Marlo married Paul Platz on October 4, 2008, at the Basilica of St. James in Jamestown and celebrated at the Knights of Columbus following the wedding. They and Marlo's daughter are doing well.

2000's

Dustin '00 and Jodi (Garman) Flaten '01 moved to Hawley, MN, to be closer to home after teaching and coaching in Lemmon, SD for seven years. Both teach in the Ulen-Hitterdahl School District in MN. Dustin teaches first grade and is the junior high volleyball coach and head varsity basketball coach. Jodi teaches fourth grade and is the head volleyball coach and fifth grade girls basketball coach. Dustin was also head of the summer rec program and coached peeewe baseball. Jodi coached peeewe softball. They have one son, Aidan Lawrence who is 3.

Ashlee (Arlie) Elmont '02 got her doctorate of optometry from Pacific University in 2006. She met her husband, Nick (a Colorado native) in Oregon and they were married in Colorado in 2007. Ashlee and Nick now live in Arvada where Ashlee practices at Pearle Vision in Boulder, CO and Nick works as a project manager for Swinerton Builders.

Stephen Battle '04 is enjoying the sunny weather in Oklahoma while VCSU is experiencing lots of snow and cold this winter. Stephen is a finance director at a car dealership. He won two arena football cup championships before retiring. He invites anyone to look up his Myspace page to chat.

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Where Are They Now?

The VCSU Alumni Office would like to feature an alumnus in each issue of *The Bulletin*. This column gives us the chance to let their fellow alumni know what they have been up to since leaving VCSU.



In this issue we are featuring **SARAH DAHL '05**. Sarah graduated from VCSU with majors in Chemistry and Biology. She is currently on clinical rotations in Phoenix, AZ and will graduate in May, 2009 with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University of North Dakota.

We asked Sarah the following questions:

What did you do after you left VCSU?

I took a year off and worked in south Mississippi on the Hurricane Katrina clean up. In that year I matured and began to have a clearer focus on life. I love working with people and I love science. I didn't realize how much until I was comforting victims and listening to their stories on how they survived the storm. It was at that time I applied and was accepted to the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Science for Physical Therapy and started fall of 2006.

Describe a book, person, or experience that has had a major impact on you as a person or a professional?

My grandparents have always been very special to me; they are my rock and are always there for me.

Please share a special memory of your time at VCSU?

I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Joe Stickler at the Medicine Wheel, during all four seasons. I have fond memories of making ice luminaries, starting the garden project, and weed whacking. I remember sitting in class one day and Joe made the statement, "You don't have to be the smartest in the class, but you need to be persistent." That statement runs through my mind frequently. Persistence is the key to success. I was not the smartest in Joe's chemistry classes, in fact; I got my only "C" in my whole college education in General Chemistry. But that didn't bother me because I knew that if I was persistent, I could do anything. Thanks Joe!

What do you do for fun?

Spend time outdoors (hiking, snowmobiling), traveling, reading and spending time with my family.

What advice for successes would you give our new alumni?

Live your dreams and never give up ♦



Sarah with her grandparents Vince '57 and Dorothy Olson

Vikings on the Move continued...



Jerry Busche '65 (right), a native of Valley City, has owned a marketing, advertising and public relations agency (since 1978) in Jacksonville, Florida. Previous to that, he was a public relations and advertising manager for BellSouth for 10 years in Jacksonville and Miami, FL, and Atlanta, GA. And, prior to that, he taught at South Junior High School in Grand Forks, Wahpeton Science (as it was then called), and NDSU. Jerry has been married to Robin (a native of Jacksonville) for 38 years; they have two married daughters and four grandkids. Jerry's maternal grandmother, **Nora (Johnson) Vaaler**, received a standard diploma from Valley City Normal in 1911. Jerry and **Jeff Powers '89** (Left) (both former VCSU basketball players) attended the VCSU men's basketball game against host Warner University in Lake Wales, Florida, on December 29. Jerry fondly recalls the exceptional education he received at VCSU and, especially, the positive influence of teachers Gabriel Brahm, Annie Gunderson, Mary Canine, Bill Osmon, Dr. Cam Gillund, and Dr. Larry Grooters. Pictured between Jerry and Jeff is current head basketball coach Jeff Kaminsky.



