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Office of the President

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Dear Friend of Valley City State University,

We have remarkable news. Valley City State has received positive preliminary grades in a ten-year reaccreditation review from the Higher Learning Commission (formerly known as the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools). I would like you to know what the news means.

Accreditation is the seal of approval for higher education. If an institution strays from good practice, accreditors have many ways to nudge or push them back into line before they deny accreditation. Like people, universities are never perfect. Accreditors often nudge or push, and they always have something to say, even to the excellent institutions. If the university understands itself very well, it will identify and work on its improvement opportunities, and the accreditors will recommend doing just what the university has already undertaken.

And so it is with VCSU. Our accreditors gave the university the maximum endorsement with no qualifications, and they told us to do what we are already doing. They even recommended removing a "nudge" that had been placed on the accreditation of all public North Dakota universities when we established a statewide process for distance education. In effect, they said, "Those other campuses may need a nudge, but this one does not. We have complete confidence in their decisions and practices."

Just two weeks earlier, we hosted groups from the state and national teacher education accrediting bodies for a similar review that focused only on teacher education programs. We were among the first in the nation to have a review under stringent new national standards. Again, the university passed every standard and earned the maximum endorsement.

We are proud also to be one of the few North Dakota universities with an accredited music program.

And earlier this fall, *US News & World Report* named VCSU one of the top public liberal arts colleges in the Midwest for the 4<sup>th</sup> straight year. Little wonder!

Alumni and friends, in the community and afar, have provided essential support to enable the university's success. The faculty, staff, and students have well earned both the support and the success. Four groups of thorough outside examiners have concluded that you can trust Valley City State University for excellence on all dimensions. Thank you for helping to make this opportunity available to current and future students.

Sincerely yours,



Kathy Ringdahl '93

# President's Corner

Kathy Ringdahl '93

Vince Lombardi, the legendary Green Bay Packers coach, once stated, "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."

Commitment to excellence. Those early formative years of education began constructing the basic building blocks of excellence by teaching us the basis 3Rs. As we progressed in our education, the 3Rs were expanded and combined with qualities teachers tried to instill in each of us – integrity, honesty, determination, self-confidence, empathy, and decision making skills, just to name a few. For many, this knowledge base continued to expand into college years and continues to expand in all of us the remainder of our lives as one is never truly done learning.

Today more than ever, technology is affecting our lives. Though we are on the cutting edge of technology, in order to tap its full potential as well as our own, we still must refer back to those basic building blocks of excellence that were instilled in us during our formative years. Many of us can recall teachers throughout our education whom we liked, those who made an impact on our lives not only with words but also with their

actions, by their examples. Valley City State University provided many students, including me, with a state-of-the-art education as a result of quality people who were committed to excellence.

Regardless of the chosen fields students have pursued at VCSU and other institutions, more than likely there were several individuals whom we interacted with that were committed to excellence. Faculty, administrators, coaches, and staff at VCSU were very influential to me at an impressionable time in my life. These individuals made an impact on me that has not been forgotten. Often I reflect on this passage made by an anonymous author, "Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same."

My hope is that each of us will be committed to the excellence we received at VCSU, implement in into our own lives, and continue to assist VCSU in the rich tradition of providing a quality education that is on the cutting edge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Let us not forget the valuable knowledge, both in the textbooks and that which wasn't, that we gained while attending VCSU. Need to refresh your memory? Pick up the phone, write a letter, send a contribution, be it monetary or other, or simply come back to campus and take a stroll down memory lane. Eyes may not always remember, but souls will.



Val Moritz  
Alumni Relations

Fall is beautiful here in the Sheyenne Valley and the campus of Valley City State University is no exception.

Homecoming 2001 was filled with good conversations, heartfelt emotions, and wonderful memories. The reunion for the Class of 1951 was small in size, but large in personality! Congratulations to Al Bortke, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, as well as the Hall of Fame Inductees, Gary Schafer, Laurie Zacher, Darin Loe, the 1986 men's cross country team (Brian Beehler, Darrin Boehm, Ken Forde, Jeff Hafner, Craig Jakubiak, Jeff Koenig, Cory Ley, Gary Schafer, Jim Skjod, Doug Smith, Ryan Zitzer (deceased) and Coach Dave Bass) and the 1949-50 men's basketball team (York Flegel, William Galloway (deceased), Marlow

