

# THE BULLETIN

*A Publication for Alumni & Friends of Valley City State University*



**VALLEY CITY**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

## Helping Students Evaluate College Options

# VCSU

Amazing Year for Women's Basketball ♦ New Vocal Ensemble at VCSU ♦ Greeks are Back



DEPARTMENTS

- 1 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
- 2 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CORNER
- 3 FOUNDATION CORNER
- 12 VIKING HIGHLIGHTS
- 18 VCSU CONNECTIONS

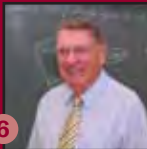
COVER STORY



4

**4 Helping Students Evaluate College Options**

*High school students rely on people they trust for valuable insight when making decisions about their college career, but do you know how to help them reach the decision that is right for them? In this article, we look at questions you can ask and ways you can recognize when VCSU is a good choice.*



6

**6 The Return of Bob Bruhschwein**

*Hundreds of VCSU students studied Geometry in his classroom over the 38 years he served as an instructor, and although he retired 14 years ago, Bob Bruhschwein temporarily returned to the classroom Fall semester. Check out this article to catch-up with Bob.*



14

**14 Women's Basketball Rocks the Bubble**

*The season began with impressive academic honors for the Viking women's basketball team and led to the team's first DAC title. Along the way, the team accumulated more wins than any Viking team in VCSU history, "Coach of the Year" and All-Conference honors, and "All-American Honorable Mention" recognition. Read this article for a recap of a season that is surely one for the Viking history books!*

**ON THE COVER:**

*Alumni Board member Ashley Smette '09 visits with a high school student about the many factors that go into selecting a school for the college experience. As high school students consider what they want to get from college and evaluate their options, information from people with first-hand experience about specific colleges can be a tremendous source of insight. In the article on page 4, we examine ways the VCSU campus community can be most helpful to students making this important decision.*

**BELOW:**

*The roar of the crowd in a packed W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse could be heard all the way to Jamestown as the women's Viking basketball team defeated the Jimmies 74-69 in the final game of the DAC tournament to take their first DAC title. Get the whole story on page 14!*

**PHOTO CREDITS:**

*George Dutton: Front cover, page 4 main photo, page 11 theatre ad, page 16 Valkyries  
Trina Kvilvang: Inside front cover, page 14  
Steve Collins: Page 2, page 15 #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8*

**Welcome To The Bulletin!**

<b>Larry Robinson</b> .....	701-845-7217
<i>Executive Director of University Advancement</i>	<i>larry.robinson@vcsu.edu</i>
<b>Kim Hesch</b> .....	701-845-7403
<i>Assistant Director of University Advancement</i>	<i>kim.hesch@vcsu.edu</i>
<b>Loree Morehouse</b> .....	701-845-7203
<i>Data Processing and Research Coordinator</i>	<i>loree.morehouse@vcsu.edu</i>
<b>Doug Anderson</b> .....	701-845-7227
<i>Director, Marketing and Communications</i>	<i>doug.anderson@vcsu.edu</i>
<b>Jack Denholm</b> .....	701-845-7160
<i>Athletic Director</i>	<i>jack.denholm@vcsu.edu</i>
<b>Tara Praska</b> .....	701-845-7362
<i>Graphic Designer</i>	<i>tara.praska@vcsu.edu</i>
<b>Toll Free</b> .....	800-532-8641 ext. 37203
<b>VCSU Home Page</b> .....	www.vcsu.edu







## VCSU Updates

Dr. Steve Shirley, President

As we near the end of the 2010-11 academic year, it is an ideal time to reflect on some recent accomplishments at VCSU. It has been an exciting year. Consider the following:

Fall 2010 enrollment of 1,285 students at VCSU was the largest since 1970 and a 19% increase over Fall 2009; the 220 new freshmen was the largest class since 1988. The trends are continuing in 2011 with the largest Spring semester enrollment ever recorded of 1,221 students, an increase of 18% over Spring 2010. VCSU's Master's enrollment is now over 150 students, and that enrollment has grown every year since the program was initiated six years ago.

During the past year, two new science-based Centers were initiated at VCSU. The Great Plains STEM Education Center was launched in Summer 2010. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, and STEM Education has been a focal point at VCSU. The Prairie Waters Education and Research Center (PWERC) is located in the former Kathryn School in Kathryn, ND and hosted a Grand Opening in November, 2010. The PWERC will serve as a statewide resource for water education, research, and management.

Snoeyenbos Residence Hall is undergoing a \$3.5 million renovation during the 2010-11 academic year. Snoeyenbos was completed in 1971, and this renovation will provide VCSU students with a major upgrade in their residential campus experience. It is set to re-open in August 2011. Additionally, to accommodate VCSU's additional students, upgrades have been made in Mythaler and Robertson which are now housing students for the first time in several years.

VCSU continues to make new strides in international education initiatives by partnering with colleges in other countries. This includes a new agreement with Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic in Hangzhou, China, and an updated agreement with Universidad Autonoma de Baja California Sur in La Paz, Mexico. VCSU faculty and students have taught and studied in China while VCSU has hosted faculty and students

from China. Additionally, we have had students take advantage of international opportunities in places such as France, Honduras, Mexico, and Peru.

A new all-female vocal ensemble, the Valkyries, was formed in August 2010. The Valkyries were selected to perform at the North Dakota Music Educators Association Conference in Bismarck in March 2011. Additionally, the VCSU Concert Choir's performance, "Christmas at St. Catherine's," was broadcast statewide throughout North Dakota on public radio stations in December.

VCSU was again recognized as a Five-Star Champions of Character institution by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

*Fall 2010 enrollment of 1,285 students at VCSU was the largest since 1970 and a 19% increase over Fall 2009; the 220 new freshmen was the largest class since 1988. The trends are continuing in 2011 with the largest Spring semester enrollment ever recorded of 1,221 students, an increase of 18% over Spring 2010.*

This designation by the NAIA recognizes those athletic programs that emphasize the NAIA's five core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, and servant leadership. It signifies the character and quality of students and coaches who comprise VCSU's athletic programs.

Three VCSU faculty members have recently been awarded with statewide recognitions honoring their teaching excellence. Dr. Joe Stickler was named the 2010 Environmental Educator of the Year by the ND Forest Service; Dr. Don Muga was awarded the Pathfinder award by the Red River Valley Research Corridor and presented the award by former U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan; and Dave Melgaard was named the 2010 Career and Technical Education educator of the year by the ND CTE. These are but a few of the many outstanding faculty and staff who make VCSU such a special place for teaching and learning.

These accomplishments represent just some of the many exciting developments underway at Valley City State University. Whether you are an alumni, supporter, or friend of VCSU, you can be very proud of the activities across campus! Please stop by anytime you are in the neighborhood. Go Vikings! ♦

## Request for Public Comment

Valley City State University is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its periodic comprehensive evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. Originally accredited by the Commission in 1915, VCSU received continued accreditation at its last comprehensive evaluation in 2002. An evaluation team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will visit the VCSU campus October 24-26, 2011. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University. Send your comments to:

Public Comment on Valley City State University  
Higher Learning Commission  
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IL 60604

Comments may also be submitted online at  
<http://www.ncahlc.org/information-for-the-public/third-party-comment.html>

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must include the name and address of the person providing the comments; comments are not confidential.

All comments must be received by September 24, 2011.

## VCSU Alumni Association Get-Togethers 2011

- April 19 ..... VCSU Tuesday ..... Carrington**  
CrossRoads Golf Course / 5-7 pm
- April 29 ..... VCSU Scholarship Auction ..... Valley City**  
Valley City Eagles Club  
5 pm Social, 6 pm Dinner & 7 pm Live Auction
- June 4 ..... Viking Scramble ..... Valley City**  
Valley City Town & Country Club / Bjornson Park  
To register call: Jack Denholm 701-845-7160
- August 3 ..... VCSU & the FM Redhawks ..... Fargo**  
Picnic 6 pm, Game time 7:05 pm  
Watch for more details in July!

**Reconnect with fellow alumni & friends!**

**RSVP is requested. Please contact Kim Hesch at  
800-532-8641 ext 37403 or [kim.hesch@vcsu.edu](mailto:kim.hesch@vcsu.edu).**

**HOMECOMING 2011**  
**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30 THRU SATURDAY OCTOBER 1**

**JOIN VCSU  
 ALUMNI AND  
 FRIENDS FOR  
 HOMECOMING  
 2011**

The VCSU Alumni Association invites you to join alumni and friends of VCSU for the many events scheduled for Homecoming 2011. This year we are hosting reunions for the classes of the 70's. In addition we are hosting a reunion for those that were members of the VCSU Student Senate. The Alumni Association encourages everyone to call your classmates and come back to VCSU for Homecoming 2011.

Watch for official details and registration information to be mailed in early August! We look forward to seeing you and hope you will be able to join us!



**Farewell to a Mentor & Friend**

by John Monilaws '87, Alumni Board President

This past month VCSU lost one of the finest professors in my mind they have ever had on campus. R.Q. Johnson, a long time professor of music, passed away in Arizona. For those of you who knew R.Q. just hearing those initials has to make you smile or grin. R.Q. was my professor for several music classes while I was attending VCSU. Along with R.Q., John Reed and Stu Glazer taught me a lot about music and a lot about life and teaching in general. This "trio" mentored hundreds of today's music teachers. Stu is flying "solo" now as both R.Q. and Mr. Reed have passed away. It's kind of funny, it was always "Stu, R.Q. and Mr. Reed to me.

I am not sure why that was since they were all

*"For those of you who knew R.Q. just hearing those initials has to make you smile or grin."*

professors. After Stu left VCSU, another wonderful mentor, Gloria Peterson, took over as Department Chair. I am not sure she ever knew my first name as she referred to me as "Monilaws" all the time. I value the things they all taught me and the ways they prepared us all to be successful. They all had a way of making things real and they were not afraid to close the book and talk about real issues.

After graduation, I stayed in touch with these folks as much as possible. Gloria passed away, Stu began teaching in Florida and Mr. Reed and R.Q. continued to mentor me with my teaching positions however they could. Shortly after I graduated, R.Q. retired from VCSU but he still found

time to help me out. Whether I needed a question answered, needed to borrow some equipment or just wanted to visit, he always made time. My high school kids really took a liking to R.Q. They would always ask "when is the guy with the cool hair cut coming out again?"

A few years ago we inducted R.Q. into the VCSU Music Hall of Fame. It was a great evening and the stories were plentiful. R.Q. and his family had a great time. I hope my other music professors will find their way into the "Hall" as well. They are all very deserving.

Current Faculty of VCSU, I again encourage you to

participate in activities sponsored by the VCSU

Alumni Board. I think your past students would welcome the opportunity to visit with you. Visiting with Larry Grooters, Don Lemnus, Roger Rand, Richard Betting, Archie Moore (sorry Archie, I really wanted to be a frog deputy) and Gerald Norberg, to name a few, at one of our events brings back memory after memory. The learning and connection to VCSU doesn't end when we graduate or leave Valley City. I think you would be excited about all the ways we might be able to "give back" to your department.

