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Beginnings and Endings

Ellen-Earle Chaffee, President

This time of year, memories of recent Commencement exercises are still fresh in our minds as we get busy preparing for another academic year. It is natural that this is an occasion to reflect on both our past accomplishments and the exciting things ahead.

Education is a recurring theme in this issue of *The Bulletin*. In our special section on Commencement 2007, we recognize the first graduating class of our new online Master of Education. We took special steps to celebrate these graduates both because we are so proud of them and because of the historic nature of this occasion: VCSU was founded as a 'teacher's college' over 100 years ago, and the accomplishments of our M.Ed. graduates are proof of our ability to take this mission to a higher level. I felt a tremendous amount of personal pride as I observed the hooding ceremony – a new tradition that will become a staple of future Commencement exercises at VCSU. All of us should share this pride, particularly the faculty and students of our School of Education and Graduate Studies.

With all of these developments, I am left feeling tremendously grateful both for the contributions made by all those departing and for the new energy, enthusiasm and ideas of those who are joining us.

This issue of *The Bulletin* also describes other important accomplishments related to our mission as a teacher's college. The Higher Learning Commission accepted our progress report on the implementation of the Master's program, effectively completing the approval process. Then, we were awarded a \$574,000 grant for master's-level curriculum in library information technologies. Growth of our master's program certainly shows no sign of slowing down.

Commencement always makes me think of the exciting things ahead for our graduates, and this issue of *The Bulletin* also describes many of the ways our alumni are "changing the world." Allen Burgad '89, who is now the Superintendent at Northern Cass school, is leading a laptop initiative that in many ways mirrors our own. Over ten years into our experience, we can attest

to the challenges he faces, the obstacles he must overcome, as well as the tremendous value it offers to his students. He appears to be doing an outstanding job, and we wish him and everyone at Northern Cass school the best!

As we often do this time of year, we are seeing several VCSU icons retire after many years of service. We try to put the spotlight on these individuals in this publication both to recognize their contribution but also because so many readers of this magazine will have fond memories of the role these people played in their college experience.

Athletics has also seen notable changes. Cory Anderson '89, who has been with VCSU first as a student-athlete and most recently as a coach and administrator has moved on and will be sorely missed. Also stepping off the Viking ship is Athletic Director Doug Peters, who has started a new role with Minnesota State University Moorhead as its Athletic Director. Both have made important contributions to VCSU and have touched the lives of many of our students and athletes, and they will be missed.

But we welcome as our new Athletic Director B.J. Pumroy, who comes to us from Truman State University in Kirksville, MO. He should be starting in his new role right about the time this issue of *The Bulletin* is delivered to your mailbox, and we look forward to his leadership taking Viking athletics to the next level. Our new baseball coach is Casey Olney, who was promoted from within our own ranks.

With all of these developments, I am left feeling tremendously grateful both for the contributions made by all those departing and for the new energy, enthusiasm and ideas of those who are joining us. I encourage all of you to stay in touch – good things are ahead as the VCSU story continues to unfold!

Annual Recognition Donor Luncheon

The Valley City State University Foundation Board held their annual recognition luncheon on Monday, June 18th at the Town and Country Club in Valley City.

The luncheon provides the Foundation Board an opportunity to honor individuals and businesses for their levels of lifetime giving to the University. Special guests included incoming North Dakota University System Chancellor Bill Goetz and his wife Marian, and Gary and Connie Tharaldson. In addition, individuals who have joined the VCSU Legacy Society by including VCSU in their estate plan were recognized.

Donors recognized for achieving a new level of giving during this past fiscal year were:

Regents Level (\$25,000 - \$49,000)
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 Ardis McCready '47

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 Gary '67 and Connie Tharaldson

Legacy Society
 Leila Whiting '63



Ellen Chaffee, VCSU President; Connie and Gary Tharaldson; and George Gaukler, VCSU Foundation Board President. Gary and his wife Connie have donated over one million dollars to the VCSU Foundation. The Tharaldson's were presented with a photo of the VCSU Footbridge in recognition of their gift to the university.



Alumni Association Requests Award Nominations

Your Alumni Association is requesting nominations for the various awards presented by the association. The awards include the Distinguished Alumnus Award; the Alumni Service Award; Certificate of Merit Award; and Hall of Fame Award. Each and every year, your association recognizes members who have excelled in their professional careers, provided extraordinary service to their alma mater, or achieved noteworthy honors. In most cases, the awards are presented during the annual Homecoming festivities.

For a complete summary of the awards, including criteria, nomination forms and past recipients, visit alumni.vcsu.edu and click on "Awards." According to Larry Robinson, Director of University Advancement, "We are very fortunate to have so many outstanding success stories in education, coaching, business, and a host of other professional careers. Our graduates have been very competitive in their chosen fields. Your association wants to hear about these extraordinary accomplishments. We encourage your nominations. Our alumni make us proud!"

Although nominations are accepted throughout the year, those nominations that are received prior to September 1st will be considered for recognition during the 2007 Homecoming festivities scheduled for September 22, 2007.



Fortunately...

by Janis Wallender, Alumni Board President

Optimism vs. pessimism... a hard concept for young and old. One of my favorite books is called "Fortunately" by Remy Charlip. It gives teachers an opportunity to present these concepts. And today, it provides a format for my article.

School is out for summer! Fortunately, that's an exciting phrase for many people. Unfortunately, there are those who suffered the disappointments of learning that their names were on the summer school lists, those who worry about where they are going to get at least one good

meal a day, those who now have to pay for childcare as they continue working at their year-long jobs.

Fortunately, I, for one, didn't have any of the above disappointments. Unfortunately, I have the "exciting opportunity" to "dig in and clean out!" Fortunately, I think of myself as a collector of artifacts. Unfortunately, my family refers to me as "the queen of clutter." Fortunately, summer gives me the time to search through my artifacts (a.k.a. clutter) to decide what is worth keeping, what is worth sharing with others, and what I might want to store away so that I can go through it again next summer. Unfortunately, I haven't been offered help as a candidate for HGTV's "Mission: Organization."

Fortunately, we offered an opportunity for alumni to "dig in and clean out" at VCSU. Unfortunately, we had to cancel "We're Back, Giving Back" because of a lack of interest. Fortunately, Alumni Board members had the opportunity to spend a day going through what my family may refer to as clutter, but I refer to as "artifacts." Unfortunately, we didn't get to reconnect with other alumni in the process.

Fortunately, we will have the opportunity to reconnect with many of you this fall at VCSU's Homecoming. Unfortunately, some of you won't be able to make it. Fortunately, there are other ways to reconnect, i.e. the VCSU alumni website: alumni.vcsu.edu.

Unfortunately, my term of office is up. Fortunately, I've enjoyed being your Alumni Board President. Unfortunately, I can't serve a second term. Fortunately, I am able to turn the office of Alumni President over to a very capable Mike Hangaard.

Preferring to be an eternal optimist, I'll end with... fortunately, I feel blessed to be a graduate and alumni of VCSU. Fortunately, I had this splendid opportunity of serving on your alumni board and serving as your president. ♦



A Moment in History

by Larry Robinson '71, Director of University Advancement

Congratulations to the Class of 2007! Another year is history here at Valley City State University. On May 12, VCSU held its annual Commencement exercises. A total of 175 undergraduate degrees were awarded on this special day. To add to the excitement, VCSU awarded its first master's degrees to a class of 15. What a historic moment! What a special day! To fully appreciate and capture the excitement of the day, one would have had to be in attendance. A packed Vangstad Auditorium, excited graduates, emotional families, and the traditional sounds of VCSU's own Paul McDaniel, '73, playing the alma mater on the old organ, set the stage for a day to remember.

Yes, Commencement 2007 was truly **A Moment in History**. As a long term staff member, Commencement always touches

on my emotions. It represents both the culmination and the beginning. Some of the graduates of 2007 have been working on their degrees for many years. Others took classes part time, and worked full time, to support a family at home, and pay for college costs. Others had worked full time while carrying a full time academic load. Some spent five, six, even ten years or more to realize a dream. With diploma in hand, the stage is set for the next chapter in their lives.

The sight of all of our graduates in full academic gown, on the beautiful McFarland front lawn, with the famous chimes playing from the historic clock tower, is touching, to say the least. To see moms and dads, sons and daughters, grandmas and grandpas, and so many others gathered to celebrate the excitement and achievement of the day is a special sight in and of itself. Hugs, tears,

hand shakes, and smiles, ruled the day. For some, it is on to work in their chosen field. Others will pursue graduate studies. For many, careers will take them far from Valley City and VCSU. Some may never return to their alma mater. Classmates will travel separate directions, many will never see one another again.

Good luck to the graduates of 2007. Enjoy this, your first issue of **The Bulletin**. You are now alumni of Valley City State University. We hope to hear from you often. Keep us posted on the developments in your careers and families. Notify us of changes in your employment and address. Attend our alumni sponsored events. Finally, VCSU is your alma mater. We hope you come home often. We will miss you! ♦

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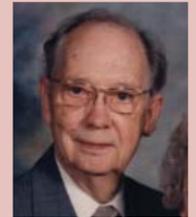
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James G. Lade



James Lade was a teacher in the Division of Science at VCSU from 1956-1977. The classes he taught included

Botany, Plant Taxonomy, Microbiology, Field Ecology, Comparative Anatomy, Environmental Science, and Mycology. He also offered a course in Conversational Norwegian.

He was born in 1914 and received a two-year teaching certificate from Moorhead State in 1934. His teaching career began with rural schools in Fosston, MN, Tenstrike, MN, and Blackduck, MN. In 1935, he became a licensed radio amateur beginning a hobby with ham radio that would span the next 70 years. An accomplished musician, he played violin, clarinet, piano, and organ in a variety of capacities including the Moorhead State orchestra, the Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra, and many civic and church events.

During his teaching career he influenced many students at VCSU who would enter fields such as medicine, forestry, mortuary science, and especially high school science teaching. Since his specialty was botany, he enjoyed gardening, planting trees and growing plants indoors. He also collected specimens and took photos of plants and mushrooms in the summer for use in his classes in the fall.

Thomas Kleppe



Thomas Kleppe, who attended VCSC in 1937, received the VCSU Distinguished Service Award in 1976. The

many roles he served in life included a Warrant Officer during World War II, Mayor of Bismarck, President and Treasurer of the Gold Seal Company, United States Congressman, Administrator of the Small Business Administration, Secretary of the Interior under President Gerald Ford, and faculty member at the University of Wyoming. He passed away March 2, 2007 in Bethesda, MD.

HLC Accepts Progress Report on M.Ed. Implementation

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has accepted VCSU's progress report on the implementation of our online Master of Education program and non-program graduate courses, representing the completion of the HLC approval process.