Craig Witz '86 lives in West Palm Beach, Florida, with his beautiful 16 year old daughter, Alexa. He is the general manager and training manager for L.A. Fitness. Pictured with Craig is major league baseball player, Hank Aaron - one of Craig's clients. Craig is the former host of *Inside Sports*, a local evening sports show. He is trying to get his sports show back on the air as well as get it syndicated (you can see a clip of it on [YouTube](#) under - **cdw505**). He also did a segment on "Good Morning Florida - the 8 Minute Workout". Craig wants Coach Dew to know that he is the best and he will never forget him and everything he has done for so many of his players. Coach Dew did more than coach football; he taught his players about life and how to be a Christian man. Craig thinks it is great that he (Coach Dew) still keeps in touch with everyone. He says it was an honor to be part of a great team and he thanks God for all the favors He has given him in his life. If anyone is ever down in the Florida area, Craig invites you to stop and say "hi" as the sun is always shining.

Colin Mangold '05 is in his fourth year of teaching high school and jr high Social Studies in Rolla, ND. He is also coaching football and track.

Kurry '05 and Greta (Trader) Delparte '06 are living in Bismarck. Greta works at Centennial Elementary in Bismarck as a kindergarten teacher and Kurry is working at St. Alexis Hospital for Zimmer-Davis Orthopedics where he is a sales consultant. Greta misses everyone and hopes that things are going well! She also gets to work with VCSU alumni president Missy Vollmers every day! Team VC in Bismarck!

Andrew '05 and Angela (Ressler) Fischer '05 are both teaching in Bismarck. Andrew teaches English and multimedia at Bismarck High School and Angela teaches first grade at Saxvik Elementary. They have two children, Faith (4) and Ross (18 mo), and one due in February.

Kimberly Meckle '05 and her husband, Scott, recently had their second child, Jordan Scott Meckle. He joins brother Tyler who is 2 years old. They are still living in Anamoose, ND, where Kim teaches 7-12 English. Scott is an electrician in Harvey.

Alana Purvis '07 moved to the Twin Cities to attend law school with her boyfriend, **Jon Lindahl '07**. She is currently in her second year of law school at Hamline University and works part-time at a Minneapolis law firm. Jon is a manager at Hertz, and still tries to play basketball as often as he can. They recently got engaged in Chicago over Labor Day, and are planning to marry next August in Calgary, AB.



MILESTONES



Michelle (Neameyer) Nelson '01 and her husband Cody are proud parents of Carter Joshua born on December 22. He joins his big sister Camry (3) at home. The grandparents are Larry and **Marilyn (Urness) O'Callaghan '69**, and Keith and **Dana (Svenningsen) Nelson '92**.



Tara (Triebold) Praska '05 and her husband Jay are proud to announce the birth of their first baby, Luke Jay Praska born on May 13, 2008. He weighed 7 lbs 9 oz and was 21.5 inches long. They live in Valley City and Tara is the Graphic Designer at Valley City State University. Jay is a Civil Engineer with the NDDOT.



Stephanie (Leadens) Hoy '07 and her husband Tyson welcomed Gabriel Matthew Hoy into their family on January 7, 2009. He weighed 5 lbs 13 oz and was 18 ½ inches long.



Mallory Undlin '08 and Randy Hooley '08 were married on July 11, 2008, in Valley City. Mallory is currently working at HIT, Inc. in Mandan as a direct support professional. Randy is currently working at KXMB-CBS12 in Bismarck as a sales consultant. Randy is the son of **Dale Undem '83** and Mary (Dahl) Undem. Dale is in his 26th year of teaching at Barnes County North High School where he is also the varsity boys track coach and officiates basketball during the winter months. Mary is currently the receptionist for the Dr. Ted Hagen and Dr. Robert McKibben Dental office in Valley City. Dale and Mary have three other children, Justin (15), David (13), and Abby (12).

CENTENARIANS

Two VCSU alums recently celebrated their 100th birthdays.



Mildred (Marshall) Schroeder '29 celebrated at Epworth Methodist Church surrounded by family and friends, sons, daughters-in-law, younger brother Jim, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. After graduating from Valley City Teachers College, she taught school for five years, married Fred Schroeder in 1935, and had two sons: Fred and Darrell. Through the years Mildred remained very active in groups at Salem United Methodist Church, especially teaching Sunday School and as president of the United Methodist Women. She was also active in various community organizations including the North Dakota Winter Show Women's Division, Business and Professional Women, Retired Teachers Association, and Sheyenne Care Center Board and Auxiliary to name a few.

Olaf Aune '54, born January 12, 1909 in Mosvik, Norway, celebrated his 100th birthday at the Valley City Eagles surrounded by more than 100 friends, relatives and well-wishers. His varied career included teaching, working at the Public Projects Administration in Valley City, serving in the Army during World War II, owning a grocery store, and working at a lapidary, but he is perhaps best known for serving 15 years as the principal of Washington Elementary School in Valley City. He was married to his wife, Mildred, for 52 years, and currently resides in the Skyline Villa in Valley City.



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