In closing I would like to send my condolences to R.Q.'s family. To everyone who had R.Q., Stu, Gloria or Mr. Reed as a teacher, take a minute or two and think of a memory. It will make you laugh or grin. ♦



**2010-2011 VCSU Alumni  
 Board of Directors**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| PRESIDENT<br><b>John Monilaws '87</b>        | FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE<br><b>Dave Bass '77</b> |
| 1ST VICE PRESIDENT<br><b>DC Lucas '96</b>    | PAST PRESIDENT<br><b>Missy Vollmers '89</b>       |
| 2ND VICE PRESIDENT<br><b>Josh Argall '99</b> |   |

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Tiffany (Hieb) Anderson '03</b> | <b>Marty Lanter '98</b>  |
| <b>Greta (Trader) Delparte '06</b> | <b>Dan Mimnaugh '75</b>  |
| <b>Jason Drake '96</b>             | <b>Sara Roth '08</b>     |
| <b>Mary Halvorson '89</b>          | <b>Ashley Smette '09</b> |
| <b>Paul Keidel '86</b>             | <b>Bruce Stein '76</b>   |
|                                    | <b>Jim Vandrovec '74</b> |

**2010-2011 Foundation  
 Board of Directors**

- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| PRESIDENT<br><b>Mary Simonson</b>      | TREASURER<br><b>Steve Welken '97</b> |
| VICE PRESIDENT<br><b>Matt Pederson</b> | SECRETARY<br><b>Dave Bass '77</b>    |
| <b>Bob Bergan '82</b>                  | <b>Dee Jensen '66</b>                |
| <b>DuWayne Bott '58</b>                | <b>Phillip Mueller '68</b>           |
| <b>Ray Braun</b>                       | <b>Mark Richman '74</b>              |
| <b>Tres Christiansen '80</b>           | <b>Dr. Steven Shirley</b>            |
| <b>Mark Finstad</b>                    | <b>Gene Smestad</b>                  |
| <b>George Gaukler '62</b>              | <b>Jan Stowman</b>                   |
| <b>Dr. Gigi Goven</b>                  | <b>Jerry A. Topp '74</b>             |
| <b>Dick Gulmon</b>                     | <b>Trudy Collins, ex-officio</b>     |
|  | <b>Larry Robinson, ex-officio</b>    |



## Peace-of-Mind Checklist

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

Make sure you have implemented these important elements of a solid estate plan and understand all of your options.

### **A Will:** A Map for Loved Ones to Follow

If you leave this world without a will, your assets will be distributed according to state law, and specific wishes such as naming a guardian for dependent children, choosing an executor or remembering Valley City State University will not be fulfilled. Likewise, having an outdated will risks voiding your current intentions. So, when a change occurs in your life, remember to update your will.

Find out more about why you need a will in our free guide.

### **A Revocable Living Trust:** Protect Your Financial Security and Privacy

A revocable trust agreement is simple and offers a way to manage your investments for your benefit during your lifetime and for your family's benefit afterward. You transfer assets—

usually cash and securities—to the trust, naming the trustee of your choice (that trustee may even be you). You're the beneficiary of the trust during your lifetime. The trustee will manage the assets and pay to you the net income — or if you want additional funds, a portion or all of the principal.

After your lifetime, the trust becomes

irrevocable. Your specified loved ones can receive lifetime income or principal from the trust, or you can have their share given to them in a lump sum, much like a regular will. When the trust terminates, the remaining assets are given to the beneficiaries you chose, often in the form of percentages. Should you choose to include Valley City State University in your trust as a beneficiary, we can use the percentage you designate to us for our important needs.

### **A Living Will:** Ensure Your Health Care Wishes

A living will is a document that can direct your

doctor to withhold or withdraw life-prolonging treatment if you are terminally ill and unable to communicate your wishes or permanently unconscious with no hope of recovery. It can tell your doctor to provide only those treatments that will relieve pain and provide comfort.

### **Power of Attorney:** Your Financial Backup

A power of attorney is a legal document allowing another person or entity you choose (called your agent) to act on your behalf in terms of financial matters such as handling your finances and paying bills. With a power of attorney, you ensure that if you cannot take care of items yourself, your affairs will still be handled. In the document, you give your agent authority only for the types of transactions you desire.

To learn more about basic estate planning essentials as well as options for including the VCSU Foundation in your plans, contact Larry Robinson at 701-845-7203 or 800-532-8641 x37203 or [larry.robinson@vcsu.edu](mailto:larry.robinson@vcsu.edu). ♦

*"Having an outdated will risks voiding your current intentions. So, when a change occurs in your life, remember to update your will."*

## VCSU Extends, Enhances Exchange Program with UABCS in Mexico

VCSU recently signed an agreement with the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California Sur (UABCS) in La Paz, Mexico to extend a sister university relationship for the next three years. An agreement between the universities has been in place since 1994, and the new agreement includes additional elements that extend the scope to include more emphasis on other academic areas and provide for the exchange of staff members.

The agreement was signed during a February visit to UABCS by VCSU president Dr. Steve Shirley, Dr. Julee Russell, chair of VCSU's Division of Communication Arts, and Dina Zavala-Petherbridge, instructor and director of VCSU's Spanish program. According to Dr. Shirley, "One of the purposes of our University is to promote a multicultural perspective and global awareness, and this agreement is an excellent example of the ways we work towards that goal. We very much look forward to continuing and extending this relationship for the benefit of all our students."

Mtro. Javier Gaitán, Rector of UABCS, said, "We have a long tradition of exchanging students with VCSU. This relationship is renewed with the signing of this agreement. Students who participated have broadened their horizons both culturally and academically. This agreement will allow us to continue with our collaboration and student exchange."

Previous agreements between the universities have focused on exchange of students studying Education, particularly Spanish Education, and dozens of students have participated over the years. VCSU students have been able to apply credits they earn at UABCS to meet VCSU graduation requirements, and could even complete student teaching requirements in La Paz schools.

The new agreement maintains these elements, but adds opportunities



During a visit to La Paz to renew and extend a sister university agreement between VCSU and UABCS, Rector Interino (interim president) M.C. Javier Gaitán Morán hosted a dinner to honor the visitors from VCSU. Attendees included (from left): VCSU Spanish program director Dina Zavala-Petherbridge, Isaac Oseguera Cházaro (attended VCSU through the exchange program), VCSU alum Manuel Oseguera Cházaro Jr. '03, VCSU president Dr. Steve Shirley, Rector Interino Gaitán Morán, his wife Terry Gaitán Morán, VCSU Division Chair Dr. Julee Russell, and Manuel Oseguera Cházaro Sr. (father of Manuel and Isaac, and Chair of the Fisheries & Wildlife program at UABCS).

for exchanges of staff members and exchanges of students in non-teaching majors. "These kinds of exchange programs can appeal to students in any major," said Dr. Shirley. "For example, a student with a major in Business Administration may take advantage of this exchange program in order to enhance their background in international business."

The next contact between the universities will come in April of this year when three representatives from UABCS are scheduled to visit VCSU. The next exchange of students is planned for the Fall semester 2011 and is expected to involve two students from each university. ♦





*"Viking Visit Days," opportunities for prospective students to visit campus and meet the campus community, often play a pivotal role as students make their college plans. Representation at these events from as broad a cross section of the campus community as possible helps VCSU put our best foot forward and makes prospective students feel welcome. The event pictured here was in January and is an excellent example of how everyone in the campus community can contribute.*

## HELPING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EVALUATE COLLEGE OPTIONS

The choice of college is often the single biggest decision most high school students have ever made, and when considering their college options, one of the sources of information they rely on the most is advice from friends and family. In fact, according to a 2010 survey conducted by Noel-Levitz, a higher education consulting and research organization, 80% of students learn about schools from parents, family, and friends. This is more than web sites, search engines, or college fairs.

This means if you know any high school students, their college options and preferences

are likely to be a subject of conversation somewhere along the line as a student makes his/her way through high school.

How do you handle this situation?

According to Charlene Stenson '83, VCSU's director of Enrollment Services, alumni are a common source of referrals. "Student satisfaction here is very good," said Stenson, "and that makes our alumni a great source of referrals."

But although VCSU alumni tend to be enthusiastic about their experience, Stenson said the most important thing to keep in mind is to help the student find the college experience that is right for them. "The best way to do that is to ask them a few questions."

That's how Marty Lanter '98 handled such a situation recently. "I wanted to know what field that student was interested in and what research they have done on their own." Lanter is the director of Instrumental Music at Wheaton Area High School in Wheaton, Minnesota, and is on VCSU's Alumni Board of Directors.

In fact, VCSU's Alumni Board of Directors has been actively participating in Viking Visit Days, greeting prospective students who are often visiting the campus for the first time. Their perspective is often appreciated because they aren't viewed as being on the University's

payroll. Instead, their comments are perceived as being more objective. "Just by participating, Board members show prospective students that we support VCSU and we are interested," said Board member Jim Vandrovec '74. "It shows we are still connected."

Another way is just to not be shy about showing your Viking Pride. "I have logo wear from years ago, and I wear it all the time," said Missy Volmers '89. Greta (Trader) Delparte '06, another member of the Alumni Board, has VCSU Viking pennants up in her classroom next to her diploma and credentials. "My students see VCSU every day."

Delparte is also currently enrolled in VCSU's online Master of Education program and doesn't hesitate to spread the word about that program to other teachers, too. "This program is nice for many teachers because it doesn't require you to travel to Fargo or Grand Forks. With VCSU's program, you can just learn in your own living room."

At the end of the day, just about every student at VCSU ended up here because someone said something good about the University. "That's one of the great things about VCSU," said Steve Shirley, president. "As long as we keep producing alums that are pleased with the education they received at VCSU, our enrollment should be just fine." ♦



◀ *Marcia Foss '72, VCSU's director of Career Services, is one of the most reliable participants in Viking Visit Days. At these events, Marcia works one-on-one with students who have not yet selected a major to help them map their career ambitions to VCSU academic programs.*

## When is a High-Schooler a Good Fit for VCSU?

**We all know VCSU is a great university, but you naturally want to give objective advice to college-bound high school students exploring their options. How do you know when to mention VCSU?**

According to Charlene Stenson, VCSU's director of Enrollment Services, any of several specific interests can be signs that VCSU may be a good match for a prospective student:

**Academic Majors:** VCSU is best known as a teacher's college, so is a natural choice for students considering a career in teaching. But VCSU has attractive programs in many other areas as well. In fact, some of the most rapidly growing majors are in the Science Department, driven by student interest in fields like Health Science and Fisheries and Wildlife. The Business and Information Technology Department also has some unique and attractive attributes, such as incorporating SAP

software into coursework so students graduate with hands-on experience.

**Undecided Students:** What if the student hasn't settled on a specific major? "That's not at all uncommon, and many students go into college undecided about their major," said Stenson. For these students, VCSU's variety of programs offer the opportunity to explore many different academic areas, so students can make informed decisions as their college career progresses. For students who later decide to transfer elsewhere, credits earned at VCSU can go with them. In fact, the North Dakota University System (NDUS) has articulation and transfer agreements in place that make it easy for students to transfer credits to other NDUS institutions, so credits earned at VCSU hold their value no matter where the student completes their degree.

**Interest in Smaller Universities:** Another important issue prospective students should consider is VCSU's size. Even when the student doesn't mention size as an issue, sometimes they will mention some of the benefits that go

along with a smaller campus. "I look for kids who are seeking a more one-on-one experience with their instructors," said Volmers.

**Opportunity to Participate:** Another key benefit of a smaller campus is better access to campus activities. At larger universities, students often need to compete in order to be active in a particular group, and sometimes students are turned away. VCSU has an impressive list of activities available to students, and any student can participate in any of them. For that reason, students who were active in several high school activities are very likely to appreciate VCSU.

**Affordability:** "Compared to many other state universities, the tuition at VCSU is very affordable," said Vandrovec. "These days, the finances of college is especially important."

**Location:** Many students look for colleges that are far enough away from home that they'll be truly on their own but close enough so they can easily get back home when they want. According to Greta Delparte, "Coming from Fargo, I felt like it was far enough away from home where I had my independence, yet I could go home when I wanted. VCSU is in a good place for the first time away from home." This is likely a big reason that such a large part of our student population lives within 200 – 300 miles of Valley City. ♦

◀ Front row: Viking Ambassadors Alex Beach, Richard Wright, Micki Buchholz, Jane Pettit, Katie Paulson, and Haley Wittenburg. Second Row: Alumni Board members Dan Mimnaugh '75, Paul Keidel '86, Missy Vollmers '89, Jim Vandrovec '74, John Monilaws '87, Mary Halvorson '89, Greta (Trader) Delparte '06, Josh Argall '99, DC Lucas '96, and Dave Bass '77. Third row: Faculty and Staff: Jamie Wirth, Bridget (O'Brien) Blunck '05, Dr. Hilde van Gijssel, Alison (Zaun) Kasowski '06, Brittany Olson '09, Rob Walsh, Joy Smith, Marcia Foss '72, James Adams, Dr. Cindy Zahn, and Dr. Leesa Levy. Back row: Viking athletes Tyler Barnes and Tommy Zinke.