The progress report was recommended by the focused team whose visit was instrumental in the HLC's initial approval for VCSU to offer the Master of Education degree in October, 2005. The recommendation suggested that the progress report be completed by June 1, 2007, and include program materials for the M.Ed. concentrations in Teaching and Technology and Technology Education, an update on the credentials of the graduate faculty and Chair of Graduate Studies, evidence of the use of assessment data to improve student learning, and evidence of the development of research protocols to support graduate-level programs. VCSU faculty and staff prepared the progress report and submitted it in April.

In its analysis of the report, the HLC noted that VCSU has taken important steps in the development of the graduate culture at the institution, including reorganizing the Division of Education into the School of Education and Graduate Studies, recognizing the Graduate Council as a standing committee of the Faculty Association, stabilizing key administrative areas after a period of turn-over, and establishing an administrative unit to handle non-program graduate courses ('Extended Learning @ VCSU').

The HLC's next comprehensive evaluation of the institution is scheduled for 2011. Until then, no further reports are required. ♦

Corrections:

The March, 2007 issue of *The Bulletin* attributed a guestbook entry to Justin Klein '04, however, the entry was not written or submitted by Justin Klein.

The March, 2007 issue of *The Bulletin* ran a photo of VCSU alumni who serve as North Dakota legislators with an error in the caption. The photo and the corrected caption are provided here.



VCSU Alum Legislators: FRONT Representative Joe Kroeber '65, Representative John Wall '70, Representative Ben Vig '06, Representative Clark Williams '64, and Representative Ralph Metcalf. BACK Representative Phillip Mueller '68, Senator Joan Heckaman '67, Representative Edmund Gruchalla '75, Senator Bob Horne '59, Senator Larry Robinson '71, and Representative Chet Pollert '77.

Don Hoff Recognized as 2007 Teacher of the Year

The VCSU Student Senate recognized Assistant Professor Don Hoff as Teacher of the Year for 2007. The award is given annually to a professor who shows dedication to the students of VCSU through innovative teaching methods and continued professional development both inside and outside of the classroom.

Jeremy Hulderman, Teacher of the Year Committee Chair, said, "Mr. Hoff is one of those rare breed of people that have that little something special it takes to lead, and to help learn. He is dedicated, and committed to his university, the students of it, and the craft of teaching the field of science at Valley City State University. He embodies all the great characteristics of a teacher, but he goes even beyond that. One of his students wrote, 'even though we are deep within a subject area, he is able to lighten the mood, and that helps bring everyone back to focus.'"

Hoff is on the faculty in the Division of Math, Science, and Health & Physical Education. He has been with VCSU for five years teaching courses in Chemistry, Earth Science/Geology, and Science Teaching Methods,



and supervising science student teachers. Prior to joining VCSU, Hoff spent over 20 years as a secondary science teacher in North Dakota and the Marshall Islands, and spent one year working for NASA. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Dickinson State University, a Master of Science degree in Earth Science/Science Education from North Dakota State University, and has completed extensive post-graduate work. ♦

ND Women's Network Names Dr. Ellen Chaffee "Woman of the Year"



The North Dakota Women's Network named Dr. Ellen-Earle Chaffee "Woman of the Year" at the organization's first annual meeting, training and award dinner held June 15 in Fargo, ND.

In presenting the award, Renee Stromme, Executive Director of the ND Women's Network, said, "Dr. Chaffee is well-known for her phenomenal leadership for women in higher education and beyond. She has long been a champion for women ever since her involvement in advancing the Equal Rights Amendment in North Dakota as a young woman. In those efforts, she was a frequent and compelling speaker on women's equality at schools, community groups, the state legislature, and on radio and television. She was president of the North Dakota Commission on the Status of Women and the first Title IX Compliance Officer at North Dakota State University. She continues to work for women, especially through her focus on equal opportunity for women in higher education."

Dr. Chaffee has been president of VCSU since 1993, and also served as President of Mayville State University from 1993 until 2002. The universities were among the first in the nation to integrate information technologies into the teaching and learning processes. During her presidency, VCSU has been named to the *U.S. News* "Best College" list nine years in a row,

was featured in six national publications on instructional innovation, won five national awards, and received a number of highly competitive federal and foundation grants. The American Association of University Administrators and *Computerworld* have recognized Dr. Chaffee's leadership, as have the Information Technology Council of North Dakota, the Greater North Dakota Association, and Preservation North Dakota. Dr. Chaffee has been national president of two major higher education associations and served nine years on the national accrediting board for pharmacy education. She has written five books and many articles on strategic management, quality, innovation, and leadership. Her community service focuses on rural economic development. She earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration and policy analysis at Stanford University.

The ND Women's Network serves for the advancement of women in North Dakota in the areas of health and well-being, employment and earnings, reproductive rights, social and economic autonomy, and political participation. As leaders, the NDWN will serve as the catalyst for improving the lives of women through communication, legislation and increased public activism. Additional information is available at www.ndwomen.org. ♦

VCSU Retirees



Dean Karges '70 began teaching at VCSU in 1972, and taught hundreds of students accounting – the language of business. In the past 35 years, many of his students took the knowledge

they received and used it to benefit a variety of careers including CPA's, Accounting teachers, and Financial Advisors. Among his students, he was known for his knowledge, ability to teach, making classes enjoyable, and getting to know students on a personal level.

♦ ♦ ♦
Carole King Jefferson '74,

Curriculum Librarian and copy cataloger retired in May after over 30 years with VCSU. Carole was instrumental in the effort to automate the library's holdings as well as developing and maintaining the Curriculum Library collection at Allen Memorial Library.



♦ ♦ ♦
Judy Hoyt '76 has been with VCSU for over 30 years as an Administrative Assistant for the Dean of Students and the Office of Career Services.

♦ ♦ ♦
Margaret Wieland '57,

Associate Professor—Communication Arts/Social Sciences Division and Reference Librarian at Allen Memorial Library, retired in June after 22 years with VCSU. In her role as faculty, she developed and taught courses for the library minor in traditional and online formats. As Reference Librarian, Mrs. Wieland provided professional reference and collection development services for the university community.



Commencement 2007: *A Historic Occasion*

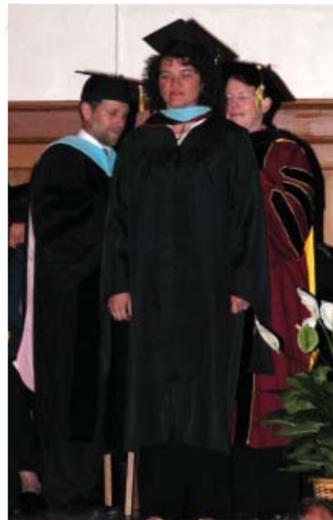
"I live in the Twin Cities, and could have had the pick of many colleges in the metro area. But the online piece was huge for me... I did not want to spend my time commuting across town in South Minneapolis during snow storms. This has been a great program for me!"

Sara Etzel,
West St. Paul, MN

The Class of 2007 included the first graduates from the new online Master of Education program which received accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission during the fall of 2005. Though they have spent considerable time throughout their studies interacting with the faculty and each other online, many were meeting in-person for the first time.

RIGHT 14 M.Ed. students qualified to participate in Commencement, 12 of whom took advantage of the opportunity. FRONT Natalie Boe, Darcy Blegen, Dr. Joseph Bessie (VCSU Vice President of Academic Affairs), Dr. Ellen Chaffee (VCSU President), Dr. Patricia Rogers (Dean, School of Education and Graduate Studies), Desiree Johnson, Kathy Lentz. BACK Sara Etzel, Mark Langlie, Gregory Heitkamp, Ryan Bilden, Jason Simpenderfer, Justin Foss, Rhonda Rode, Mary Halvorson.

The master's graduates were invited to a recognition breakfast in which they were presented with commemorative pins featuring an aquamarine (light blue, according to academic tradition, is the color designated to represent the discipline of Education) and an inscription reading "VCSU 2007 M.Ed."



ABOVE Commencement included a "hooding ceremony" in which a piece of academic regalia known as a "hood" was placed over the shoulders of each graduate as a sign of their scholarly and professional achievement.

LEFT "Non-Traditional students," defined as anyone who does not fit the model of a recent high-school graduate going straight to college and finishing in four years, have been on the rise at VCSU. Here are four such grads in the Class of 2007. Jeremy Hulderman (returned to college after service in the military), Cari Englin (works at Wells Fargo Bank in Jamestown while taking VCSU's evening classes), Melissa Nelson, and Donald Anton.



ABOVE Naomi and Audra Karlin received their diplomas as a mother-daughter team. Naomi received her degree with an Art Education major and Library minor, and is continuing her education at VCSU pursuing an Elementary Education degree with a Reading Endorsement. Audra received her Bachelor of University Studies. Said Naomi, "We started at different times, and we really didn't plan it that we would finish together; it just worked out that way. We are both very proud of each other."



Tami Rocheleau kept a family tradition going by joining both parents, both sisters and their husbands as VCSU alumni. From left: Mistie (Rocheleau) '02 and Jason Holland '01, '06 with baby Emery, Kathie (Morlock) Rocheleau '76, Tami Rocheleau '07, Jerry Rocheleau '76, Heidi (Rocheleau) '96 and Chris Eckart '96 with children Adyn (being held) and Addi (standing in front). All have also had or plan on careers in education in North Dakota.

Making VCSU and Education a Family Tradition The Rocheleau Family Shares Careers in Education and Great Memories of VCSU

Class of 2007 graduate Tami Rocheleau joined good company when she became an alum: her entire family, including father, mother, both sisters, and their husbands, are all VCSU graduates, and all have been teachers in North Dakota!

Tami's parents are Jerry '76 and Kathie (Morlock) '76 Rocheleau. Since graduating, Jerry spent two years in the 82nd Airborne Division of the Army, then taught and coached wrestling at Enderlin and Rolla. In 1979, he moved to Spring Lake Ranch (north of Rugby) to become a full-time rancher. In 2000, he was inducted into the VCSU Hall of Fame for individual wrestler and team. Kathie, presently in her 15th year as an elementary counselor, is in the Rugby Public School System. She was recognized in 2006 as the

North Dakota School Counselor Association's Elementary Counselor of the Year.

Tami's sister Heidi (Rocheleau) Eckart '96 and her husband Chris '96 live in Hillsboro and have two children: daughter Addi (8) and son Adyn (2). Heidi has been teaching for eleven years, and her current duties include coaching junior high volleyball and teaching art (she recently became highly qualified with the help of VCSU's Department of Art) and elementary physical education and coordinating technology for the school. Before Hillsboro, she was in Central Valley for seven years coaching Junior Varsity girls' basketball and teaching art, technology education, and physical education, and serving as the technology coordinator. Chris

began his career teaching three years in Mandaree, ND, and is now in the Hillsboro district with Heidi. He teaches fifth grade and is the Head Coach for boy's and girl's golf, and elementary boys basketball. He is also the Science Fair Coordinator, and he hopes to complete his master's degree in educational leadership through NDSU in the fall of 2007.

