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Bird's Eye View, Past and Future

Ellen Chaffee, President

Each year in a state of the university address I offer my perspective on the year past and the year ahead. This year I took a longer view, both back and ahead.

This is a watershed time for Valley City State University, not unlike ten years ago when we decided to create a technology-enriched learning environment, starting with universal use of laptops. The university has faced various kinds of monsters for many years, and I see our response to those challenges as strong evidence of our skill as change masters.

During the 1990s, some of the monsters included the effort to close colleges, the loss of two-year programs, the requirement to share administrators with Mayville State, and the decline of young people in North Dakota's rural areas.

The changes we made to address those challenges are too numerous to list, but they focus on outreach, innovation, uniqueness, partnerships, and marketing. During those years, I often used a train metaphor to encourage people to get on board and help power the train to increasingly creative and responsive heights.

During that time, we also began reaching out to private sector businesses to help them and, in so doing, to help ourselves. The two prime examples are our partnerships with Great Plains Software and the Network Center in Fargo. We also worked with the Valley Development Group on building the Regional Technology Center to incubate technology businesses.

Throughout the last 20 years or so, enrollment has varied slightly around 1,000. However, the number of North Dakotans went down from 80 percent in 1998 to 72 percent this year. The number of students from Barnes County dropped by one-third in that short seven-year period. That becomes less surprising when we note that the number of high school seniors in the county dropped by 44 percent.

In other words, a great deal of creativity, responsiveness, and flexibility has allowed the university to hold its own against severely negative demographic and competitive forces.

We aim for changes that will have both short-term and long-term benefits to students, the university, and the community. Challenges of the next decade indicate that we need to continue to pursue that strategy. Depending on which source one uses, the number of high school seniors will decline somewhere between 5 and 22 percent by 2016. The wide range of estimates reflects the fact that forecasting is imprecise.

The primary growth factors for the coming decade are the new master's degree, the new enterprise software track in business/CIS, growing online access to VCSU courses, and attractive new majors. These emphases

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represent further significant change for us.

We must create and nurture a successful climate for graduate study, which includes encouraging more research, accommodating working adult students, and providing appropriate scholarships and assistantships.

We must also build our partnership with Eagle Creek Software and other private sector companies that need enterprise software talent. We have found four more businesses like that in North Dakota, and each will require some customized effort on our part.

The good news is that all of this builds on our tradition and strengths, while fulfilling our vision to attract and retain talented individuals who advance quality learning experiences and economic growth through technology and innovation.

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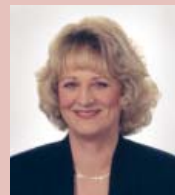
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Note From Val

by Val Moritz '75,
Director of Alumni Relations



One of the perks of my job is the opportunity to work with wonderful volunteers on a daily basis.

We've just finished our fall Alumni Board of Directors meeting and, as usual, I'm thankful for these individuals who take time from their busy lives to establish the plan of work for the VCSU Alumni Association. How do they do that? They help us recruit students, plan events, and raise money. This year our board will be active in the annual Phone-A-Thon. Don't be surprised if you hear from a VCSU classmate this year rather than a current student. I'm impressed with their commitment. They wholeheartedly believe in Valley City State University and its mission.

I'd like to extend a pat on the back to : Jim Ukestad '78, Janis Wallender '77, Mike Hangaard '77, Joan Noeske '62, Linda Olson '79, Coleen Asche '86, Del Stein '73, Rae Ann Vandrovec '75, Missy Vollmers '89, Brian Griffin '69, Dennis Klinkhammer '84, Dan Mimnaugh '75 Mike Zick '97, D.C. Lucas '96, John Monilaws '87, John Olstad '93, Bruce Stein '77, and Dave Bass '77.

Another group that I have the privilege to work with is the President's House Preservation Committee.

They are dedicated to preserving the beautiful President's House on our campus. This hard working group paints, wallpapers, cleans, cooks and hosts events to showcase this wonderful part of our heritage. Members of this committee are Jan Stowman, Becky Heise, Karen Richman, LouVay White, Val Anderson, Dale Bentley, Kris Mueller, Kari Stricklin, Kara Kramin, Karen Monson, Chuck Luessen, Carole Flatau, Christi Kracht, Marleen Pytlik and Veronica Miller. Next time you're on campus, let us take you on a tour of this grand facility. You'll be impressed and have a better appreciation for the work of this committee.

Valley City State University could not move forward without the many volunteers who are actively engaged in our fund drives and projects. We are indebted to these volunteers and value their contributions. Let me know if you're interested in becoming part of our team. We have many opportunities for involvement: V-500, Athletics, Alumni Association, Music Alumni, Scholarship Auction, golf tournaments, to name a few. We'd love to work with you!



Hello Alumni!

by Jim Ukestad '78, Alumni Association President

I have a lot of fond memories of Valley City State University. I grew up in Valley City and attended VCSU as did my three brothers.

My first experience was as a young boy being taught to enunciate words such as "soldier" from "shoulder" and being able to pronounce the 'th' and 'ck' sounds. Of course the reward upon completion was being able to ride your bike through the beautiful campus and buying a treat at the Cink's College Store (now the site of the student center).

Other enjoyable thoughts include the VCSU marching band at homecoming along with area high school bands. They would fill the football field and perform at halftime. I also remember arriving at the VCSU Bubble at 6:00 PM to get a seat for a 7:30 PM basketball game so we could watch Cavin Andersen make his 25 foot jump shots (if only we had 3-point

baskets then!). What fun we had going to events at the "University of Southern Val"—we were so clever as kids!

A lot of my time during college was spent at the science center learning chemistry from Art Dafoe, biology from Archie Moore, and math from Bob Bruhschwein and Roger Rand. I am so thankful to these instructors. I also spent time at the fieldhouse. I made so many wonderful friends.

I'm so proud to be a part of the VCSU Alumni Association. I enjoy going to college events and meeting friends from my college days. I encourage you to check our web site regularly and look at the calendar of events. We invite you to join us at any or all of our alumni reunions. If you have an idea or would like to help organize a reunion in your area, please contact the Alumni Office.

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Most Folks Don't Plan to Fail, They Simply Fail to Plan

by Larry Robinson '71, Director of University Advancement

There are many reasons why every adult should have a valid, thoughtful and successfully planned will. Unfortunately, many folks pass away without a will in place. Are you willing to take the necessary steps now to insure that you have a will in place? **It has been said that folks don't plan to fail, they simply fail to plan!** The drafting of a will insure that your plan to distribute your property at the time of your death is in place. It insures that your will be done!

Your will is a legally binding document that can guarantee that your most important lifetime decisions and desires will be honored after your death. It is in most cases, a document written and executed with the important assistance of an attorney in accordance with certain formalities prescribed by state law. Your will can be amended at your discretion.

Without a doubt, your will is one of the most important documents that you will ever sign. Your will is the document that will dispose of all of the property that you have accumulated in your lifetime. It also serves as a mechanism to contribute to the financial security of your beneficiaries and benefit those important causes and institutions in your life. In its own way, your will can memorialize your existence.

In the absence of a will, the state will distribute your property in accordance with state law. This distribution could very likely violate your wishes. As a result, it is very important that you work with your attorney to prepare a will that reflects your priorities.

Your will provides you with an opportunity to insure that the distribution of your property at the time of your death will be a lasting impression of your life. Often folks arrange in their will a special tribute

to their spouse, establish a memorial to their deceased parents, provide assistance to a friend in need, or remember a relative with a gift of property.

The very act of leaving a gift of personal property to a relative or friend via your will underscores the importance of this document. Your will becomes much more than a simple business document. It becomes a reflection of your personal values and lifestyle.

You can also use your will to nominate the guardians of your minor children, if they should become orphans. In the absence of a will, the court would appoint guardians.

Your attorney can work with you to assist you in minimizing the taxes on your estate, so you can maximize the amount of your property that will go to your beneficiaries. You can also arrange, via your will, to make gifts to your favorite charities, be they religious, educational, medical

or cultural. The costs of these gifts can be greatly reduced if you carefully plan your will to take advantage of the tax deductions that Congress has provided for this very purpose.

Finally, in your will, you should name an executor to carry out the provisions and directions that you have incorporated into this important document. The executor can be a relative, family friend, or a business associate.

There are obviously many more questions that need to be answered in the preparation of your will. Please contact the VCSU Foundation Office and request our free booklet, **Techniques for Planning a Successful Will**. You may e-mail us directly at **larry.robinson@vcvu.edu** or call us toll free at 800-532-8641 ext. 37203.

New Alumni Board Members



Del Stein, a native of New Rockford, North Dakota, is a 1973 graduate of Valley City State University. He was granted a M.Ed. degree in Elementary Education (1976) and an Ed.S. degree in Educational Administration (1988) from the University of North Dakota. Del taught in Langdon, and has been an elementary principal in Ray, Underwood, and Beulah, North Dakota. In 1986 he moved to Beardsley, MN, where he was principal for 5 years. He has been principal of Halverson Elementary School in Albert Lea, MN since 1991. Del has been active in the Minnesota Elementary School Principal's Association (MESPA) having served as President and President-Elect for the Southeast Division, EPAC committee member, and is currently a member of the MESPA State Retirement Committee. He was the 2001 recipient of the Southeast Division Leadership Achievement Award. He has been active in the Albert Lea community having served on the Albert Lea Library Board. He has also been President of the Albert Lea Community Band (1996-1998) and a member of the Fountain Street Brass. He remains active in music with his wife Kay as members of the South of the River Community Band in Eagan, Minnesota. Kay, a 1967 graduate of the University of North Dakota, is an RN employed by OptionCare home infusion therapy as a Case Manager. Del and Kay live in Lakeville, Minnesota and have a blended family of 4 children, Karen Kasmer, Marlene Greiner, David Kasmer, and Celine Stein. They also have 3 grandchildren, Elora (7), Treselia (3), and Mathias Greiner (1).



Bruce Stein is a 1976 graduate of Valley City State University. He taught and coached in Savage, MT, from 1976-1979 and then moved to Wilsall, MT, from 1979-1981. Bruce moved back to Hankinson in 1981 and is still teaching and coaching there while living on Lake Elsie just south of town. He has served on the North Dakota High School Coaches Association Executive Board and served as their President from 1991-1992. In 2002, Bruce was appointed by Governor Hoeven to the North Dakota State Council for Developmental Disabilities. His wife, Cyndi (Levi) is a 1977 VCSU grad. She teaches kindergarten in Hankinson. Bruce and Cyndi have three daughters and one son: Amber (23), Megan (21), Kelli (16) and Garrett (14).