## What Brings Students to VCSU?

The single most important tool the University has to attract prospective students is scholarships. According to Larry Robinson, Executive Director of University Advancement, the outstanding support VCSU receives in the form of scholarship donations is making a tremendous difference. "Both for our academic scholarships through V-500 and the athletic scholarships through the Century Club, scholarship contributions are vital for our enrollment, and we have been fortunate to have seen outstanding support in both areas."

However, adverse economic conditions are making it difficult to keep up the level of scholarships. According to Robinson, "During these difficult times, many people are experiencing significant financial challenges of their own, and this has had an effect on the level of contributions we see coming in. The market downturn had a significant impact on the value of our capital holdings. This year, we made a conscious decision to continue the growth of our scholarship spending, but we can't keep that up forever."

To learn more about V-500 and the Century Club membership programs, call the VCSU Foundation office at 701-845-7203. ♦

When a college bound high school student asks for your advice, often the best place to start is to ask a few questions of your own and listen carefully to their responses. Here are a few examples:

- ↳ **What do you want to study?**
- ↳ **Would you prefer large classes or smaller classes?**
- ↳ **What activities do you want to participate in?**
- ↳ **How close to home do you want to be?**
- ↳ **How important is cost?**

Resources on VCSU's Web site:

Most college and university web sites are designed specifically to provide information to prospective students. Here are a few examples on VCSU's web site

**Overview of academic programs** ..... [www.vcsu.edu/academics](http://www.vcsu.edu/academics)

**"Search tool" for matching interests and personality to Academic programs**..... [www.vcsu.edu/catalogsearch](http://www.vcsu.edu/catalogsearch)

**Interactive video tour** ..... [www.vcsu.edu/tour](http://www.vcsu.edu/tour)

**Tuition information, cost calculator** ..... [www.vcsu.edu/businessoffice](http://www.vcsu.edu/businessoffice)

**Life as a Viking**..... [www.vcsu.edu/vikinglife](http://www.vcsu.edu/vikinglife)







(l-r): Charlene (Stromsodt) Stenson '83, Alison (Zaun) Kasowski '06, Joy Smith, Bridget (O'Brien) Blunck '05, Brittany Olson '09.

## Alumni in Enrollment Services

One of the big drivers of enrollment growth at VCSU is the hard work and dedication of our Enrollment Services staff. These are the people who handle all contact with prospective students from initial contact all the way through their final decision to enroll, and that keeps them very busy all year round. If some of them look familiar, they probably are: most of them are alumni!

How does being an alum affect their ability to recruit prospective students? For director of Enrollment Services, Charlene Stenson, the answer is two words: "Viking Pride!" According to Charlene, "Alums are in a great position to spread the word and help promote the

University just by sharing your experience. As an alumni myself, I still find it an easy thing to do. It's exciting to share the changes that are happening at VCSU today. By spreading the word, you can help others have the same great experience you had at Valley City State University."

It is also a great way to "give back" to VCSU. Alison Kasowski, an admissions counselor at VCSU, said, "We really appreciate alums who are able to identify students in their community who would fit in well at VCSU. Promoting their alma mater shows pride, and that helps get prospective students excited. It's also a great way to 'give back' to VCSU." ♦

## Barnes County North Receives National "Blue Ribbon School" Award



Barnes County North, Rogers, ND, which presently has **18 VCSU alumni on its staff**, received the 2010 National Blue Ribbon Schools award for academic excellence.

The school was one of two schools in the state nominated for the award by the state Superintendent of Public Instruction, and was one of only 304 schools in the nation to receive the award out of over 132,000 public and private schools eligible.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that are either high performing or have improved student achievement to high levels, especially among disadvantaged students. The program is part of a larger Department of Education

effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices. Each year since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has sought out schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals, including those that beat the odds.

The VCSU alumni on staff at Barnes County North include Annette (Peterson) Beattie '08, Cindy (Vogt) Berger '75, Deb (Berg) Brandenburg '75, Marian (Baarstad) Drevecky '77, Mindy Duffy '02, Dianne (Winter) Graff '82, Geri (Sondag) Haugen '94, Nathan Johnson '02, Charlotte (Hanson) Jorissen '90, Kim Jorissen '96, Joan (Pearson) Klein, Diane (Whetzel) Kracht '73, Jean (McFadgen) Magee '88, Dolores Manson '79, Beth Udem '79 and '09 MEd., and Dale Udem '83. ♦

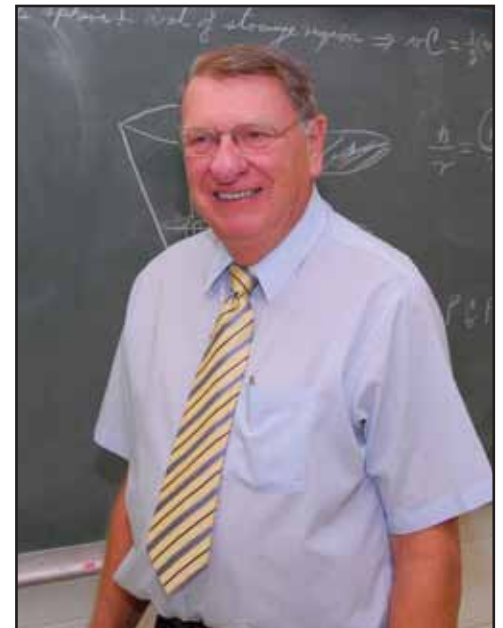
## You Can't Keep a Good Faculty Member Away

He retired nearly 14 years ago, but Bob Bruhschwein '57 was back in the classroom for a time over Fall semester filling-in as an instructor of Geometry. "It is fun being back in the classroom; students are quite enthusiastic. After this, I'm through... I'm not going to renegotiate!"

Bob was on the faculty at VCSU for a total of 38 years from the fall of 1959 until his retirement in the spring of 1997. In addition to teaching mathematics, Bob was on the coaching staff of the Viking football team for 25 years in various roles. He was also the faculty athletic rep to the North Dakota College Athletic Conference (NDCAC), the precursor to today's Dakota Athletic Conference. To this day, he remains an active supporter of Viking football through the 12th Man Club and as a member of the Century Club.

While on campus, Bob was surprised to come across one of the many marks that he left on campus. "Years ago, one of my colleagues, Roger Rand, who retired a bit before I did, brought a set of four nice wooden hangers for the Math Department, and to keep them from disappearing, Roger, Jim O'Connell and I each wrote our name on one of them. We labeled the fourth hanger with 'grabs' because it was 'up for grabs.' I guess it worked, because three of the four hangers are still there today!" The only one missing is Jim O'Connell's, which apparently disappeared over the years.

In retirement, Bob and his wife Rosalyn like to travel, taking short trips of two or three weeks. Their most recent destinations include Australia, South Africa, and South America. They have three children: Karen (Bruhschwein) Foss '80, Linda (Bruhschwein) Bossert, and Glen. They have a total of six grandchildren. ♦





## Jungling Recognized with National Award



Lorell Jungling '84 (center) is presented with a Citation award by Bob Gardner, executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations (left), and Nina Van Erk Executive Director of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association & President of the NFHS Board of Directors (right).

Lorell Jungling '84 was honored with a Citation award by the National Federation of State High School Associations at the 41st annual National Athletic Directors Conference held in Orlando in December, 2010. He was one of only eight athletic directors to be awarded the Citation nationwide.

The award recognizes contributions to the NFHS, state high school associations, athletic director and coaching professions, the officiating avocation and fine arts programs. It is one of the most highly regarded achievements in high school activities.

Lorell is in his 9th year as the athletic director for Mandan Public Schools where he is responsible for managing 22 athletic activity programs as well as a few non-athletic activities. He has been very active in the North Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and served on its board the past nine years, including three years as treasurer and as the NDIAAA President in 2004. He is currently the co-chair of the NDIAAA Strategic Planning and Finance Committee. He served as the NDIAAA representative to the North Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors from 2004 to 2008. He also served a term as an at-large member of the NFHS Board of Directors from 2005 to 2009.

After completing his bachelor's degree at VCSU in 1984, Lorell continued his education to obtain his master's degree from the University of Mary. He and his wife Renae (Zahursky) '84 have two sons: Ryne, who is presently married and teaching in the Mandan Schools, and Reid, who is attending the University of Mary. ♦

**VCSU ZONE**

VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY'S  
17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION**

VALLEY CITY EAGLES CLUB  
FRIDAY, APRIL 29

5PM - SOCIAL/  
SILENT AUCTION BEGINS

6PM - DINNER

7PM - LIVE AUCTION

MUSIC PROVIDED BY  
BIG HAMMER

\$35/TICKET -OR-  
\$60/TWO TICKETS

TICKET INCLUDES:  
DINNER + 2 DRINKS

3 BIG CHANCES  
TO WIN!

PRIZES FOR THE  
BEST DRESSED!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS  
CALL 701-845-7203

DACOTA BANK  
Here for you.

ANY SPORT.  
ANY TEAM.  
BE IT. WEAR IT.

More than 1000 Auctioneers of Jamestown  
to provide auction & parking services.

PRESENTED TO YOU BY VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY AND DACOTA BANK

## LaMoure School Choir Named ND Governor's Choir



A nice Christmas surprise came early for the LaMoure School Choir, under the direction of Tricia (Brandt) Lebahn '98, when they were notified by the Governor's office on December 17 that they had been selected to be the Official North Dakota Governor's Choir for 2011.

The Governor's Choir was selected from applications submitted by school and civic groups from



across the state based on musical talent, achievement and community involvement. The chorus performed at the opening ceremony of the 62nd North Dakota Legislative Session on January 4, and they may be invited to perform at other official state functions held throughout the year. The LaMoure Choir performed the "National Anthem" as the flags processed in and "Let Heaven and Nature Sing" as a special selection. ♦



## Art Students Join in Drive to Return a Fountain to City Park

VCSU art students created over 300 ceramic bowls that were donated and sold in a fundraiser for a project to return a working fountain to Valley City's City Park.

The effort is being led by three members of a Dale Carnegie leadership training team consisting of Dr. Kerry Gregoryk, the chair of VCSU's Division of Business and Information Technology, Stephanie Mayfield, the executive vice president of the Valley City Chamber of Commerce, and Dustin Theurer of Ag Country Farm Services. The 300 bowls created by VCSU art students were part of a "Souper Bowl" fundraiser held in February.

City Park first had a fountain at the site beginning in 1890. It was at some point replaced, but the replacement was also removed in 1960. The site is now the home of a street light, but the 6' diameter cast metal base (featuring a design of frogs and lily pads) and the outline of the 15' pond are still there.

According to Dr. Gregoryk, "A working fountain in City Park will be an attraction that everyone can enjoy. In addition to the fountain, we plan to install decorative benches, develop

landscaping and plantings, and lay concrete or other materials to create a nice sitting area as it once was." The fountain and the sitting area will use a flood-proof design since City Park is frequently subject to spring floods.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$32,000, and larger fund raising efforts are planned for the coming months. If you would like to contribute, send your contribution to:

**Valley City Parks & Recreation**  
**Attn: Fountain Fund**  
**P.O. Box 422**  
**Valley City, ND 58072 ♦**



VCSU student Jacob Leno works on one of 300 bowls that art students contributed to a fund raiser to return a fountain to Valley City's City Park. The Leno family has very strong ties to VCSU: Jacob is the son of Tim Leno '77 and Pat (Galloway) Leno. Tim is the nephew of Jim and Paulette Dew, and his twin brother, Tom Leno '77, worked in the VCSU Office of Admissions and is now the Registrar of Bismarck State College. Pat is the daughter of Viking Hall of Famer Bill Galloway '54.