Tami's other sister Mistie '02 and her husband Jason Holland '01 and '06 live in Casselton. Mistie has just completed her fifth year of teaching kindergarten at Central Cass and has coached junior high volleyball, basketball, and track. Jason just finished his first year of teaching at Fargo South Campus II and is the assistant DECA coach. The couple recently had their first child, Emery Lyn. Mistie said, "Besides being a

great college, the teachers are what really attracted us to VCSU. They know you by name and truly care about you and your education!"

As for Tami, she graduated this spring with a double major in Elementary Education and Physical Education and a minor in Coaching. She has been active in intramural sports at VCSU and cheering on the Vikings. "I loved it here. This is one of the most beautiful campuses I've ever seen." Of course, she also is planning a career in Education. "I love kids... that is the main reason." She completed her student-teaching assignment in Hillsboro with her sister Heidi, and was also able to gain experience coaching track and basketball at both Hillsboro and Valley City. She will begin teaching in Grafton Public Schools this fall. ♦



Grads Clean Up in Science Olympiad

In March, VCSU hosted the Regional Science Olympiad, an annual event in which 24 junior and senior high schools compete in dozens of intriguing events such as Balloon Launch, Disease Detective, and Science Crimebusters. The teachers who coach these teams spend countless hours preparing both in their regular class work and in special preparation for this exciting event.

VCSU alumni from the class of 2006 had a particularly impressive showing, leading several teams that placed well in the competition. The Valley City Junior and Senior High School teams won their divisions in the annual Science Olympiad. Shown here (left to right) Kathryn Grueneich, Cynthia Klabo, and Matt Nielson. Alums from the class of '06 who coached other Science Olympiad teams included Matt Scherbenske (Kulm), Andrew St. Vincent '06 (Minnewaukan Public), and Brett Johnsrud '06 (Glen Ullin).

The Class of 2005 also had a good showing from Warren Michael (Edinburg) and Tom Klapp (Northern Cass). ♦

Swing to the Sounds of the Easy Street Seven at the Eagles, Friday, October 19

The *Easy Street Seven*, a popular Valley City area band comprised of VCSU alums, will perform alternately with *The VCSU Jazz Ensemble* at a dinner-dance to be held at the Eagles Club, Friday October 19, 2007. Good food and great music will provide a wonderful evening for all. The two bands will perform popular dance classics from the 40s as well as more recent selections.

Those attending the festivities will enjoy a 7 oz. sirloin and shrimp dinner, served at 7:00 pm, as well as an evening of dancing, beginning at 8:00 pm. The cost of the dinner-dance is \$30.00 per person and the dance without dinner is \$15.00. All proceeds from the events will be used to fund music scholarships at Valley City State University. Tickets will go on sale September 1. For additional information, contact Ann Kelly in the Department of Music Office, 701-845-7272.

The members of *The Easy Street Seven* are:

Monte McDaniel '59, band leader, graduated from VCSU with a degree in music education. He was a member of the EBC Fraternity, performing in twelve Hit Parade shows. McDaniel taught music in Marion and McVillie for thirty-eight years. A former member of *The Don Piehl Quintet* and *The Dick King Classic Swing Band*, he currently performs with the *North Dakota State Legion Band* and the *Kem Temple Shrine Band*. McDaniel formed *The Easy Street Seven* three years ago when he moved to Valley City, serving as band leader and performing on clarinet and tenor sax.

Josh Argall '99, Fargo, plays alto and tenor saxophone. After substitute teaching in North Dakota and Minnesota from 1999 to 2001, he is now instructor of 5-12 vocal and instrumental music in the Kindred Public School System. Argall recently received the NDNBA Allegro Band Award, for outstanding contributions to instrumental music in North Dakota. He is an active musician in the Fargo-Moorhead area, performing on saxophone with the *Jazz Arts Big Band*, the *Shrine Imperials Big Band*, the *North Dakota State Legion Band*, and *Post Traumatic Funk Syndrome* (PTFS, a 12-piece classic rock horn band), and performing on trumpet with the *St. Andrew's Brass Ensemble*.

Jim Bertson '70, Sanborn, graduated from VCSU with a degree in music education. As a member of the EBC Fraternity, he performed with *The EBC Alumni Quartet* and in many of the EBC shows as vocalist and lead trombone. Bertson taught public school music at Marion and Michigan, North Dakota. A bass guitarist, he has performed with *Myron Sommerfeld* and the *BonBon Brass*, *The Art Hollan Orchestra*, and *The Don Piehl Quintet*. In addition to playing bass for *The Easy Street Seven*, Bertson also performs with the *Roger Thompson Orchestra* out of Jamestown.

Mark Ertelt, drummer for *The Easy Street Seven*, earned a degree in Recording Engineering at The Recording Workshop in Chillicothe, Ohio in 1986. During and following his years at VCSU, he performed in thirteen EBC Hit Parade shows. Currently he serves as drummer for the EBC Alumni show *We're In the Christmas Mood*. A former member of the Valley City band *Karma*, Ertelt now performs with three Fargo-area bands: *The Jason Lee Austen Band*, *Ransom*, and *The Great Outdoors*. Ertelt is employed at Valley City's Labor Club and as a free-lance musician in eastern North Dakota.

Gary Gylden '59, the band's keyboard player, taught public school music at Binford, Kenmare, Rolla, and DeLacs-Burlington. Honored as a recipient of the National Band Association's North Dakota Distinguished Service Award, his professional positions have included president of North Dakota Music Educators' Association, service on the Music Advisory Board of the North Dakota High School Activities Association, the North Dakota Jazz Educators Association, and ten years employment at the International Music Camp. The former director of the *Minot Elks Band*, Gylden now performs with the *Shrine Imperials Big Band* (a 17-piece band) and the *North Dakota State Legion Band*.

Randy Hajek, trumpet player, has farmed near Davenport since 1979, growing mainly grains and soybeans. He has served on the ND Soybean Growers Association and Cass County Improvement Boards and is currently Chairman of Warren Township. After playing trumpet with a band out of Grand Forks called *High Society*, Hajek sang with *The EBC Alumni Quartet* and performed as trumpeter with fellow EBC alumni as a member of *The Sheyenne Brass*. Hajek attended VCSU through 1984, performing in nearly every EBC Hit Parade from 1978 to the final show and serving as show director in 1984, where he arranged the finale "Hey, Jude." He has played in all eleven EBC Alumni *We're In the Christmas Mood* shows.

John Monilaws '87, trombonist from Valley City, is currently the director of High School Music for the Lisbon Public school system. He graduated from VCSU with a degree in composite music education and has taught public school music in North Dakota for twenty years. In 2005, Monilaws received VCSU's Alumni Service Award. In 2006, his *Lisbon High School Concert Band* was selected by Governor John Hoeven to represent the state of North Dakota as the official *Governor's Band*. The former leader of *The Sheyenne Brass* and frequent performer in the EBC Hit Parades, Monilaws is currently the maestro of the EBC Fraternity Alumni Christmas show. ♦

Employee Recognition Banquet

VCSU recognized faculty and staff for their years of service at the annual Employee Recognition Banquet.



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT

FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE:

FRONT Everett Walker, W. Raymond Scott, Harriet Bender, Joan Aus, Heather Kvilvang '98. BACK Dennis Triebold, Don Hoff, Loren Lemer, Randy Jess, Hilde van Gijssel. NOT SHOWN Robert Brown, Patrick Horner, Damian Lewis '97, David Olson '92, Jan Zerface.

TEN & FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE:

Pat Egeberg, Al Siebert, Dan Klein, Sharon Jacob. NOT SHOWN Colleen Clancy, John DiFiore.

TWENTY & TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE:

Tilmer Gienger, Gary Thompson, Kris Mueller '86, Ralph Hooper, Connie Pederson '91.

THIRTY & THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE:

Bill Ament, Betty Schumacher '87, Dean Karges '70. NOT SHOWN Diana Skroch '75, Wilfred Kiser.



The entire Wieland family surprised retiree Margaret at the Employee Recognition Banquet to celebrate her retirement after 22 years of service.

FRONT Louis '01, Joseph '98, Robert '93, William '86. BACK Naomi Kreidkamp '89, Kathleen Thompson, Mary Madigal '95, Margaret '57, Joanne Schafer '89, Carol '99.

Vikings Name Award Winners

This spring, the Vikings Century Club and the VCSU Athletic department presented the End of Year awards to the Class of 2007. With almost 200 people in attendance, a variety of awards were presented.

To start the ceremony off, twenty-nine seniors were recognized with Viking Senior Awards. The award recognizes the time, effort and energy the student-athletes dedicate to participating in their sports.

A nomination and ballot process was used to determine the winners of the male and female Athlete of the Year awards and the Viking Award.

Female Athlete of the Year

Kim Bilokreli was named the Viking Female Athlete of the Year for her outstanding achievements on the volleyball court. Bilokreli was named the Dakota Athletic Conference "Libero of the Year" for the 2006 season. The Theodore, Sask. native was dominant in her performances anchoring the Viking defense and captaining a relatively young team to their first winning season in nearly a decade. In addition, she helped the Vikings pick up their 1st ever Dakota Athletic Conference post season win. Bilokreli picked up the following individual honors:

- Honored by the DAC seven of eleven weeks as Libero of the Week.
- Honored once as the Region III Libero of the Week.
- Led the conference in digs per game and was ranked in the top 20 in aces per game.
- She was the only Viking player to compete in every game for the Vikings this season.
- Bilokreli became the DAC all-time record holder in digs per game (6.67) and total digs for a season (772 in 116 games).
- She ends her career second in school history in total digs behind Viking great Shelley Cockerill.