Gudmundson, E. Duane Holly, James Homuth, Wesley Hieb, Daniel LaFond (deceased), Ellwin Law, Dale Noack (deceased), Eddie Otto, Robert Price, John Sinclair and Coach Bill Osmon.) Certificate of Merit Award recipients honored at the Alumni Honors Breakfast were Harry Clark, Randy Hall, Jane Kamletz, Frank Koch, Dusty Kracht, Mary Otto, Albert Peterson, Margaret Vollmuth and Pat Windish. Also named as Certificate of Merit recipients but unable to attend the breakfast were Del Mari Runck, Darryll Pederson, and Buck Kasowski.

Please help us recognize more VCSU by forwarding names for the Distinguished Alumni Award, Certificate of Merit, Alumni Service Award and Hall of Fame. And take the time to keep us up-to-date with your activities. Everywhere we go, our alumni and friends tell us they always enjoying reading the "Vikings on the Move" section in *The Bulletin*.

Again this year, we will be traveling to different locations in the United States. Our first social will be in Mesa on February 16<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to visiting with our alumni and friends across the country.

As you make your travel and vacation plans for next year, try to set aside some time to visit the VCSU campus – her beauty and spirit remain constant!

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## VCSU Foundation Corner

Larry Robinson, Executive Director

### Our hearts and minds are heavy

Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., we have been overcome with emotions. For those of you who have lost loved ones, we extend our condolences. All of us have been touched by this tragedy.

On the positive side of things, it is wonderful and amazing, to see how all Americans have joined together in the aftermath of this national tragedy. People have lined the streets to give blood. Relief funds have received an unprecedented amount of support. Rescue workers have risen to the status of heroes as they worked around the clock at Ground Zero and at the Pentagon. Our communities have come much closer together. Our neighbors are now our friends. A new and rekindled spirit of patriotism has come forth and our freedom has never been so near and dear.

In recent weeks, our thoughts and prayers go out to the men and women of the armed services as they tackle the daunting task of finding those responsible for this terrible act or terror. We feel for their families and loved ones back home. We pray for their safety and quick return.

Now, as much as ever, Americans are realizing what really matters in life. Family, friends, church, and the institutions we love. There is no better time than now to perpetuate the values you hold near and dear. As we approach the end of 2001, it is timely for you to consider a gift to your alma mater. A charitable gift at this time, will not only have positive tax implications for you, it will also benefit the many wonderful programs at Valley City State University.

On behalf of everyone at VCSU, we want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy and enjoyable holiday season. We also want to thank you for being such an important part of our family. Your support has been central to the success we have achieved. Should your travels bring you through our area, please stop by for a visit. We would love to see you. The coffee is always on and your Foundation staff is always waiting for our Alumni and Friends to come home.

Happy Holidays!  
Larry Robinson



Larry Robinson  
Executive Director

## Preservation progress at the President's House

The President's House Preservation Society is very pleased to announce the receipt of a \$7500 Historic Preservation Funds grant which is federal funds from the National Park Service and administered by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. The money will be used to replace or repair rotting trim boards and restore the house to its original colors of cream with hunter green trim. The porch columns will also be repaired and some of the floor boards replaced. This work will be done next spring.

Contributing to the receipt of this award was an architectural assessment of the house done pro bono by Steve Martens, a registered architect and historical research consultant, from Fargo, ND. Guidance had also been sought from the State Facility Planner from the Office of Management and Budget, the ADA Compliance Coordinator from the Division of Community Services and the Inspector for the Valley City Fire Department. With so many reports and recommendations, Mr. Martens came to look at the condition of the house and helped organize the project and set up the maintenance priorities. The time to assess the house and get a written report with these recommendations and specifications has a value of about \$2500. We owe him many thanks!

The President's House Preservation Society is reprinting a cookbook

as a fundraiser for the purpose of repairing and preserving the house. This historic cookbook was originally compiled, printed, and sold in 1926 by the Dames Club of Valley City State Teachers College (now known as Valley City State University) to raise money for a scholarship fund. The Dames Club was an organization of the wives of college faculty, and the recipes were those actually used in their homes for special occasions and everyday cooking. If anyone is interested in the cookbook, please call the Student Center at 701-845-7122 for more information.