## Greeks are Back!

Over the last few years, student participation in campus fraternities and sororities had fallen off to very low levels. But this year, the surge in enrollment brought with it a surge in membership of the Greeks at VCSU.

The Philomathian sorority (Philos) activated nine pledges this spring to bring their membership to a total of 19, a level not seen since the mid 1980's. The EBC fraternity has 14 active members, up from the three or four members that has been characteristic of the last few years, and the largest in over a decade.

Involvement of alumni has been a key contributor to the resurgence. According to EBC president Harrison Weber, "Justin Briscoe '02, Austin Lang '05, Dave Weshnevski, and David Hancock '85 are a few EBC alumni that helped bring in the new members, as well as getting us back on track as an organization." For the Philos, president Megan Lund credits alumni Trina Lee '05, Melissa Kamstra, Chrissy Judd '06, Jana Perry '09, Nicole (Gendreau) Olson '00, Miranda (Karczeuski) Schmidt '02, Erin (Jay) Tombarge '05, Amber Aberle, Heather Alvar, Ashley Heinz, Mary Olstad, Erin Hurley, and Nicole (Peterson) Lemieux '02.

Many of their activities are back, too. As has been true in years past, the Philos and the EBCs work closely together. Many of their activities focus on service to the University or to the community, so their pres-

ence is certainly welcome. According to Megan, "We've already put on the Halloween Dance for the Open Door Center and helped wrap presents for the "Shop with a Cop" program at Christmas, and we're planning Greek Week to include all the activities that have been popular in the past, including the Race/Relay and the Toga Dance."

As is true of selecting a college, the decision to join a fraternity or sorority is often influenced by family members who are alumni. "I joined because I like the idea of being part of something that has been around for more than 100

years," said John Kvien, one of the new EBCs, "but I also have two grandfathers who were EBCs (Roger Kvien '85 and Dennis Hoye '79), and they helped me with my choice." Other EBC alumni who are related to current members include Bruce Stein '76 (father of Garrett), Todd Weber '82, and Francis Hank Weber '51 (uncle and grandfather to Harrison Weber).

At the end of the day, the reasons for joining often come down to relationships. "Other girls see how strong the friendships are, and that changes their view of sororities," said Megan.

"We're here for the friendship opportunities, and in that respect, we're doing great this year!" ♦





# Arizona Reunions 2011

Mesa and Surprise, AZ



**Reunion for the classes of the 80's, 90's and 2000's**

**1 - 80's Group:** Steve '93 & Heather Koenig, Wendy (Reidman) '85 & Lyle Hogue, Mike '80 & Deb Grimes, Dr. Steve Shirley and Larry Robinson '71.

**Visit with the Meredith's**

**2 - Merediths:** Kim (Svenningsen) Hesch '91, Don & Marjorie Meredith, and Larry Robinson '71.

**Reunion in Surprise, AZ**

**3 - Surprise Group:** Back row l to r: Howard Rasmusson '71, Dewey Bock '63, Jerry Miller '63, Lynann & Chuck Solberg '59, Bill '59 & Pat (Hafner) Thomas '59, John Ostlie '60, Chuck Sjostrom '68, Dr. Shirley, and Bill Lydell '55. Front l to r: Joan (Kruschwitz) Ostlie '60, Kaye (Bong) '67 & Jack Holm '60, and Mary (Kruschwitz) Schroeder '65.

**Reunion in Mesa, AZ**

**4 - Classes of the 50's:** Back Row l to r: Bill Thomas '59, Owen Wallace '54, Don Lemnus '58, Chuck Solberg '59, Bill Lydell '55, Bob King '55, Bob '54 & Pauline (Elston) Lentz '51, Jerry Olson '55, and Dorothy (Ratzlaff) Olson. Front l to r: Jane Lemnus, Pat (Hafner) Thomas '59, Jean (Kronebusch) Kihne '51, Nancy King, Ruth (Saar) McMillian '52 and Daryl Hornbacher '58.

**5 - Classes of the 60's:** Back Row l to r: Dan O'Connor '61, Jerry Rexine, John Ovrebo '66, Myron Sommerfeld '62, Don Grubb '61, Mike McCarthy '69, Ron Wendel '67, Billy Cobean, Marge (Nutz) '61 & Bob Sogn '61, Jerry Pederson '60, Ron '71 & Barb (Kraemer) Litsey '63, Dale Hillstrom '69, Harold Kjelgaard '67, Mary (Kruschwitz) Schroeder '65, John Ostlie '60, Daryl Hornbacher '58, Dan '65 & Pat (Sheldon) Parrish '67, and Bob McKenzie '68.

Front row l to r: Mary (Diemert) Wendel '68, Jenneice Sommerfeld '67, Carol (Skogen) Meyers '68, Dee (Isensee) Hillstrom '69, Nancy (Foley) Kjelgaard '65, Joan (Kruschwitz) Schroeder '60, and Linda (Sander) McKenzie '70.

**6 - Classes of the 70's and 80's:** back l to r: Howard Rasmusson '71, and Larry Robinson '71. Front: Noreen (Stevens) Smestad '81, Olive (Berntson) Rasmusson '70, Mary (Hanson) Koeplin '70 and Linda (Sander) McKenzie '70.

**7 - Marge (Nutz) '61 & Bob Sogn '61 with Don Grubb '61.**

**8 - Chuck Solberg '59 with Bill '59 and Pat (Hafner) Thomas '59.**

**9 - Gary Sorensen loaned his "Viking Golf Cart" to President Shirley for the Arizona Golf outing.**



**Become a Fan of VCSU!**  
[www.facebook.com/vcsualumni](http://www.facebook.com/vcsualumni)

Are you are on Facebook? If so, you'll no doubt want to become a fan of Valley City State University! VCSU has several pages and groups dedicated to different organizations within the university including the **Alumni Association**, several athletic teams, the Music department, and the Medicine Wheel. Each of these pages feature headlines, photos and other ways to stay in touch. You can find them by visiting [www.vcsu.edu](http://www.vcsu.edu) and clicking on the Facebook logo - this takes you to a list of all the public groups and pages that are maintained by VCSU faculty and staff or you can go directly to our alumni page at [www.facebook.com/vcsualumni](http://www.facebook.com/vcsualumni). Join us!





## President's House "Adopt-A-Room" Nearly Complete

The Adopt-A-Room program, which began in July of 2005, has been a tremendous success, with 12 rooms adopted and restored.

Rooms that have recently been adopted and restored include the second floor sitting room, which was adopted by the EBC Fraternity.

According to EBC Maestro John Monilaws '87, "This was a great way to ensure that the name of the EBC Fraternity stays around for many years. We also like to give to VCSU organizations that we feel will give something back to the University and community." The President's House Preservation Society also recently dedicated the northwest bedroom in honor of president emeritus Dr. Ellen Chaffee.

The program began in 2005, and according to Jan Stowman, co-chair of the President's House Preservation Society, interest has mainly come from people who have visited the house and are so impressed that they want to contribute to its restoration. "Each bedroom has a log book in which visitors can write comments, and the things people say about the house are just amazing."

Originally built in 1901, the President's House served as the official residence of the University's president from 1921 to 1993. As such, the home has played a prominent role in the history of the University and has been the scene of many events both social and official.

The non-profit President's House Preservation Society was formed to restore the home and make it available to the public and visitors as a guest inn. Funding for restoration and operation of the Guest Inn comes primarily through usage fees, grants, and donations.

Becky (Geinert) Heise '80, Co-Chair of the Society, said the home makes a great location for a variety of social events or gatherings.

"The house has been used for family reunions, groups of alumni, weddings, and lots of other uses." For overnight events, the house sleeps up to 14 in six bedrooms, and for social events it can comfortably accommodate groups of over 40.

Through the Adopt-A-Room program, donors may sponsor individual rooms in the house for a contribution of \$500. Their contribution is recognized through a brass plaque placed in the room. Proceeds are used for supplies and materials for renovation, and most of the labor is provided by volunteers. Though much has been done, there is still much left to do. If you are interested in adopting a room, please contact Becky Heise at 845-3617, 490-0060 or dbheise@msn.com. ♦

### Adopt-A-Room Donors:

- Front Entry ..... Charles & Jan Stowman
- Reception Hall ..... Dan & Christine Lokken Kelley
- Parlor..... Goffe Family
- Music Room..... Rhoades Family
- Gentleman's Room.... Daughters of the Pioneers
- Dining Room ..... Ron & Judy Lokken
- Kitchen..... Donna (Stenzel) & Lloyd Nelson Family
- Back Entry ..... Becky (Geinert) Heise
- Sitting Room ..... EBC Fraternity Alumni Committee
- Gold Room..... Joseph DeMasi & the President's House Preservation Society in honor of Dr. Ellen-Earle Chaffee
- 1/2 Bath ..... Karen (Lang) Richman '64
- Main Bath ..... Karen (Dreher) Monson '73

Serve on  
the Board  
of the

*President's*  
**House**  
preservation society

*The Board of Directors of the President's House Preservation Society is looking for volunteers to help guide the future of this beautiful and historic facility.*

**If you would like more information, contact Jan Stowman at [janice\\_stowman@yahoo.com](mailto:janice_stowman@yahoo.com)**



*Stay A Night*

*Stay at the Historic President's House!*

*This beautiful home is available for both overnight stays and special gatherings. All proceeds go directly towards preservation and restoration of the house.*

**For more information or to make reservations, call the VCSU Student Center at 800-532-8641 or visit [www.presidentshouse.com](http://www.presidentshouse.com).**



## Tragedy and Triumph

*Dave Cresap '84 and son Jordan lead the Perham Yellowjackets through the tragic loss of their starting shooting guard on the way to the school's first state title.*



*In their team photo taken immediately after taking the Minnesota 2A Championship, the Perham Yellowjackets all flash the number three to honor Zach Gabbard (inset) who suffered cardiac arrest during a game early in the season. VCSU alum Dave Cresap (front row on left) has been the head coach for the Yellowjackets for 16 years, and his son Jordan (#5) stepped in to fill Zach's role to finish the championship season.*

The Perham High School Yellowjackets have been a force in Minnesota Class 2A basketball under the leadership of VCSU alum Dave Cresap. Last year, the team ran up an impressive record of 21-7, but lost in the section semi-finals. This year looked even more promising when the team took off to a great start of 10-0.

But then tragedy struck in January when Zach Gabbard, their starting shooting guard, suffered cardiac arrest during a game and collapsed on the court. Though Zach has been recovering slowly, the loss took a huge emotional toll on the tightly knit team and left a sizeable hole in their starting line-up. "We didn't know if we would fall apart or come together," said Cresap. "But ultimately, we came together, and found a way to make Zach our inspiration to finish the season strong." The

inspiration seems to have worked well: they finished the season with an amazing record of 31-1 and took the Minnesota Class 2A tournament championship for the first time in the school's history.

For Dave, part of the significance of the season came from the fact that it was his son, Jordan, who stepped up to fill-in for Zach as the team's starting shooting guard. "He stepped into some big shoes during a very tough time, and became one of our leaders," said Dave. This winning focus was not new to Jordan. "Way back in seventh grade, he set a goal of winning the state championship, and even wrote it down on paper," said Dave. "He still has that paper, and in fact, after winning the championship, he posted a copy of it onto his Facebook page."