Male Athlete of the Year

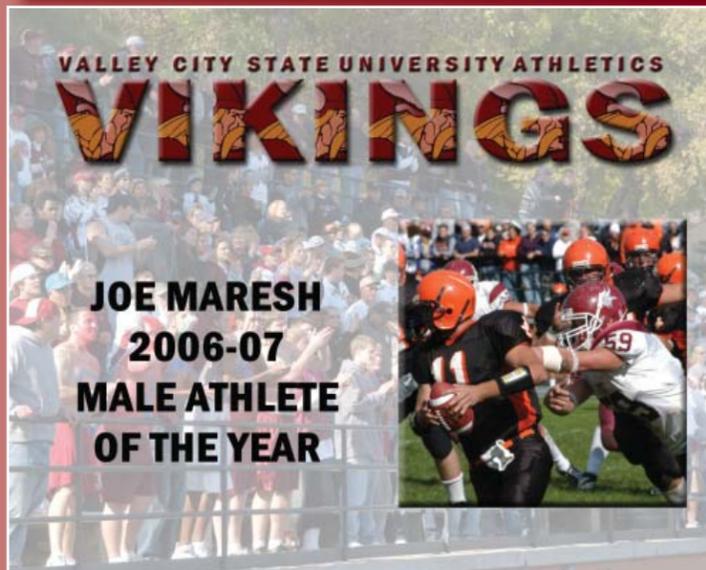
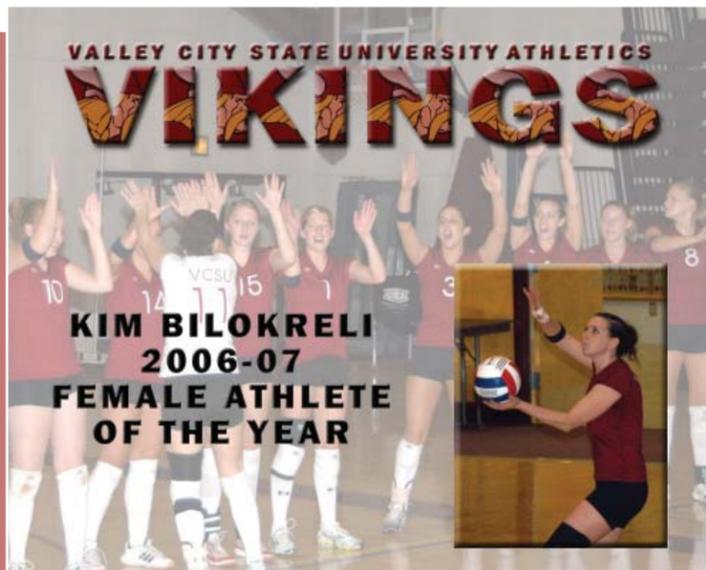
Joe Maresh, a senior from Glencoe, MN, broke the VCSU career record for tackles-for-a-loss with 45.5. He also recorded 23 sacks during his time in a Viking uniform. In 2006, Maresh recorded 57 tackles and set the single-season record for tackles-for-a-loss with 22 and sacks with 10.5. Joe Maresh was a 1st team DAC All-Conference player, named 1st Team NAIA All-American and NAIA Defensive Lineman of the Year accolades by *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* magazine.

Viking Award

This award goes to a senior whose career has been devoted to the advancement of the athletic department while at VCSU both as members of their teams and service to the athletic department and community. The 2007 recipient was Loni Hall. A native of Parshall, ND, Hall started all 113 games she has played as a Viking. She has been a four-time All-Conference performer and 2004 DAC-10 Freshman of the Year. Loni was among league leaders in six statistical categories in the Dakota Athletic Conference. She averaged 15.7 Points Per Game (ppg) (5th) and 8.1 Rebounds Per Game (rpg) (2nd) this season for the Vikings, and recorded eight double/doubles on the season. Her name is found throughout the VCSU women's basketball record book. Loni scored 1,580 points, putting her second on the VCSU all-time scoring list. Her 855 career rebounds ranks first all-time at VCSU. Loni left VCSU having made more free throws than any other Viking, 416, and having blocked more shots, 92, in her career. She was a 2006 NAIA Academic All-American. Loni graduated in May with a degree in Math Education from Valley City State University.

VCSU School Records:

- Loni Hall - #1 Free throws Made Career - 423
- Loni Hall - #1 Career Rebounding - 855
- Loni Hall - #1 Career Blocked Shots - 92
- Loni Hall - Tied #1 Most Blocked Shots (Game) - 3 vs. Martin Luther; 11/17/2006
- Loni Hall - #2 on all time scoring record (1624 points)
- Loni Hall - #2 Field Goals Made - 569
- Loni Hall - #3 Most Blocks (Season) - 24
- Loni Hall - #4 Free Throws Made (Season) - 120
- Loni Hall - #4 Most Rebounds (Season) - 235
- Loni Hall - #4 Career Scoring Average - 14.2 ppg (114 games)



VCSU Welcomes B.J. Pumroy as Athletic Director

VCSU recently named B.J. Pumroy to the role of Athletic Director.

The position became available in March when Doug Peters, who has been serving as VCSU's Athletic Director since 2004, accepted a position with Minnesota State University Moorhead.

VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee, said, "We are very pleased to welcome B.J. as the new leader of Viking

athletics. The program has gained tremendous momentum in recent years, and I am confident that his leadership will be instrumental in leading it to the next level."

In commenting on his new role, Pumroy said, "I am honored and thankful to have been selected for this position. Athletics at VCSU clearly has a lot going for it, and I was very impressed with the coaching staff. The community is also a great asset - Valley City is clearly a place where people know and care about each other, and the interest in Viking athletics is something other institutions strive for. This is a great opportunity, and I look forward to working hard to enhance Viking athletics."

In this role, Pumroy will be responsible for providing strategic leadership for the VCSU athletic program and for athletic fund-raising. His responsibilities will include managing the athletic operating budget, leading the athletic staff, and managing all fund-raising events and activities for the department.

Pumroy comes to VCSU from Truman State University in Kirksville, MO, where he has been an Assistant Athletic Director for nearly seven years. As the "second in command" for a 21 sport NCAA Division II department, Pumroy's responsibilities have included compliance, student services, and departmental eligibility certification. He was the Head Baseball Coach at Truman State from 1993 - 2000, during which time his teams were recognized with 24 All-Conference selections (including four first team selections), three conference tournament appearances, and 47 All-Conference Academic Selections (2 All-Region). He holds a Master of Education degree in Sports Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science.

Pumroy is expected to begin his duties in mid-July. ♦



Viking Volleyball

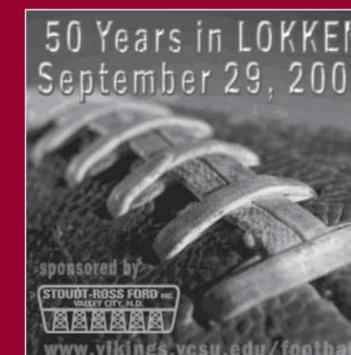
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Aug. 24	@ Northwestern IA Tourney	TBA
Aug. 25	@ Northwestern IA Tourney	TBA
Aug. 31	@ Concordia-Moorhead MN Tourney	TBA
Sept. 1	@ Concordia-Moorhead MN Tourney	TBA
Sept. 5	Mayville State University	7:00pm
Sept. 7	@University of Sioux Falls Tourney	TBA
Sept. 8	@University of Sioux Falls Tourney	TBA
Sept. 14	@SD Mines	7:00pm
Sept. 15	@Black Hills State University	3:00pm
Sept. 21	Minot State University	7:00pm
Sept. 22	Dickinson State University	7:00pm
Sept. 25	UND	7:00pm
Sept. 28	Jamestown College	7:00pm
Sept. 29	Dakota State University	7:00pm
Oct. 10	@Mayville State University	7:00pm
Oct. 12	@ Grandview Tourney (IA)	TBA
Oct. 13	@ Grandview Tourney (IA)	TBA
Oct. 16	@ St. Cloud State University	7:00 PM
Oct. 19	Black Hills State University	7:00PM
Oct. 20	SD Mines	3:00PM
Oct. 26	@Dickinson State University	7:00pm
Oct. 27	@Minot State University	3:00pm
Nov. 2	@Dakota State University	7:00pm
Nov. 3	@Jamestown College	3:00pm
Nov. 7	DAC Quarter Finals	TBA
Nov. 9	DAC Final Four	TBA
Nov. 10	DAC Championships	TBA

Viking Football

Home games in BOLD

Sept. 8	St. Olaf College (at Northfield, MN)	1:00 PM
Sept. 15	Black Hills State University (at Spearfish, SD)	1:00 PM
Sept. 22	Dakota State University	1:30 PM
Sept. 29	Jamestown College	1:30 PM
Oct. 6	Mayville State University (at Mayville, ND)	1:30 PM
Oct. 13	Dickinson State University	1:30 PM
Oct. 20	Minot State University (at Minot, ND)	1:00 PM
Oct. 27	SD School of Mines & Tech. (at Rapid City, SD)	1:00 PM
Nov. 3	Black Hills State University	1:00 PM
Nov. 9	Peru State College (at Fargodome)	7:00 PM

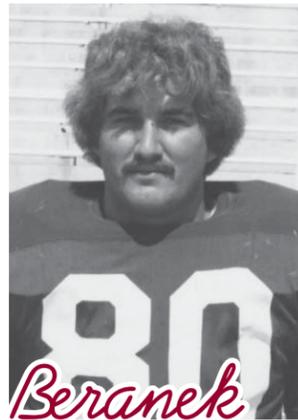


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Hall of Fame Inductees '07



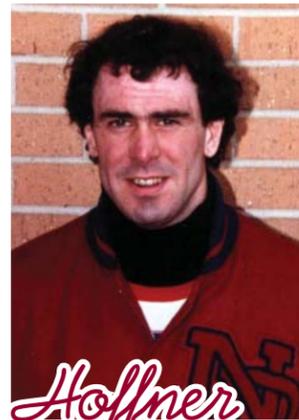
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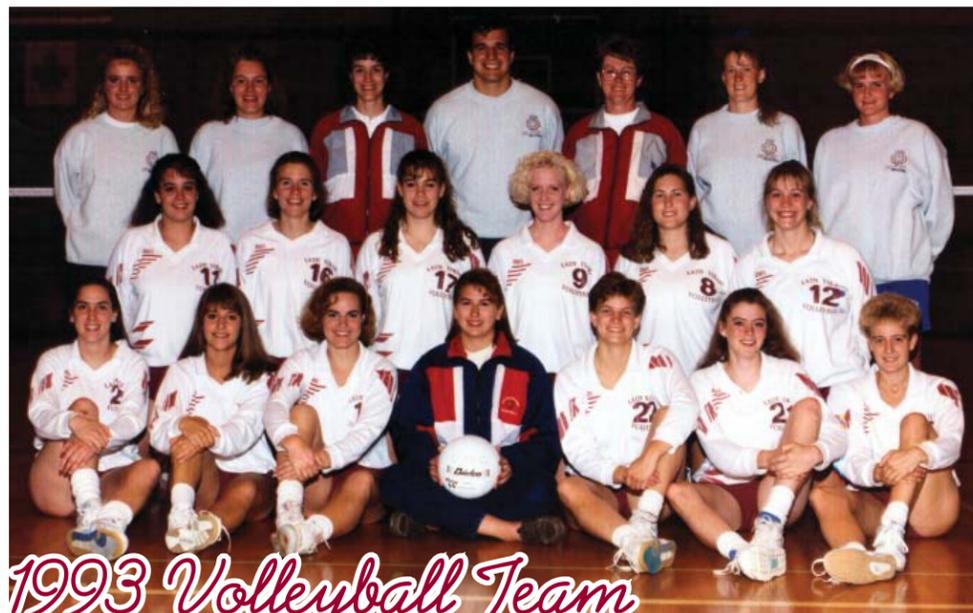


Hoffner

Don Bauer '63 – After a distinguished 31-year career as a teacher, coach, activities director, and principal in the Ashley and Valley City Public school systems, Bauer served as VCSU's Athletic Director from 1995-2004. During his nine years at VCSU, Bauer led major initiatives to reconstruct the track at Lokken Stadium, install chair seating at Lokken Stadium, remodel the Osmon basketball arena with a new wood floor and new lighting, make improvements to the weight room, remodel locker room facilities at Graichen Gym and the Osmon Physical Education Building, and revitalize the VCSU Century Club Booster Board. In 2000 Bauer was honored as a recipient of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service. During his tenure he was also selected by peers as the DAC-10 Athletic Director of the Year.