A wonderful student by the name of Mary Jo Steffes is constructing a webpage as a class project, so for those computer enthusiasts out there you will soon be able to access information about the President's House through the VCSU website.

As you can see, the President's House Preservation Society is really making progress! There is still a need for donations for the largest of the upcoming projects, that of handicapped accessibility. Please keep the President's House in mind for your upcoming Christmas parties, business or personal meetings or events or overnight stays. The President's House offers a unique setting at a very reasonable price! Again, for "presidential" accommodations call the Student Center at 701-845-7122.

# EBC Fraternity to celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The 2002 EBC Hit Parade scheduled for April 11-13 will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the EBC Fraternity. Special plans are being made for an extraordinary show and it is hoped that many EBC alumni will return for this anniversary celebration.

The EBC Fraternity was founded in 1902 as a literary and debate society. The purpose of the EBC Fraternity was "to promote general culture, happiness, and enlightenment of each member." There were 15 members in 1902. These men took part in extensive study of debatable questions.

For a number of years the society continued its work, gradually broadening activities to include every phase of campus life. In the fall of the year, little progress was made, since there were seldom enough men in school to elect officers. Most of the men were working on farms during this season or were teaching.

By 1912 the group had increased its alumni and college membership to such an extent that it was suggested that the group organize a chapter of a National Greek fraternity. However, this suggestion was acted upon unfavorably, and the group decided to continue as a local organization. Five years later when war was declared, virtually the entire membership joined the army. With great ceremony, the books of the fraternity were turned over to

the Clonians for safekeeping. Upon their return to the campus in 1918, the EBC's resumed their work as a literary society. By 1924 the literary work among the EBC's was in a thriving condition. The fraternity was becoming increasingly active on campus and by 1932 had organized an EBC Alumni Association. The association was organized during the sixth annual homecoming festivities at Valley City State Teachers College that year.

During the 1920's and 1930's music became a prominent part in the life of the society. During the 1931-32 academic year, several EBC's sang in a glee club which performed on WDAY radio in Fargo. Four members of the society played in the state Philharmonic orchestra at the Music Festival in Jamestown in the spring. In the college band, ten EBCs represented the society's musical membership. Most distinctive of the EBC musical organization, however, was the band organized during the winter quarter and the double quartet, which the gleemen organized for the chapel program.

During this same academic year, many campus offices, including presidencies of the senior class and that of the student council, were held by EBCs. Members were active in the work of organizations like the campus dramatic club, the college newspaper and honorary groups. The biggest elective honor



31st Annual EBC Hit Parade 1972

of the year, King of the Hoboes, went to an EBC.

In 1938, as a result of a total effort on the part of the EBC members, alumni and friends, the society held their first annual EBC Hit Parade. From the very beginning, the Hit Parade captured the hearts of the entire audience. The show proved to be a fun-filled evening of music, commercials, and surprises. The Hit Parade has been sponsored by Dubble Bubble Enterprises. In fact, the script of the first annual Hit Parade in 1938 referred to Dubble Bubble soap as the soap of the beautiful coeds. According to the script, Dubble Bubble's special soap featured rich, creamy lather with no dip, no slip, and no flip performance.

Over the years the Hit Parade has not only expanded in length but

also in variety. The show has become one of the area's top musical productions attracting approximately 1,500 each year.

In recent years, the fraternity has added a very strong Alumni Committee, which plays a big part in the annual spring Hit Parade. This alumni group has also started a Christmas program called "We're in the Christmas Mood" which is held one evening every year. The sixth annual Christmas show will be held in Vangstad Auditorium on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Plans for the 100<sup>th</sup> Hit Parade include a social, banquet and a dance following the Saturday evening performance. Past performers of the EBC Hit Parade are also being contacted to perform in Saturday's show.

## "We're in the Christmas Mood"

The sixth annual "We're in the Christmas Mood" will be held in Vangstad Auditorium at 7:30 PM on Saturday, December 8. The show will feature some of the premiere performers of the area, including an 18-piece orchestra, vocal solos and ensembles, a children's choir, the Sheyenne Brass, and the Fanny C. Amidon pipe organ. The show is produced by the EBC Fraternity Alumni Committee, John Monilaws (music director), H. Dean Johnson, and Randy Hajek. Joining them in the orchestra are other local musicians including Lance Drevecky, Kevin Jahn, Josh Argall, and Brian Bubach. Vocalists will include Judy Johnson, Trisa Olson, and Tricia Lebahn.