Dave has been a life-long athlete. In college,

he spent his junior and senior years at VCSU after transferring from Fergus Falls Junior College. As a Viking, he was a point guard and was on the 1981-82 Viking team that took the NDCAC Conference Championship (and came within one game of the national tournament). He also ran track under Coach Dave Bass, running the 800 meter (personal best of 1:57) and the 4x200 Relay. After graduating, Dave taught grade school in Upham, ND, for six years, then taught three years in Walhalla, ND, and has spent the last 16 years teaching sixth grade and serving as the head basketball coach for Perham. "It's kind of a passion," he said.

It seems that both athletics and education are passions throughout the Cresap family. Dave's wife of 25 years, Teri (Loe) '86, also a VCSU alum, teaches second grade at Perham and played basketball and softball for the Vikings. Their oldest daughter, Brandi (21), played basketball for Central Lakes Junior College in Brainerd, MN, and the University of Minnesota Morris, played in three national tournaments, and is now finishing her degree in Elementary Education. In addition to his role on the basketball team, Jordan has been an All-Conference tennis player for Perham for the last two years. Even their youngest son, Carter (10), now in fourth grade, plays basketball.

Dave thinks next season looks promising for the Yellowjackets as well. "Most of our players, including Jordan, are returning, and we certainly have momentum." ♦

Student Directed  
**One-Act Showcase**  
 May 5-7  
 7:30 pm  
 Theatre 320  
 plays directed  
 by VCSU Students

2011  
 Viking  
 Golf Scramble

Saturday, June 4  
 Valley City Town & Country Club  
 Bjornson Park Public Course

Early Entry Fee (before June 1): \$75/person, \$375/team  
 After June 1: \$80, \$400/team

For more information or to register:  
<https://secure.vcsu.edu/vikingscramble/registration.htm>

For FREE tickets call the VCSU Box Office @ 701-845-7320

# 2011 Spring Schedules

## Viking Baseball Home Games in Bold

<b>April 2</b> .....	<b>Dakota State University *</b> .....	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>April 2</b> .....	<b>Dakota State University*</b> .....	<b>3:30PM</b>
<b>April 3</b> .....	<b>Dakota State University*</b> .....	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>April 3</b> .....	<b>Dakota State University*</b> .....	<b>3:30PM</b>
April 5	Concordia College .....	4:00PM
April 9	Dickinson State University* .....	2:00PM
April 9	Dickinson State University* .....	4:30PM
April 10	Dickinson State University* .....	2:00PM
April 10	Dickinson State University* .....	4:30PM
<b>April 13</b> .....	<b>Jamestown College*</b> .....	<b>3:00PM</b>
<b>April 13</b> .....	<b>Jamestown College*</b> .....	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>April 14</b> .....	<b>Northern State University</b> .....	<b>3:00PM</b>
April 16	Mayville State University* .....	1:00PM
April 16	Mayville State University* .....	3:30PM
<b>April 17</b> .....	<b>Mayville State University*</b> .....	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>April 17</b> .....	<b>Mayville State University*</b> .....	<b>3:30PM</b>
<b>April 19</b> .....	<b>Mayville State University*</b> .....	<b>4:00PM</b>
<b>April 21</b> .....	<b>Concordia College</b> .....	<b>4:00PM</b>
April 22	Jamestown College* .....	1:00PM
April 22	Jamestown College* .....	3:30PM
<b>April 23</b> .....	<b>Jamestown College*</b> .....	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>April 23</b> .....	<b>Jamestown College*</b> .....	<b>3:30PM</b>
<b>April 25</b> .....	<b>Dickinson State University*</b> .....	<b>4:00PM</b>
April 27	Presentation College .....	3:00PM
April 30	Minot State University* .....	1:00PM
April 30	Minot State University* .....	3:30PM
<b>May 1</b> .....	<b>Minot State University*</b> .....	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>May 1</b> .....	<b>Minot State University*</b> .....	<b>3:30PM</b>
May 4-7	DAC Tourney @ Dickinson .....	TBA

\*DAC Game



## Viking Softball Home Games in Bold

<b>April 2</b> .....	<b>Dakota State University*</b> .....	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>April 3</b> .....	<b>Dakota State University*</b> .....	<b>1:00PM</b>
April 7	Minot State University* .....	2:00PM
April 9	Dickinson State University* .....	1:00PM
April 10	Dickinson State University* .....	1:00PM
<b>April 12</b> .....	<b>Minot State University*</b> .....	<b>2:00PM</b>
April 14	University of Minn. Crookston .....	3:00PM
<b>April 16</b> .....	<b>Dakota College at Bottineau (JV)</b> .....	<b>TBA</b>
<b>April 16</b> .....	<b>Dakota College at Bottineau (JV)</b> .....	<b>TBA</b>
April 19	Jamestown College* .....	2:00PM
<b>April 22</b> .....	<b>Mayville State University*</b> .....	<b>1:00PM</b>
April 23	Mayville State University* .....	1:00PM
April 25	Moorhead State University .....	2:00PM
<b>April 27</b> .....	<b>Jamestown College*</b> .....	<b>2:00PM</b>
<b>April 28</b> .....	<b>University of Minn. Crookston</b> .....	<b>3:00PM</b>
<b>April 30</b> .....	<b>Black Hills State University*</b> .....	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>May 1</b> .....	<b>Black Hills State University*</b> .....	<b>1:00PM</b>
May 3	University of North Dakota .....	4:00PM
May 6	DAC Tourney @ Minot .....	TBA
May 7	DAC Tourney @ Minot .....	TBA

## Viking Track & Field

April 2	Northern State University - Aberdeen, SD .....	TBA
April 10	University of Mary - Bismarck, ND .....	TBA
April 16	Sioux City Relays - Sioux City, IA .....	9:00AM
April 21	Dickinson State University - Dickinson, ND .....	TBA
April 30	Drake Relays - Des Moines, IA .....	TBA
May 1-2	DAC Multis Championships - Dickinson, ND .....	All Day
May 7	Ron Masanz Invitational - Moorhead, MN .....	10:00AM
May 14	DAC Championship - Minot, ND .....	1:00PM
May 26-28	NAIA Outdoor Championships - Marion, IN .....	All Day

All meets are subject to cancellation or change.

## Track & Field Update

VCSU's first season of Track & Field since 2003 is off to a great start, with a total of 32 athletes participating. "The program is barely out of its crawling stage," said coach Galen Morton, "but I am amazed at how eager the athletes are at becoming better. We have excellent team chemistry and a rapidly growing knowledge of the sport."

One highlight for the year: Freshman Wayne Engelhard from Valley City qualified for the indoor national meet in the 800M with an impressive time of 1:56.51. Morton thinks Egelhard will continue to improve. "I would expect him to drop at least to the 1:53 range even before we get to outdoor."

According to Morton, "My expectations are always the same and that is from continued work, we expect to get better. No one is 'cornered' into a certain performance because athletes who work hard often make huge leaps of improvement in short periods of time." In addition to Engelhard, other standouts include Freshman Anthony Williams from Jamestown, Freshman Summer Romine (high jump) from Mohall, Freshman Anna Fuka from Lidgerwood, and Sophomore Amy Field from Pelican Rapids, MN.

Upcoming highlights will be the indoor and outdoor conference meets, which will be the last of the Dakota Athletic Conference. Morton expects the team to participate in a few specialty meets like the Kansas and Drake Relays. ♦



Anna Fuka (Lidgerwood, ND) eyes the 600M run at the Vikings' indoor opener at Concordia College





## Vikings Hit Milestones

Dedication and consistency are great qualities for athletes. For basketball players they generally lead to illustrious careers, milestones and records. For four current Valley City State University Viking basketball players, that's exactly what has happened.

Four seniors, Amanda Brown, (Limon, CO), Caitlyn Wojahn, (Milbank, SD), Mark Klingberg (Prior Lake, MN) and Calvin Kraft, (Casselton, ND) reached the 1,000 point mark for their Viking careers in the 2010-2011 season.

Brown has been one of the most versatile players seen in a Viking uniform.

"Amanda has been an integral part of our success these last three seasons. She has played all positions while at VCSU, and has developed into a go-to player for us. Her versatility makes her a scorer both from the perimeter and in the paint, and it also makes her a solid defender whether she defends a shooter or a post player. It's fun to see her hard work and dedication pay off," commented head coach Jill DeVries. For the season, Brown averaged 12.3 points per game and 10.8 per game over her four year career. She was chosen as a 2010-2011 NAIA Women's Basketball Honorable Mention All-American.

Wojahn is listed as a 5'2 guard and has been a starting point guard for the Vikings after she transferred to Valley City State her sophomore season. Coach DeVries touched on how Wojahn has won the hearts of Viking fans. "Caitlyn is not only a crowd favorite because of her size, or lack of it, but because of her tireless work ethic. She has become a threat from beyond the arc as well as driving to the basket. Her enthusiasm and leadership both on and off the court have been invaluable to the program." Wojahn finished the season averaging 9.3 points per game and 10.0 points per game as a Viking.

Kraft has been one of the best long range marksmen in the NAIA. He finished fourth in the nation in Total 3-Point Field Goals Made per game (3.35) and seventh in 3-Point Field Goals Made with 97. Kraft also ranked second in the NAIA in Free Throw Percentage at 90.2%. Coach Jeff Kaminsky said of Kraft, "Calvin is the best shooter that I have coached. I have a tremendous appreciation for all that he has accomplished because he has put in the time to become a better player every year. Although he will always be known for his shooting ability, I am proud of what he has done to work on improving other areas of his game. He is a winner." Kraft finished his career averaging 11.6 points per game; 15.6 as a senior.

Klingberg has patrolled the post for the Viking men the past four seasons and according to Coach Kaminsky, does so many nights against tough match-ups that the opponents throw at him. "Mark is a tremendous post scorer and in my opinion has become the toughest player to match-up within the conference. He rarely has a night where he does not get double-teamed, yet he has continued to improve and produce on a nightly basis. The major thing that keeps him from being a more dominant scorer is his unselfishness. Mark loves to pass and is the best passer from the post position that I have coached. Mark is truly playing his best basketball at the end of his career," said Kaminsky. Klingberg averaged 9.1 points per game as a Viking, 11.0 in his final season. ♦



## York Has Record Year

Senior men's basketball player Mike York (Burnsville, MN) set two new career marks for the Viking men's basketball team while also setting one single season and two single game marks during his senior campaign.

In Career Assists, York shattered the old mark of 264 set by former teammate Orlando Anderson by tallying 338. Of these, 149 came during the 2010-2011 season, which also set a new single season record, surpassing Don Krauss' mark of 140 set during the 1970-71 season.

York didn't stop there however. He also set the new career steals record. Widely renowned for his defensive prowess, York broke Anderson's steal record (165) by swiping 168 steals in his career.

On the way to the career and single season marks, York set two single game records as well. On November 10, York handed out 13 assists to set the new single game mark, edging out former record holder Mario Lewis who held the record with 12. A few days later, York broke the single game steals record with six versus Briercrest College. The old record was shared by Anderson and Justin Curry.

Head Coach Jeff Kaminsky believes York is one of the best to wear a Viking uniform. "Mike York is exactly what you want from a point guard: tremendous leadership, outstanding defense, and he takes pride in making others around him better.

He has great vision and court awareness. When you combine those attributes with his unselfishness, it becomes a great combination and is the reason he led the conference in assists and will be the best ever at VCSU." ♦



## 1st Annual Wild Game Feed

Nothing could tame the overwhelming support of the VCSU Booster Board's first annual wild game feed. The event, held in January at the VFW Club, attracted an estimated 250 people and raised nearly \$4,000 for the Century Club. According to Athletic Director Jack Denholm, "We were very pleased with the attendance and very much appreciated all the donations along with all the community's support. Our head chef, Brian Yanish, was instrumental in helping prepare all the food, with help from the Booster Club and coaches." The menu for the night included Duck à l'Orange, Bison Chili, Honey Herb Ham, Deep Fried Turkey, Slow Roasted Elk and a variety of side dishes. From George Berger's '75 Fried Fish and Creamed Pheasant to Tyler Van Bruggen's Venison Stir Fry, there were plenty of unique items to choose from. Ice cream was also donated and served by the Midwest Dairy Association.