Bill Beranek '79 – A four year letter winner in both football and baseball, Beranek was a starting defensive lineman for three conference championship football teams and a stellar catcher for the 1978 conference championship baseball team. As a baseball player, he was selected twice to the NAIA All-District 12 team (1977-78) and three times to the NDCAC All-Conference (1977-79). In 1979, Bill was honored as the NDCAC Most Valuable Graduating Senior in baseball. During his college career, the Viking football team had an outstanding record of 32-4-1, and he was a member of the 1976 and 1977 football teams which were previously inducted into the Viking Hall of Fame.

Shelley Cockerill '95 – a four year letter winner in volleyball and softball, Cockerill matches the other 2007 inductees as a standout student-athlete in two sports. As a softball player, Cockerill was selected to the NAIA All-District 12 team in 1994, to the NAIA All-Sectional team in 1995, and to four NDCAC All-Conference teams (1992-95). Her volleyball career records place her among the elite players in Viking history. Cockerill was selected to the NAIA All-District 12 team in 1993, the NAIA All-Region team in 1994, and the NDCAC All-Conference teams during each of her four seasons (1991-94). She was named the NDCAC Most Valuable Player and the Most Valuable Graduating Senior during the 1994 season. Because of her success in the classroom and as an athlete, Cockerill was also honored as a NAIA Academic All-American four times during her career at VCSU.



1993 Volleyball Team

FRONT Kerri Brook, Alicia Dew, Sharla Huston, Carrie Strangeland, Sara Piper, Carrie Ramsey, Jodi Renner. MIDDLE Tracy Baily, Charity Hanson, Jackie Bisson, Kelly Winkels, Shelley Cockerill, Randene Prawdzik. BACK Jackie Peterson, Lori Wang (Student Coach), Jennifer Conlon (Assistant Coach), Phil Chickillo (Student Coach), Diane Burr (Head Coach), Amy Brown (Student Coach), Andrea Gaines.

Bobby Hoffner '84 – a four year letter winner in cross country and track, Hoffner was a standout performer in both sports. Hoffner distinguished himself in cross country by earning All-American status in 1982. He was a four time NAIA All-District 12 cross country runner, qualified for the national meet three times, and finished among the top three runners in each of his four NDCAC championship cross country meets. As a track athlete, Hoffner qualified for two national meets. During his career, the Viking cross country teams won two NDCAC championships, one NAIA District 12 championship, and finished runner-up twice in the District 12 championship meets. He was a standout member of the 1981 cross country team which was previously inducted into the Viking Hall of Fame.

The 1993 Volleyball Team shared a conference championship with the University of Mary, both teams finishing conference play at 8-2. The Vikings won two NAIA Sub-district playoff contests before dropping a season ending match to Dakota Wesleyan in the Sub-district championship. The team finished the season with a 19-16 record. Head coach Diane Burr was assisted by Jennifer Conlon. ♦

The End of an Era

Cory Anderson Retires

Cory Anderson, who served as the head baseball coach, offensive coordinator, and sports information director, has been an integral part of the VCSU family for the past 23 years as a student-athlete, coach and administrator retired from the University this past spring.

"I can't begin to describe what Coach Anderson has meant to VCSU," said Athletic Director Doug Peters. "When I think of the influence he has had on me, his professionalism, loyalty, and high standards come to mind. But what I will always think of is a friend and role model." stated Peters. "He is a person I try and spend time around because I like him, but more importantly because he is someone I respect and can learn from."

Head football coach Dennis McCulloch echoed those sentiments. "We are all losing a friend. It's like we have grown up with the guy, and it will be hard not to see him every day. On top of that he has been a huge part of why our football program has been successful. Just look in the record book."

Under his guidance, six baseball players have signed professional contracts while four players have been named the most valuable player in the conference. The Anderson era has also produced 12 NAIA All-Americans, 11 NAIA Scholar Athletes, 17 NAIA All-Region players and 57 All-Conference performers.

Twice his baseball teams set the school record for victories in a season with the 2003 team being the latest to accomplish the feat.

Anderson began coaching football at VCSU in 1991 as a secondary coach before becoming the offensive coordinator for the Vikings in 1994 and helping them to conference championships in 1996, 2000, 2005 and three national playoff appearances.

Anderson offenses have set 51 school records and have produced eight NAIA

All-Americans, 18 NAIA Scholar Athletes and 47 All-Conference performers.

The Vikings have had five offensive players in the Anderson era receive the Conference Player of the Year or Most Valuable Graduating Senior award.

With a quarterback-friendly offense, each of Andersons past five starting quarterbacks gained all-conference recognition in their tenure at the position. Mikah Boudreaux began the string in 1996, followed by Jeremy Peschel in 2000 and 2001, Mark Fabian in 2003, Chad Lueck in 2005, and Jason Beilke in 2006.

A native of McVille, ND, Anderson played on two conference baseball championship

teams and was a two-time all-conference player at VCSU while also setting a school record for pitching wins in a season in 1986 (the record was only broken by one of Anderson's players, Eric Olson in 1999). In 1987, Anderson helped the Vikings advance to their first-ever NAIA regional tournament.

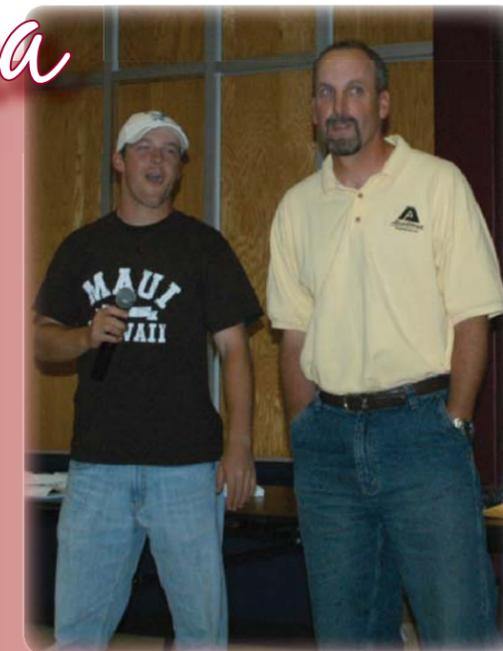
While attending VCSU, Anderson was also a member of two conference football championship teams as a punter and quarterback. The 1988 football team advanced to the NAIA playoffs.

Both the 1987 baseball and 1988 football teams were inducted in the Viking Hall of Fame.

Still an active member in North Dakota Amateur Baseball, Anderson has three times been named North Dakota Amateur Baseball Most Valuable Player ('89, '92, '96) while helping his team as a player/coach to 12 North Dakota State Baseball Championships. He was also named MVP of the South Dakota-North Dakota Championship in 1992. In 1999, Anderson served as President of North Dakota Amateur Baseball Inc., and is currently the Baseball Chairman of the DAC conference and NAIA Region III. ♦



At the senior football awards banquet, Coach Dennis McCulloch holds up a "Viking Pride" sign that he used to describe what Coach Cory Anderson taught him.



Senior baseball player Dustin Grabowska presents a leather Viking recliner to Cory Anderson on behalf of the students for his dedication to VCSU Athletics.

VCSU Coaches on Cory Anderson...

Jeff Kaminsky: "It has been a privilege to have had the opportunity to work with Cory Anderson. Not only is he an outstanding coach as is documented by all of his success, but he is an even better person. He truly cares about the students that he coached and had a positive impact on all of the teams at VCSU."

Craig Case: "Cory is leaving a great legacy here at VCSU in the entire athletic department. We will miss his talents and dedication for many years to come."

Chad Slyter: "Having been involved in the same season sport as Cory, it was a pleasure to work with someone who epitomizes what it means to be a Viking. Cory was truly a players coach and had a passion for not only baseball but Valley City State University. It was a pleasure and honor to have worked with Cory, and I am a better coach because of it."

Homecoming 2007!

September 21

- Viking Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction
- Volleyball game vs. Minot State University

September 22

- Alumni Honors Breakfast
- Parade
- Football game vs. Dakota State University
- Volleyball game vs. Dickinson State University
- Alumni Social
- Dance

Mark your calendars, plan to attend, and watch your mail for more information!

Special Note

This year, VCSU Homecoming coincides with the 3rd annual



half-marathon and 5k Run/Walk, creating special opportunities for extra fun and participation.

Registration or more information:
1-888-288-1891 or e-mail:
info@hellovalley.com.



New Laptops Selected for VCSU

VCSU has selected Dell, Inc. as the laptop computer partner for the next two years, and will distribute the Latitude D630 computer to students beginning the fall semester of 2007.

New machines will feature substantially improved hardware including an Intel Core™ 2 Duo processor and 2 gigabytes of memory.

Updated software will include Microsoft Office 2007 Professional. The machines will initially be distributed with the Microsoft Windows XP operating system, and images based on Microsoft's new Vista operating system will be made available as 3rd party software support and other technical considerations permit. ♦

VCSU Alumni Events

- Sept. 21-22 **VCSU Homecoming**
- Sept. 21 **Viking Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction**
@ VC Eagles 6 pm
- Sept. 22 **Alumni Honors Breakfast** @ VCSU Cafeteria 8 am
- Sept. 22 **Alumni Social following the Football game**
@ VC Eagles
- Sept. 24 **Scholarship Donor Luncheon**
@ VCSU Skoal Room 11:30 am
- Oct. 18 **NDEA Alumni & Friends Social in Minot, ND**
(Location TBD)
- Dec. 8 **V-500 Recognition Dinner** @ VCSU Cafeteria 5:30 pm
- Dec. 8 **EBC Alumni present "We're in the Christmas Mood"**
@ Vangstad Auditorium 7:30 pm
- Feb. 8 **VCSU Alumni Reunion in Surprise, AZ**
- Feb. 9 **VCSU Alumni Reunion in Mesa, AZ**
- Apr. 25 **Spring Scholarship Auction** @ Valley City Eagles Club
- May 10 **VCSU Commencement**
@ Vangstad Auditorium 10:00 am

VCSU Alum Leads His Own Laptop Initiative

Back in 1996, VCSU was a pioneer in establishing a "laptop initiative" that gave every full-time on-campus student access to a dedicated laptop. Now, it is hard to image how a college student could get through their studies without full-time access to a computer.

