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*A total of 220 new freshmen and 90 new transfer students joined the ranks of VCSU this year, swelling total enrollment to 1,285 - the third largest level in VCSU's history. Dorms are filled to capacity, parking lots are full, and campus has an exciting level of activity. In our cover story for this issue of The Bulletin, get the details on this wonderful milestone.*

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## The Enrollment Picture at VCSU

Dr. Steve Shirley, President

As you can see by the front cover of this issue of *The Bulletin*, some major strides forward have been taken at Valley City State University with our enrollment initiatives. There is a wonderful story to share regarding VCSU's Fall 2010 student enrollment, and this news should make every supporter, alumni, and friend of VCSU very proud!

In Fall 2010, VCSU welcomed its largest class of freshmen to the campus since 1988. The large freshmen class (an increase in excess of 40% over last year's freshmen class), coupled with an increased number of transfer students, and a record number of graduate students in our Master's program, have resulted in VCSU's largest overall enrollment since 1970.

The really exciting news about the growth in enrollment this year is that these gains are across the board and include virtually every demographic of student on the VCSU campus. The freshmen class is larger; we have our largest transfer student enrollment in seven years; the record Master's enrollment; an increase in enrollment of VCSU's elementary education students at NDSU; residence halls are at the fullest levels in several years; more students are taking classes at a distance via Internet and other technologies; both full-time and part-time student numbers are up significantly. Everywhere you look, the results are positive and contribute to the substantial overall enrollment growth.

Students enrolled at VCSU this fall are taking nearly 2000 more academic credit hours compared to one year ago – a 15% increase. VCSU is educating more than 300 students today above the levels from

fall 2007. This 30% growth in just the past three years represents truly meaningful growth that is incredibly positive for the entire VCSU campus. In fact, VCSU's growth represents the largest percentage increase in overall headcount as well as the largest percentage increase of Full-Time Equivalent enrollment by any campus within the entire North Dakota University System during the past year.

An increased number of students on the VCSU campus means more students are utilizing campus services such as the bookstore, dining services, and the residence halls. These increases are positive for the campus as we look to provide a broader array of campus services and opportunities for our students. The \$3.5 million Snoeyenbos Hall renovation currently underway during the 2010-11 academic year is

one such tangible example of these new benefits that will serve students. As we work to succeed with additional initiatives aimed at increasing VCSU's student enrollment, we look forward to providing

further services for the long-term benefit of future generations of VCSU students.

On a final note, thanks to all alumni and friends who came back to campus for Homecoming 2010 activities. Homecoming provided a great week of events for both our current and former students alike. It was great meeting many of you at the various activities. Enjoy this issue of *The Bulletin*, and I look forward to seeing you at future alumni and VCSU-related activities.

Go Vikings!◆

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## VCSU Alumni Association Get-Togethers

◆ 2010-2011 ◆

- November 16** ..... VCSU Tuesday ..... Bismarck  
The Lodge at the Stadium – 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- January 18** ..... VCSU Tuesday ..... Lisbon  
HODENATTES - 4:30 to 6:30 pm
- February 4 & 5** ..... Arizona Reunions..... Surprise & Mesa, AZ  
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- February 15** ..... VCSU Tuesday ..... Bismarck  
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- March 15** ..... VCSU Tuesday ..... Fargo  
Green Mill Restaurant – 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- April 19** ..... VCSU Tuesday ..... Carrington  
Location to be determined

Please join us for complimentary appetizers!

Register for door prizes!

Reconnect with fellow alumni & friends!

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## Alumni Corner

by John Monilaws '87, Alumni Board President

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At our October Alumni Association Board meeting, we were privileged to have Dr. Shirley in attendance to explain the strategic plan "VCSU 2015" that the University now has in place. Not only was his presentation interesting, it was very informative. I, for one, had no idea that running our University

was such a complex thing. I would encourage you to find a copy of this plan and look it over. After listening to Dr. Shirley explain how the plan was going to work, I realized that we have a very intelligent man at the controls of VCSU. It is no wonder that enrollment is up by almost 20% this Fall. Dr. Shirley's drive, knowledge and enthusiasm are sure to help keep VCSU on the cutting edge.

The Alumni Board of Directors hosted a number of events during Homecoming 2010. From the Bill Lydell concert Thursday evening to our last social Saturday night, things went off without a hitch. It is always fun visiting with friends at Homecoming. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed what was planned and congratulations to all the award recipients (see page 7). The Alumni Board is always looking for nominations for the various awards we present. If you know of VCSU graduates who you feel deserve one of these awards, please contact the VCSU Foundation office or [alumni.vcsu.edu/awards](http://alumni.vcsu.edu/awards).

As I have mentioned in the past, our Alumni Board has become very active and we all take great pride in helping make our Alumni Association stronger. Here are a few of our accomplishments since my last article: The VCSU Tuesday events are now being held in different communities to reach more alumni. We have already traveled to Fargo and Casselton. Bismarck, Carrington, and Lisbon are in the works (see page 1 for a complete listing). Stop by and say "Hi" even if you can only stay for a few minutes.

You are now able to order VCSU alumni apparel and novelty items on the Alumni web page at [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu) (click on "Keep in Touch"). Check it out, the selection is great and the prices are very affordable. The VCSU license plates are in circulation and they are a great way to promote

the University. We have helped Enrollment Services with their "Viking Visit Days." These events are held three or four times a year for incoming students to check out VCSU. It really makes a statement when you have ten or 12 alumni meeting and greeting these students and their parents when they arrive on campus. Finally, watch the website for our first annual Alumni Auction to be held in early December. We will have a dozen items to be bid on, all donated by the Alumni Board of Directors. All the proceeds from this online auction will go towards scholarships. Do your Christmas shopping from home and benefit VCSU students at the same time!

Finally, I want to personally invite you all to attend the 15th anniversary EBC Alumni "We're in the Christmas Mood" show Saturday December 11 at 7:30 pm in Vangstad Auditorium. The show is very similar to the popular EBC Hit Parade that had a 61 year run at VCSU. The historic Vangstad Auditorium will come alive that evening with the wonderful sounds of Christmas. The show will feature some of the most talented VCSU alumni and friends you can find. From the Big Band sounds of Glenn Miller to some of Christmas' most heralded carols, we have planned a show that will help usher in your Holiday season. If you have never attended the "We're in the Christmas Mood" show, mark your calendars and check it out.

Thanks to all of you for everything you do to make VCSU a great university. I hope to greet you at one of our events. Go VCSU! ♦

### 2010-2011 VCSU Alumni Board of Directors

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# Enrollment Soars... Scholarship Support Key

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

We are often asked by our alumni and friends about happenings on the university campus. Folks are interested in important campus issues such as enrollment, new programs, faculty and staff and capital improvements. *The Bulletin* is our primary means of telling our story and keeping you abreast of the happenings on campus. To be honest, there are many exciting developments. There are capital improvements ongoing, new programs being added, and new faculty and staff joining our university family. But by far, the most exciting news on the campus is the 19% increase in enrollment! Yes, that is right. Our headcount now stands at 1,285. That represents the largest headcount since 1970 and the largest freshmen class since 1988.

***"In fact, 64.6% of our freshmen indicated that financial assistance was one of the leading factors in their decision to attend VCSU."***

What caused the spike in enrollment? There are a variety of factors that have impacted the enrollment growth. New programs, economic conditions, strong student satisfaction, and

certainly the availability of scholarship support. In fact, 64.6% of our freshmen indicated that financial assistance was one of the leading factors in their decision to attend VCSU.

To that end, our scholarship programs have been the number one priority of the VCSU Foundation and its member groups for many years. For the current academic year, the Foundation Board of Directors allocated \$750,000 in scholarship support for our students. This is an increase of over \$100,000 over the previous year. The impact is without question. The challenge now is sustainability.

We are in the midst of our V-500 scholarship program membership drive as I write this edition of the Foundation Corner. The V-500 program is the primary source of scholarship support for our students. V-500 was founded in 1972 by a handful of visionary leaders. The first year a total of \$15,000 in scholarship support was awarded with a typical scholarship

at the \$75 level. Today, V-500 is awarding approximately \$232,000 annually and scholarships range from \$1,000 - \$2,500!