Door prizes included t-shirts, hats and sweatshirts. Valley Meat Supply donated \$300 worth of bacon, ham and turkey as meat raffles were conducted throughout the evening and raised \$500. Jim Retterath won a 32 inch television in the grand prize drawing.

Denholm concluded, "This can be a very successful fundraiser and we will work to improve some of the logistics next year so it's really something to look forward to in the winter." ♦

# Amazing Year

for women's basketball



In a season filled with tremendous accomplishments and thrilling finishes, the Viking women's basketball team earned their first ever DAC tournament title and their first national tournament berth.

The season began with an impressive honor in the classroom: the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) named the Viking women's basketball team to the 2009-10 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll, given to teams throughout the nation that carry the highest grade point averages (GPA) for the entire season. The GPA of VCSU's Women's basketball team was 3.688 on a 4.0 scale, second nationally in the NAIA and third in the entire WBCA.

On the court, the season started a bit more slowly. In October, the lady Vikings were picked to finish third in the pre-season DAC women's basketball coaches poll. Over the first several weeks, they accumulated a record of 5-4 before the DAC opener against Minot State. By the end of January, the team had improved to an overall record of 15-8, but still faced challenges in the DAC with a record of only 5-4.

But then, they caught fire with a string of five straight wins against DAC opponents South Dakota Mines, fifth-ranked Black Hills State, Jamestown (ranked #22), Dakota State and Mayville. They ended the regular season with a record of 20-8; 10-4 in the DAC, good enough to place #2 in the DAC and earn a #24 national ranking.

Once in the DAC tournament, the Lady Vikings kept the momentum going. First came a thrilling last-minute win over Mayville secured by a 3-pointer by Kristin Bearstail with 21 seconds remaining. Next was a 71-66 see-saw victory over Minot. They saved the best for last: the final DAC tournament title game was also the first ever meeting in the DAC tournament between the Lady Vikings and the rival Jamestown Jimmies. The night ultimately belonged to the Vikings as they claimed a thrilling 74-69 win. The tournament was made especially exciting since the Vikings had home court advantage at the Bubble throughout the tournament, and it was packed with roaring fans. "The fans were great all season, but they really made a difference getting us through the tournament," said DeVries.

With high hopes, the Vikings headed for the NAIA Division II national tournament in Sioux City, IA, but fell to Sterling College 71-65 in the first round.

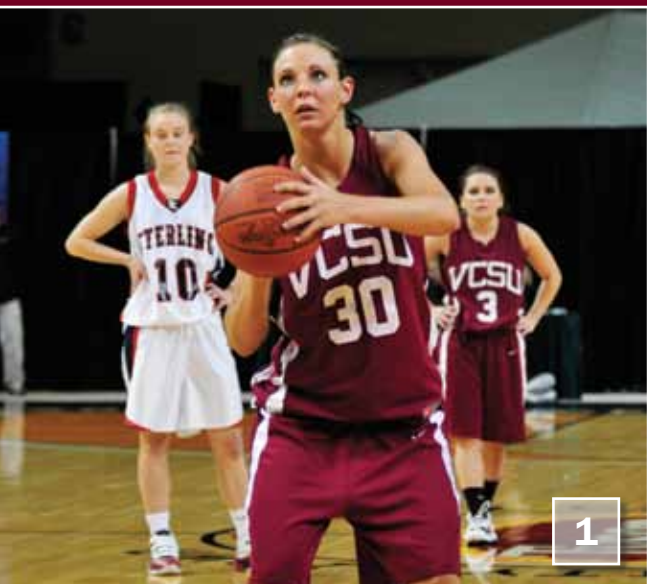
Nonetheless, the season will be remembered for the many accomplishments and highlights. Senior Amanda Brown, Limon, CO, was an Honorable Mention All-American, and she joined Caitlyn Wojahn, Milbank, SD earning All DAC Conference selections. Coach DeVries was selected as the 2010-2011 Dakota Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and was nominated by the DAC for a Champion of Character award. The team's 23 wins were the most ever for a Viking team in a season. ♦

▲ Caitlyn Wojahn, from Milbank, SD, transferred to VCSU from the University of Sioux Falls after her freshman year, and played 84 games in a Viking uniform. Her small stature and lightning quickness amazed fans and opponents alike. She led the Vikings in both Steals (71) and Assists (98) this season, and scored a career high 25 points versus SD Mines in January 2010. She was named to the All-DAC team twice in her career and is a two-time NAIA Academic All-American.

▶ Sophomore Courtney Titus, a guard from Hankinson, was presented with this makeshift trophy by a fan at the conclusion of the Viking victory in the DAC Tournament.







1



2



4



3

- 1) Jacki Mitchell, a native of Erie, ND played in 106 games for the Vikings and averaged 5 points and 4 rebounds in her senior season. She scored a career high 16 points in February against South Dakota Mines. She is a two-time NAIA Academic All-American.
- 2) Kristin Bearstail, a junior from Bismarck, was the Viking's #2 scorer with 363 points, most of which came from 72 three-point field goals. She averaged 12.52 points per game, scoring a season high of 37 points against the University of Minnesota - Morris.
- 3) Senior Amanda Brown, a native of Limon, CO, led the Vikings in scoring with 395 points, averaging 12.34 points per game this season and scoring a career high 25 points twice. She scored her 1,000<sup>th</sup> point in December and ended the season with a career 1,297 points. She topped off this year as an Honorable Mention All-American, was named to the All-DAC team twice and is a two-time NAIA Academic All-American.
- 4) Mandy Johnson, a native of Barnesville, MN, averaged 6 points and 3 rebounds off the bench in her senior season. A two-sport athlete at VCSU, Mandy excels as a defensive outfielder for the VCSU softball team each spring, and is a two-time NAIA Academic All-American.
- 5) Coach Jill DeVries celebrates the moment of victory as the Vikings defeat the Jamestown Jimmies in the final game of the DAC tournament.
- 6) Throughout the DAC tournament, the fans rocked the Bubble, and their support was a tremendous boost. This season's Most Valuable Fans were (l-r) Brianna Busch, Jenna Guttormson, and Cora Mikkelson.
- 7) Mandi Bindas, a junior from Oxbow, ND, led the Vikings in Rebounds with 179 for an average of 5.6 per game, and was the Viking's 4<sup>th</sup> leading scorer with 280 points this season.
- 8) Freshman forward Brittany Lehner, from Watertown, SD scored 220 points during her inaugural season with the Vikings.



8



5



6



7



## New Vocal Ensemble: Valkyries



The Valley City State University Valkyries is a new ensemble created in August, 2010 by students active in VCSU's Department of Music. Valkyries is an all female vocal group that rehearses once per week under the direction of Dr. Leesa Levy. The ensemble is accompanied by Jaime Namminga. Members of the ensemble come from various academic programs across the campus, with this year's members representing degrees in art, music, education and the sciences. The Valkyries personnel include: Altos - Kendra Krueger [Casselton, Social Science/Political Science]; Angela Morford [Bismarck, elementary and art education], Courtney Henkel [Buffalo, communication]; Mezzo Sopranos - Katelin Wadeson [Fingal, music education], Andrea Swartz [Park River, music education], Amber Olson [Mandan, vocal music education], Micki Buchholz [Oakes, music education]; Sopranos - Jessica Halvorson [Milnor, Biology, Health Science, minor in music], Taryn Wallace [McHenry, art and music], Kirci Phillips [Valley City, music education].

The group has embraced a wide variety of musical styles and enjoys the challenge and responsibility associated with performing chamber music. The Valkyries toured South Dakota with the VCSU Band and Choir in the fall of 2010 and have recently been selected to perform at the North Dakota Music Educator's Association Conference. ♦

## New Director for the VCSU Community School of the Arts

The VCSU Community School of the Arts (CSA) welcomes Shari (Kronebusch) Larson '99 as its new Director, replacing intern Director Alison Jensen. Larson comes to VCSU from Minot, where she was employed by the Minot Area Community Foundation as the program director.

Originally from the Marion area of North Dakota, Larson graduated from Valley City State University with a degree in Human Resources and minors in Psychology and Sociology.

Following graduation, Larson moved to Zeeland, North Dakota and worked as an administrator at a public health unit. She and her husband, Dan, found their way to the Minot area due to Dan's job relocation. In June 2010, they moved to Valley City. They enjoy being back, close to family and friends! They have been married for eleven years and have a four-year-old son, Talon.

The VCSU Community School of the Arts was founded in 1994. Currently, the CSA provides art classes and music lessons on brass, woodwinds, strings, percussion, guitar, voice and piano for students of all ages and levels of ability. The CSA also administers a number of music ensembles unique to this area, including the Valley Voices Women's Choir, the Valley Children's Choir, the annual Chamber Music Festival, and the Valley City Civic Orchestra. CSA programs are open to members of Valley City and all surrounding communities, and scholarships are available.

We welcome Shari Larson to the community, and look forward to the opportunity to continue the growth of the Community School in Valley City and the surrounding region. For more information about CSA or to sign up for any of our various programs, please contact Shari Larson at (701) 845-7267 or [csa@vcsu.edu](mailto:csa@vcsu.edu). ♦





## Annual Composers Concert Continuing for its Tenth Year

The Department of Music at Valley City State University won the ASCAP Foundation Irving Caesar Fund grant to continue the unique program, Composers Competition and Concert, for high school and VCSU students.

In its tenth year, the concert and competition has matured to include an expanded range of students, age 13-19 for the high school competition, prizes totaling \$1,200 plus International Music Camp scholarships for Composition Week, online graduate credit for teacher participants, online workshops for all participants, and a "live" streaming concert on the Internet. Submissions are due on April 15, 2011, and may be sent whether or not the student participated in the mentoring program.

J. David Moore, ASCAP member and well-known composer and arranger, will mentor participants each month as they compose a new musical work in both on-campus and virtual workshops. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert will be held in Froemke Auditorium on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 7:30pm,



with a pre-concert talk with Mr. Moore at 7:15 pm. The event is organized and hosted by Dr. Sara Hagen. For more information, visit <http://music.vcsu.edu> and click on the Composers Concert or contact [sara.hagen@vcsu.edu](mailto:sara.hagen@vcsu.edu). ♦



winners from last year:  
L-R Mimi Brown, Wahpeton; Danielle Scheel, Griggs County; Meghan Battest, Beulah; Sara Hagen

## Faculty Provide Leadership for Professional Organizations

Two music faculty currently serve as president of their respective professional organizations in North Dakota: Dr. Sara Hagen, North Dakota Music Educators Association and Dr. Leesa Levy, North Dakota Choral Directors Association.

As part of their service to the University and to the profession, these faculty members assume responsibility for attending and leading meetings and conferences, local, regional, and national in scope.

Hagen attended the National MENC Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. last June and will attend again in 2011 with the goal of meeting with legislators on advocacy issues. She attended the Ohio Music Educators Conference in January as a delegate to the North Central Region of MENC. She is currently working with North Dakota state legislators

on elementary music licensure. The NDMEA conference is held annually in Bismarck in late March in conjunction with All-State concerts.