John B. Olstad is a 1993 graduate of VCSU. He is the owner of JK Lube, Inc which is the corporate entity for the Jiffy Lube franchise for Western Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota with four locations flying the Jiffy Lube banner. John lives in Moorhead, MN, with his wife, KaSaundra (Larson) Olstad '94 and son, Gunnar (5). John serves on the Jiffy Lube International Training and Employee Development Board and is a member of the Jiffy Lube Association of Franchisees Store Standards Committee. In 2003, John received the VCSU Certificate of Merit and in 2004 was inducted into the VCSU Hall of Fame as a member of the 1988 football team. He is a member of the VCSU National Football Alumni Board.

Boutiette Receives Distinguished Alumni Honor



Vickie (Lemley) Boutiette, a 1972 graduate of Valley City State University, was selected by the VCSU Alumni Board of Directors to become the 53rd recipient of the association's most prestigious award, the Distinguished Alumni Award. Vickie was honored at the Alumni Honors Breakfast during Homecoming activities on Saturday, October 15, 2005.

Vickie received her bachelor's degree from VCSU in 1972 and a Master of Science in reading in 1997. She is currently the Reading Recovery Trainer at Westside Elementary School in West Fargo. Prior to that she taught third grade at Westside and grades 4-6 at Pillsbury, ND.

Vickie has received many honors and awards. They include: West Fargo

Education Association Golden Apple Award, West Fargo Teacher of the Year, North Dakota Education Association Courage Award, Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, North Dakota Teacher of the Year, VCSU Certificate of Merit, Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Award and the Freida J. Riley Teacher Award. The Riley Award is a national award given to a teacher who overcomes adversity to make a difference in the lives of students. Vickie was diagnosed with cancer in 1990 and underwent extensive treatment to her tongue and most of her jaw, making it difficult to talk. At one point, her doctor told her she would never again teach.

Vickie and her husband, Stephen, have two children, Mike and Jill, and one grandson, Jacob.

Certificate of Merit



At the Alumni Honors Breakfast, 16 VCSU alumni received Certificates of Merit for their contributions to their school, professions and communities. They are: **BACK ROW:** Kathleen Bjornson '77, Pam McFarland '98, Kari Stricklin '92, Cory Anderson '89, Rudy Hanson '66, Craig Demester '94, Brian Midthun '80, and Dean Hildebrand '59. **FRONT ROW:** Joan Noeske '69, Avis McDaniel '73, Mary Lee Nielson '79, Helen Friestad '66, and Brenda Mitzel '92. **NOT SHOWN:** Melvin McNea '78 and Bill Trader '87. Photo courtesy of the Valley City Times-Record.

Monilaws Receives Alumni Service Award

The VCSU Alumni Board of Directors selected John Monilaws '87 as the third recipient of the association's Alumni Service Award. John was honored at the Alumni Honors Breakfast on October 15.

John graduated from Valley City State University in 1987 with a composite music education degree. He is currently employed as the 9-12 Music Teacher at Lisbon Public Schools. Prior to that, John taught at Litchville-Marion Public School and North Central of Barnes.

John has been very active in civic affairs. He has served as President of the Valley City Community Theatre, Musical Director of the VCCT, charter member and Past President of the Bridges Art Council, Director of the Epworth UMC Choir, Director of the 'Bon Voyage' EBC Fraternity Hit Parade, coordinator of the Barnes County Music Festival, and Producer and Director of the 'We're in the Christmas Mood' show sponsored by the EBC Fraternity Alumni. John is currently a member of the VCSU Alumni Association Board of Directors and the VCSU Music Alumni Advisory Committee. While a student at VCSU, John was awarded the Viking Pilot Award for two years and also served as VCSU Student Senate Vice President and President. He has also been named to 'Who's Who Among American Teachers'.



In nominating John for the Alumni Service Award, the VCSU Music Faculty stated, "John Monilaws has worked diligently to improve the cultural life of Valley City and the surrounding communities. His concern for the community and the health of VCSU serves as an inspiration to all VCSU alumni, and is especially appreciated by the current faculty members of the VCSU Music Department."

John has two daughters, Mariah and Natalie.



It's Phone-A-Thon Time!

During our annual Phone-A-Thon, VCSU students contact our alumni to ask for financial support as an important part of our Annual Fund Drive. The dollars generated are used for such important purposes as recruiting and retaining quality faculty, staff and students, production of *The Bulletin*, and special events like alumni socials and homecoming. The Phone-A-Thon is also an excellent time for you to visit with current VCSU students to find out what is happening at VCSU, or to give us a chance to update our records.

Students will be making calls soon, and they are looking forward to speaking with you! Or if you prefer, you can make a donation online at alumni.vcsu.edu or by telephone at 800-532-8641.

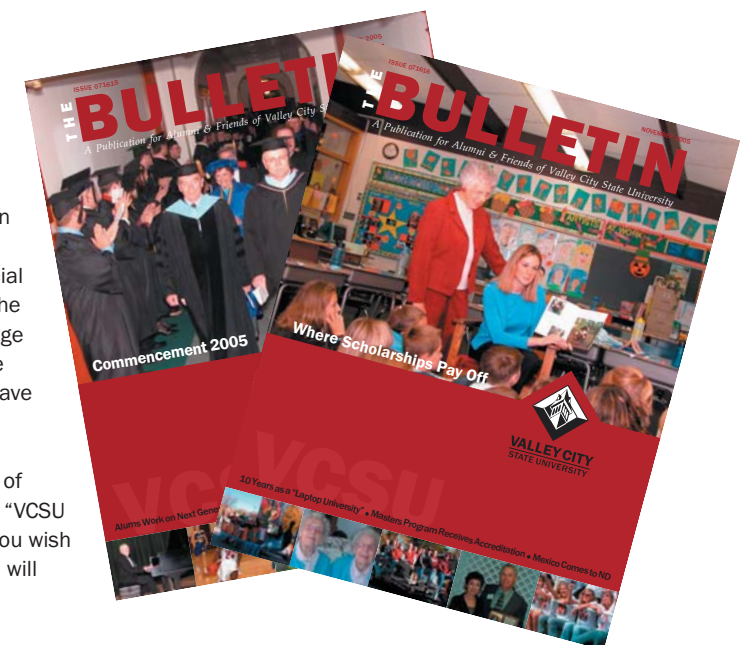
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If you have any questions please call Kim Hesch at 800-532-8641 ext. 3-7203.





Building a Career Helping People

When most people think of U.S. foreign policy, humanitarian assistance is probably not the first thought that comes to mind. But this is precisely the mission of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID): furthering America's foreign policy interests by improving the lives of citizens in the developing world. VCSU alum Tami Halmrast-Sanchez '83 has made her career out of helping to make this happen.

Tami graduated from VCSU in 1983 with a degree in Education. "One of the best things VCSU did for me was to get me to focus," said Tami. "At VCSU, your instructors are very approachable, and you can get to know them quite well. It is unlike any other university that I've known."

It didn't take her long to start applying her education. After graduation, Tami served for two years in the Peace Corps in Guatemala creating a youth development program from the ground up. "My degree in Education from VCSU directly applied to this, and was very helpful. This was the best thing I ever did, and I'd like to go back some day." She returned to the U.S. in 1986, and taught at Bismarck High School along side her father, who was the wrestling coach (and a State Representative).

She joined USAID in 1987, and since then has been deployed to over forty countries responding

to every kind of emergency imaginable. Ethiopia, Kosovo, Iran. Her deployments have involved both long term crises like collapsing governments and factional fighting, and short-term emergencies like earthquakes or floods. She is now a Deputy Director, and her role is to manage the U.S. government's response to foreign needs.

According to Tami, each deployment is a little different. "A natural disaster like the 2003 earthquake in Iran can mean only a few weeks on the ground. We go in with specific objectives, a specific action plan, and an exit strategy. Longer term emergencies like Kosovo are more complex, and can require a presence for years."

USAID often interacts with other entities including the military, the United Nations, and NATO. Non-Government Organizations (or "NGOs") such as the Red Cross or CARE are also often involved. "We don't necessarily provide the material aid, as these often come from the relief organizations," said Tami. "Instead, USAID provides funding and services like logistics support and distribution, while the NGO's implement the relief. We essentially make sure that the job gets done while the taxpayer's money is used effectively."

Though primarily focused on international emergencies, USAID also gets involved in some emergencies in the United States. In



USAID works in many ways. Here, a USAID team (Tami Halmrast-Sanchez is on the left) is pictured in a small fishing village in Da Nang, Vietnam where they installed an early warning system to warn the fisherman when a storm is on its way so they can get to shore before the storm hits.

the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, for example, USAID assisted FEMA by coordinating assistance from international agencies.

If her career weren't busy enough, Tami also recently completed her Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy and Resourcing at the National Defense University, Industrial College of the Armed Forces. "Although this program had a lot of students from military, it was really about learning national security strategy from all angles, including political science, economics, industrial studies," said Tami. "For

my role at USAID, it is helping me take a step back and see more clearly the role of humanitarian assistance in foreign policy."

As for her future, Tami doesn't see her career shifting from the direction it has been on since she left VCSU. "I have always known I wanted to reach out and help people," said Tami, "and providing humanitarian aid is one of the things that the American public does very well. It is a privilege to be part of it."

Where Scholarships Pay Off

It is easy to think of scholarships as donations that only benefit students who receive them. But in fact, scholarships provide many kinds of benefits – to VCSU, and even future generations.

Like any other college or university, VCSU benefits from scholarships because they are an important tool for attracting students. According to Dan Klein, Director of Enrollment Services, "Every additional scholarship we can offer translates to one more student we can serve. Nearly 80% of our students receive some form of financial aid, and scholarships are a key part of that." But in the last several years, competition for students has become much more intense, and tuition costs have risen considerably, so colleges and universities are being squeezed to increase their scholarship offerings. Said Klein, "We have been adding to the number and size of our scholarships just to remain competitive with other universities. This makes every scholarship dollar very important."

Another way that scholarships pay-off is by assisting quality students who are interested in specific fields. For example, the Lindstrom-McGregor Scholarship, which was established by Myrna (Lindstrom) '42 McGregor and her late husband Rex, is awarded each year to an upper level student pursuing a degree in Education. Myrna, who had a teaching career that spanned 21 years and classrooms all over the world, said scholarships are important because higher education is so expensive these days. "When I attended VCSU, I was able to work my way through college and graduate without a lot of debt because tuition was a lot less than it is today. But students today can't do that." By offering this scholarship, Myrna hopes to make it a little easier for students to start a career in teaching, a field that Myrna loved.