V-500 boasts in excess of 1,250 members, many with multiple memberships. Some have contributed in excess of \$50,000 to V-500. Basic membership is available for \$200 per year for a five year commitment. That amounts to just 54 cents per day – a small investment to have such a huge impact! We want to thank the many V-500 members for their support of this important scholarship program. If you are not a member, or if your membership is paid up, please consider a new or renewed membership today. We need your help sustaining our strong enrollment. You may visit us on the web at [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu) or call the VCSU Foundation Office at 701-845-7203. Your gifts are tax deductible. The students who benefit from our scholarship programs may not ever get to know you, but they will always remember the help you provided them with a V-500 scholarship. Our V-500 Board of Directors believe that ***It Takes Two, V-500 and YOU!*** ♦

## Join VCSU Alumni and Friends in Warm Arizona February 4 - 5, 2011

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011 - SURPRISE, AZ

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

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2011 - MESA, AZ

- ▶ **Golf and Luncheon**  
Arizona Golf Resort Hotel and Conference Center  
425 S Power Road
- ▶ **Alumni & Friend Golf Scramble**  
8:30 am Registration  
8:45 am Shotgun Start - \$35  
(includes green fees, sleeve of VCSU golf balls and golf cart)
- ▶ **Alumni Social and Luncheon**  
11:00 am - Reunion Social  
12:00 noon - Luncheon - \$15 per person  
(includes lunch, dessert, coffee & ice tea)  
1:00 pm - University Message from Dr. Steven Shirley

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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone/ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - SURPRISE, AZ**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ No-host Luncheon @ 11:30 am - Desert Palms Restaurant

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - MESA, AZ**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Golf (\$35 per person) - Arizona Golf Club

Create your own foursome:  
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## New Freshmen Drive Enrollment to Highest Levels in **40** Years!

Final headcount for Fall semester 2010 soared to 1,285, a 19% increase over last year. The last time that VCSU had a headcount this large was 40 years ago, and only twice in VCSU's history has headcount been larger (1969 and 1970).

The dramatic increase appears to have been driven by a combination of factors. New freshmen headcount at VCSU was 220, a 42% increase over last year and the largest since 1988. Add to this 90 transfer students (more than a 30% increase over last year) and you end up with a sizeable injection of new students.

According to VCSU president Dr. Steve Shirley, the increase in enrollment was spread across all corners of the University. "Total undergraduate headcount increased by 18%, and most of that increase was in full-time students. Headcount in our online Master of Education continued its record of steady growth every year since its inception in 2005, this year growing by 20% to 147. Total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment increased by 15% over last year."

These increases are due to a number of strategic initiatives that the University has put in place to grow enrollment and increase opportunities for students.

One major initiative the University has had underway is to introduce new academic programs. For example, VCSU's Fisheries and Wildlife major,

which was introduced in 2005, has more than doubled in size since last year. The Health Science program, introduced in 2004, grew by more than 30% over last year.

New athletic programs are also contributing to the increase in enrollment. Cross Country and Track & Field are both having inaugural seasons in 2010-2011, and Men's and Women's Golf is entering its second year.

In addition, VCSU was recently recognized as a "Best College" by U.S. News for the 13th year in a row, and for the second year in a row, the University was the second highest ranked public college in the Midwest. According to Dr. Shirley, "This consistent affirmation demonstrates that VCSU is well-known for delivering an outstanding educational experience and that our reputation is continuing to grow."

"For several years now, we have been making strategic investments into key areas of the University with the intention of increasing enrollment," said Dr. Shirley. "We have increased our Enrollment Services staff so they can expand their recruiting efforts, and they have been doing an outstanding job. Marketing programs have increased awareness in areas we've identified as having high growth potential. All of this has contributed to our increased presence, and subsequently, our increased enrollment. We could not be more pleased with our progress in all of these areas." ♦

## What Brings Students to VCSU?

### Financial assistance, low cost play key roles

The thought process that students go through when deciding on a college involves a lot of factors, but for VCSU, one of the most important appears to be our ability to offer financial assistance.

Every two years, freshmen at VCSU take part in a national study conducted by the American Council on Education that assesses several characteristics of the students entering college, including factors that influenced their decision.

According to the most recent survey, conducted in 2008, the number one reason that VCSU's students identified as "very important" in influencing their decision was an offer of financial assistance.

For example, Tyler Martin, an Elementary Education major from Hawley, MN, said the scholarship he received played a large role in his decision. "It meant that I had a quarter of my college already paid for, and I am very appreciative of receiving it!" Tyler was awarded the President's Scholarship, a \$2,500 annually renewable scholarship for first-time freshmen. The scholarship is awarded based on a combination of academic achievement and ACT score.

Emily Waswick, a freshman from Gwinner, ND with a major in

Elementary Education, said, "The scholarships offered by VCSU meant I could get my degree without facing hefty college loans when I graduate. Small class sizes, individual help I could receive from the professors, and all the positive feedback I heard from current students also helped with the decision."

*"This leaves no doubt about the importance of scholarship contributions to our enrollment. Our alumni and donor base has been absolutely fantastic and has really stepped-up to the plate to help us maintain our scholarship base in the face of a very difficult economy, and we have received tremendous support from the community."  
Larry Robinson, Executive Director of Advancement*

Athletic scholarships play a huge role, too. Raymond Jackson, a CIS major from Tampa, FL, and defensive lineman for the Viking football team, said, "My scholarship was a real help with tuition, and I appreciated the recognition for my hard work in high school. The people at this school understand me, and I'm happy they gave me a chance to come here."

In all, VCSU increased scholarship awards by nearly 20% to more than \$750,000 for the 2010-2011 academic year.

"This leaves no doubt about the importance of scholarship contributions to our enrollment," said Larry Robinson, Executive Director of Advancement at VCSU. "Our alumni and donor base has been absolutely fantastic and has really stepped-up to the plate to help us maintain our scholarship base in the face of a very difficult economy, and we have received tremendous support from the community. But we need to keep it up – enrollment gains can quickly become losses if the support we get from our donor base is not sustained." ♦

## Changing Profile of a Growing University

Rapid growth like this is bound to change the profile of a university, and this year, VCSU is no exception. One notable change: the percentage of VCSU's freshmen class that are from North Dakota increased from 57% in 2009 to 65% this Fall semester. According to Dr. Shirley, "This is a pretty clear sign that we are doing a good job meeting the needs of North Dakota and its students."

The campus is also seeing an increase in diversity. Enrollment this Fall includes 37 students from 12 foreign countries, and non-white student population has steadily grown from about 10% in 2001 to nearly 15% in 2010. Nearly one-third of overall enrollment is age 25 or older.

While programs in education are still the most popular, new programs of study are also having an impact on VCSU's personality. On the undergraduate side, three majors in particular have shown dramatic growth in recent years: Fisheries & Wildlife Science (65 majors), Health Science (62 majors), and Exercise and Leisure Studies (40 majors). This growth is one of the factors driving the need for an expansion of the Rhoades Science Center, and VCSU has submitted a proposal for a \$10.8 million expansion and renovation that will be considered during the 2011 legislative session. Other new undergraduate programs include Professional Communication and Music with an Emphasis in Business. In all, 197 undergraduate students have declared majors that didn't exist at VCSU only 10 years ago. Another 147 students are enrolled in VCSU's Online Master of Education which has only existed since 2005. Overall, 27% of VCSU's current enrollment is involved in new academic programs. ♦

## 1st Annual Alumni Board Online Auction

*This is a fun way to support scholarships at VCSU, do some early Christmas shopping, and bid on some cool items! All proceeds will be used to support VCSU scholarships.*

Do your Christmas shopping from home and benefit VCSU students at the same time!

**Open for bids at 8:00 am on Wednesday, December 1 to noon on Friday, December 10.**

Visit [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu) and click on the "Online Auction" banner.



## Bob King '55 Inducted into North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame



Front row left to right: Duane Schauer '84, Darcy (King) Schauer '83, Nancy King, Bob King '55, Deb (Axtman) King '85. Back row left to right: Jake Schauer (VCSU student), Darin King '86, and Sam King.

Bob King, an integral part of sports in North Dakota for more than 50 years, has been inducted into yet another Hall of Fame. This time, it was the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame into which King was inducted at their banquet in July.

This honor was actually Bob's eighth induction into a Hall of Fame. Previously, he had been inducted into the ND Officials Hall of Fame (1982), ND High School Coaches Hall of Fame (1985), Valley City High School Athletic Hall of Fame, VCSU Athletic Hall of Fame (1991), New Rockford High School Hall of Fame, ND Athletic Directors Hall of Fame (2003) and the ND High School Track & Field Hall of Fame (2009). He also served as

president of the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame.

During his college career, he earned an impressive 13 varsity letters in basketball, football, baseball and golf. After graduating, he went on to earn his Masters degree from NDSU in 1970, then taught and coached in Pelican Rapids, MN (1955-56), Milnor, ND (1956-1960), New Rockford, ND (1960-1965), and Valley City (1965-1979). As a teacher, coach and athletic director for over 25 years, Bob led his teams to 15 football conference championships and

a state Class B Track & Field championship (1961), followed by two runner-up titles in (1962 and 1963).

While Bob has coached and played many different sports, football is his first love, as evidenced by his ND High School Coaches Association Class A Football Coach of the Year award (1974), two Distinguished Service Awards from the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (1975 and 1979), and the NDHSACA Region Six Football Coach of the Year award (1978). The North Dakota Coaches Association presented Bob with the Award of Merit in 1979. He served as the ND Officials Association president in 1978-79 and officiated 16 consecutive state basketball tournaments.

In 1979, Bob left his role as athletic director and head football coach at Valley City High School to become the assistant to the executive secretary at the North Dakota High School Activities Association. He served on the National Board of Directors from 1975-1979 and continued as NDHSADA president in 1978-79. He was recognized with Distinguished Service Awards from both the National Federation of Officials Association (1985) and the National Association of Athletic Administrators (1993). He received Awards of Merit from the University of North Dakota (1988) and the National High School Coaches Association (1999), a National Federation Citation (1998), and the Valley City State University Distinguished Alumni Award (1999).