Levy attended the ACDA National Leadership Conference in June in Chicago and the North Central Choral Directors planning meeting in Des Moines in September. At both meetings the re-structuring of the organization and its union with Choral Net were explored. The role of the Internet and the expanded abilities it gives the organization in education and advocacy for choral music and musicians was investigated. Levy attended the ND State ACDA conference in February and reported to the constituency on discussions at the North Central and National levels. She also represented the ND-ACDA at the National Conference and presided over the Choral Directors meeting at the state NDMEA conference in Bismarck. ♦

## VCSU Students Selected for National Choir

Four music education majors were selected to participate in the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Conducting Competition Choir at the organization's national conference. Casey Behm (Fingal), Thomas Zinke (Rolla), Amber Olson (Mandan) and Kirci Phillips (Valley City) represented Valley City and the state of North Dakota as members of the choir in Chicago, March 8-12, 2011. Each university level choral director who is a member of ACDA was allowed to nominate a single quartet of outstanding vocalists for potential participation in the choir. Dr. Leesa Levy, director of choral activities at VCSU and president of the North Dakota chapter of ACDA sent in the nominations. "It was a very difficult decision on my part, since we have so many wonderful vocal musicians at VCSU and all of them deserve an opportunity such as this. We have many student members of ACDA on campus and I know they all will continue to benefit from membership in this professional organization throughout their careers." The VCSU quartet participated with vocalists from other universities around the country, including: the University of Nebraska, Boston University, Penn State University, Indiana University and Valdosta State University.

All four of the students selected from North Dakota are planning careers as choral directors. They rehearsed the first day with Dr. Rodney Eichenberger, one of the premier conductors in the nation. For the rest of the week, the students attended master classes and choral sessions, and rehearsed intensely with the winners of the national conducting competition. The finals of the competition were performed Friday in Chicago's historic Empire Room at the Palmer House hotel. All of the students considered for nomination, as well as those selected, are to be congratulated for their hard work and determination to excel. ♦

## 2012 Music Hall of Fame Banquet

Nominations are being requested for the **2012 Music Hall of Fame.**

Please contact Paula Larson for nomination forms

701-845-7272 or [paula.larson@vcsu.edu](mailto:paula.larson@vcsu.edu)

or go to the VCSU website  
<http://music.vcsu.edu>  
and click on "Hall of Fame."

## In Remembrance

Dorothy C. (Sisson) Temanson '29, Roseville, MN

Donald Young '53, Penn Valley, CA

Mary M (Grzybowski) Manke '72, West Fargo

Elmer M. Ekern '76, Fargo

John L. Olson '57, Glendive, MT

Pearl (Torgerson) Gilbertson '40, Binford

William "Bill" Cresap '59, Minot

Helen Dorothy (Ellis) Philips, Leomister, MA

Gary A. Streich '70, Minot

Verna M. (Cuypers) Schrader '42, Jamestown

Irma A. (Askerman) Whitney '58, Aberdeen, SD

Richard G. Merchant '53, Wyndmere

Linda J. (Peterson) Huseby '84, Lisbon

Kay I. (Mindeman) Dinger '61, Frazee, MN

Evelyn M. Skjervem, Lakota

William A. Meyer '69, Cando

Inex V. (Milde) Beckstrand, Warwick

Kathy J. (Zimbelman) Rice '76, Lead, SD

Palma C. (Rustad) Colis '49, Renton, WA

Louis J. Pickell '88, Oakes

Roger A. Gilmore, Fargo

Ronald D. Affeldt '55, Bismarck

Janet D. (Gessner) Welken '70, Moorhead, MN

Dennis N. Korsmo, Greendale, WI

Richard "Dick" A. Pokorny, Dickinson

Georgia (Otto) Benson '30, New Rockford

John "Jack" Moore '56, Valley City

LoAnn (Johnson) Fetzer '64, Fargo

Jeffrey C. Hansen, West Fargo

Patricia Kay Stokka '70, Binford

Adeline (Dusek) Arendt '39, New Rockford

### Former Faculty & Staff

Olga "Ma" (Thorson) Reynolds, Bozeman, MT

R.Q. Johnson

Janet Paulson

## Weddings

Darci Flaten  
Trevor McCullough.....January 8, 2011

Carrie Hurley  
Ben Aarestad '02.....July 2, 2011



## Vikings on the Move

### 1940's

**Evelyn (Johnson) '45** had a great year with the wedding of her grandson, the graduation of her granddaughter (masters degree), and a family reunion in Billings, Montana.

**Sophie (Nielsen - Anderson) Beutler '47** was honored to have her picture in the book "Beautiful Women of North Dakota" by Billy Black and Chris Linnares. The picture is on display at the Rourke Museum in Moorhead, MN. Sophie lives in Pioneer House, an assisted living facility in Fargo.

**Delphine (Maasjo) Hunt '49** is 83 years old and happy she can live alone and care for herself.

### 1950's

**Ty '52 and Carol (Watson) Peterson '50** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct 8, 2010.

**Hubert '50 and Maureen (Schmuhi-Nelson) Thoreson '49** continue to live in Bellingham, WA, but spend their summers at their Minnesota lake home.

**Ward '50 and Mary Lou (Peterson) Wilkins '53 and '76** live in Coon Rapids, MN. Ward retired in 1987 after 21 years as a principal in Anoka-Hennepin #11. He then was an adjunct in the St. Cloud State University Education Department for 6 years. He has authored 4 books about the Great Depression, the WW II years, and his own traveling and teaching/principal experiences. Mary Lou retired as a Title I tutor in 1992 after 13 years in District #11.

**Ruth (Saar) McMillan '52** is retired and living in Phoenix, AZ, and in North Dakota. Her husband, **Russ McMillan '52**, passed away in April, 2010. Ruth has 3 children and 9 grandchildren. Ruth keeps busy with family and community activities and continues to be a "farmer" at heart.

**Ardelle (Ziesch) Loose '56** is proud to have many family members graduate from VCSU: daughter **Mary Jane (Loose) Westerhausen '08** with a BA in English; grandson **Levi Westerhausen '08** with a BS in Business Administration; granddaughter-in-law **Danielle (Kurtz) Westerhausen '09** with a BS in Human Resources; granddaughter **Mariah Westerhausen '10** with a BS in Math Education and is teaching high school math in Pingree, ND.

**Alice (Haseleu) Lebahn '57** is retired and lives in Valley City. She will be 90 years old on June 26.

**Willis '59 and Syneva (Nordquist) Heupel '59** are enjoying retirement, traveling, their grandchildren and life in general.

**Tilford '59 and Mary (Christensen) Kroshus '59** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19, 2010. They celebrated with family and friends at their lake cabin. Another big event of 2010 was the birth of their granddaughter, Ifeoma. They escape the cold, snowy North Dakota winters by vacationing in Florida.

### 1960's

**Wayne Schoeppach '62** has been retired for nearly 20 years after teaching for 31 years. Wayne and his wife will celebrate 50 years of marriage this spring. They are proud of their four children who are all college graduates. Their children's occupations are: a teacher, hospital administrator, registered nurse, and a doctor of medicine.

**Juel '64 and Sharon (Alinder) Dragland '64** have had three generations play in state tournaments: Juel, McVil Blackhawks in 1955 and placed 3rd; daughter, Kristin Dragland Matchinsky, in 1982 for the St. Cloud Apollo Eagles and were the champions; grandson, Alex Matchinsky, in 2010 for the St. Cloud Tech Tigers and placed 2nd. Today, Juel and Sharon go to most all of their grandchildren's events, such as: basketball, football, baseball, gymnastics, dancing, wrestling, band and choir. They have "much fun, to say the very least."

**Sharon (Hartman) Ford '64** retired from teaching at Delta State University in May, 2010, and moved to Sunrise, FL. She is enjoying golfing and relaxing in the warm weather of southern Florida.

**Mel Olson '64** is the director of the NDSCS campus in Fargo. NDSCS has extended their programs to the Fargo market.

**Karen (Lang) Richman '64** and her husband, Peter, reside in Valley City. Karen is a member of VCSU's President's House Preservation Society which is a busy and rewarding committee. She also does volunteer work at the Nearly Nu Store. Peter and Karen enjoy attending their grandchildren's music and sports activities at St. Catherine's and the Hi-Liner Activity Center.

**Sharon Falk '66** moved to Jamestown in May of 2010. She is doing fine and enjoying her "new life" routine.

**Dennis '66 and Helen (Berger) Friestad '66** are enjoying retirement after their long teaching careers in the Valley City Public School System. They have been retired five and six years respectively.

**Carol (Meier) Baillie '67** has been teaching since the fall of 1959, 43 of those years at Wilton Public School in Wilton, ND. Carol and her husband, Dan, live in Bismarck and have two married daughters and two grandsons.

**Terry Dunphy '68** retired from Red River High School in 2001. He now sells and develops commercial real estate for Dakota Commercial and Development. Terry would love to hear from old friends; you can e-mail him at: terrydunphy2000@yahoo.com.

**We would LOVE to hear from YOU!**  
Submit your "Vikings on the Move" or "Milestones" entry by contacting the  
VCSU Alumni Office:  
701-845-7302  
800-532-8641 x37203  
or e-mail us at alumni@vcsu.edu



## 1970's

**Barbara (Foxen) Gendreau '72** moved to Valley City to be closer to her daughter, **Nicole (Gendreau) Olson '00** and her family. Barbara's husband, **Roger '72**, passed away in 2003. Barbara retired from Shanley/Sullivan Middle School in May of 2008, after over 30 years in education in ND and WI. She currently is working as an ILC Coordinator in the Valley City Public School System.

**Barry '75 and Kristi (Kunz) Lentz '75.** In August, Kristi retired from K-12 education after 34 years and started a second career as Mayville State University's Director of Counseling and Freshman Retention. Barry is the principal at Nathan Twining Elementary/Middle School on the Grand Forks Air Force Base.

**Beverly (Woehl) Weigel '75** is still plugging away in the Edgeley Public Schools teaching high school English. She says "Hello" to her Atheneum sisters and friends from 3rd floor McCoy 1971-1975.

**Kaye (Haugen) Omdahl '77** and her husband, Neil, still live in Rogers, ND. On March 29, 2010, their first grandchild, Evelyn Grace Williams, was born. Kaye wrote "All of our kids are growing up so fast! We are truly blessed!"

**Timothy Wagar '77** moved to Asuncion, Paraguay, in 1985 after teaching in Linton, ND. He thought it might be for only a couple years, but Tim and his wife have just passed the 25 year mark of working there. Tim continues to be involved in both education and sports. He currently tutors kids in the sciences and in general education in English. He tries to run most every day and he coaches different individuals in distance running plus acts as president for a futsal team that is currently in second division after winning the third division title in 2007. Tim works with the Paraguayan National Soccer Association has been the director for the third division of futsal for the past four years. Tim and his wife, Robin, have five children and three grandchildren. Four of their kids have returned to the states; the two girls are married and live in Anchorage with their families, one son lives in Seattle, and one in Carbondale, IL. The youngest is 17 and is still at home. They hope to get back to visit the states next year.

## 1980's

**Edward Stipp '80** spent a total of 18 years as a private school teacher, boys varsity basketball coach, athletic director and principal. For the last ten years he has been employed at Indiana University as their Director of Student Teaching and Licensing. He has fond memories of his time spent in Valley City (great small community).



## *In Remembrance*

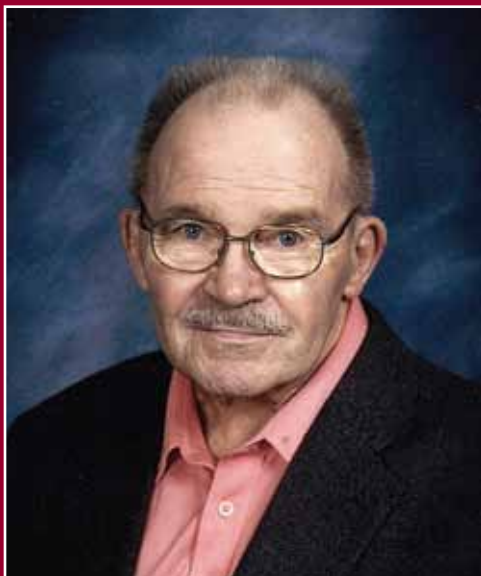
### **"Ma" Reynolds**



Olga A. Thornson Reynolds, better known as "Ma" Reynolds, passed away recently at the age of 98 in Bozeman, MT.