If you would like information on establishing a scholarship at VCSU, contact the Advancement Office at 800-532-8641 ext. 37203.

The first recipient of the Lindstrom-McGregor scholarship was Greta Trader, a VCSU senior from South Fargo who is majoring in Elementary Education. Myrna met Greta at VCSU's annual Scholarship Luncheon last year, and was very impressed. Myrna said, "I find it a privilege to support a student of Greta's character and caliber."

Greta is an outstanding student who has been on both the President's Honor Roll and the Dean's List, and is involved in a long list of campus organizations including the Campus Activity Board (where she is currently President), Sacrifice of Praise Outreach, and the Student Senate. While going to school, she has worked in the VCSU Office of Advancement, as a Resident

Assistant, and she is currently the Assistant Director of Housing. Her practicum is at Jefferson Elementary School in Valley City, and she is preparing for her student teaching next semester. In addition to the Lindstrom-McGregor scholarship, Greta has received the Hazel McBride Scholarship (also for Education majors) and V-500 scholarships. Greta said,

"VCSU has done so much for me – I hope one day to give back in the ways that so many people have helped me."

But the benefits of scholarship giving don't end with students like Greta, either. Throughout her career, the education Greta received at VCSU will make her a better teacher, and as a result, her students will learn more. Myrna said, "Think of the number of students that teachers influence over the course of their career, and multiply that by the improved education they get because they were able to attend VCSU. When you think in these terms, it seems clear that the real benefit of scholarships will be felt in the future – when students who are studying at VCSU today are teaching the children of tomorrow."

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Greta Trader, Scholarship Recipient

Vangstad Twins Turn 104

Identical twins Lena and Thilda Vangstad of Minnesota each turned 104 on July 29, 2005 and they are believed to be the oldest surviving twins in the world. Educators at Valley City State University in Valley City, ND for a combined 60 years, the never-married twin sisters retired from teaching in 1971 and live at a senior assisted living center in Osakis, Minnesota, and are both still in good health. They still dress alike at every opportunity.

The week of their birthday President Ellen Chaffee, Development Director Larry Robinson along with Lillian Jacobson and Anne Hugaard visited the Vangstad twins.



ND Teachers Come to VCSU to Meet “No Child Left Behind”

Teachers all over the country are scrambling to meet the requirements of the “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) legislation, which requires states to ensure that every core subject classroom teacher is “highly qualified” by the end of the 2005 – 2006 school year. With a heritage as a “teacher’s college,” VCSU is in a natural position to take a leadership role in helping to overcome the challenges involved in meeting these requirements.

Dr. Gary Thompson, Interim Chair of the Department of Education, Psychology and Technology, said one role that VCSU plays is simply to help teachers understand what (if anything) they need to do in order to meet the fairly complex requirements defined by the Act. “We have fielded several calls from teachers simply trying to determine the best way for them to meet the requirements. Additional coursework is always one option, but options like testing or assembling a portfolio may be better for many situations.”

Nonetheless, additional coursework is often the most direct approach to meet the requirements, and it poses challenges. For example, many schools, particularly those in rural areas, do not have easy access to a university. To

help in these situations, VCSU offers a variety of online courses and even major degree programs that may be taken at the student’s convenience without ever coming to campus.

“Methods” courses are in particular demand because they meet requirements for teaching specific subjects. Dr. Sara Hagen, Assistant Professor of Music, said, “For the first time in North Dakota, we are offering music methods class online just for teachers who need to upgrade their certificates.” The library is also adapting to meet online demands, such as implementing eReserves, an innovative program in which course materials are scanned into digital formats and uploaded to a protected site where students can view the documents online.

Another way to satisfy NCLB requirements is through “clinical practice,” a supervised teaching experience geared towards instilling best practices. For teachers who are already teaching classes in which they need to become highly qualified, clinical practice is a means to meet NCLB requirements by simply adding the component of VCSU supervision.

10 Years as a “Laptop University”: Now, it’s more than just the computer

They say that “hindsight is 20-20,” and that is particularly true of major decisions that involve a degree of risk.

Valley City State University is approaching its 10th year of being a “Laptop” university. Over this time, what has changed? How has it affected students? Has it been a success?

“Over those 10 years, a lot has changed on the technology front,” said Joe Tykwinski, VCSU Chief Information Officer. “In comparison to the 1996 notebook computer, the VCSU computers today have 83 times more hard disk space, 125 times more cache, 35 times more powerful microprocessors, and 43 times more RAM. In 1996, USB ports, Firewire ports, wireless connectivity, and recordable optical drives were not available in the notebook computers we considered. I started one of the 1996 computers up yesterday to get the hardware specifications, it was painfully slow and the screen was extremely dim by today’s standard. The saying, ‘the good old days’ does not apply to information technology!”

Despite these advances, the fee that students pay to support the technology initiative has not increased much. “Students were paying \$950 in 1996 and now they pay \$998, an increase of only 4% over 10 years” said Tykwinski. “We’ve been able to do this because prices on laptops have been decreasing, even though their capacity has been increasing. The difference has been invested to ensure two year upgrades on notebook hardware, software to develop portfolios, lower deductibles for damages, improved warranties, and in other components of the environment such as wireless networking, network applications, tech support, multimedia tools, and educational technology.

Over the first six years of the laptop initiative, Dr. Kathryn Holleque, VCSU

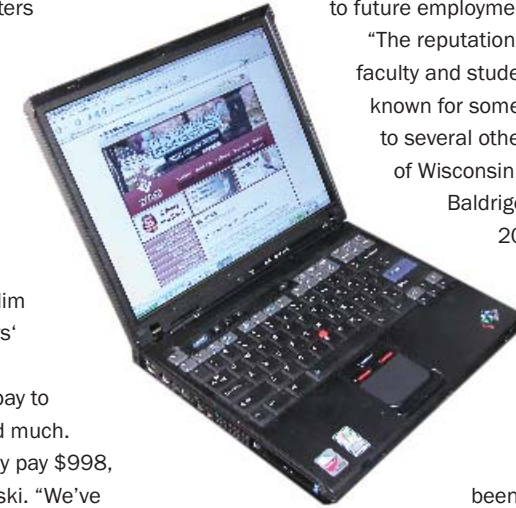
Professor in the Division of Education, Psychology, and Technology, conducted student surveys that sought to measure the notebook computer advantage. The results provided a solid endorsement of the laptop initiative the first year, with measurements consistently increasing over time. Students reported benefits in many areas, such as the ease of working collaboratively, being able to organize knowledge in personally meaningful ways, increasing critical thinking, enhancing the learning experience, and developing skills essential to future employment.

“The reputation of Valley City State University as an institution whose faculty and students use technology tools effectively has been widely known for some time,” said Holleque, who has granted permission to several other universities to use her surveys. “The University of Wisconsin - Stout, the first university recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, is one such institution. Its

2005 report cites the most recent VCSU data as ‘best practices’ and holds them as a possible future target

for Stout. This kind of outside affirmation and validation, as well as that received from countless faculty presentations at regional and national levels, speaks volumes about what we’re doing here,” Holleque concluded.

As to the question of whether or not the program has been a ‘success,’ Dr. Ellen Chaffee, President of VCSU, said, “We originally embarked on the laptop initiative in order to build an enhanced learning environment, and I don’t think there is any question about whether or not we’ve been successful on that front. But more than that, being a laptop university has become part of what defines VCSU. This change is so dramatic that students and the university get new opportunities constantly based on our unique capabilities. There is no doubt that 10 years ago our foresight was 20-20, too.”



New Scholarships Established

VCSU is pleased to announce the following new scholarship funds have been established:

Myron '62 and Jenneice '67 Sommerfeld Scholarship:

To be awarded to a junior or senior pursuing a degree in Teacher Education with the intention of teaching school.

Aaron Sours '02 Memorial Scholarship:

Dedicated to providing scholarships to sponsor students in the Planetarium Science class at VCSU.

Stephanie Dockter Memorial Scholarship:

Established by Stephen Dockter '72 in memory of his daughter. Preference will be given to children of the 581 postal employees and graduates of either Streeter-Gackle, ND or Barnesville, MN, high schools.

Avis Clafin Kautzmann '40 Memorial Scholarship:

Established by her family, the scholarship will be awarded each year to a senior majoring in Elementary Education who is a North Dakota resident, and can demonstrate financial need and academic promise.

Lucille Olson Rondstvedt Lewis '42 Memorial Scholarship:

Established by her family, this scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student majoring in Elementary Education at the sophomore level or above.

PHOTOS BELOW FROM LEFT In October, VCSU held the Scholarship Luncheon as an opportunity for donors to meet in-person with the students who were awarded their scholarship. 1. Cathy Bernhagen and Connie Reed (John Reed Scholarship). 2. Carol (Watson) Peterson '50, Andrea Kelsch, and Ty Peterson '52 for the Alex Peterson Memorial Theatre Scholarship. 3. Cele (Pietz) Soroos '36 for the Soroos Scholarship, Dr. Charles and June House for the Dr. Charles and June House Scholarship. 4. Leone Langemo Osmon '42 for the Bill Osmon '42 Scholarship, Meryl O'Connell for the Jim O'Connell '48 Memorial Scholarship, Sandi Bates for the Clara Smedshammer '23 Memorial Scholarship.



Euclid Cottage Women

Reuniting in Valley City were college friends who maintain a Round Robin keeping everyone in touch. These women lived in Euclid Cottage in 1945 and 1946. Attending were: **BACK ROW** Alice (Murie)Torgeson '47, Dorothy (Fitch) Davison '46, Irma (Schmitt) Mathys '46, Mary Ann (Edinger) Broschat '46, Adeline(Hanson) Morrison '46. **FRONT ROW** Carolyn (Cockle) Kolstoe '47 and Gladys (Anderson) Morrow '47.

Also members of the Round Robin but not able to attend the reunion are: Stella (Schramm) Bennett '46 and Geneva (Koehn) Humphrey '46.

Masters Program Receives Accreditation



It is now official – the Higher Learning Commission formally accredited the VCSU Master of Education degree (M.Ed.) program in October!

Actually, this did not come as much of a surprise since we had received a preliminary report during

the summer that looked positive enough for us to make the decision to offer classes for the program during fall semester. But it is certainly nice to have the final approval in-hand.