Bob served on the National Federation of High School Association Rules Committees including the Track & Field, Football and Basketball Rules Committees. North Dakota was a pioneer experimenting with the three-point shot which was soon adopted for all Class A schools in North Dakota, then spread to other states, and finally across the nation. Now, the NCAA and professional basketball leagues also use the three-point shot.

In 1988, he became the Executive Secretary of the NDHSAA, a position he held until his retirement in 1999. In his twenty years at the NDHSAA, Bob supervised 25 extracurricular activities and managed a budget of over one million dollars. ♦

## Dr. Neil C. Gudmestad Recognized with Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Neil Gudmestad '74 was selected by the VCSU Alumni Board of Directors to become the 57th recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. The Distinguished Alumni Award was adopted by the VCSU Alumni Association to recognize alumni who have achieved prominence in their chosen field of endeavor. The nominee must have received national or international recognition and must have been identified as an expert in the individual's chosen field.

Dr. Gudmestad obtained his PhD in 1982 and joined the faculty at North Dakota State University in 1985 where he is currently a University Distinguished Professor of Plant Pathology. Prior to obtaining his degree he worked as a plant pathologist for the North Dakota State Seed Department, the agency within the ND Department of Agriculture responsible for regulating seed certification in the state.

He has conducted research on the diseases of potato for over 33 years. Dr. Gudmestad's

research program actively conducts research on a number of foliar and tuber diseases of potato that are soil or seed borne and he is principally interested in the biology, ecology and genetics of plant pathogens. His current research program is heavily involved in studying new and invasive plant pathogens affecting potatoes in the United States as a result of climate change.

Dr. Gudmestad has published over 300 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, technical papers and other publications over his career. He has successfully authored or co-authored research proposals in excess of \$25 million to fund agricultural research at NDSU, of which nearly \$10 million has directly supported his research program.

Dr. Gudmestad has been honored by a number of organizations including Meritorious Service Awards from the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association in 1996, and he was the first recipient of the National Potato Council Researcher of the Year in 2000. The

North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station recognized his research program in 1991 and again in 2001 by naming him Researcher of the Year. He was also recognized in 2006 by NDSU when he was presented the University's most prestigious research award, the Fred Waldron Outstanding Researcher. In 2007 Dr. Gudmestad was named one of the inaugural University Distinguished Professors at NDSU, the highest honor the University can bestow. ♦



Steve Shirley, VCSU President; Neil Gudmestad '74, and Mark Richman '74.



## Seven Alumni Honored with Certificate of Merit Award at Homecoming

The Valley City State University Alumni Association honored seven alumni with the Certificate of Merit award at the annual Homecoming Alumni Honors Breakfast on Saturday, October 2. The Certificate of Merit was established by the VCSU Alumni Association to recognize alumni for service, accomplishments, or other noteworthy honors. The alumni and the accomplishments for which they were honored are:

**FRED BOTT '68** recently retired as mayor of Devils Lake, ND a position he held for 10 years. Before being mayor, Fred was a long time history teacher in the Devils Lake schools.

#### Honors & Awards:

- ▶ Twice Devils Lake Public Schools Teacher of the Quarter
- ▶ Nominee for Devils Lake Public Schools Teacher of the Year
- ▶ Past board member and President of the North Dakota League of Cities
- ▶ Past board member and board chairman of the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund

**DOUGLAS COX '00** is the 4th and 5th grade Gifted and Talented Looping Teacher and AP Math Teacher with the Spring Lake Park School District.

#### Honors & Awards:

- ▶ Spring Lake Park Teachers United Teacher of the Year (Nominee and Winner)
- ▶ Walmart Teacher of the Year (Local)
- ▶ Teacher of the Year Nominee (State level)
- ▶ Presidential Excellence in Mathematics and Science Award (Nominee)

**ROBERT M. HORNE '59** served as the State Senator for District 3 in Minot.

#### Honors & Awards:

- ▶ Greater North Dakota Association (GNDA) Community Leadership Award
- ▶ NDAREC Community Service Award
- ▶ North Dakota Association of Educators of Young Children's "Children's Champion" Award

**SUSAN JORDAN '83** is employed by the Salina Public Schools as a second grade teacher at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary School. She has been an elementary classroom teacher for over 20 years. Susan recently retired after serving 30 years in the Army National Guard as a Blackhawk pilot. In 2003-2004 she was deployed to Afghanistan to fly combat medical evacuation missions.

#### Honors & Awards:

- ▶ National My Favorite Teacher Award - 2009
- ▶ Kansas My Favorite Teacher Award - 2009
- ▶ Kansas Citizenship Teacher of the Year - 2005/06

**FAY KOPP '80** is the Executive Director of the North Dakota Teacher's Fund for Retirement. She just completed 22 years of employment with the State of North Dakota.

#### Honors & Awards:

- ▶ Patriotic Employer Award from the National Guard - 2004

**LAURIE MATZKE '87** is the State Title I Director for the State of North Dakota.

#### Honors & Awards:

- ▶ NDPIRC Dedication to Education Award
- ▶ NDAESP Golden Apple Award
- ▶ International Reading Association's Literacy Award

**SHERMAN W. SYLLING '70**

is the Executive Director of the North Dakota High School Activities Association.

#### Honors & Awards:

- ▶ Named to the National Federation of State High School Association Board of Directors
- ▶ National High School Athletic Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award
- ▶ North Dakota High School Coaches Association Award of Merit
- ▶ North Dakota FFA Honorary State Degree



Kim Svenningsen-Hesch '91, Joan Noeske '62 and Larry Robinson '74.

## Noeske Receives Alumni Service Award

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. This year's Alumni Service Award recipient is Joan (Lundholm) Noeske '62.

Joan is a 1962 graduate of VCSU. She received a B.S. degree with a major in Business Education and a minor in English Education. Her professional career includes over 42 years of service to VCSU, and her commitment to VCSU has been without question. She has served on a long list of alumni and University committees including being the Treasurer to the Alumni Board.

Joan is someone who believes in VCSU. She has dedicated herself to VCSU and has made significant contributions to VCSU via service and financial support. Kim Hesch, VCSU Assistant Director for Advancement said, "Since retirement, Joan has volunteered countless hours to assist in the Foundation and Alumni office from locating lost alumni, updating records, and helping the staff catch up on other alumni related activities."

Joan has represented VCSU with distinction and exemplifies the very best of what a VCSU alum is all about.

Ann Thoreson, VCSU Director of Business & Financial Services said, "I will be forever grateful for Joan's kindness and teachings!" ♦



Alumni honored with the Certificate of Merit Award include: Fred Bott '68, Laurie Matzke '87, Susan Jordan '83, Doug Cox '00 and Sherman Sylling '70. Not pictured: Robert Horne '59 and Fay Kopp '80.

# Faculty Recognized for Achievements

We have always known that VCSU has an excellent faculty. But recently, three VCSU faculty members received statewide recognition for their outstanding work.

## Dr. Don Mugan

- Director, Great Plains STEM Education Center
- Pathfinder Award
- Recognized at the Milestones and Horizons Conference co-hosted by U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan and the Red River Valley Research Corridor

In presenting the award to Dr. Mugan, Senator Dorgan said, "North Dakotans should be extremely proud of Don Mugan for his work to boost high-tech education initiatives in the state. Don's efforts will help continue to grow our state's future high-tech workforce in the Red River Valley Research Corridor."



Senator Byron Dorgan presents Dr. Don Mugan with the Pathfinder Award at the Milestones & Horizons Conference.

## David Melgaard

- Professor, Division of Business and Information Technology, Career & Technical Education Coordinator
- Outstanding Career and Technical Educator
- Recognized by the North Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education (NDACTE)

The award recognizes career and technical educators who have recently provided or currently are providing significant contributions to professional associations and career and technical education programs for youth and/or adults. It is one of the ACTE Excellence Awards that seeks to promote excellence in career and technical education by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the field, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand career and technical education programs.

Dwight Crabtree, Assistant State Director, Department of Career and Technical Education, said, "Dave has been an outstanding individual to work with, and he is a true supporter of career and technical education in North Dakota." ♦

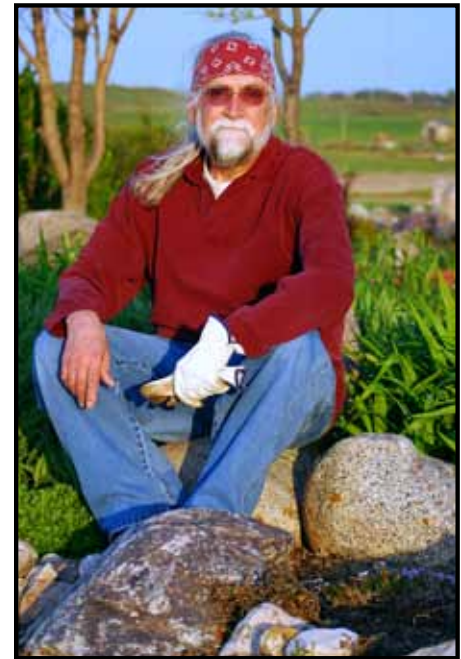
## Dr. Joe Stickler

- Professor and Division Chair, Division of Mathematics, Science and Health & Physical Education
- "Environmental Educator of the Year" Trees Award
- Recognized by the North Dakota Forest Service

The award recognizes individuals, organizations and agencies who contribute in an outstanding way to forestry activities. These efforts improve North Dakota's forest resources, enhance quality of life, and impact the state's health, safety and economy. Dr. Stickler was nominated for the award by Karen Olstad at the Barnes County Soil Conservation District for his tireless work on the Medicine Wheel Park.