"Ma" Reynolds was the head resident in Snoeyenbos Hall from 1967 until her retirement in 1988. In that role, she touched the lives of hundreds of college students. She became a great counselor for her students and made sure that her dorm was spotless. She also worked for Saga and Marriott Food Services checking IDs during dinner hour at the Student Center, and performed many extra duties such as refinishing 96 small bookcases and one grand piano in the old East Hall. She was chosen to be Grand Marshall of the 1986 Homecoming Parade.

Her five children are all VCSU alums: Gayle (Reynolds) Gibbons '50, Mary (Reynolds) Ternes '62, Lloyd '59, Lee '56, and Robert '61. She also had 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and six step-grandchildren and many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and loving friends.



## *In Remembrance*

### **R.Q. Johnson**

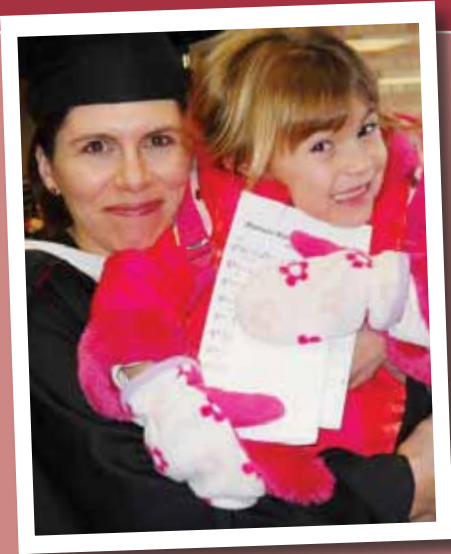


Ronald Q. Johnson, better known as "R.Q.," recently passed away at the age of 84. R.Q. was the director of the Concert and Marching Bands and chairman of the Music Department and Division of Fine Arts. Many of his students went on to become successful music teachers throughout the state and the region. His devotion to music education and the training of future music teachers led him to direct festival bands

and adjudicate music contests in the upper Midwest. During his career he was on the summer faculty of the International Music Camp, Peace Gardens, North Dakota and Arrowhead Music Camp, Barnum, Minnesota. In 2008, R.Q. was inducted into the Valley City State University Music Department Hall of Fame. He was an honorary member of Phi Beta Mu, the International School Band Master Fraternity. In recent years, he played trumpet with Myron Sommerfeld's Orchestra and directed a neighborhood community choir while wintering in Mesa, AZ. He and his wife of 59 years, Joyce, have four children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

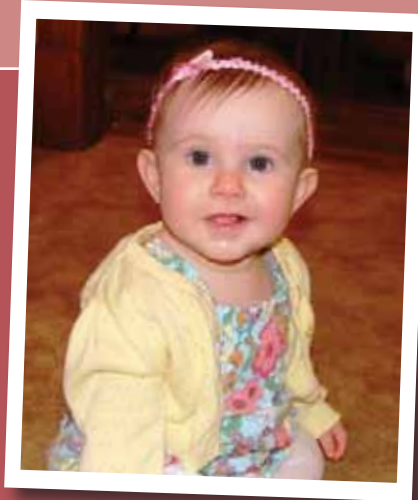
# milestones...

**JaNae (Kunze) Eggert '79** and her husband, Kerry, welcomed their first grandchild, Jady Lynn Eggert, to their family on September 9, 2010. Jady is the daughter of Erik and Tracy Eggert. She weighed 8 lbs 11. oz and was 20.5 inches long.



**Cassandra (Rieger) Thomasson '96** graduated in December from MSUM with a Master's of Liberal Arts with Hispanic Studies Emphasis degree. She and husband Shawn live in Detroit Lakes, MN where she has been teaching Spanish at the high school, middle school and elementary school. They keep busy with two fun daughters, Alivia who just turned one, and Anika who is four (pictured here with her proud mom).

**Matthew '06 and Sheri (Stein) Scherbenske '05** are the proud parents of their daughter, Hannah Avery. She was born on March 29, 2010. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Together with their two dogs, the family makes their home in Kulm, ND.



**Josh Argall '99** and his wife Mindy recently had their second child, Carter James Argall. He joins brother Jaden who is 2 ½ years old. Carter was born on April 14, 2010 and weighed 9 pounds and was 20.5 inches long.

**Kevin Froeber '83** is teaching Physical Education at the Cheney Middle School in West Fargo as well as coaching cross-country, basketball and track. His wife, Michelle, works for Prudential Premier Real Estate Company and Heritage Homes in Fargo (the construction company responsible for the recent "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" build in Moorhead, MN) They have two sons, David (10) and Michael (7), and the entire family enjoys outdoor and recreational activities.

**Lorell Jungling '84** is in his 27th year as an educator and is currently in his 9th year as Activities Director at Mandan High School. Lorell & **Renae (Zahursky) '84** have two grown children. Ryne, 23 and his wife, Rachel, are employed by the Mandan School District as educators. Reid, 18, attends the University of Mary where he is beginning his college academic and baseball career. Renae is employed at Brady, Martz, & Associates in Bismarck. The Junglings enjoy biking, boating, church activities, and spending time with family. Lorell was honored with a Citation award by the National Federation of State High School Associations. See page 7.

**Duane Reinisch '84** has worked at Purtec and Dietrich and Sons in Valley City since September of 2006.

**Laurel (Ploium) Westby '84** is still enjoying teaching and is in her 27th year. She taught for 22 years at Sheyenne and the past 5 years at New Rockford-Sheyenne School. Laurel and her husband, Neil, have been married for 30 years and have lived in Sheyenne the whole time. They have three children: Mallory is 23 and works for IRET Corporation in Minot; Erin is 20 and attends Lake Region State College; and Scott is 18 and a senior at New Rockford-Sheyenne High School and plans to attend VCSU in the Fall majoring in history education.

**Dan Schmitz '85** is employed in the sales and marketing department at KLN Enterprises in Perham, MN. Dan and his wife, Carol, enjoy living on the lake near Perham. Their two children, Heidi (a senior at MSU-Moorhead) and Charlie (a freshman at UND), are off enjoying college life.

**Mary Halvorson '89** has "graduated" to Title I teaching at Jefferson Elementary in Valley City after teaching 1st and 2nd grade for 21 years. She loves her new position working with 2nd and 3rd graders in reading and math! Mary spends her summer months working for Bank Forward in the crop insurance department.

## 2000's

**Austin Lang '05** has lived in Bismarck for the past four years and worked in Sioux County for USDA-NRCS. He and his wife are in the process of moving to Mobridge, SD; however, Austin will be keeping his current job in Ft. Yates, ND.

**Holly (Nelson) Johnson '08** received her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Mary in May of 2010. She is married to **Tim Johnson '06**.



# Nominate Outstanding Alumni

Valley City State University is proud of its alumni and the tremendous impact they have made and are continuing to make across the nation. If you know of a VCSU alumni who should be recognized for their achievements, please take the time to nominate that person for one of the Alumni Association's awards. All nominations will be forwarded to the screening committee and will receive full consideration.

### ★ CERTIFICATE OF MERIT ★

This award provides the Alumni Association with a way to recognize alumni for accomplishments, service, and other noteworthy honors.

### ★ ALUMNI SERVICE ★

The Alumni Service Award was adopted by the VCSU Alumni Association to recognize alumni or university friends who have attained exceptional achievement in their careers and have made significant contributions to the University through dedicated service, promotion, financial support or other efforts.

### ★ DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI ★

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor presented by the Alumni Association. The recipient's professional contributions, honors and awards, and leadership are considered. The nominee must have received national or international recognition and must have been identified as an expert in the individual's chosen field.

#### Send nominations to:

Kim Hesch | VCSU Advancement Office  
101 College St SW | Valley City ND 58072  
(800) 532-8641 x37203  
kim.hesch@vcsu.edu

## HELP US LOCATE THESE LOST ALUMNI

If you know the address of any of these individuals, please contact the VCSU Foundation office at 1-800-532-8641 ext 37203 or e-mail alumni@vcsu.edu

1990 Darnelle (Morlock) Bakke	1992 Lloyd Joseph	1994 Tonya (Busche) Klein	1996 Lisa Mikkelson
1990 Thomas Brogden	1992 Michael Morris	1994 Karen Mauch	1996 Douglas Skarp
1990 Rhonda Denbow	1992 Candice Ohlmann	1994 Stacy Miller	1996 Ernest Valentine
1990 Kimberly Hansen	1992 Troy Reinertson	1994 Kelly Ranisate	1996 Lyle Wright
1990 James Heapy	1992 Tanya (Harr) Retzlaff	1994 Sha-Lyn Tichkowsky	1997 Bryan Carlson
1990 Melissa Kramer	1992 Cathy (Plum) Rienstra	1995 James Anderson	1997 Daren Fech
1990 Joellen Pahl	1992 Ronald Schumacher	1995 Scott Bekken	1997 Gregory Franck
1991 Barbara (Remore) Bakken	1992 Deborah Trader	1995 Steven Busche	1997 Christopher Grainger
1991 Lisa (Pulst) Cain	1992 Robyn (Hinrichs) Wallis	1995 Robin (Wood) Collins	1997 Ellen (Hagemeister) Nowatzki
1991 Paulo Costa	1993 Brenda Anderson	1995 Shannon Corbett	1997 Kathleen Wilde
1991 Daniel Gnadit	1993 Monserrat (Cordova) Cabrera	1995 Jan Haugen	1998 Kelly Dyck
1991 Mike Gross	1993 Angela Clark	1995 Michael Hoffmann	1998 Angela Fessler
1991 Sheila (Johnson) Nelson	1993 Jodi (Sitte) Johnson	1995 Richelle Iverson	1998 Jody (Olheiser) Fiedler
1991 Marvin Olson	1993 Timothy Kramer	1995 Kariann Jewett	1998 Melissa Laverdure
1991 Penny (Anderson) Pekarski	1993 D'Lisa Mitchell	1995 Karmelle Medwid	1998 Megan McQuiston
1991 Frank Peterson	1993 Correna (Jensen) Perry	1995 Cara Peters	1998 Charles Messall
1991 Theresa Thompson	1993 Kathleen Quinlan	1995 Geoffrey Santiago	1998 Sandra Olzweski
1992 Donna Casey	1993 Sarah Sander	1995 Derek Thompson	1999 Garlan Auvigne
1992 Brenda Dietz	1993 Mark Tichkowsky	1996 Ernest Clark	1999 Darren Bishop
1992 Kevin Gietz	1994 Rose (Zaun) Eggermont	1996 Cameron Croy	1999 Victoria Chipoka
1992 Randall Hanson	1994 Darla Gestvang	1996 Amy Fossen	1999 Carlton Linton
1992 Tamera Henderson	1994 Kristi Hetland	1996 Lori Johnson	1999 Dean Sproule
1992 Lynn Johnson	1994 Kraig Hickel	1996 C. "Gus" Kyle	1999 Laura (Voigt) Sproule



## 2010 "We're in the Christmas Mood"

DVD Order Form - December 11, 2010 performance at Vangstad Auditorium, VCSU - Valley City, ND  
Professional video & audio production - approximately 80 minutes in length, includes entire show.

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ DVD's at \$20 each - Total Order: \_\_\_\_\_ Price includes tax, shipping and handling.

Cash  Check  MC  Visa Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**  
eVision ♦ PO Box 1462 ♦ Minot, ND 58702-1462 ♦ p: (701)838-0189 ♦ f: (701)838-0199 ♦ e: prodgen@evision-video.com



NONPROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
FARGO, ND  
PERMIT NO. 1159

**Valley City State University**  
Alumni Association  
101 College Street SW  
Valley City, ND 58072

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*The Bulletin is published in spring, summer and fall by the Valley City State University Alumni Association, Valley City, ND. Postage paid at Valley City and additional mailing offices.*

**POSTMASTER** Send address changes to: *The Bulletin, 101 College Street SW, Valley City, ND 58072.*