The program requires a core of five courses and offers

two areas of concentration. The concentration in “Teaching and Technology” is designed for any K-12 teacher, and helps them become effective users of technology and develop strategies for successfully integrating technology into the classroom to enhance the learning

experience. The concentration in Technology Education is designed for educators interested in teaching Technology Education, a field that currently faces a substantial nationwide shortage of qualified teachers.

Interest in the program is high, and students currently enrolled report that the technology focus of the program is a common reason for their interest. Ryan Bilden '99, said, “I had a wonderful experience while I attended VCSU, and I was thrilled that I could be a part of their first group of M.Ed. students. The topics of the M.Ed. also interested me personally since I graduated with not only a B.S in Elementary Ed, but also a B.S. in Instructional Technology in 1999.” Ryan is currently a fifth grade teacher at Northwood Public School.

Because both concentrations

are offered online, the program has attracted students from all over North Dakota and even Minnesota. With 21 students taking classes during fall semester, VCSU officials are pleased with the interest the program is attracting.

In spring semester, the class offerings will expand to include three online courses:

Educ 640: Supervision and Assessment (core class)

Educ 635: Technology for Learning (core class)

Tech 675: Research and Assessment

The schedule for the Summer session includes two 7-week sessions with a combination of core and concentration courses in each. For more information, prospective students should call 800-532-8641 or visit www.vcsu.edu/graduate/.

Hurricane Katrina Emergency Tax Act Signed Into Law by President Bush

On September 23, 2005, President Bush signed into law the Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act (H.R. 3768). The act includes an important incentive for larger charitable gifts by temporarily eliminating the 50% adjusted gross income limitation on charitable deductions by individuals. The enhanced deduction would apply to contributions to all charities, not simply those engaged in hurricane relief. The provision expires on December 31, 2005. The VCSU Advancement Office advises anyone contemplating taking advantage of this new tax relief act to consult with their accountant or tax attorney for details on how this deduction will impact your individual situation.

VCSU Introduces Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Major

VCSU is offering an exciting new program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. The program is being offered through the VCSU Division of Mathematics, Science and Health & Physical Education, and is accredited through the State Board of Higher Education. The new program fits well with the VCSU Biology department’s long standing outdoor field focus.

The program prepares students for careers in wildlife and fisheries management with government agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, or the National Park Service, and private organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and the Nature Conservancy. The degree also prepares students for higher academic degrees. The basic curriculum will allow students to meet the certification requirements of the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society.

To administer the new program, VCSU hired Bob Anderson. Mr. Anderson has an Associate degree in Wildlife Management from Minot State University-Bottineau, a BS degree in Wildlife and Fisheries

Sciences from South Dakota State University (SDSU), and he is completing work on a Ph.D in Biological Science with SDSU. His teaching experience includes labs and classes at SDSU in Mammalogy, Botany, Biological Diversity, Vertebrate Zoology, and Ornithology. He worked two summers for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Valley City Wetland Management District (also known as the Federal Fish Hatchery) in Valley City, ND as a Biological Science Technician conducting waterfowl and plant surveys. He has volunteered for several years for the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department in waterfowl banding projects. Bob also has been involved with multiple wildlife and fisheries research projects at SDSU. He is an avid hunter and fisherman.

Mr. Anderson said the curriculum will include a substantial amount of work in the field. “Most people who work in fisheries and wildlife careers end up spending a lot of time outdoors, so I plan on making this a focus of our program,” he said. Despite the fact that the program is new and has received no promotion, Anderson said several students are already planning to make the field their major.

Mexico comes to ND

By Carla Kelly, Staff Writer, Valley City Times-Record

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These five students from VCSU's sister universities in Oaxaca and Baja California, Mexico, are here to attend class, refine their English language skills and make friends, too: (Standing, l-r), Maria Carrillo, Uriel Leyva, and Fernando Pacheco; (seated, l-r) Moises Romero and Maribel Ruiz. Carla Kelly/VCTR

Maribel Ruiz, exchange student from Oaxaca’s Universidad Regional del Sur Este (URSE), chooses her words carefully, the way non-native English speakers do.

“I am from a different country, but I am not different from you.”

That’s the message she and four other students from Valley City State University’s sister universities in Mexico want to convey, as they begin their year away from the warmth of the Pacific Ocean, far from family and friends.

“I’m just here, trying to make friends,” Fernando Pacheco said. Fernando is thinking about majoring in communications. His older sister, Fernanda, attended VCSU a few years ago, and his mother has hosted VCSU students studying in La Paz.

It’s all part of an agreement to exchange “ideas, students and faculty” with URSE and Universidad Autonoma de Baja California Sur (UABCS) in La Paz, according to VCSU Spanish Professor Kay Kringlie.

Included in this agreement is a minimum of two student tuition waivers for each school each year. “They generally come for one year, but sometimes end up staying longer,” Kay said.

Like Maribel, Uriel Leyva from Oaxaca is also an accountant. He, too, sees this year in North Dakota as a prime time to improve his English skills, a huge boost to any successful career in Mexico, which does much business north of the border.

The ability to be fluent in English is also a real plus for Maria Carrillo from La Paz, who is already a lawyer in her native land. “It will be very helpful in my career,” she said.

During their year at VCSU, the students from Mexico assist in the Spanish lab, sharing their native language fluency with North American students.

Moises Romero from La Paz is studying Computer Information Systems during his stay here.

“Thanks to our exchange program, VCSU students have a

place to go when they study in Mexico,” Kay explained, adding that students seeking a degree in Spanish education from VCSU must have experience in a Spanish-speaking area.

In fact, three VCSU students will study in La Paz next semester, and two others will attend an institute in Oaxaca.

School is school no matter where, but after a month in North Dakota, the students from Mexico have noticed differences.

“Classes are more casual here,” Fernando said. “I mean, kids eat in class here.”

Maribel noticed the difference in dress, which is much more formal at her university in Oaxaca.

Moises has observed something else, and it’s a wry comment.

“People are happy to say hi to you here, but they don’t really want to get to know you.”

“But it’s only been a month,” Kay reminded him. “We wanted this article in the paper to help people get to know these students.”

Moises has another observation, this one about himself: He misses his father especially, because “he would wake me up when it was time to go to school.” Now he says he has to rely on his mobile telephone.

It may only be September in North Dakota, but Uriel already misses Mexico’s weather. Fernando misses the food, and Maribel her parents.

They all agree on something they want, though, and it’s to make friends in this new place. When it comes to friends, according to Fernando, “It’s like starting over.”

Kay Kringlie has her own observations about the students from Mexico. “I think they are brave to come here,” she said, then repeated it in Spanish to the five students, who laughed: “Valientes.”

VCSU Renews Relationship with Sister University in Mexico

VCSU signed a collaboration agreement with the Autonomous University of the Southern Baja (UABCS) in La Paz, Mexico that extends for three years a “sister university” relationship between the institutions. The relationship, which has been in place since 1995, has in the past produced a significant exchange of students, faculty, ideas, and curriculum. The three year extension will allow the universities to continue to offer their students unique intercultural experiences.

Since VCSU and UABCS first entered into the relationship in 1995, 15 VCSU students have studied at UABCS, 27 UABCS students have studied at VCSU, and two VCSU students completed their student teaching in La Paz schools. In addition to the student exchanges, three VCSU faculty members have taught at UABCS, and one UABCS faculty member has taught at VCSU. In 2004, the Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN), now known as IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE), hosted a series of science lectures from professors in several countries, and one of those was delivered to VCSU as well as video sites all over North Dakota by UABCS Professor Luis Herrera.

Moises Romero Olivo, an exchange-student from LaPaz who is attending VCSU as part of the agreement, was also present for the signing. “The agreement just signed between VCSU and UABCS is a great opportunity for students to learn about each other’s culture. It fosters a better understanding of each other in areas that help men and women contribute to a more friendly and peaceful world. Studying at VCSU is an experience I will remember the rest of my life.”

Century Club Sees Hard Work Pay Off

The VCSU Viking Football team is having a great season with a 7-2 record, and at press time, was ranked #18 in the country. The Viking volleyball team has already won half as many conference games this season than they have won in the past 4 years including a recent win over regionally ranked Minot State. Is the league down? Creampuff scheduling? New coach? A strong "NO!" from VCSU Athletic Director Doug Peters answers those questions quickly. "It is scholarship funding. The success we are seeing is a direct result of the 20% increase our coaches received in Century Club Scholarships."

Like most athletic departments, Valley City State University athletic scholarships are almost entirely funded externally. The coaches depend on the dollars that are raised through the annual membership drive of the Viking Century Club, the fundraising arm of Viking Athletics. Last year proved to be a record year for the Century Club as over \$110,000 was raised from fans, friends, and alumni of the athletic department. Increased Century Club membership equals increased scholarship funding, which results in more competitive athletic teams according to Peters. "It is no secret that you are able to recruit a higher caliber student-athlete when you have more scholarship money to offer."

New head volleyball coach Kari Peterson made the most of the extra funding. "I know that the extra Century Club dollars allowed me to go out and get two impact players in Heidi Larson and Meagen Flaor while retaining the

players that had been in the program" Peterson commented. "Without that bump, our progress would have been slowed considerably."

Veteran football coach Dennis McCulloch sees other benefits. "It is getting more and more competitive to recruit regional kids. The extra funding has allowed us to better compete with the Jamestown's, Minot's and Mayville's of the league for in-state kids." McCulloch continued, "As coaches we all know that scholarship funding is the lifeblood of our programs. When you look at the Century Club membership list you'll see all our full-time coaches are members."

The membership drive runs annually at the beginning of each athletic year and Century Club Directors are currently soliciting memberships for the 05-06 year. Membership levels begin at the \$150 level ranging to the \$10,000 level. Membership benefits include season tickets, Viking logo merchandise, preferred parking at events and a variety of other benefits. Perhaps the most important benefit of all is the sense of satisfaction that members get from knowing that their donation has made the difference in the lives of Viking student-athletes and the success Viking teams have in the arena of competition.

"The Century Club has set an aggressive goal," stated Board President Ron Moser. "We feel that successful athletic teams are important to the university and community and we are committed to doing everything we can to make that happen."