In her nomination, Olstad said, "Professor Stickler and his students have been working on Medicine Wheel Park since 1992, and the project has expanded beyond the classroom to involve the community of Valley City. Area residents are regularly treated to environmental presentations, Native American presentations and others. Professor Joe Stickler had the inspiration for this park and has been its sparkplug in its development."

NDSU President Dean Bresciani and State Forester Larry Kotchman presented Tree Award winners with a special plaque and a limited edition print at the awards luncheon on November 13. The winners were also recognized on the field during half-time of the NDSU Trees Bowl football game against South Dakota State University. After the game, 3,000 Christmas tree ornaments were distributed to fans.



NDACTE representative Greg Heitkamp '01 presents Dave Melgaard with the Outstanding Career and Technical Educator award at the NDACTE Professional Development Conference in August.



## State of the University Address Available from the Web

Dr. Steve Shirley, VCSU president, delivered the annual State of the University address in Vangstad Auditorium on October 18, 2010 to an audience of faculty, staff, students and members of the community. His comments focused on a theme of momentum, reviewed VCSU's recent accomplishments, and discussed VCSU's strategic plan.

A video and a transcript of his address is available from the VCSU web site at [www.vcsu.edu/president](http://www.vcsu.edu/president). ♦



## ZJETP Visits VCSU

A group of six faculty members from Zhejiang Economic & Trade Polytechnic (ZJETP) in Hangzhou, China, spent three days visiting VCSU in October. Their visit included several demonstrations of classroom methods and interaction with VCSU faculty, staff and students. Tours included the campus, the Medicine Wheel Park, VCSU's new Prairie Waters Education and Research Center in Kathryn, ND, and a typical North Dakota family farm. The visit was part of a strategic initiative Dr. Shirley kicked-off in 2008 designed to offer more opportunities for students to study abroad and to attract more students from abroad. This was the second time faculty from ZJETP have visited VCSU, and last summer, ZJETP hosted a group of nine VCSU students and three faculty. ♦



Six faculty members from ZJETP visited VCSU in October.

## VCSU Ranked #2 Public Regional College in Midwest on U.S. News "Best Colleges" List

VCSU once again earned the #2 spot among the Top Public Regional Colleges in the Midwest in the 2011 edition of America's Best Colleges by U.S. News Media Group. This marks the 13th year in a row that VCSU been recognized by U.S. News, and the second year in a row it has been in the #2 position. VCSU is once again the highest ranked public college in North Dakota or Minnesota in this category.

Dr. Steven Shirley, VCSU president, said, "To be recognized for 13 straight years in this survey is outstanding, and to be honored for two years in a row as the second-highest ranked public college in the 12-state Midwest

region is especially exciting. The students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters of VCSU can take great pride in this terrific showing!"

The U.S. News college rankings group more than 1,400 accredited four-year schools based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and compares them based on a set of 15 widely accepted indicators of excellence. Criteria in which VCSU fared well included peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, the student-faculty ratio, and alumni giving. ♦



## David Melgaard Business Scholarship Established at VCSU

This endowed scholarship has been established with a \$10,000 gift by Dr. Dawn Olson, Dickinson, ND, to honor Dave and his work in the Division of Business and Information Technology. Dr. Olson stated, "Because of the great impact Dave had on my life, it is my privilege to honor him by establishing the David Melgaard Business Scholarship; a gift to Valley City State University so the name David Melgaard will be remembered at the institution he served so well."

Proceeds from the interest earnings will be awarded on an annual basis to a current VCSU student majoring in Business Education, Career and Technical Education, or Business Administration, including on campus and distance education students. The scholarship may be re-awarded annually to scholars who

maintain a 3.0 grade point average and make yearly progress toward their degree.

Dave Melgaard has made a significant contribution to the Division of Business and Information Technology at VCSU as a Business and Career and Technical Education professor since he began at VCSU in 1978. Dave was honored with the NDACTE Outstanding Career & Technical Educator of the Year Award in the summer of 2010.

If you would like to make a contribution to this endowed scholarship in Honor of David Melgaard, please send your contribution to: The David Melgaard Business Scholarship Fund, VCSU Foundation Office, 101 College St SW, Valley City, ND 58072 or donate online at [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu), click on "Make a Donation Online" under "Giving Opportunities." ♦



Dr. Dawn Olson with Dave Melgaard

VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS  
**VIKINGS**



**10-11 Viking Basketball**

DATE	TEAM	OPPONENT - Home Games in Bold	TIME
Nov. 10	M	<b>Minnesota State University Moorhead</b>	7:00 PM
Nov. 12	W	<b>Dakota Wesleyan University</b>	5:00 PM
Nov. 12	M	<b>Briercrest University</b>	7:00 PM
Nov. 13	M	<b>Briercrest University</b>	12:00 PM
Nov. 13	W	<b>Mount Marty College</b>	2:00 PM
Nov. 19	M	@ Edgewood College	2:30 PM
Nov. 20	M	@ North Central (IL) or Bluffton (OH)	TBA
Nov. 20	W	<b>St. Cloud State University</b>	3:00 PM
Nov. 22	W	<b>Presentation College</b>	7:00 PM
Nov. 24	M	@ Augustana College (Exhibition)	8:00 PM
Nov. 26	M	@ Concordia-St. Paul (Exhibition)	7:00 PM
Nov. 26	W	@ Briar Cliff University	6:00 PM
Nov. 27	M	@ Upper Iowa	5:00 PM
Nov. 27	W	@ University of Sioux Falls	4:00 PM
Nov. 29	M	@ North Dakota State University (Exhibition)	7:00 PM
Dec. 2	W/M	<b>Minot State University</b>	5:30/7:30 PM
Dec. 3	W/M	<b>Dickinson State University</b>	5:30/7:30 PM
Dec. 10	W/M	<b>Trinity College</b>	5:30/7:30 PM
Dec. 17	W/M	@ University of Minnesota - Morris	5:30/7:30 PM
Dec. 18	W	@ College of St. Catherine (St. Paul, MN)	3:00 PM
Dec. 28	W	@ Holy Names University (Fullerton, CA)	3:00 PM
Dec. 29	M	@ British Columbia (Santa Barbara, CA)	3:00 PM
Dec. 29	W	@ Pacific Union College (Fullerton, CA)	1:00 PM
Dec. 30	W	@ Hope International University	
		(Biola University, La Mirada, CA)	2:00 PM
Dec. 30	M	@ Westmont (CA) or Bethany Lutheran (MN)	
		(Westmont Tournament - Santa Barbara, CA)	TBA
Jan. 4	W/M	<b>University of Minnesota - Morris</b>	5:30/7:30 PM
Jan. 7	W/M	@ Black Hills State University	5:30/7:30 PM
Jan. 8	W/M	@ South Dakota School of Mines & Tech.	4:00/6:00 PM
Jan. 13	W	@ Jamestown College	5:30/7:30 PM
Jan. 21	W/M	<b>Mayville State University</b>	5:30/7:30 PM
Jan. 22	W/M	<b>Dakota State University</b>	4:00/6:00 PM
Jan. 26	W/M	@ Dickinson State University	5:30/7:30 PM
Jan. 30	W/M	@ Minot State University	4:00/6:00 PM
Feb. 4	W/M	<b>South Dakota School of Mines &amp; Tech.</b>	5:30/7:30 PM
Feb. 5	W/M	<b>Black Hills State University</b>	4:00/6:00 PM
Feb. 9	W/M	<b>Jamestown College</b>	5:30/7:30 PM
Feb. 18	W/M	@ Dakota State University (Madison, SD)	5:30/7:30 PM
Feb. 19	W/M	@ Mayville State University	4:00/6:00 PM
Feb. 23	W/M	DAC Playoffs (TBA)	TBA
Feb. 27	W/M	DAC Playoffs (TBA)	TBA
Mar. 1	W/M	DAC Championship (TBA)	TBA
Mar. 9	M	NAIA National Tournament (Point Lookout, MO)	1:00 PM

**Cross Country, Track & Field Kick-Off Inaugural Seasons**

VCSU re-engaged in cross-country competition earlier this fall. In the first competition since 2003, approximately 60 athletes from VCSU and four other colleges/universities raced at the Valley City Town and Country Club golf course under the reassuring, friendly shadows of Valley City's community icon, the Highline bridge.