But in the last few years, laptop initiatives have been gaining popularity at the high-school level, too. In fact, a VCSU alum, Allen Burgad '89, Superintendent at Northern Cass school, is leading the implementation of one such initiative.

Burgad is in his third year at Northern Cass, and not coincidentally, the school is in its third year of the project. He has been working closely with Technology Coordinator Tim Keckler through a process that has included research, developing a proposal for the school board, building a network infrastructure, equipping classrooms with network and projection equipment, deploying laptops to teachers, and getting them trained. The 2006-2007 academic year was the first in which juniors and seniors were issued laptops.

Like other laptop initiatives, the idea is that students learn to incorporate computers into their entire learning process. Said Burgad, "By working with the students' higher order thinking skills, students use the laptops to gather and process information, then present it back to class. The technology brings the vast amount of knowledge available on the Internet into the classroom, and helps students learn to use it to improve their own knowledge."

The value of the machines extends far beyond the classroom because students can take them home with them. "For example," said Burgad, "take a math class. Teachers have 'smart' boards they use to present the lesson, and can save it to the server. Students can then download that lesson so when they go home, they can get the lesson as it was delivered in class that day. It's kind of like taking a teacher home with you."

Different classes are using the laptops in different ways. English teachers are encouraging a greater number of smaller research projects that help students learn to gather and organize information from the Internet. Science classes are using multimedia and video that bring life to otherwise static images on a blackboard or in a textbook. "Technology lets our teachers combine video, audio, and color to meet the learning styles of each student," said Burgad.

According to Burgad, this technology is enabling a shift in the way classrooms are run. Rather than just giving information to the students, students are expected to use technology to find information on their own. This helps them develop higher learning skills and become more independent, which will be valuable as they enter the workforce. "Employees are most productive and marketable if they can solve their own problems rather than



Burgad came to Northern Cass after spending 10 years at Stanley as a Principal and Superintendent. He is currently pursuing a doctorate degree (Ed.D.) at the University of North Dakota. He is 3 chapters into his dissertation, and expects to have the degree completed by Christmas, 2007. Appropriately, his field of study is laptop initiatives. He is married to Lee (Wagner) Burgad, who is also a VCSU alum and is a teacher at Northern Cass. They have three children: Eric (who will attend VCSU next year), Aaron, and Ashlee.

rely on others," said Burgad. "We are teaching the students how to learn on their own."

Of course, the school is keeping a close eye on the results of the project. Said Burgad, "One form of assessment we've been using is the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) tests. Scores in math, language arts, and reading all improved. We also surveyed students to get their reaction, and the results show they feel it enhances their research, writing and organization skills. We've also noticed an improvement in language usage, and think the project has contributed to improvements in other measures like attendance. We have gathered a lot of data, and now we just need to break it down."

Next year, the initiative will be extended so that sophomores will get laptops, too. Some textbooks will be available either online or on CD ROM.

Other North Dakota schools, including Oak Grove and Fairmont, have laptop initiatives of their own underway. Burgad said, "More and more schools will start using laptops because they provide an innovative yet proven way to improve student learning." ♦

VCSU "Fabulous 40's" Scholarship Auction

PHOTOS BELOW FROM LEFT 1. The theme of the 2007 auction, "Fabulous 40's," got the attention of several celebrities including (left to right) Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne, Jeff Nathan, James Dean, Ruth Nathan, and Humphrey Bogart. 2. Jim Vandrovec '74, Alex Bitz. 3. Masters of Ceremony for the night were Randy Hooley, a VCSU Senior, and Ryan Cunningham, host of "Dakota Country Live" on KOVC radio. 4. Tom '68 and Kathy (Heckman) '68 Langemo, Todd Kohler '82.

PHOTOS BELOW FROM LEFT 5. Lenora and Jim Ziemba, Sharon Jacob. 6. Ron Olstad, Steve and Jeanie Hoss, Judy Olstad. 7. Bonnie Burchill, Pat and Jim Miller. 8. Kerry (McCurley) Johnson '90.



Nominations Being Accepted for the 2007-2008 Music Hall of Fame

The first annual Music Hall of Fame was off to an exciting start last year with VCSU graduate James Ployhar '49 as the university's highly deserving recipient.

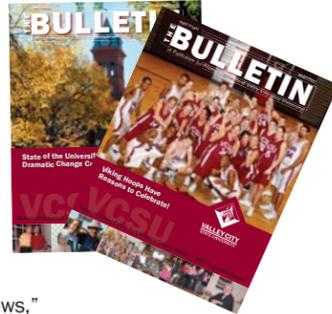
The next Music Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony will be held Saturday, April 26, 2008, at 6:00 pm in the VCSU Student Center Cafeteria. Criteria for the award include contributions to VCSU music and to the field of music. For nomination forms, contact Ann Kelly in the Department of Music office: ann.kelly@vcsu.edu; (701) 845-7273. Nominations may be mailed to: Brad Lambrecht, Chair, Music Alumni Board, 654 3rd Street NW, Valley City, ND 58072.

The 2007-2008 recipients will be selected at the next meeting of the Music Alumni Board, September 8, 2007, at 10:00 am in Foss Music Hall. ♦

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Bill Lydell, Jazz Pianist and Recording Artist, to Perform September 16

Jazz Pianist William Lydell, of Sun City West, Arizona and Minneapolis, Minnesota, will perform a solo recital on the VCSU campus, in Froemke Auditorium Sunday, September 16, 2007, at 3:00 pm.

Lydell holds the Bachelors degree in Music Education and English from Valley City State University; and the Master of Music (Piano) from the University of Michigan. He was born in Mercy Hospital while his father was employed as a member of the music faculty at the university.

Mr. Lydell's extensive musical background includes over 30 years as a public school music teacher in Minneapolis, 15 years as a church organist and choir director, and professional experience as a jazz pianist in clubs and on cruise ships. He has served as clinician and adjudicator for music festivals and contests through the upper Midwest and Arizona and as music editor for Schmitt, Hall, and McCreary Publishing. Lydell is perhaps best known as a composer and arranger, and to North Dakota audiences, for his performances with Lawrence Welk.

His piano style has been described as multi-faceted. It is lyrical yet energetic, tranquil yet full of verve and vigor. Working with some of the finest musicians in the Midwest, Lydell has gained a repertoire of over 300 tunes, including standards by composer greats such as Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Rodgers & Hart.

Lydell, a loyal alumnus of VCSU, presents this third benefit concert for the Friends of Music scholarship fund: a free-will offering will be taken following the performance. Lydell's CD recordings will be for sale at the concert, and a reception will follow. ♦



Retirees Return for Annual Luncheon

The annual Retirees Luncheon held in June attracted many familiar faces from the VCSU family.

BACK Linda Holcomb '66, Betty Gibbons, Barbara Berg '55, John Keller '55, Gordon Hoff, Larry Grooters '57, Nate Crosby, Roger Rand, Robert Bruhschwein '57.

FRONT Ellen Chaffee (VCSU president), Carole King Jefferson '74, Ann Haugaard, Lillian Jacobson '40, Meryl O'Connell.



2007-2008 VCSU Theatre Season

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The Late Christopher Bean by Sidney Howard November 28-December 1, 2007

South Pacific by Rodgers & Hammerstein February 20-23, 2008

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Call 800-532-8641 ext. 37320 for more information or to order tickets.

Fine Arts Calendar Fall 2007

Sept. 3-Oct. 19	Artists' Crawl Exhibition		Nov. 13-30	Angela Mortenson Senior Exhibition	VCSU Gallery
Sept. 16	Bill Lydell, pianist	3:00 pm Froemke Auditorium	Nov. 15	General Student Recital	11:00 am Froemke Auditorium
Sept. 23	The Mark Arneson Project	3:00 pm Vangstad Auditorium	Nov. 15	Jazz Ensemble	7:30 pm Student Union Cafeteria
Sept. 24	Hunt Family Fiddlers	7:30 pm Vangstad Auditorium	Nov. 17	Chamber Concert	7:30 pm Froemke Auditorium
Sept. 29	Concert Choir Rummage Sale	9:00-3:00 pm Foss Music Hall	Nov. 18	University Singers, Chamber Ensembles	3:00 pm Froemke Auditorium
Oct. 13	James Ployhar Honor Band Concert	3:00 pm Graichen Gym	Nov. 29	Valley Voices, CSA Children's Choir	7:30 pm Froemke Auditorium
Oct. 19	Music Scholarship Fundraiser	7:00 pm Eagles	Dec. 1	Concert Band	3:00 pm Vangstad Auditorium
Oct. 25	Concert Band	7:30 pm Graichen Gym	Dec. 3-14	Mindi Paulson Senior Exhibition	VCSU Gallery
Oct. 26-Nov. 9	Andrea Smith Senior Exhibition	VCSU Gallery	Dec. 6	Concert Choir, Orchestra Christmas at St. Catherine's	7:30 pm
Oct. 27	Winds of Freedom Woodwind Quartet	7:30 pm Froemke Auditorium	Dec. 8	EBC Christmas Show	7:30 pm Vangstad Auditorium
Nov. 1	General Student Recital	7:30 pm Froemke Auditorium	Dec. 10	Garage Bands	4:00 pm Froemke Auditorium

In Remembrance

Gerald L. Zinck '53, *Pearce, AZ*
 E. Marion (Hunter) Isley, *Fergus Falls, MN*
 Ella (Mohagen) Flom '36, *Grafton*
 Wayne G. Carlson '64, *Gilroy, CA*
 Andrew J. Schroedl, *Escanaba, MI*
 Thomas Kleppe, *Bethesda, MD*
 Ursula “Sally” (Paczkowski) Lampert '39, *Jamestown*
 Joanne (Olson) Matson '50, *Valley City*
 Patricia (Goeschel) Lundberg '50, *Chesapeake, VA*
 Antonia (Frybert) Kelly '35, *Wyndmere*
 Margit (Myhre) Sundberg '29, *New Rockford*
 Gerhart Dewald, *Streeter*
 Helen (Welsh) Kitchin, *Langdon*
 Bonnie (Berg) Kensinger, *Marysville, WA*
 Dennis Flynn '75, *Devils Lake*
 Eveline (Szarkowski) Noriega '44, *El Cerrito, CA*
 David B. Henley, *Fargo*
 Louise (Ulness) Boyer, *Fargo*
 Viola (Gartland) Hovis '50, *Lincoln, NE*
 Ethel A. Askerooth '35, *Chevy Chase, MD*
 Ann (Larsen) Case, *Beaverton, OR*
 Charlotte (Hardy) Broschat, *Mesa, AZ*
 Robert V. Reynolds '61, *Tacoma, WA*
 Gladys (Schwanke) Larson '58, *Renton, WA*
 Alice (Craft) Larson, *Grand Forks, ND*
 Donald W. Rudow '50, *Alexandria, MN*
 Verla H. Como, *Tempe, AZ*
 Denis L. Melby '63, *Alexandria, MN*
 Anna (Bakken) Carlson '51, *Napoleon*
 Harold E. Ertelt '49, *Valley City*
 Florence “Edie” (Evans) Vandal '48, *Minot*
 Bertha (Danielson) Nelson '38, *Duluth, MN*
 Sydney (Craik) Salvi, *Fargo*
 Gladyce (Rothhouse) Nelson, *Milnor*
 Dolores (Bredahl) Roach '40, *Jamestown*
 Alan L. McLees '44, *Washington, IL*
 Ruth (Bayley) Senn '64, *Wheat Ridge, CO*
 Henry “Hank” Rybus '40, *Renton, WA*

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 James G. Lade, *Valley City*

Former Staff
 Patricia (Anderson) Hagen, *Grafton*
 R. Cameron Gillund, *Palm Desert, CA*
 George Reinisch, *Valley City*

Vikings on the Move

1920s
Marguerite (Flahaven) De Groot '27 taught in Pillsbury, ND for 2 years, Montana for 7 years, and California for 30 years. She celebrated her 100th birthday this past February with her daughter and family in Newport Beach, CA where she is now living.