Winter 2005-2006 Viking Schedules

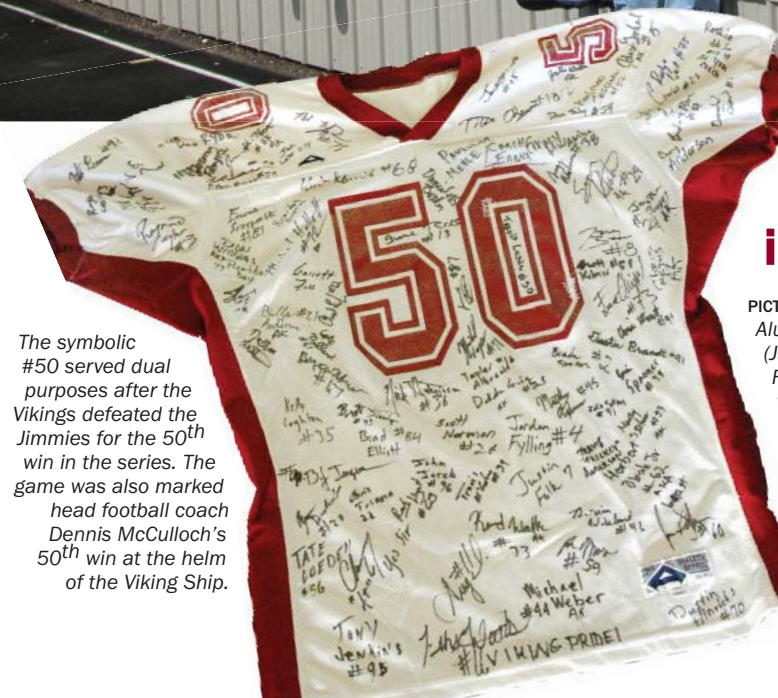
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Women's Basketball Schedule

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| Nov. 2 | Mount Marty (at Yankton, SD) | 6:00 pm |
| Nov. 5 | University of Sioux Falls | 6:00 pm |
| Nov. 8 | Dakota Wesleyan | 6:00 pm |
| Nov. 11 | Grand View College at Midland Lutheran Tournament (at Fremont, NE) | 4:00 pm |
| Nov. 12 | Midland Lutheran (at Fremont, NE) | 12:00 pm |
| Nov. 15 | University of North Dakota (at Grand Forks, ND) | 6:00 pm |
| Nov. 23 | Bethel University (at St. Paul, MN) | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 26 | MN-Crookston (at Crookston, MN) | 6:00 pm |
| Dec. 2 | Black Hills State University (at Spearfish, SD) _(MST) | 5:30 pm |
| Dec. 3 | South Dakota Tech (at Rapid City, SD) _(CST) | 4:00 pm |
| Dec. 10 | University of Mary | 4:00 pm |
| Dec. 16 | Jamestown College (at Jamestown, ND) | 5:30 pm |
| Dec. 17 | Dakota State University (at Madison, SD) | 4:00 pm |
| Dec. 19 | Presentation College | 5:30 pm |
| Dec. 29 | University of Manitoba | 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 31 | Concordia College (at Moorhead, MN) | 1:00 pm |
| Jan. 6 | Dickinson State University | 5:30 pm |
| Jan. 7 | Minot State University | 4:00 pm |
| Jan. 12 | Mayville State University | 5:30 pm |
| Jan. 17 | North Dakota State University (at Fargo, ND) | 7:00 pm |
| Jan. 20 | University of Mary (at Bismarck, ND) | 5:30 pm |
| Jan. 27 | Dakota State | 5:30 pm |
| Jan. 28 | Jamestown College | 4:00 pm |
| Feb. 3 | Minot State University (at Minot, ND) | 5:30 pm |
| Feb. 4 | Dickinson State University (at Dickinson, ND) _(CST) | 4:00 pm |
| Feb. 9 | Mayville State University (at Mayville, ND) | 5:30 pm |
| Feb. 17 | South Dakota Tech | 5:30 pm |
| Feb. 18 | Black Hills State University | 4:00 pm _(CST) |
| Feb. 22 | DAC Tournament Quarterfinals (at TBA) | TBA |
| Feb. 25 | DAC Tournament Semifinals (at TBA) | TBA |
| Feb. 28 | DAC Tournament Finals (at TBA) | TBA |

Men's Basketball Schedule

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| Nov. 1 | Trinity Bible | TBA |
| Nov. 5 | Montana State University-Northern (at Havre, MT) | 3:00 pm |
| Nov. 6 | University of Great Falls (at Great Falls, MT) | 3:00 pm |
| Nov. 8 | Dakota Wesleyan | 8:00 pm |
| Nov. 11 | North Dakota State (exhibition) (at Fargo, ND) | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 15 | University of North Dakota (at Grand Forks, ND) | 8:00 pm |
| Nov. 18 | University of Minnesota-Morris (at Aberdeen, SD) | TBA |
| Nov. 19 | Presentation College (at Aberdeen, SD) | TBA |
| Nov. 26 | University of Minnesota-Crookston (at Crookston, MN) | 8:00 pm |
| Dec. 2 | Black Hills State University (at Spearfish, SD) _(MST) | 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 3 | South Dakota Tech (at Rapid City, SD) _(MST) | 5:00 pm |
| Dec. 10 | University of Mary | 5:00 pm |
| Dec. 16 | Jamestown College (at Jamestown, ND) | 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 17 | Dakota State University (at Madison, SD) | 5:00 pm |
| Dec. 30 | Presentation College | 7:00 pm |
| Jan. 2 | University of Minnesota-Morris | 7:00 pm |
| Jan. 6 | Dickinson State University | 7:30 pm |
| Jan. 7 | Minot State University | 5:00 pm |
| Jan. 12 | Mayville State University | 7:30 pm |
| Jan. 20 | University of Mary (at Bismarck, ND) | 7:30 pm |
| Jan. 27 | Dakota State University | 7:30 pm |
| Jan. 28 | Jamestown College | 5:00 pm |
| Jan. 31 | Minnesota State University-Moorhead (at Moorhead, MN) | 7:30 pm |
| Feb. 3 | Minot State University (at Minot, ND) | 7:30 pm |
| Feb. 4 | Dickinson State University (at Dickinson, ND) _(MST) | 5:00 pm |
| Feb. 9 | Mayville State University (at Mayville, ND) | 7:30 pm |
| Feb. 17 | South Dakota Tech | 7:30 pm |
| Feb. 18 | Black Hills State University | 7:00 pm |
| Feb. 22 | DAC Playoffs (at TBA) | TBA |

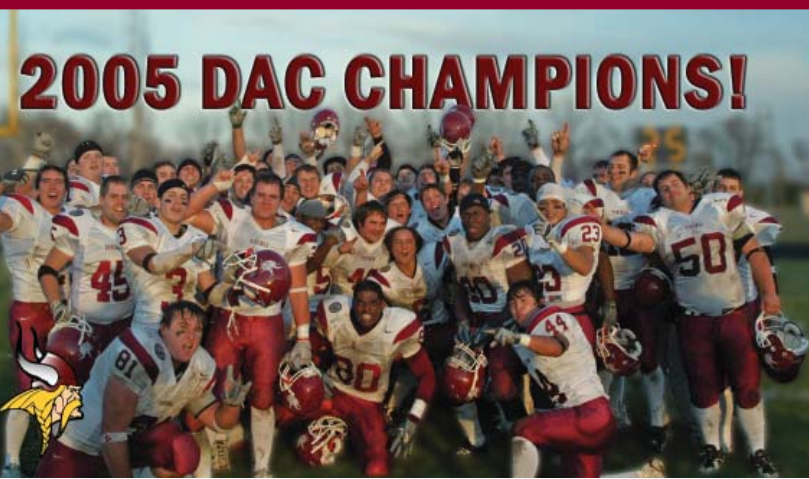


The symbolic #50 served dual purposes after the Vikings defeated the Jimmies for the 50th win in the series. The game was also marked head football coach Dennis McCulloch's 50th win at the helm of the Viking Ship.

Vikings Take Back Paint Bucket in 100th Game vs. Jamestown

PICTURED BELOW LEFT TO RIGHT 1. The Breakfast of Champions hosted by the VCSU Football Alumni Committee. 2. Longtime coaches Jim Dew (Valley City State) and Rollie Greeno (Jamestown College) served as honorary captains while Al Dosch '55, Viking Hall of Famer and father of Jamestown College head football coach Tom Dosch, tossed the ceremonial coin to start off the 100th meeting between the two football teams. Over 2500 fans got to see a dandy of a game that lived up to its billing as VCSU defeated Jamestown College 20-19. 3. Bruce Babcock '78 addresses the 2005 VCSU football team as former teammate Jim Ukestad looks on. Each attendee spoke about their most vivid memory of the storied rivalry with the Jimmies at the Breakfast of Champions that the VCSU Football Alumni Committee hosted on gameday. All football alumni were invited back and special recognition was given to the 1977 Football team - the last undefeated and untied team in the history of the university. 4. Legendary athletic director Bill Osmon enjoys good company and good food with alum Bob Lentz at the tailgate party sponsored by the VCSU Football Alumni Committee.





Vikings Earn Dakota Athletic Conference Title

In the last regular season game of 2005, Valley City State jumped out to a 29-7 lead and held on to defeat Dakota State 29-21 and claim the Dakota Athletic Conference football title. The win improves the Vikings to 7-2 on the year and 6-1 in the DAC, and improved their NAIA rank to #18. The Vikings received a balanced offensive attack from a number of different individuals while the defense forced three fumbles and an interception to seal the victory and the 25th conference title in school history.

"This is a great accomplishment for a team that has had so many setbacks," commented Head Coach Dennis McCulloch. The setbacks have been a rash of injuries in the last weeks of the conference season that has depleted both the offensive and defensive lines and has forced some players to play on both sides of the ball.

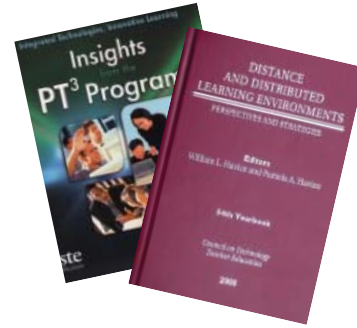
McCulloch was quick to recognize the leadership of his seniors and the importance of dedication. "The early morning workouts, shuttle runs, film study; this group was not afraid of work and they were rewarded for those efforts," McCulloch said with pride. "They have added their mark to Vikings football history."

As *The Bulletin* was going to press, the Vikings were preparing for #10 ranked Azusa Pacific in a game to be played at the FargoDome on November 10. The outcome of that game will determine whether the Vikings qualify for the NAIA playoffs. For the latest information on the conclusion of this exciting season, visit vikings.vcsu.edu.

First Annual "Mood Booster" Dinner

The VCSU Century Club Board of Directors will be hosting the annual scholarship dinner on February 24th, 2006. Dinner will be served from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Valley City VFW. All proceeds from the dinner go towards athletic scholarships for Viking Athletics. Mark your calendar now!