Over the course of the fall season, the team had a total of seven competitions on the schedule culminating with the DAC Championship in Jamestown on November 5. Head Coach Galen Morton said, "The athletes have been tremendous; truly a great bunch of hard-working kids who know that being on a team where everything is new is something special." The Viking's top male runner this year has been Spencer Ruebke (Ada, MN) while the women have been led by Erin Leier (Esmond, ND). Both athletes are first year students at VCSU.

The Viking Track & Field team will get their time in the sun with competitions starting in late January. Fifty student-athletes appeared for the first team meeting – a clear sign of good things to come for the inaugural season. No home meets are planned for their inaugural season, and their travel schedule includes both in-state competitions and travel to Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa.

Morton said, "We have every event group well-represented, though it is likely that many athletes, in spite of their great enthusiasm, might be rusty. We will do what we can. The group already knows one of my fundamental messages is to work hard at the things we have control over and adjust—without complaint—to everything else." ♦





# 2010 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Homecoming ceremonies included the induction of new members into the Viking Hall of Fame.



## 1978 Football Team

(front row) l to r: Coach Jim Dew, Brian Lunski '83, Kevin Brewer '82, Jeff Letasse '83, Jeff Hooey '82, Scott Radloff '83, Arthur Cox '81, and Ron Tolstad. (Back row) l to r: Mike Callahan '81, Tim Richman '82, Ray Dingeman '83, Bruce Schmith '79, Peter Hughes '81, Paul Monson, Todd Christiansen '82, Coach Don Lemnus '58, Eric Jorgenson '80, and Coach Bob Bruhschwein '57.



## 1969-70 and 70-71 Men's Basketball Teams

Don Knauss '70, Kenneth Fiechtner '74, Del Kessler '71, Coach Jerry Pederson '60, Michael Pickett '72, and Jerry Ford '72.



Danielle (Olson) Perich '99



Jeff Manley '87

## Women's Basketball Preview

The Valley City State Viking women's basketball team has adopted the theme "Good to Great!" for the 2010-11 season. And they have been good! The Vikings have won at least 17 games and hosted a first round playoff game in the DAC tournament in three of the past four seasons. During that time, the Vikings received the program's highest national rank of 19th in the NAIA Top 25 poll (2008-2009).

Returning six players, including five seniors, the Vikings look forward to a unique opportunity to win the Dakota Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Championship during the 2010-2011 season. The Vikings return 59% of their offensive output (37.6 points per game) as well as 22 rebounds per game from a year ago. The Vikings add nine newcomers to the roster for 2010-2011 and have high expectations for the talented group.

"I'm very excited about the challenge of this upcoming season. We have stressed the importance of hard work, commitment, leadership and passion throughout the off-season," said Jill DeVries, who is in her 12th season as head coach. "Our commitment to developing individual players has helped us grow and get better every day. Our team has worked extremely hard during the summer and we're anxious to see how everything comes together. We have six returning players who are ready for the challenge of our DAC and non-conference schedule. This group has a winner's mentality that is contagious and pushes the team to achieve goals and set high standards on and off the court. And, we are very excited about our newcomers."

Leading the way for the Vikings are seniors Amanda Brown (12.3 ppg) and Caitlyn Wojahn (11.9 ppg) who finished last season as the team's second and third leading scorers respectively. Brown, along with senior Jacklyn Mitchell (3.8ppg) ranked second on the team averaging 4.7 rebounds each in 2010. Wojahn led the Vikings dishing out 108 assists.

Senior guard Mandy Johnson returns as another threat offensively. Johnson poured in 234 points in 30 games (7.8 ppg). The fifth senior on the roster for the Vikings, Jenna Vrchota, saw action in all 30 games averaging 3.5 points in just under 12 minutes per game.

The team also welcomes back sophomore Courtney Titus. Titus demonstrated exceptional defensive prowess early in the season before having to undergo heart surgery mid-season. In 20 games, Titus averaged 3.9 points and 4.3 rebounds in 25 minutes per game. Titus will be instrumental in leading the younger Viking players this season.

The Viking's junior class is made up of three junior college transfers. All three have the advantage of possessing valuable playing experience at the collegiate level and hope to build on that experience and leave their own mark in the VCSU women's basketball program.

Junior guard Kristin Bearstail led United Tribes Technical College to a 20-12 record in 2010 while averaging 22.6 points, 4.1 boards, 5.1 assists, and 3.4 steals per game for the Thunderbirds. Junior forward Mandi Bindas played at Lake Region State College in 2010 averaging 14 points and 6.6 rebounds per game for the Lady Royals. She shot 48.8% from the field hitting on 41.7% (10/24) of her three point attempts. Junior point guard Lexi Daniels led Itasca Community College to a 20-7 record in 2010 while averaging 16.5 points, 4.5 assists, and 3.2 steals while shooting 37% from beyond the three point line her sophomore season.

DeVries adds, "We have solid experience and talent in our senior, junior and sophomore classes. In addition, we have six freshmen that will fight for playing time. Of course, they will have to adjust to the college women's basketball speed and strength, but they are eager to put on the Viking uniform and contribute in any way they can."

The Vikings welcome a bevy of young talent to this year's squad. The team features five true freshmen and one redshirt freshman. These youthful players will be forced to adjust quickly to the tempo of the college game and will play a vital role in the success of this season.

North Dakota products Laura Lies, 5'9" forward from New Rockford, and Summer Romine, 5'9" guard from Mohall, join Shelby Wetzel, 5'4" guard from New Rockford in the Viking freshmen class. Minnesota products, Liza Torgerson, 5'8" guard from Elbow Lake, and Tess Rahto, 5'11" forward from Brainerd, along with Brittany Lehner, 5'10" forward

from Watertown, South Dakota, round out the incoming players.

"Our theme this season is "Good to Great!" We strive to work hard both on the court and in the classroom to be the best we can possibly be," DeVries added. "I believe there is a buzz around VCSU women's basketball and I don't think this group will be satisfied with anything less than a trip to the national tournament come March. We will continue to work hard and get better every day so that we can win one of the toughest NAIA conferences in the country!"

For more information about VCSU Women's Basketball program check us out on FaceBook or visit: <http://vikings.vcsu.edu/womensbasketball/> ♦





## Men's Basketball Preview: Aiming for the National Tournament

In 2009-10, the Vikings felt that their season ended a little prematurely after finishing as co-champs in regular season conference play and then getting upset in the semifinals of the conference tournament. The success of the Vikings during the 2010-11 season will rely on a combination of a core group of experienced players with some exciting new talent in the program. VCSU has built a reputation under the direction of head coach Jeff Kaminsky of being one of the best defensive programs in the country. That should continue again this season as the Vikings have a goal of nothing less than the national tournament.

Continuity from the 2009-10 championship team will be provided by a core of returning seniors that played an important role last year and can be counted on to make this year exciting as well.

Among the seniors returning is Calvin Kraft, the 6'3" guard from Casselton, ND. Calvin is one of the premier shooters in the country (6th) and was named 2nd Team All-Conference in 09-10. Calvin led the team in scoring (12.5 ppg) and 3-pointers (97). He is already the all-time 3-point shooter in school history with 225. Expect Calvin to have another outstanding year leading the Vikings.

Also returning is senior Tyler Macomber, the 6'4" forward from Elk River, MN. Tyler has started for the Vikings for the past three years and was named 2nd Team All-Conference in 07-08. He averaged 9.6 points and 6.1 rebounds per game in 09-10. Expect Tyler to build on his previous success and experience, and become one of the elite players in the conference.



Mike York, the 5'11" senior guard from Burnsville, MN, will rejoin the Vikings after redshirting and playing football in 2009-10. His defensive pressure on the ball has had a major impact on the success of VCSU. He was named the Dakota Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year back in 07-08.

Mark Klingberg, the 6'9" center from Prior Lake, MN, is also returning for his senior year. Mark averaged 9.1 ppg and 4.5 rpg, and led the Vikings in field goal percentage making 55% of his shot attempts. The most talented inside player on the roster, expect Mark to play a major role in 2010-11.

Five other veterans bring further continuity and experience to the 2010-11 team, plus nine new prospects are sure to bring excitement and depth. Look for the Vikings to go for the Championship again this year! ♦

### Osmon Fieldhouse Adds Offices

The Osmon Fieldhouse underwent construction this past summer. Athletic director Jack Denholm explained, "It was a huge necessity to add more office space and classrooms. With the addition of track and cross country programs, along with the hiring of additional coaches, we just ran out of room." A total of five offices were added which are now home to the basketball staff. One of the racquetball courts was converted into two classrooms/meeting rooms. ♦

## Viking Women's Basketball, Volleyball Teams Recognized for Academic Achievement

Two women's athletic teams at VCSU were recently recognized for academic excellence during the 2009-2010 academic year by their respective national associations.