1930s
Ellen (Applegren) Peterson '30 is 97 years old and has had some health problems, but is thankful! Ellen says it's great to see VCSU's growth from what in 1927 was a very small campus!

1940s
Doris B. Eller '42, formerly from Grace City, ND, taught 1 year at Sheldon Country School. But, World War II changed many lives, including hers, and she moved to Portland, OR. She worked 2½ years for the war effort at Kaiser Company, Swan Island in the tanker division. She moved to Los Angeles, CA in 1953. She spent 36½ years in the trade show industry and traveling to many countries in the world. She retired in 1989. She enjoys reaching out to help the unfortunate in health agencies. She has devoted many thousand hours in health agencies: the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, and currently the Ronald McDonald House, and R.S.V.P. She says the journey of life's activities has been productive and happy. Doris is listed in the L.A. phone directory and would welcome a call or visit.

Everett “Ike” '45 and Ruth (Stoll) '55 McKay celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2007. They moved to Wyoming from Valley City in 1955 and to Laramie, WY in 1961 where they still make their home. Ike retired from the public schools in 1980 and Ruth from the University of Wyoming in 1982. They enjoy hearing news from Valley City State University.

Harry Moore '48 is still playing in three bands and occasionally a dance group. He is active in the American Legion Reserve Officers Association, Military Officers Association and numerous others. Harry and Yvonne are enjoying their four children and four grandchildren who are all in the Fargo area. Harry enjoys keeping track of fellow alumni and events at VCSU.

1950s
Lloyd Nelson '50 is now retired full time after 24 years as a special agent in the FBI and 5 years as the director of surveillance at a casino in Atlantic City. For several years Lloyd and his wife, Blanche, spent the winter in Mesa, AZ but now they stay close to home.

Roland Peterson '50 came to Valley City State in 1946 after serving in the navy during WWII. He received a medical discharge and was on the GI Bill. He graduated in 1950 and began teaching in Rogers that year. In 1951, he met and married **Mari Ann McDonald '57**, president and secretary

of Kappa Delta Pi. They have two children; Tammi R. Mitchell of Cheverly, MD and Kylie B. Hensley of Fairfax, VA. They also have one granddaughter, Sarah RoAnna Mitchell of Cheverly, MD.

Erling Dahl '53 is still living in Hettinger, ND after 16 years of retirement. He enjoys fishing and hunting with his sons and grandson.

John '53 and Gen (Johnson) '55 Richardson live in Ventura, CA and spend the summer months near Park Rapids, MN at their lake cabin. They are grateful for VCSU ties with many of the alumni from the late '40s and '50s!

Patricia (Ruemler) Laine '56 is still alive and kicking 17½ years after surviving breast cancer after being told by her oncologist that she wouldn't live to see another five years. Unfortunately, in Oct of 2006 she fell while cleaning out the gutters at the back of her garage, suffering a slight concussion and multiple bulging discs in the lumbar area, which may require surgery in the future.

Myron Luttschwager '59 married Jean Bubach, a VCSU grad who passed away in 2002. He later married Creeta Young of Wichita, KS. Recently, Myron has been spending his summers in Grace City, ND. He spends winters in Harlingen, TX and spring and fall in Wichita, KS.

Edmund Motl '59 and his wife, Marilyn, have spent another winter in Texas. They have met many new friends from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Iowa, Nebraska, and Canada. They keep busy with golfing, sightseeing, potlucks, cards, having company and just visiting and entertaining.

1960s
Mike Flynn and Gwen (Simonson) '61 live in Alexandria, MN and continue to enjoy their retirement. They do a great deal of traveling and also spend time with their two married sons and their ten grandchildren plus two great grandchildren! They have a weekly social/card party with some retired teacher friends who live in the Alexandria area and somehow they always manage to solve most of the world's problems before the night ends.

Beverly (LaPlant) Kelly '63 and her husband, Bernard, are enjoying time for hobbies, travel (Europe in April), and following their kid's and grandchildren's activities. Their grandson has one more year of football at Montana State University.

Elena Alm '63 is a survivor of Katrina, but lost all her belongings and her home was gutted. She also lost everything to keep her business going, but she says you can not keep a VC graduate turned “Southern” down. Elena and her husband, Pedro, just put their house together. She is now in her home and back into what she does best, selling homes as a realtor.

Duane Zwinger '64 is now fully retired. Duane and Mary Ann are going to start traveling. They took their first cruise during the winter to Mexico. They have been able to spend more time with their four grandchildren and three daughters. Duane still enjoys sports as much as ever.

Margaret (Dronen) Botnen '67 says as we get older the years seem to pass quickly. In March of 2006, Margaret moved into Assisted Living at Valley View Heights in Bismarck, ND. She still continues to work in various positions at her church such as: Communication Assistant, Friendship Circle, Chairman, and several Bible Studies. Her volunteer work consists of two chorus groups and working in a gift shop once a week. Margaret is a 35 year member of Alpha Delta Kappa.

Judith (Hock) Townley '68 retired after 37 years of teaching at Verona Public School in May 2005. After subbing for one year, she became a full time teacher at Litchville-Marion for the 2006-2007 school year. It was a great year, but she and her husband plan to travel extensively in the next year, so Judith retired again this past May and will spend time with family and friends around the world.

Diane (Miller) Kouba '68 has decided to retire this year. She would like to spend more time with her grandson, Jackson, travel, and work in a remote orphanage in Tanzania. She has taught 29 years in her district!

Delores (Bennetto) Baltrusch '69 is enjoying her family and friends and loves to travel to visit them. She has 10 young men and women plus a few of their spouses who call her “Grandma”! She also has 6 great grandchildren who are all precious! Delores survived triple by-pass surgery this past fall. In May her granddaughter graduated from college and her grandson graduated from high school in Arkansas.

Fredrick and Sheila (Holmgren) Snarr '69 retired from teaching but were called back to teach “part-time”! They still enjoy the students!

John Holien '69 is enjoying Las Vegas with his wife and five of his students from Northwood High School.

1970s
Ralph Evert '71 is now the LaMoure County Tax Director. **Julie (Feist) Evert '71** is a substitute teacher for LaMoure Public School. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Verna Moos '73 is hearing great things about VCSU in the US News and World Report magazine. She plans on visiting the campus when she returns to ND this summer. She has earned two degrees from the University of

Mississippi and one degree from Texas A & M in Texarkana; but she says VCSU is home as well as her first love.

Lee Peterson '75 currently resides in Cornelius, NC, north of Charlotte. He moved to Cornelius from Omaha, NE where he had been selling residential real estate for 15 years and brokering diamonds and gold for 9 years. He continues to do both jobs in the Carolinas after moving there in July of 2000. In addition to selling real estate & jewelry, Lee now has a third position managing a Keller Williams Real Estate firm of 159 agents. He has not been back to Valley City very often, but enjoyed his college experience and hopes everybody is doing well.

Gilbert “Gib” Kjelden '77 and wife, Polly, have been married for 34 years. They have three children; Shelby, Brandon, and Kensi, along with two grandchildren. Gib has been teaching for 28 years, the last 15 years at Devils Lake High School.

Linda (Rominsky) Bye '77 and husband, David, finally settled in Fredericksburg, VA, where they built a home and planted some roots after 24 years of going where the Marine Corps sent them. Linda works as a substitute teacher in the county. They have two daughters, Morgan and Madeline.

Joan (Kapaun) Halland '77 is still at Kindred Public School (also home of the “Vikings”). Joan and Steve's daughter, **Erin '05**, graduated with a major in Human Resources. Their son, **Cole**, is also attending VCSU; playing football and majoring in PE and History. They must always want to be Vikings! Joan teaches English and coaches junior high girl's basketball and varsity boys and girls track.

Dave Katzenmeyer '78 says “hello” to all VCSU alumni. Whenever he runs into former teammates or VCSU alumni, they share many great memories. Dave is still teaching Art and doing a little coaching in Apple Valley, MN. He and his wife, Laurie, have two wonderful boys, Nick (6) is in Kindergarten, and Daniel (5) is ready to follow his brother. Dave's son, Turk (27), is teaching band in St. Petersburg, FL.

Janell (Mairs) Madsen '78 has been the Director of Training for Tharaldson Property Management since 2002. She has a 13 year old daughter and 15 year old son. Her husband, Dale, farms near Casselton. They enjoy attending sporting events and boating when time allows in the summer.

Weddings

Susan Slone '01 & Rod OppApril 14, 2007

Tara Erdmann '05 & Tom Glandt May 18, 2007

Stacy Berdal '06 & Kalyn Luehring June 2, 2007

Alicia Hiatt '05 & Charles Morgenroth June 2, 2007

Kari Raugust '04 & Jacob Thompson June 9, 2007

Joshua Gulstad '05 & Amy Jo Waldo..... June 9, 2007

Greta Trader '06 & Kurry Delparte '05 June 15, 2007

David Bitz '06 & Stacy Underdahl June 16, 2007

Casey McCausland '98 & Gwen Peterson June 16, 2007

Andrea Spooner '05 & Tjaden Sinclair..... June 16, 2007

Seth Hansen '05 & Elizabeth Berg June 16, 2007

Brandon Bata '07 & Alicia Harshman June 23, 2007

Sherri Himmelspach '91 & Kelly Surerus June 30, 2007

Ashley Johnson '06 & Luke MickelsonJuly 13, 2007

Scheryl Kottsick '04 & David Bjorndahl Jr.July 29, 2007

James Trett '79 teaches and coaches at Sioux Falls Washington High School. He just finished his 28th year as head basketball coach. He and his wife, Jennifer, have three children, David (27), Lindsey (17), and Justin (13). David asked him to be the honorary coach at the men's alumni game at the start of this last season. James says it was fun to see the VCSU team first hand and watch the alums battle them to overtime. David now lives in Dallas and is a teaching pro at the Dallas Cowboy golf course. That did nothing to change his allegiance from the team their family cheers for: the Green Bay Packers. Lindsey is a member of the Washington Highstepper team that won the national tournament in Minneapolis this past winter. Justin is honing his skills in preparation for high school at WHS.