VCSU Faculty Contribute to Books on Educational Technology



Two recently published books feature chapters written or co-authored by VCSU faculty members.

One book, entitled *Insights from the PT³ Program*, edited by Steve Rhine and Mark Bailey and published by the International Society for Technology in Education (iste), included a chapter entitled "Student Technology Consultants, An experiment in Collaboration" that was authored by VCSU faculty Dr. Dale Hoskisson, Dr. Gary Thompson, and Dave Bass. The book is one product of a Department of Education competitive grant program entitled "Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology," or "PT³." The goal of PT³ is to improve the use of technology in education. In 2003, VCSU was awarded a \$430,000, three year PT³ grant to assist school districts in Valley City and Fargo to use technology in their classrooms and develop high-quality, technology-rich lessons that can be shared through the Innovative Teachers Program online community.

Insights from the PT³ Program is a collection of essays by PT³ project managers that discusses innovative professional development practices, unique university and

public school partnerships, and effective strategies for sparking institutional change. The chapter that Hoskisson, Thompson and Bass wrote explains the basic principles of effective collaborations and how collaborations work in actual practice in K-6 and university settings. It sets forth ways to prepare pre-service teachers, in-service teachers, and university faculty to work together on collaborative projects that integrate technology into the classroom. The chapter also discusses specific benefits to all groups involved.

In addition, VCSU faculty member Dr. Don Mugan co-wrote a chapter that was recently published in a book entitled *Distance and Distributed Learning Environments – Perspectives and Strategies*, edited by William L. Havice and Pamela A. Havice, published by Glencoe/McGraw Hill by the Council on Technology Teacher Education.

The chapter, entitled "New Ventures in Technology Teacher Certification: Perspectives and Strategies", was written by Don Mugan and Wally S. Holmes Bouchillon of the University of West Florida. The chapter discusses the challenges and needs that technology education poses for distance or distributed learning programs, particularly for rural states like North Dakota and urban states like Florida.

vikings '05 hall of fame



1. Kelly Haggerty Kiedel '88 is presented for induction by her gymnastics coach Terry Corwin. 2. Steve Olson '87 is congratulated by former Viking Baseball Coach Jim Dew on his induction into the Viking Hall of Fame. 3. Doug Black '82 and his wife Dee. 4. Dan Gnadt, a member of the '87 baseball team, and his wife Dawn look through an album



of memories from the season. 5. Marv Olson accompanied by his daughters Colleen and Eileen accepted Elinor Olson's induction into the Viking Hall of Fame. 6. The 1987 baseball team.

VCSU Earns 8th Appearance in U.S. News "Best Colleges" List



VCSU has once again been recognized in the "Best Colleges" edition of U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 5 public comprehensive colleges in the Midwest. This marks the eighth year in a row that VCSU has received this recognition, and VCSU is the only institution in North Dakota to be named to "top 5" list of this category.

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, President of VCSU, said this is another indication of the high quality of education at VCSU. "We provide a technology-enriched learning environment that ensures our graduates are among the best at using technology for communication and collaboration in their careers. We think this environment plus the personalized attention our students get from faculty and the excellent relationships we have with alumni are the key reasons we continue to receive this national recognition. This is an occasion to be very proud of our accomplishments, and we look forward to continuing our record of educational excellence."

In the U.S. News rankings, institutions categorized as "Comprehensive Colleges" focus primarily on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs in the liberal arts but grant fewer than 50 percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines. At these schools, at least 10 percent of undergraduate degrees awarded are bachelor's degrees. There are 324 comprehensive colleges, ranked within four regions: North, South, Midwest, and West. In addition to their varied undergraduate curriculum, VCSU is also offering master's level courses for the first time in its history during the fall semester of 2005.

The U.S. News ranking system relies on quantitative measures that education experts have proposed as reliable indicators of academic quality, and it is based on their nonpartisan view of what matters in education. These measures fall into seven broad categories: peer assessment, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rate performance. The specific areas in which VCSU scored well include freshman retention rate, graduation rate, student/faculty ratio, percent full-time faculty, and alumni giving rate.

VCSU Art Exhibitions & Events

November 5
Girl Scout Art Day

November 7-18
Trista Williams Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(November 13 Reception, 2:00-3:30 pm)

November 28-December 15
Jill Trucke Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(December 1 Reception 7:00-8:30 pm)

January 9-February 3
VCSU Art Faculty Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(January 26 Reception, 6:30-8:00 pm)

February 6-March 3
Annual Art Student Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(February 16 Reception, 5:00-6:30 pm)

February 20-March 3
Native American Artists Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(March 2 Reception, 7:00-8:30 pm)

March 6-17
Barnes County Student Exhibition (Secondary), VCSU Art Gallery

March 20-31
Lindsay Elsner Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(March 24 Reception, 7:00-8:30 pm)

April 3-14
Shellee Sauer Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(April 6 Reception, 7:00-8:30 pm)

April 17-28
Jennifer Cabezas Senior Exhibition
(April 28 Reception, 7:00-8:30 pm)

May 1-12
Naomi Karlin Senior Exhibition, VCSU Gallery
(May 5 Reception, 7:00-8:30 pm)

All events are subject to schedule change.
Please feel free to confirm dates before attending any event by calling:
1-800-532-8641, ext. 3-7272 or 1-701-845-7272

Public Notice:

In an effort to maximize scholarship opportunities for students, Valley City State University has realized the need to increase the award levels of the scholarship funds listed below. These increases will result in decreases to the principal value of the funds and their eventual depletion. We have attempted to contact heirs of these accounts to discuss this intention, but have been unsuccessful.

Anyone who has any information regarding contacts for these accounts is requested to contact Val Moritz, 1-800-532-8641, Extension 37403.

Esther Cannell Memorial Scholarship: Established by Mona E. Cannell of Glen Ullin, ND in memory of her sister, Esther Cannell. The fund provides three \$250 scholarships for freshmen in financial need.

Bernice I. Larson Scholarship: Established by the estate of Bernice I. Larson. Provides scholarships in the amount of \$400 for needy and deserving students.

J.T. Von Treba Scholarship: Established by provision of the Last Will of the late J.T. Von Treba. Funds a \$300 scholarship.

VCSU Season of Great Music

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| Nov. 3* | Jazz Ensemble | 7:30 pm* |
| | <i>Memorial Union Cafeteria</i> | |
| Nov. 5 | CSA Chamber Festival Concert | 7:30 pm |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| Nov. 18-19 | Dinner Concert | 6:00 pm |
| | <i>Memorial Union Cafeteria (special charge)</i> | |
| Nov. 28 | General Student Recital | 7:30 pm |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| Dec. 3* | Concert Band | 3:00 pm* |
| | <i>Vangstad</i> | |
| Dec. 5 | Christmas at St. Catherine's | 7:30 pm |
| | <i>(free will for scholarships)</i> | |
| Jan. 29*** | Linden Duo | 3:00 pm*** |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| Feb. 2+ | Kevin Roth | 7:30 pm+ |
| | <i>Vangstad</i> | |
| Feb. 4 | The St. Olaf Band | 7:30 pm |
| | <i>City Auditorium</i> | |
| Feb. 5* | Neil Mueller, Trumpet, & Friends | 3:00 pm* |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| Feb. 12* | VCSU Faculty Recital | 3:00 pm* |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| Feb. 26* | Sigurd Johnson, Percussion | 3:00 pm* |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| Mar. 9* | Two Sopranos: Katherine Ellingson & Leesa Levy | 7:30 pm* |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| Mar. 23 | General Student Recital | 7:30 pm |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| Apr. 2* | Singers, Percussion, Bells | 3:00 pm* |
| Apr. 6*** | Bill Lydell, Jazz Piano | 7:30 pm*** |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| Apr. 9 | Stephanie Leadens, Saxophone | 3:00 pm |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| Apr. 13 | General Student Recital | 11:00 am |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| Apr. 20* | Jazz Ensemble | 7:30 pm* |
| | <i>Memorial Union Cafeteria</i> | |
| Apr. 23 | VC Civic Orchestra and Valley Voices | 7:30 pm |
| | <i>Epworth Methodist</i> | |
| Apr. 28+ | Hot Jazz and Sweet Melodies with Andy Stein | 7:30 pm+ |
| | <i>Vangstad</i> | |
| Apr. 29*** | Concert Band & Concert Choir | 3:00 pm*** |
| | <i>Vangstad</i> | |
| Apr. 30 | Stephanie Bina, Saxophone | 3:00 pm |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |
| May 4 | New Composition Recital | 7:30 pm |
| | <i>Froemke</i> | |

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

++Admission by SEASON MEMBERSHIP only

***Benefit concert, free will offering only. All proceeds go to music scholarships.

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Music Update

VCSU Department of Music has been busy with innovative programming in the past couple of years and we thought it would be nice for our alumni to know what's going on!

We have the first degree in North Dakota designed for students interested in the business side of music: Music with an Emphasis in Business. This degree program will fill a need for students who do not wish to pursue teaching or careers in performance, but want to stay active in music. The music industry is an \$80 billion industry, so the opportunities into the future are tremendous. Examples include arts administration, artist management, and publishing.

In conjunction with that degree, a new ensemble was formed, primarily addressing the needs of our guitar performers. "Garage Band" is in its second year, and continues to attract students who want to perform nontraditional music or create their own music. We have four bands again this year, with mostly new faces, as several of our performers from last year graduated. Groups work together to play "cover" music, or remakes of their favorite artists, but they also must compose at least one piece of new music for their group per semester. We have everything from "grunge" to new age, rock to country, and blues to electronic. Instructors are Dr. Sigurd Johnson (percussion), Jon Rudolph (guitar), and Dr. Sara Hagen (keyboards, electronics).

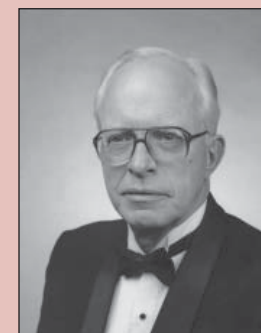
The Fourth Annual New Music Concert was held in May, with a composition contest for high school students in North Dakota. Several works were submitted and three were selected as finalists, with the opportunity to perform their pieces "live" at the concert. The finalists were awarded cash prizes as well as Friends of Music Scholarships to be used should they decide to attend VCSU. The concert is held the first Thursday in May.