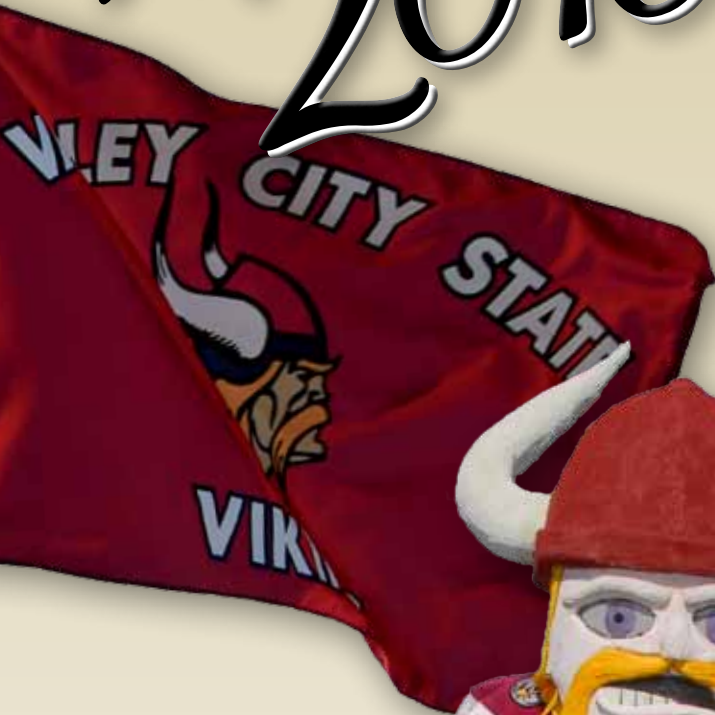
The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) named the Viking Women's Basketball team to the 2009-10 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll. This award, given to teams in the NAIA and NCAA, and Junior College/Community Colleges, awards teams throughout the nation that carry the highest grade point averages (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.

In addition, the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA)

announced recently that the Viking Volleyball team was recognized with the AVCA Team Academic Award for the 2009-2010 season. The award honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that displayed excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Dr. Steve Shirley, president of VCSU, said, "We are very proud of the tradition of academic success in the athletic programs at VCSU. We recruit young people that epitomize the term student-athlete and they take seriously the responsibility for their academic effort. Our philosophy is to encourage our student-athletes to achieve both on and off the court, and we expect that they give their best effort in all that they do." ♦

# Homecoming 2010







VCSU Homecoming week was kicked off with the traditional Bill Osmon Fun Run. This year, the Fun Run was started by Lillian Jacobson '40, Erin Leier was the winner of the women's competition while the men's competition produced a three way tie: Andrew Reichenberger , Wayne Engelhard, and Spencer Ruebke. The Alumni Board of Directors sponsored several events including a reunion for the classes of the 50's and 60's. In addition, they hosted a Greek Reunion for the TKE and Sigma Nu Fraternities and TKE or AKA Daughters, Tri Sigma & Sisters of the White Star sororities. All of the events were big hits and the Alumni Board is already working on plans for next year.

If you weren't able to make it this year, be sure to mark your calendar for next year's Homecoming on September 30 and October 1, 2011!





# Performing & Fine Arts

**FALL 2010 VCSU**
**PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR**

Dec. 2	East Region Instrumental Contest <i>Foss Music Hall</i>	
Dec. 4	Valley Voices, Childrens' Choir, & Civic Orchestra***	3:00 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Dec. 6	Jazz Ensemble*	7:30 pm <i>Cafeteria*</i>
Dec. 9	Schoenberger Exhibition Reception	7:00-8:30 pm <i>VCSU Gallery</i>
Dec. 9	VCSU Concert Choir & University Singers***	7:30 pm <i>St. Catherine's</i>
Dec.11	EBC Alumni "We're in the Christmas Mood" Concert	7:30 pm <i>Vangstad</i>
Dec. 12	VCSU Community School Recitals	2:00 pm, 4:00 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Dec. 13-17	Art Student Exhibition <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Dec. 13	Garage Bands	4:00 pm <i>Vangstad</i>
Dec. 13	Student Exhibition Reception	5:00-7:00 pm <i>VCSU Gallery</i>
Dec. 14	Valley Voices & Valley Childrens' Choir ....evening <i>Courthouse Carol Sing</i>	
Jan. 10-Feb. 11	VCSU Art Faculty Exhibition <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Jan. 22	Viking Visit Day & Music Scholarship Auditions	
Feb. 10	Concert Band & Sax Quartet*	11:00 a.m. <i>Vangstad</i>
Feb. 10	Art Faculty Exhibition Reception	7:00-8:30 pm <i>VCSU Gallery</i>
Feb. 11	Margaret Hammerling, Flute*	7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Feb. 12	Music Scholarship Auditions	
Feb. 13	Kirci Phillips, Soprano; Tyson Rost, Tenor; & Tommy Zinke, Baritone,	3:00 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Feb. 14-Mar. 18	VCSU Quilters <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	
Feb. 14	VCACA: Edgar Cruz, Guitar+	7:30 pm <i>Vangstad</i>
Feb. 17-19	<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	7:30 pm <i>Theatre 320 in Vangstad</i>
Feb. 19	<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	2:00 pm <i>Theatre 320 in Vangstad</i>
Feb. 26	NFMC Festival <i>Foss Hall</i>	
Feb. 27,	Valley Childrens' Concert***	3:00 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Mar. 4	James Adams, Trombone & Chris Mahan, Percussion*	7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Mar. 5	VCSU Community School Chamber Festival Concordia Trio ***	7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Mar. 10	General Student Recital	7:30 pm <i>Froemke</i>
Mar. 16	Region 2 Vocal Contest <i>Foss Hall</i>	
Mar. 21-Apr. 1	Aleisha Kiser Senior Exhibition <i>VCSU Gallery</i>	

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

\*\*\* Free will offering concerts

+VCACA Concerts: Admission by SEASON MEMBERSHIP, which may be purchased at the door.

Student @ \$12; Adult @ \$30; Single Parent Family @ \$40; Families @ \$65

## Copper Street Brass Quintet featured at Ployhar Festival

The 8th Annual James D. Ployhar Honor Band Festival was held on VCSU campus October 8-9, 2010. 52 student musicians from 12 high schools ranging from Amidon, ND to Ada, MN rehearsed for two days to put together a wonderful concert in honor of the VCSU Music Department's honored alumnus.

After graduating from VCSU in 1949, Ployhar went on to a distinguished career in the music industry as a prolific composer, arranger, and promoter of music education, gaining international renown with over 800 published compositions and arrangements. He was given the VCSU Distinguished Alumnus award in 1977 and was inducted into the Music Hall of Fame in 2007.

This year's festival featured the Copper Street Brass Quintet as ensemble-in-residence. A professional brass quintet based in Minneapolis, the CSBQ worked with the Honor Band students in sectionals and masterclasses, and performed with them on the final concert. The concert consisted of Ployhar's arrangements of "Praise to the Lord" and "When Love is Kind," along with Eric Whitacre's striking "Lux Arumque" and the "Marche Militaire" by Tchaikovsky. The featured piece on the performance was James Curnow's Five Concord Diversions written for solo brass quintet and wind ensemble. Led by VCSU's Dr. James Adams, the Honor Band students, representing

their directors and area school music programs, performed admirably. The VCSU Music Department was proud to provide a quality collaborative honor band experience for high school musicians on our campus. ♦



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## VCSU Music Hall of Fame Banquet Honors Two Individuals

The 2010 VCSU Music Hall of Fame Banquet was held on September 18 at the Valley City Town & Country Club. The event has become a popular means of recognizing outstanding alumni and past faculty. This year, two individuals were honored.

Ward Thomas (Tom) Stine received a B.S. in Music Education from VCSU in 1965 and was honored posthumously. He taught band and choir at Kathryn, ND and Larimore, ND before moving to Modesto, CA in 1969. He taught band and orchestra for Mark Twain Jr. High School, where he was the Music Department chair, and prepared the music curriculum for band, orchestra, and choir. Tom was the originating chair and band director of the Beyer High School Music Department. He collaborated on writing the school hymn and fight song for Beyer High School, both of which are still used today. He also served as the conductor of the



George Gardner, Marilyn Stein, Bryce Risser.

Tom served on the Valley City Chamber of Commerce and sang in church choirs, often assisting the directors in their absence. One of his final contributions to VCSU was to serve on the Friends of Music Board to assist the VCSU Department of Music move forward with fundraising and marketing.

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and has had a long and distinguished academic career. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from Concordia College and went on to receive a Masters in Music Education and a Doctor of Education in Music Education, both from the University of Illinois. He has taught band, chorus, and general music in the public schools, and brass lessons and band at the collegiate level, including at Valley City State University. While at VCSU, Waa was an extremely popular band director whose students still remember him fondly. After leaving VCSU he went on to serve as the undergraduate music education coordinator at the University of Louisville and the founder and director of the University of Louisville's Kentuckiana Music Institute. Although Waa's background is in band, he has held numerous church choir positions and continues to be active in his current church music program. Another distinction held by Waa is the fact that he has served as president of the North Dakota and Kentucky Music Educators Associations. Waa is the recipient of a number of awards including the Albert Austin Harding Award from the University of Illinois, The Kentucky Music Educators Association Twelfth District College/University Teacher of the Year, the Kentucky Music Educators Association State College/University Teacher of the Year, the University of Louisville Award for Administrative Excellence, the Kentucky Music Educators Association Distinguished Service Award, and an appointment as a Kentucky Colonel by the governor of Kentucky. ♦

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Darla Sheldon '67, Loren Waa, Tim Fogderud '69.