# Pioneer Awards presented at ITCND Education Conference

The Information Technology Council of North Dakota (ITCND) presented statewide awards at their education conference held on October 8 and 9, 2001.

The first year "Pioneer Award" recipients were recognized for their work as champions in the development and use of information technology in North Dakota. Those receiving awards included:

*Ellen Chaffee, president of Valley City State University and Mayville State University*, on behalf of herself and the universities for assistance in the development of a world-class information technology education system in North Dakota and the creation of interest in information technology careers in the state.

The ITCND was founded by business, government, and education leaders to encourage the use, growth, and development of information technology in North Dakota.

## President's Message by Dr. Ellen Chaffee

This has been another good year for awards to your alma mater! For the fourth year in a row, US News & World Report has selected Valley City State University as one of the top public Midwest liberal arts colleges. In addition, *Computerworld* newspaper named us as one of the Premier 100 IT (information technology) Leaders in the nation. The Information Technology Council of North Dakota selected us for their Pioneer Award for outstanding achievement in education.

The more important fact is that all this recognition is well-earned, and the benefits are going directly to VCSU students, the region, the state, and employers of VCSU graduates. Accrediting teams have been on campus this fall looking closely at both the teacher education program and the university as a whole, and we are confident that they will come to the same conclusions as our friends and those giving us awards.

The story gets even better! We have a new scholarship program for qualified students from states that would otherwise be charged full non-resident tuition. With the scholarship, students from the following states could pay as little as the in-state rate (\$2067 this year): Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana,



Ellen Chaffee

Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Do you know any young people from those states? Do you know a VCSU classmate who is now teaching or coaching in those states? Please help us give those students an opportunity for the new scholarship and a chance to study at one of the best undergraduate universities in the country!

It has been my privilege this year to participate in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays of the Vangstad twins, the VCSU President's House, and the VCSU footbridge. All are powerful reminders of the strong heritage on which we build today. Please come visit when you can!

**We'll Be Seeing You...**  
**VCSU Alumni and Friends Socials**

**January:** Denver, CO (TBA)

**February:** Mesa, Arizona – February 16<sup>th</sup>  
 The Terrace Green at Viewpoint  
 8700 E. University Drive  
 Mesa, AZ 85207  
 Florida (Tentative)

**March:** Minneapolis, MN (TBA)

Watch your mail for detailed information!

## Nominate Outstanding Alumni

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

**Certificate of Merit:** This award provides the Alumni Association with a way to recognize alumni for accomplishments, service, or other noteworthy honors.

**Alumni Service Award:** This award is presented to alumni and university friends who have attained exceptional achievement in their careers and have made a significant contribution to the university through dedicated service, promotion, financial support or other efforts.

**Distinguished Alumni:** The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor presented by the Alumni Association. The recipient's professional contributions, honors and awards, and leadership are considered.

**Nominations to:** Val Moritz, VCSU Foundation, 1-800-532-8641 Ext. 37403  
 E-Mail: val\_moritz@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu

# Homecoming

## Certificate of Merit Award Winners

Albert Peterson '69  
Hardin, MT

What does being a graduate of VCSU mean to me:

"I have a special place in my heart for Valley City and VCSU; they are still "Home" to me. Many of the personal and professional accomplishments that I have made would not have been possible without VCSU. Thank you, VCSU, for sbeing a major player in my personal and professional life."



Back row: Randy Hall, Dusty Kracht, Albert Peterson, Pat Windish and Harry Clark. Front row: Jane Kamletz, Mary Otto, Margaret Vollmuth and Frank Koch.

Mary (Blake) Otto '70  
Valley City, ND

Special memories of VCSU:

"The memories that stand out the most are the caring of my instructors. The caring environment of the school was very genuine and I will always everyone's kindness."

Harry Clark '82  
Wahpeton, ND

Special memories of VCSU:

"The friendships gained through my four years of education at VCSU. It seems that wherever I travel, I have connections with someone I went to school with at VCSU. I will always cherish the times spent in extra-curricular activities; cross-country and track & field with my teammates along with Coach Grooters and Coach Bass."