Dr. Sara Hagen is currently teaching the first online music methods course in North Dakota to three teachers in the field needing upgrades in their teaching certificates before fall of 2006, when new certification requirements are implemented. The students work online, have "live" chats, and can check out resources at the library through eReserves, an innovative program offered by the campus library. Dr. Sigurd Johnson teaches the only Fundamentals of Music class online in the state as well. High school students are the primary market as they prepare for college music theory classes; however, he currently has several students who live on campus at VCSU but can't attend the regular class meeting due to conflicts, plus one student from Minot State University!

The Community School of the Arts (CSA), directed by Beth Klingenstein, is an important asset here in Valley City. Music majors may serve as interns in the CSA, teaching private lessons to area students in piano, other instruments, and voice. Since this is the only CSA in the state, and the only school with the ability to offer such an internship, the program offers an excellent opportunity for our students. Our guitar studio, with instructor Jon Rudolph, offers lessons to over 20 students, between the university and the Community School of the Arts.

Bill Lydell '55 In Concert

April 6, 2006
7:00 pm
Vangstad Auditorium



VCSU Season of Great Theatre

The Belle of Amherst

By William Luce

November 30 – December 3

We are all invited into the home of America's greatest woman poet for a visit with Emily Dickenson as played by Pamela Chabora, Ph.D., well-known Fargo educator and professional actress. For an evening filled with humor, wit, passion and brilliance, Emily tells us the stories of her family, her education, her loves, her life, and her quest to create something beautiful. Liberally sprinkled with her own words, this show glows with the phosphorescence of genius and love. How—and why—did this vivacious young woman keep her poetry hidden? And why did she become a recluse who wore only white and received her few visitors, making certain they stayed on the first floor of her family home, while she stayed at the top of the stairs on the second floor? We welcome you into the fascinating life of a true American creative original.

Something's Afoot

By McDonald, Vos, and Gerlach

March 1 – 4

This is a zany and entertaining spoof of Agatha Christie murder mysteries, with a bow to popular musical styles of the past. Ten people are stranded in the isolated English country manor of Lord Rancour during a raging thunderstorm, but where is their host? On learning of the first mysterious death, the company is in turmoil, but they quickly discover that the butler didn't do it. They all sing, they all dance, and they all die on stage! All ten of them! There is mystery, romance, amazing coincidence, and a desperate race to find out who is behind the murders, and why. Enjoy the laughter, hilarity and incredible timing as this wildly diverse collection of strange characters compete, cooperate and plot with each other desperately attempting to solve the mystery!

A Festival of One-Act Plays

Written and directed by our own students!

April 26 – 29

We heard it yet again! "These are the best one-acts yet!" It is getting tough for all of us to keep raising the high level of quality—and of the fun—as we continue our tradition of student written and directed one-act plays. As of yet, we don't have single theme, plot, or title, but we can promise an evening of laughter, insight and a look into the hearts, minds and creativity of our own home-grown young theatre artists. This festival has become a favorite tradition with both our students and our audiences, and we plan to keep it growing in every way possible!

For tickets or information:

Call 800-532-8641 ext. 37320 or 701-845-7320.

Weddings

Shannon Hanson '99 & Christopher BurnsMarch 19, 2005

Darla Zenker-Haagenson '80 & Jay Reed.....June 4, 2005

Sheri Stein '05 & Matthew Scherbenske '05 ... June 11, 2005

Laurie Waclawik '86 & Richard Quamme July 9, 2005

Darren Wandy '02 & Sharon Roach.....July 16, 2005

Jill Ukestad '03 & Corey TrembathJuly 16, 2005

Jason Grover '95 & Laurie Kankelfritz.....July 22, 2005

Sara Middlestad '01 & Mike TaszarekJuly 23, 2005

Renaе Tschritter '05 & Damian Kennedy.....August 5, 2005

Tera Didier '04 & Jonus ElstonAugust 6, 2005

Annie Beauchman '04 & Daniel Corbin.....August 7, 2005

Misty Barnett '99 & Jeffrey Weber.....August 20, 2005

Liza Schultz '02 & Lucas Klettke.....August 26, 2005

Kelley Miller '03 & Scott OuradnikSeptember 3, 2005

Kelli Geurtz '97 & Corey HeiserSeptember 17, 2005

Heather Schmit '02 & David Woods '02October 1, 2005

Trevor J. Smith '00 & Cristi CotaOctober 15, 2005

Teresa Waldahl '05 & Brady DuffyOctober 15, 2005

Bobbi Jo Janke '03 & David JohnsonNovember 5, 2005

Vikings On The Move

1950's

Helen (Brown) Ryder '50 retired to the Pacific Northwest and is living on an island. She enjoys being retired and painting in water color. Helen is a co-op member in an art gallery and teaches some art classes at the Senior Center.

Joel Graalum '50 and his wife, Jerry, have built a new home in Pekin, IL. Jerry loves being in their new home built to “her specifications.” The Graalums lived in the Chicago area for 40 years. Joel has been retired for 21 years and is enjoying life, taking one day at a time.

Nancy Emery Peterson '55 has moved back to Issaquah, WA with her husband, Boyd. This location works well for attending Mariner games and connecting with three sons and their families nearby in Seattle and Redmond. Highlights each year include supporting theater in Ashland, OR and Seattle, and spending quality time at their Sequim cabin overlooking the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

1960's

Richard Hanson '68 retired in 2000 after 32 years in the Valley City school system. He and his wife, Milly, remain in Valley City. Their two sons, David and Mark, graduated from VCSU.

1970's

Maurene (Miller) Bock '72 is semi-retired. Although she no longer teaches or substitutes, she works three days a week at the True Value hardware store in Lisbon, ND. Maurene belongs to “Red Hats” and keeps busy with volunteering for various projects.

Boyd '75 and Kathy (Shape) Sussex '74 are in their 19th year at Milbank, SD. Boyd is also the boys varsity basketball coach and 9th grade football coach. The Bulldogs are the 2005 SD State Champions. Kathy is the At-Risk Coordinator. Their son, **Jackson**, is a junior at VCSU and a member of the men's basketball team.

1980's

Jerald Hagen '80 is now in his second year teaching sixth grade, and coaching volleyball, basketball, and golf in New Salem, ND (Home of Salem Sue). Jerald coached the State Champion 18 and under softball team this summer. His daughters Alexandra 17, Cassandra 15, and Mackenzie 10, played on the team while wife Sue and daughter Christina '04 helped coach and Stephanie kept books. Christina is teaching and coaching volleyball and basketball 05-06 in Hankinson, ND.

Don Woodbury '82 was honored by Scheels Hardware for excellence in paint sales and management.

Tamra Halmrast-Sanchez '83 was recently awarded a master of science degree from the National Defense University in Washington, DC. The National Defense University is made up of two colleges, the National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Tamra graduated from ICAF with her master's degree in National Security Strategy. After her graduation from VCSU, Tamra served from 1984-1986 as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala. After leaving the Peace Corps, she worked on Senator Kent Conrad's campaign in 1986 and then went to work for the U.S. Agency for International Development, joining USAID's office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. While with this agency, Tamra has been deployed to over forty countries, responding to emergencies such as drought, floods, earthquakes, and civil wars. She has served on several Disaster Assistance Response Teams and was chosen to lead this group into Ethiopia, Kosovo, and Iran. Because of her dedicated service to USAID, Tamra has received many individual and group awards. In her last position with USAID she served as Deputy Director for five years, but much of the time was actually spent as Acting Director. Tamra was selected to attend the National Defense University this past year and returned to USAID in July. Tamra is the daughter of Ev and Bev Miller of Bismarck and the late Jerry Halmrast (a 1959 VCSU graduate).

Laura (Olson) Turner '85 has been teaching for 20 years. She has three daughters and one son. Laura would love to hear from college friends.

Paul Leier '85 has joined Stoudt Ross Ford in Valley City as a sales consultant. He and his wife, Stacie, have a 7 month-old son, Kaden.

Jeff Ditch '89 has been named the head baseball coach at Indiana University-Pennsylvania. He has been an assistant coach for the past 11 seasons, including 10 at the NCAA Division I level. Jeff has had coaching positions at Penn State, Cincinnati and West Virginia before spending the 2005 season at Young Harris College in Georgia.

1990's

Shari (Krause) Wirth '91 is the news director at a radio station in Watertown, SD, and also co-hosts a morning talk show.

Rich Birhanzel '91 has been named a partner of the consulting firm, Accenture. After VCSU, Rich attended the University of Connecticut where he received his MBA in Healthcare Business Administration. Rich is currently stationed at the Minneapolis office of Accenture although he flies all over the world to sell and maintain consulting projects.

Kimberly Svenningsen-Hesch '91 works at Valley City State University for the President. She has been the Executive Assistant to the President since December 2002. In addition, Kim works

with the Foundation and Advancement Office with several of their fundraising activities. Kim and her husband, Wade, live in Valley City with their four year old son, Easton.

Steve Gulseth '92 lives in Omaha, NE, with his wife, Lisa, and their three children, Claire (8), Cody (6), and Christina (3). He has been working for IBM in a sales position for five years covering the Nebraska/Iowa territory.

Brenda (Ament) Stroh '95 has joined the Lake Agassiz Regional Library as a finance/human resources director.

Denny Waloch '97 has been with Walgreen's for seven years. In July of 2004 he was promoted to store manager in Lexington, MN. In May of this year he was transferred to operate one of their three stores in Roseville, MN. On August 13, 2005, Denny and his wife, Jen, welcomed their first son, Leo George. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Wendy Birhanzel '98 has accepted a new position as an Assistant Principal of Eucalyptus Elementary School in the Los Angeles area. The school has 1200 K-5 elementary students. Wendy is also beginning her second year at USC for her doctorate degree in K-12 Leadership in Urban School Settings with an emphasis in Secondary School Reform.

Janelle Vetter '98 has moved to Fargo, ND, where she has started her own business, Recreo. Janelle offers to teach Spanish to area businesses and is willing to customize to specific needs. Her email is recreo@cableone.net.

2000's

Jason '00 and Tara (Feuerherm) Moore '02 reside in Wasilla, AK. Tara is now employed as a school counselor at Burchell High School, an alternative school that fosters to students who wish to have a more individualized education. Burchell has a teen parent program that includes a daycare located in the school. A high percentage of Burchell's students are or have been homeless. The school has an enrollment of 220 students who attend classes scheduled throughout the day and evening. Tara earned a Master of Education in Guidance and Counseling, K-12 and graduated this past summer. Jason is finishing up his Master of Education in Administration and will be applying for school administration positions next school year. Jason is currently on his 4th year as a 8th Grade science teacher at Wasilla Middle School in Wasilla, AK.