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## McLean, Christie Exhibit at VCSU Gallery

Two alumni from the VCSU Art Department, Molly McLain '05 and Jessica Christy '07, continue to make creating art central to their daily lives.

Jessica's work was included in the Master of Fine Arts Graduate Student exhibition which opened the VCSU Gallery this fall. Molly has a solo exhibition in the VCSU Art Gallery November 1 – 24, and held a reception on November 4.

Molly grew up on the prairie, connected to the land. Her art centers on environmentalism and that connection. Her current work centers



Just What is it Mr. Hamilton? Mixed media lithograph, Jessica Christy

on a maternal theme confronting modern agricultural practices and the consequences they have on the earth. She resides in Minneapolis where she teaches piano and has recently been in residency

teaching classes introducing art and agriculture for 3-5th graders at the Jamestown Arts Center Arts After School Program and color theory in the elementary schools.

Jessica is working on a Masters in Fine Art at UND where she teaches drawing, printmaking, and design. She also works with Sundog Multiples, the professional print lab at UND, printing lithograph and intaglio editions for various well-known artists. Her mixed media lithographs are a response to mass media, contemporary art history, and family heritage. Technically her work examines not only traditional printmaking but also the territory beyond the practiced techniques. Her work has been exhibited throughout the Midwest, on the west coast, and in London winning numerous awards. ♦



Field, mixed media, Molly McLain

## In Remembrance

William W. Personen '41, Henderson, NV

Virginia "Jimmy" (George) Lewis '43, Phoenix, AZ

Allen J. Larson '61, Carrington

Arls A. (Smedshammer) Bates, Bowman

Vernon Hansen '52, Forest Grove, OR

Anne L. (Christensen) Lade '59, Valley City

Michael Schultz, Yankton, SD

Don E. Rumer, Wimbledon

Roger M. Klimpel '67, Rochester, MN

E. Lucille (Hanson) Light '31, Laurel, MT

Jeanette (Schaack) Holm '60, Mandan

Opal (Vangstad) Nelson '45, Lisbon

Edgar Miller, Minot

Helen (Norgaard) Osmon '79, Bozeman, MT

Marion L. (Mason) Vogel '44, Valley City

LeRoy D. Frederick '50, Renton, WA

Arlene (Snyder) Holm, Fargo

Dale D. Else '63, Mankato, MN

## ❧ BRIAN BAYMAN '83 ❧

After graduating from VCSU, Brian became an instructor of Jazz at Chadron State College in Nebraska, where he met his future wife, Patty. He then went on to earn his Masters degree from the University of Northern Colorado and then studied at the Conservatory of Music in Bordeaux, France. Brian and Patty's wonderful life together took a tragic turn when Brian contracted encephalitis which, over a period of many years, led to his disability and eventually to his death in 2006. Members of the EBC Fraternity (including Jon Gilbertson '80, Daryl Erdmann, and H. Dean Johnson '73) put together a program in his honor.

To celebrate Brian's life, Patty and a few of Brian's former professors at UNC established the Brian Bayman Graduate Saxophone Memorial Scholarship which will be awarded to talented graduate students studying Saxophone performance. The fund has a goal of reaching endowment of \$10,000 within three years. Contributions may be made by calling 800-568-5213 or 970-351-2034. Patty also wrote a book about her life with Brian, *Afterall Our Love Story* – available at amazon.com. ♦

## Vikings on the Move

### 1940's

**Eunice (Pera) Hafemeister '48** enjoys living in Minneapolis near her family. In September, 2009, she took a cruise to Greece and the Greek Islands. Involvement in church activities, volunteering, aerobics classes, taking care of her house and gardening keep Eunice out of mischief.

### 1950's

**Dorothy (Becker) Schauer '50** is retired and living in Ashley, ND. Her husband passed away 2½ years ago. Dorothy has eight children, 10 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She makes quilts for her family and does a little traveling.

**Jane (Sheldon) Knecht '51** retired from counseling and her husband, David, retired from serving as a pastor. Together they spent the next several years serving as volunteers at a mission school in New Mexico, at a heifer project in Arkansas and at a homeless shelter in South Carolina. Now they volunteer in Fargo, ND, in the winter months and spend about 4½ months at their cabin near Cass Lake, MN. The families of their seven children gather for a week, beginning on Father's Day each year. Jane and her husband like to read, go to plays, entertain friends and family and listen to music.

**Marjorie (Boomgaarden) Weston '54** has been retired from teaching for some time. She enjoyed her time at VCTC (now VCSU) and has fond memories of the Vangstads, the footbridge, the campus and Mrs. Kelly's boarding house on Euclid Ave.

**Edmund '56 and Allegra (Lang) Gienger '54** stayed in ND following their graduation where Ed taught for five years and then went into the ministry and pastored for five years. They moved to Washington state in 1967. Allegra graduated with a MEd at Whitworth and taught for 45 years. Since retirement she does substitute teaching. Ed has been doing interim jobs since his retirement and has been an interim pastor in Fargo, ND for the past year. They moved back to College Place, WA, in September. They have four married children and 14 grandchildren.

**Gladys Keily '56** spent 13 months on dialysis before receiving a kidney transplant on March 1, 2009. Her new kidney is working well and Gladys encourages all alumni to become organ donors; it is a life saving gift.

### 1960's

**Jay Morgan '69** is the president of the North Dakota Suncoast Association which was established in 1963. He and others keep the North Dakota spirit alive and well in central and southwest Florida. Their annual luncheon is held the 3rd Saturday of February in the Sarasota, Florida area. VCSU has been a big help. Call Jay for details at 941-378-4444.

### 1970's

**Mark Arneson (late 1970's)** and his dog, Zeke, want all VCSU alumni to "have fun up there you guyz." He invites you to check out his

channel [www.youtube.com/markarneson](http://www.youtube.com/markarneson) and listen to a song he recorded and produced called "Dreamland," a smooth jazz original ballad.

**Lora Martin-Poulos '72** is presently living in Minneapolis, MN. She is married and has one daughter, Tiffany, and a 6 year old grandson. Lora currently works in the legal area at Regis Corporation in Edina, MN where she has been for 10 years. Previously she taught physical education and health in Wyndmere, ND and then owned and operated a dance and exercise studio in Wahpeton, ND.



### 1980's

**William "Tony" Erickson '81** still lives in Arlington, TX and is going on 20 years of flying for American Airlines. Tony likes to spend his free time traveling at a slower speed on his motorcycle. He takes yearly trips to the Republic of Texas Motorcycle Rally and Sturgis. His son is a junior in high school and likes to play baseball. His 24 year old daughter is going on three years as a first grade teacher in Arlington. Tony would like to send a shout out to all of his EBC brothers.

### 1990's

**Brent Hooey '94** has joined the finance & marketing department at Mitchell Equipment, a CaseIH Ag dealer in Atkinson, NE. Brent and his wife, Kami, have lived in Atkinson for five years. They have three children, Lana, age 6, Zach, age 4, Hannah, age 1, and are expecting their fourth (a boy) in December. Brent has two nephews, Alex and Josh, who are currently playing football at VCSU.

**Eric Buringrud '97** is currently living in West Fargo and is a supervisor at Swanson Health Products.

### 2000's

**Cindy (Mund) Brown '00** completed her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership through NDSU in December 2009. She recently took a position as the Health IT Program Manager at Lake Region State College in Devils Lake. Cindy and her husband, Jon, live on a farm southeast of Devils Lake. Jon farms and raises black angus cattle. They have two boys: Drew (3) and Casey (2).

**Justin Hager '02** is in his eighth year of teaching. He is originally from Linton, ND and played four years of football at VCSU. Justin is the head girls basketball coach and assistant football coach-strength and conditioning coach at Cibola High School in Yuma, AZ.

**Nicolle James '05** lives in Trinidad and Tobago and currently works as an executive assistant at a tourism and hospitality institute. She is the mother of twins, a boy and a girl, that are a year old and doing well.

**Jon Schilling '06** is living and working in Phoenix, AZ. He works as a recreation & wellness director at the Beatitudes Campus. ♦



## Brad Lambrecht to Conduct Performance of *Carmen*

Brad Lambrecht '04 is currently the Director of Orchestras at Jefferson High School in Alexandria, MN. In 2009, Lambrecht helped found the Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra, which is now in its second season with Lambrecht as its conductor and artistic director.

Recently, Lambrecht and the Symphony members were selected as the beneficiaries of an outreach program initiated by the Minnesota Opera that provides a collaborative opera experience to communities in the outlying tri-state area. Through this program, selected communities participate in and enjoy a concert performance of highlights from George Bizet's *Carmen*.