Dusty Kracht '71  
Pierre, SD

What does being a graduate of VCSU mean to me:

"Valley City State University gave me the opportunity to grow as a person. Under the guidance of a very caring and dedicated staff, I was provided with a well-rounded educational background. That background prepared me to meet the challenges in education and the field of teaching. My professors helped me understand that our most valuable natural resource is the children of today. Valley City State University provided me with the leadership skills and many of the educational values I live by today."

Marlon "Buck" Kasowski '78  
Grand Forks, ND

Special memories of VCSU:

"My most special memories involve the people I met while a student at VCSU. I made lifelong friends at Valley City State who have helped shape my life. People like my wife, Carrie, and coaches Jim Dew, Don Lemnus, Larry Grooters and Bill Osmon. I have fond memories of Larry Robinson, Keith Baumgartner and many others. Thanks to VCSU for taking the time to care for a guy from Buffalo, ND. I will treasure my years at VCSU forever."

Frank Koch '64  
Bismarck, ND

Special memories of VCSU:

"My special memory at VCSU involves Mr. Art Dafoe, the chemistry professor at VCSU for many years. Giving me the task of testing the city water on a regular basis and trusting me to be in charge of the chemistry stockroom helped me decide to make chemistry my major. The flexibility of the small department allowed me to explore chemistry in the lab beyond regular scheduled times. Throughout my career I have always encouraged my students to develop their curiosity. This has helped many students chose chemistry as their vocation."

# Highlights



Left: VCSU President Ellen Chaffee (left) and VCSU Alumni President Kathy Ringdahl '93 (right) congratulate Al Bortke (center), the 50<sup>th</sup> recipient of VCSU's Distinguished Alumni Award.



Left: New members on the VCSU Alumni Association Board of Directors are Mike Zick '97 of Rosemount, MN; Beth Loibl-Karnik '94 of Fargo, ND; and Brian Griffin '69 of Battle Lake, MN.

Right: Class of '51 Tree Dedication: Betty Price, Al Hallberg, Bob Price, John Sinclair, Jens and Anne Jorgensen.



Above: Alumni board members manage to conduct business in addition to all the activities happening during Homecoming 2001. Left to right: Janis Wallender, Kathy Ringdahl, Joan Noeske, Brian Griffin, Dave Bass, Leo Schmidt, Lorraine Lutjens, Gary Schafer, Mike Zic, Jim Ukestad, Dave Hanson, Barb Karnik and Linda Olson. Not pictured are Janet Schultz, Bob King, Jerry Topp, Terry Dunphy and Leo Ringey.

## Hall of Fame Inductees



1949-50 Basketball Team: (Top) Eddie Otto, York Flegel, Marlow Gudmundson, Bob Price, Wes Hieb, Bill



Osmon, Duane Holly; (Bottom) Wes Hieb, Bill Osmon, John Sinclair, Eddie Otto, Marlow Gudmundson and Bob Price



Members of the 1986 cross country team attending the induction ceremonies were: (Left to right) Coach Dave Bass, Cory Ley, Gary Schafer, Jeff Hafner, Darrin Boehm and Brian Beehler.



Darin Loe



Laurie Zacher



Gary Schafer



Hall of Fame member Chuck Solberg '59 congratulates Gary Schafer on his induction.

# Maple Valley takes honors at C.I.I. competition

The Maple Valley School Team placed first in the annual Center for Innovation in Instruction's "Instructional Technology Team of the Year" competition held at this year's Teaching and Technology Conference held in Bismarck, ND. Members of the Maple Valley team are Cheri (Didier) Anderson '80, Pat (Kohler) Johnson '73 and Ron Stahlecker.

"There were many exemplary nominees for this year's award," according to Dan Pullen, Director of the Center for Innovation in Instruction. "Those who were voted as the top teams in the state were really outstanding and their examples can be followed by other schools in planning to integrate technology into their curriculum."

Second place went to the Beach (ND) School District.

# VCSU awarded \$100,000 Bush grant

Valley City State University was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Bush Foundation to continue a program to improve the faculty's instructional technology skills and to develop a systematic assessment of how technology improves learning.

Established in 1953, the Bush Foundation is a predominantly regional grantmaking foundation with major programs in education, human services and health of the arts and the development of individual leadership and talent.

# East Central's Dewey leaves his legacy

## Long-time coach says the game hasn't changed, only the people playing

By Matt Zimmer *MBBN Contributing Writer*

Somewhere along the line, perhaps while a high school student in North Dakota, perhaps while attending Valley City State College, Pat Dewey decided he wanted to be a coach. He put out some applications, and the first job he interviewed for was at East Central High in Sandstone. He was hired as an assistant. Five years later, he was named the head coach.