Tanya Hurlimann '02 is now living a few minutes from downtown Philadelphia. She is still working for the aquarium and works mostly with two female hippos, Genny and Button. They weigh a little over 3,000 pounds.

Heather Schmit '02 and David Woods II '02 were married October 1, 2005. They both teach in the Language Arts Department at Wahpeton (ND) High School.

Doug Murch '02 has been appointed to a one-year clerkship with the North Dakota Supreme Court.

Chris Iverson '02 graduated from the Court Management Program of the Institute for Court Management which is the educational arm of the National Center for State Courts. Chris is employed as District Court Manager.

Eliza Brown '02 is currently in her fourth year with Bismarck Public Schools. She is teaching fifth grade at Centennial Elementary.

Heather (Orner) Solberg '03 has joined State Bank & Trust of Fargo, ND, as a personal banker. Heather previously worked for Choice Financial in Grand Forks, ND.

Kyle Kuznia '04 has joined Cole Papers, Fargo, ND, as a sales representative.

Trish Maus '04 at First Community Credit Union in Jamestown has earned the Technology Certificate in the credit union's Staff Training and Recognition program (STAR).

Trista Leach '05 loved attending VCSU and was sad to move on but knew she was ready to start in the “real world”. She has been hired as a kindergarten teacher in the Kindred schools and is very excited to start this new chapter. Trista thanks all the people at VCSU for helping her!

Cynthia Malsam '05 has accepted a Mental Health Care Specialist position with the ND State Hospital in Jamestown.

Becky Tasa '05 joined the Yankton (SD) School District as a high school librarian. Becky was the recipient of the Claude M. Burrows Award for outstanding social science student in college. In her spare time she enjoys golfing and spending time with family.

Zachary Hinkle '05 has accepted a position as health teacher, assistant football coach and head track coach at Fisher (MN) High School.

Matthew Stewart '05 has accepted a position with SEI of Fargo, ND, in Help Desk Support.

Renaе (Tschritter) Kennedy '05 married Damian Kennedy on August 5th. She is employed as a Title I Aide at Jefferson Elementary in Valley City.

Katie Harris '05 is the first grade teacher at West Central Area Schools in Kensington, MN.

In Remembrance

Wendy (Salisbury) Myers '76, Alice

Dorothy (Faust) Elliott '59, Richland, WA

Clayton Humes, Jamestown

Ralph Lipp '60, Santa Maria, CA

Lillian (Ebel) Long '16, Bottineau

Agnes (McGruder) Cross, Jamestown

Victor Ball '49, Breckenridge, MN

Doris (Dahl) Moslet, Billings, MT

Ruth (Pritchert) Holter, Kennewick, WA

Anna (Wulff) Neva, Jamestown

E. Paul Reher '37, Dyersville, IA

Margaret (Kvilvang) Reher, Dyersville, IA

Pam (Flatlie) Justesen '82, Valley City

Genevieve (Benson) Erickson '35, Fargo

Shawn Lanksbury '85, Seattle, WA

Alice (Dahl) Christensen, Jamestown

Gladys (Becker) Jewett '41, Valley City

Harry Klundt '40, Oakes

Mike Mitzel '56, Coalinga, CA

Frances Oleson '28, Jamesetown

Wally Bjerke, Valley City

Nora (Arntson) Boyle '33, Akron, OH

Ruth (Weld) Lien, Bismarck

David U. Williams, Bismarck

Ruth (Dagman) Curtis, Moorhead, MN

Margaret (Opperud) Selland, Fargo

Helen Oliphant, Fargo

Myrtle (Hagen) Fossen '39, Maddock

Sharon (Hanna) Howe '61, Sauke Centre, MN

Margaret (Baribeau) Kopp, West Fargo

Beulah (Stemm) Kirkeby, Hankinson

Selma (Folstad) Turney '32, West Linn, OR

Pauline (Nelson) Fors, Cooperstown

Lavonne (Hetland) Schwartz '70, Valley City

Leeta (Davis) Bode, Ulen, MN

Marjorie (Malosh) White, Valley City

Evelyn (Alfson) Hopley, Fargo

Ann (Anderson) Fortune, Fargo

Janet (Cochran) Froelich, Valley City

Agnes (Loken) Lysne, Bismarck

Leave a Legacy at Valley City State University

The **Leave a Legacy Program** encourages people who support Valley City State University to continue to have an impact on the university after the time of their death. They can do so with a charitable bequest. Gifts can come in the form of money, property, stocks, bonds, life insurance, or a percentage of an estate. The gifts are intended to say thank you for the good work of Valley City State University and the tremendous impact the university and its people have had on your life. More often than not, very attractive tax benefits accompany a gift of this type. People should seek professional advice from their lawyer and accountant to determine the exact impact a gift of this type would have on their personal situation.

Frequently Asked Questions About Leaving A Gift

Do I have to include my wish to leave a gift to a specific organization in my will?

To be certain that the group receives the gift, you should state your intention in your will. Without a will, your property and finances are settled according to state laws, whether or not they coincide with family wishes.

Must I have an estate to leave a gift?

An estate is simply a word to describe any property, money, or personal belongs that you may have at the time of your death. Most people leave an estate when they die even though they may not have a great deal of personal wealth. Anyone can arrange to leave a charitable gift from their estate when they pass away.

How do I leave a gift for an organization that I admire?

You can arrange for a gift in several ways. The most common is through a will. Many people elect to set aside a certain dollar amount. Others choose to leave a percentage of their estate, or any assets left over after their family needs have been met. Some folks elect to give a charity something they may have won, like a car. Others elect to give real estate, their home, lake cabin, etc. Still others leave a paid up life insurance policy or other financial investment.

Who can help me arrange for a gift?

We suggest that you contact your lawyer, accountant, financial planner and/or your life insurance agent. If you do not have a relationship with a professional, please contact this office and we will give you the names of several well qualified professionals in this area. A professional can tell you the exact tax benefits of planned gifts. You may also wish to contact our organization directly. We have a variety of information available free of charge on planned giving, estate planning, preparing a will, etc.

How do I leave a gift in memory of a person?

A gift is a wonderful way to recognize someone who has made a difference in your life. You may also give to a specific cause such as a new building, an academic area of study, or elect to give the gift to the university to use in the area of greatest need. This type of gift can be arranged in your will in much the same way that you would leave a personal gift from your estate. You simply need to make it clear that the gift is given in memory of a particular person or a specific cause.

Do I tell VCSU I've left a gift?

That is entirely up to you. We would certainly like to know so we can plan accordingly. It also gives us the opportunity to recognize your generosity while you are living. In addition, your decision to support Valley City State University could serve to encourage others to do the same. Whether you let us know or not, is entirely your decision. All of our Alumni and Friends who are members of our **Leave A Legacy Program** will be listed in recognition programs and the annual Donor Edition of *The Bulletin*. To inform us that you have included us in your will and/or estate plan, simply send us written verification and a copy of the page of your will or estate plan that references the gift to the university.

Your Gift Is A Lasting Tribute

According to Larry Robinson, Director of Advancement, "Valley City State University has received numerous gifts and bequests over the years. Unfortunately, many of them have come to us as a complete surprise. Although we sincerely appreciate the support, because the gifts were not revealed to us earlier, we did not have the opportunity to express our appreciation and appropriately recognize our donors. The Legacy Society will allow us to thank our donors while they are still living."

VCSU continues to play a very important role in the lives of the students who pass through these halls. Some say it's about people. Others have referred to the tremendous education and life experience that VCSU provided. The truth is that Valley City State University is indeed a special place. Like other quality colleges and universities, Valley City State University is dependent on financial assistance from people like you to continue our mission. Your support of VCSU has certainly been appreciated. When you are gone, that support will be sorely missed. By leaving a legacy through a gift in your will, you can continue your support of Valley City State University long after you are gone.

Q&A

Year-End

Q: What gift records should I keep?

A: It is important to keep all records and receipts. The IRS holds you personally responsible for obtaining a written acknowledgment from a charitable organization for any single contribution of \$250 or more before you can claim a deduction on your federal income tax return. The receipt from the organization should provide a good- faith estimate of the value of any goods or services you received.

Q: Will I get a higher deduction if I give cash versus stock?

A: Your stock may be worth more than what you paid for it. If you have held the stock for more than 12 months, you can deduct the full fair market value of the stock at the time of your gift, no matter how much you paid for it. For example, if you donate securities valued at \$50,000 that you purchased a few years ago for \$8,000, your deduction will be the full \$50,000 value.

Q: Can I take the full deduction in the year I make the gifts?

A: It depends on the type of gift and the amount of your adjusted gross income (AGI). You are allowed to carry over any "excess" deduction for five ensuing years.

Q&A

Naming Us As Your Beneficiary

Q: I would like to name your charitable organization as a beneficiary in my will. Where should I begin?

A: Deciding if you want to make a specific or a residuary bequest is a good first step. A specific bequest gives us a specific dollar amount or a specific asset. A residuary bequest gives us all or a percentage of your estate after other bequests are made and estate-related expenses are paid.

Q: Which assets make the best gifts?

A: From a standpoint of convenience, you might want to consider naming us the beneficiary of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Thanks to a simplification of the rules, leaving your IRA to a nonprofit organization like ours will not affect the amount you are required to take out. If you wish, you can divide your IRA assets into more than one account, and name more than one beneficiary.

Q: What about a life insurance policy?

A: A life insurance policy makes an excellent gift at relatively little cost to you, and under some circumstances you can even deduct premium payments you are making on policies that aren't paid up. At the time of your death, we will receive the proceeds of the policy and your estate will receive a charitable deduction.

Q: Would I be wise to seek the advice of a tax professional?

A: Most definitely. Consulting a professional advisor is a smart investment that can save you money and heartache in the long run.

Reunions & Socials



Dr. Ellen Chaffee, VCSU President, hosted an informal get-together for VCSU alumni in the Boston area. Shown here (from left): Shirley (Moulton) Bachini '84, Dr. Chaffee, and Sara (Buckmeier) '99 and Adam Houser '99.



VCSU alumni recently got together for a reunion in Kenai, Alaska. Shown here: Neal '76 Dallman and wife, Carol.

PLEASE JOIN US

**February 3, 2006
Surprise, AZ**

**11:30 AM
My Favorite Martin's
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Surprise, AZ**

**February 4, 2006
Mesa, AZ**

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Mesa, AZ 85207**

**March 18, 2006
Elk River, MN
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
American Legion
525 Railroad Drive NW
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