1980s

Al Sorensen '80 is in his 23rd year as Jr. High Guidance Counselor at VCHS. **Nancy (Pederson) Sorensen '75** has been in the optometric field for the past 30 years and is currently with Meritcare Valley City Eye Clinic as an Optician. Their daughter, **Erin '05**, is married to Ryan Metcalf. **Krista** is a freshman at VCSU and Ali is a junior at VCHS. Al and Nancy say "hi" to all.

Brian Reinbold '81 has been living in Bismarck since graduating from VCSC. He is currently the senior Marketing Specialist with Avitus Group, a professional employer organization providing HR, safety & risk management, benefits and payroll services to small and mid size employers in ND and surrounding states. Brian has been involved with the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) for 25 years. He has 6 kids, a great wife, and is thankful!

Nanette (Peterson) Hoover '81 says it seems like she just graduated from college, but in December, she attended her daughter Erin's graduation from NDSU! Erin will be working in the Twin Cities. Phillip (19) is between schools and living at home. Nanette has been with Health Partners for 23 years. She hopes to attend homecoming this fall and see some familiar faces!

Gary Lindquist '82 is a jack of all trades. For 17 years he has been a local carrier of *The Minot Daily News*. He is in his 16th year as part time custodian for New Rockford-Sheyenne School. For 14 years he has been a part time sportswriter at the *Transcript*. He has been a local *Forum* carrier for 10 years. Gary posts events on school and town signs. He also keeps stats for varsity football and legion, high school, and Babe Ruth baseball.

Cheryl (Mitzel) Fenno '82 and husband Michael Fenno own Colville Vision Source and Newport Vision Source in Colville and Newport, WA. Their kids, Gregory (15), and Jill (12), are active in sports and keep them busy with activities. Visit their website at www.visionsource-colville.com. They are looking forward to seeing friends at the VCHS All 70's Reunion in July 2007.

Kevin Froeber '83 teaches physical education at the Cheney Middle School in West Fargo and his wife, Michelle, works for Prudential, LRES Realty in Fargo. They have two boys, David (6), and Michael (3). In addition to teaching, Kevin is also the CMS head cross country coach, a freshmen boys basketball coach, and an assistant varsity track coach. He started working on his master's this past fall.

Cindy (Hooley) Christensen '83 and her husband, Mike, live in Missoula, MT where Cindy is an elementary school principal and Mike teaches the fifth grade. They have four grown children.

Jonathan Pettit '84 has a son, J.J., who is a student at VCSU. His daughter, **Jane**, plans to come to VCSU in the Fall of 2007.

Laurel (Gumke) Alber '86 has taken a new direction in her career after 10 years of working for First State Bank of ND. She now works for a Judge of the Southeast District. It has been a welcome new and challenging position. This spring her oldest son, Jacob, will graduate from high school.

Craig Witz '86 lives with his wife, Yvette, in Florida. Craig is a licensed mortgage originator in 44 states. He also hosts and produces a sports talk show (Inside Sports).

Gay (Breske) Blazek '87 says "hi" to the Philos & other friends from her college days. She will be celebrating her 20th year of working for the IRS this summer. Gay's husband, Steve, works at Bremer Bank. Their lives are busy with both kids, Ashley (10), and Cameron (7), being on the FMY competitive swim team as well as other sports.

Mary Halvorson '89 is currently in her 18th year of teaching. This is her 6th year as a 2nd grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary in Valley City after spending 12 years as a 1st grade teacher in Carrington, ND. She spends her summer months working for Bank Forward (formerly Security State Bank) in the crop insurance department.

1990s

Ellen (Musgrave) Berg '90 is still working at Briggs Library, Interlibrary Loan Lending Department at SDSU in Brookings, SD. She is looking forward to traveling, spending more time with her grandchildren, and catching up on her many projects.

Carmen (Gaarder) Kumm '91 has been teaching high school Spanish in Pittsville, WI for 15 years. She traveled with her students this year to the Yucatan. Carmen has also taken on the yearbook and is enjoying the heck out of it! She has been married to a great guy, Jerome, for 14 years. They have 4 children, Breanna (11), Leah (almost 7), Brayden (2), and Alex (3). They live in the very center of WI, which is a great place to live! If you're in the area give her a call!

Bradley Townsend '91 and Sharon Anderson, teachers at Bismarck Century High School, were presented a \$6,000 check from Qwest Communications in Bismarck. The two teachers plan to buy smartboards and projectors to mount in their classrooms for improved instruction and student learning.

Mark Buerkle '93 is in his 12th year in Springfield, MN teaching 7-8th grade English. He earned his master's degree from St. Mary's University. He is the assistant baseball coach and 8th grade basketball coach. He is a referee for football and basketball, and is an umpire for baseball. Mark and his wife, Michelle, are expecting their 3rd child in June. Brendon (3) and Mitchell (5) are very excited.

Ranelle (Leier) Warcken '94 has been practicing law at Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly for nearly 10 years. She was made a partner in January of 2006. **Andrew Warcken '99** has been a stay-at-home dad now for 5½ years. They have two girls, McKenna (6), and Sydney (4). They live in Brooklyn Park, MN and have been in the Twin Cities area for nearly 13 years.

Julie (Madsen) Aas '95 is a Horace Mann Insurance Agent for the Northwest District of Minnesota. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Bemidji B-TEAM, a Tobacco Education Awareness Movement. **Jeff Aas '93** is teaching Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics and Advanced Placement Psychology at Bemidji High School. He recently started a Psychology Club for his students.

Anthony Wendel '95 is living in Sanborn, ND and is employed at Dietrich and Sons, Inc. (Valley City) as the IT Manager. He is also the owner of the Sandoon Saloon in Sanborn.

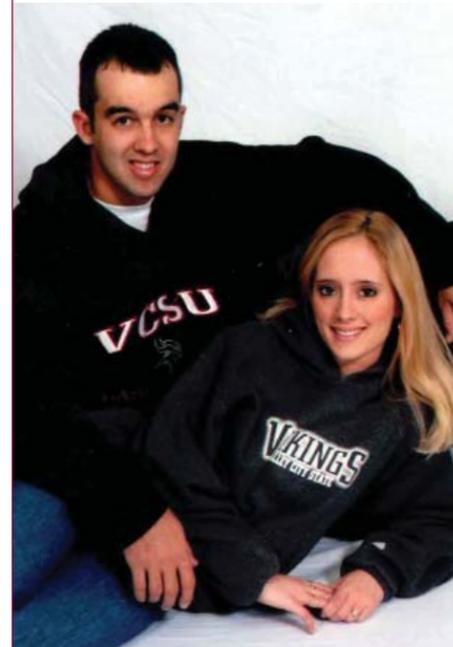
Matt Trapp '95 is in his 10th year of teaching at Divide County High School in Crosby, ND. He has served as the head boys basketball coach for the last 5 seasons.



Martin Lanter '98 was named the Minnesota Section 7A Wrestling Coach of the Year at the section tournament in January. Lanter led Breckenridge to a top-four finish in the section before the Cowboys lost to eventual section-champion Wheaton/Herman-

Norcross. He had four wrestlers move on to the state tournament, two regional winners and two regional runners-up. Lanter received his award at the state tournament at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul in March.

MILESTONES



FAR LEFT Brandon Bata '07 and **Alicia Harshman** celebrated their marriage on June 23, 2007 at The Basilica of St. James, in Jamestown, ND. They had their wedding reception at the Spiritwood Lake Resort, Spiritwood Lake, ND. Brandon graduated from VCSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Math Education and Business Administration. He is currently employed as a seventh and eighth grade math teacher and head boys basketball coach at Oakes High School, Oakes, ND. Alicia will student teach Kindergarten and first grade at Oakes Elementary School in the fall. She will graduate in December of 2007 from VCSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with an Early Childhood Endorsement.

NEAR LEFT Andrea (Beauchman) Corbin '04 and her husband, Daniel, have a 2 year old son, Calin, and their second son, Quincy, was born in March.

Travis Elsparger '98 has been teaching and coaching in Devils Lake for the past 7 years. He and his wife, Melissa, are expecting their first child in September.

Wendy Birhanzel '98 has been named the new Principal for Patriot Elementary School in Colorado. She began her new assignment on July 1. Her new school is located on an Army base that services the military families stationed there. There are 3 elementary schools on the base and Wendy's school services the kids from the higher ranking Officers, Sergeants, Generals, and Colonels; therefore, she will be learning the Army lingo quickly. In addition, her new school received the highest academic rating possible for the state of Colorado. The district also maintains the lowest achievement gap for minority students and the lowest achievement gap for students of low socio-economic status in the state. All of these items align perfectly with Wendy's dissertation on "Doubling Student Performance Through the Use of Human Capital in High Performing High Poverty Schools." She is excited to begin her new adventure even though she will be leaving the sunny beaches of California for the snow-packed mountains of Colorado.

Josh Argall '99 was nominated and chosen to receive the North Dakota National Band Association Allegro Band Award. This is a reward that is given to outstanding directors in the field of band music who make exceptional contributions toward the success of instrumental music in North Dakota. He received the award at the North Dakota High School All-State Concert in Bismarck on March 24. Josh says thanks to everyone that has contributed to making him the person/educator that he is today!

2000s

Sarah Sutter '01 is an Events Coordinator at the Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead. She recently got engaged to Mark Feist. They live together in South Fargo with their yellow lab, Winston.

Amy (Pesek) Berg '01 married Eric Berg on September 23, 2006. Amy has been working at Lake Region District Health for about a year as the Tobacco Prevention Coordinator. Her daughter, Hannah, is in the 3rd grade.

Sara (Weichmann) Trone '04 is in her third year teaching elementary PE in Las Vegas and has already had a student teacher. She has received recognition for her work with adaptive students and loves her job. Zach and Jake are getting big and doing awesome! Sarah says they miss all of the fabulous people from Valley City and thanks them for all the support while they were there!

Scheryl Kottsick '04 will be getting married to David Bjorndahl Jr. on July 29, 2007 in Red Lodge, MT. They will be living in Park City, MT.

Kathy Legge '06 has been awarded the 2007 ND EPSCoR Graduate Student Research Assistantship. Kathy will conduct her doctoral dissertation research within the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at NDSU.

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