The performance, which Lambrecht will conduct, will feature four soloists from the Minnesota Opera, the Alexandria Children's Choir, the Jefferson High School Carolers (a select vocal chamber ensemble) and the Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra. The performance will take place on January 30, 2011 in the Jefferson High School Activity Center, Alexandria MN at 2:00 pm. Admission is \$10 for adults \$5.00 for students. ♦



## Weddings

Lynae Ronningen '10  
& Clint Klemisch '10 ..... June 12, 2010

Ariel Smith '10  
& Jonathan Sandvik ..... June 12, 2010

Sadie Anderson  
& Jon Rudolph ..... July 24, 2010

Lisa Christianson '05  
& Aaron Zuther ..... August 7, 2010

Leigh Terveen  
& Codi Shemon '08 ..... August 14, 2010

Jessica Lovell  
& Erik Opdahl ..... August 28, 2010

Ashley Nawmen '09  
& Nathan Forster ..... October 2, 2010

Kalle Kuether  
& Eric Godel '03 ..... November 13, 2010

**We would LOVE to hear from YOU!**  
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701-845-7203  
800-532-8641 x37203  
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## VCSU Scholarship Dinner

This year's annual Scholarship Dinner was held on Tuesday, October 5 with over 55 attending. The annual Scholarship Dinner is an opportunity for individuals and organizations that have established named scholarships to meet the students who were awarded the scholarships. This time also gives the students

a chance to say "Thank You" in person to the donors.

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



1. Charles Olson, Dorothy Olson, Charles Wellman (scholarship recipient), Linda Olson '77, Dan Olson '85 and Sara Zorn '05 (Vince and Dorothy Olson Scholarship).
2. Susan German '73 and Elaine Kluck '78 with Kelsey Wilhelm (scholarship recipient) (William Garth and Mae Holmes Family Music Scholarship).



## North Dakota Suncoast Association Luncheon

Jay Morgan '69 and his wife, Louise Anna, would like to extend an invitation to all Valley City State University alumni and friends who live, winter or plan to vacation in the Sarasota, FL area in February to the 47th annual North Dakota Suncoast Association Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on February 19, 2011 at the River Wilderness Golf and Country Club, Interstate-75 at exit 224 (Hwy 301) Parrish, FL.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Jay Morgan at 941-378-4444 or [louiseanna@msn.com](mailto:louiseanna@msn.com) for more information. ♦

## Alumni Gathering



Left to Right: Alice (Janisch) Beauchman '73, Peg (Schroeder) Kleingartner '73, Teah (Homsey) Pray '74, Pam (Uland) Schermerhorn '75, Becky (LaQua) Dunn '73, Sandy (Martin) Lamp '73, Anne (Blake) Nyberg '75, Elva (Berglund) Engstrom '75, and Janet (Mielke) Randall '74.

Nine friends and VCSU alumni rented the Presidents House for a night in late July. It was the perfect setting to bring in yearbooks and scrapbooks to reminisce about old college days. Many memories from much wilder days were relived. If you were around VCSU in the early to mid 70's you were probably discussed. We send regards to our classmates. Should our retirement funds not be adequate, we remember stories about many of you worthy of blackmail, and we'll be in touch. ♦

### 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](mailto:alumni@vcsu.edu)

1973 Lane Bergman  
 1973 Debra (Scoular) Broome  
 1973 Rayanne (Doyle) Dahl  
 1973 Carol (Otto) Ensz  
 1973 Hidemasa Ioka  
 1973 Sandra (Holden) Lovaas  
 1973 Mark Syvertsen  
 1973 Victor Van Enk  
 1974 Robert Becker  
 1974 Gail Bopp  
 1974 Mark Clark  
 1974 Colette (Kosse) Clouse  
 1974 Rachel Koehn  
 1974 Lauren Lesmeister  
 1974 Eileen Mack  
 1974 Gerald Nagel  
 1974 Rosemary Olson  
 1974 Ann (Grooters) Peterson  
 1974 Phillip Schmidt  
 1974 Marcia (O'Brien) Weisser  
 1975 Robert Dahl  
 1975 William Delbaugh

1975 Donna (Dawes) Flemmer  
 1975 Larry Hanson  
 1975 Edna Olson  
 1975 Monica (Stenseth) Sabo  
 1975 Gail Wagner  
 1976 Cynthia Abraham  
 1976 Vernon Engblom  
 1976 Helen (Feist) Gassmann  
 1976 Lynda (Carlson) Goggin  
 1976 David Lloyd  
 1976 Koreen Schlecht  
 1976 Adeline Thorne  
 1976 David Tischer  
 1977 Larry Abdallah  
 1977 Connell Dillard  
 1977 Archie Gillis  
 1977 Annabel (Favorit) Hill  
 1977 Tatsuya Saji  
 1977 Timothy Wagar  
 1978 Kathryn (Eddy) Roth  
 1978 Nancy (Bodiford) Smith  
 1978 Rose (Entzi) Wolff

1979 Faye Anderson  
 1979 Elaine Dahl  
 1979 Frederick Kalbus  
 1979 Dawn (Pedersen) Kjelland  
 1979 John Pavelich  
 1979 Debbie (Erdmann) Smith  
 1979 Tom Stevenson  
 1980 Charles Gibson  
 1980 Jon Gilbertson  
 1980 Thomas Kristensen  
 1980 David Shorey  
 1980 Denise (Stoll) Vonderharr  
 1982 Francine (Netzer) Harter  
 1982 Mary (Piper) Jones  
 1982 Rick Reding  
 1982 Massoud Safiri  
 1983 Laurie (Carlson) Brown  
 1983 Jane Habiger  
 1983 Brenda Storeseth  
 1983 Diane (Obenchain) Trevino  
 1984 Vanessa (Heintz) Bladen  
 1984 Brian Samdahl

1984 Evelyn (Laube) Youle  
 1985 Rhonda (Roesler) Keller  
 1985 Roger Kvien  
 1985 Ronald Reardon  
 1985 Sue Whitney  
 1986 Marc Davis  
 1986 Janette Erickson  
 1986 Teresa Lahlum  
 1986 Shannon Rose  
 1987 Douglas Anderson  
 1987 Theresa (Baker) Marcellais  
 1987 LeRoy Robinson  
 1987 Elizabeth Schmitt  
 1988 Lee Finnson  
 1988 Marie Kirkeby  
 1988 Susan Larson  
 1988 Darwin St. Clair  
 1988 Julie Ulrich  
 1989 Kay Johnson  
 1989 Samuel Payne



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The standard VCSU plate will have five alpha/numeric characters numbered from 36000-36999. You can secure a vanity plate for an additional \$25 fee.

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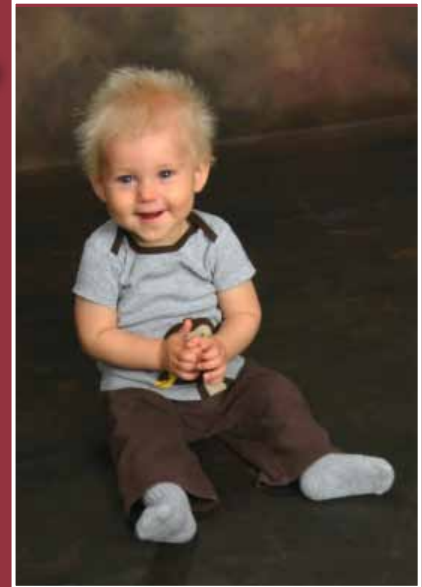
- Contact ND DOT at (701) 328-2725, or
- Go online at <http://www.dot.nd.gov/> and click on the "Forms" button on the left side. Scroll down to form SFN54397 "Application for Organization Plate." ♦

## Tom Stine Scholarship Fund Established

The Tom Stine Band Scholarship was established by Drs. Ted and Sara Hagen for deserving students to participate in the VCSU Concert Band. The scholarship is prioritized for brass players, but may be used for any student deemed appropriate by the band director. The scholarship is funded annually with additional funds directed to the scholarship as requested. Two participants are provided a \$150 scholarship each year at the current appropriation. The department hopes that family and friends will direct their gifts toward this fund annually or consider a larger gift to make it permanent. A total of \$10,500 is needed in order to make the fund permanent. ♦

# milestones...

**Kathy (Legge) Edwards '06 and Jason Edwards (MS '10)** are the proud parents of Kemper Jay Edwards, born on December 14, 2009.



**Tara (Triebold) Praska '05** and her husband, Jay, welcomed Elijah Martin Praska to their family on September 3, 2010. Elijah weighed 7 lbs 6 oz and was 20.5 inches long. He joins big brother, Luke, at home.



**Mark '06 and Cathy (Bernhagen) Nielson '07** are stationed in Minot, ND, where Mark is a navigator in the Air Force and is currently deployed and Cathy is finishing up a second degree while substitute teaching in Minot. Their daughter, Anika, was born January 12, 2010.



**Annie (Beauchman) '04** and Danny Corbin are the parents of daughter, Cynthia Alice Corbin, who was born on September 29, 2010, weighed 6 lb 13 oz and was 19½ inches long. She joins two brothers: Calin Jan and Quincy Daniel. Grandparents are Alice '73 and Jan '73 Beauchman.



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