"You become interested in coaching by those who coach you," Dewey said. "By high school I knew that coaching was what I wanted to do."

Now, well over 300 wins later, Dewey is presiding over his final Eagles squad this year, his 32nd.

A lot can be observed about the game watching it from the sidelines for 32 years, but Dewey feels that, for the most part, the game hasn't changed much, just the people in it.

"The major difference between now and when I first got into coaching is the emphasis on the game at a young age," Dewey said. "There is just so much emphasis on youth opportunities. When kids are in fourth, fifth, or sixth grade they are already playing in 50 games a year."

Dewey recounted a story from a tournament around a decade ago. "Our team had played like seven or eight games. I asked a guy on the other team what their record was and he said they were 57-3."

"It used to be, you know, a kid would go outside and shoot," Dewey said. "Now they play so

much basketball, and it's so organized. That's the major difference."

Seeming to be hinting towards specialization among young athletes, Dewey didn't mince words when asked to weigh in on the recent trend of focusing on one sport.

"I don't like it at all," Dewey said. "It takes away from kids being well-rounded people. It's one of the reasons I' getting out (of coaching)."

Dewey actually retired after last year's 17-8 team finished second in the Great River Conference, but when no replacement could be found, he returned for one more season.

In addition to specialization, Dewey also talked about other issues in basketball and coaching.

On the college and pro games: "I don't really watch the pro game at all, I hardly enjoy it. It's more of a show, there's such an emphasis on one-on-one play. If the Timberwolves are on I might watch them, but I otherwise almost never watch pro ball. It's all isolation stuff. I really like the college game. They're able to do a lot more things, run zones, traps, and move the ball around. It's much more exciting."

On recent situations involving high profile coaches Bob Knight and Rick Pitino: (Knight) is a very good coach, obviously, a very good motivator who does a lot of good things. The things he did with some of his players, though, I didn't agree with that. I don't think there's

any place in sport for that stuff. Sometimes if you have a successful program, you can get away with certain things. If other coaches did some of the things he did, they wouldn't have gotten away with it. (Pitino) had such a high level of intensity, such an intense desire to succeed, and he couldn't get his players to go with it. It's absolutely something I can identify with. If your kids can't take your instruction to the floor it can cause frustration."

On players: "You want kids who are internally motivated, who want to improve. If a kid accepts coaching and is hard working he'll keep getting better."

On his coaching philosophy: "If players are listening and do what I ask of them and work hard I can be happy with the outcome. I just want the players to work as hard as they can. I'm a real competitor, I want to win as bad as anyone, but if your kids are playing as well as they can, then you can call your program successful. It's all about working hard, being good people and respecting people. No cheap stuff, just maximum effort."

Maybe, as Dewey says, basketball isn't changing, just the people in it. If that is indeed the case, it is too bad that Dewey is going for good this time. Because while the game will go on unchanged for future basketball players of East Central High, they will be missing out on the person who has taught the game to the last 32 years worth of Eagles players.

## Wallender named Counselor of the Year

Janis (Paulson) Wallender '77, Past President of the North Dakota School Counselors Association, was recently recognized by the American School Counselor Association as the Multi-Level Counselor of the Year at its annual conference held in Portland, Oregon. Janis is employed as an elementary and middle school counselor for the Beulah Public School System.

A graduate of Jamestown High School, Janis earned her bachelor's degree from VCSU in 1977 and her master's degree from Northern State University. She is a licensed professional counselor, licensed through the North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners.



Janis Wallender

## Vandrovec and Tollefson-Larson earn international travels

Rae Ann (Rolshoven) '75 and Lisa Tollefson-Larson '85 have been selected from a national pool of more than 2,000 applicants by a panel of educators to participate in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. This program allows distinguished primary and secondary school teachers in the United States to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

The 200 educators visited Tokyo where they received a practical orientation on Japanese life and culture and met with Japanese government officials and educators. They then were to travel in groups of 20 to prefectures (states) outside of Tokyo where they had direct contact with Japanese teachers and students during visits to primary and secondary schools as well as a teachers college. They also visited cultural sites and local industries in addition to a homestay with a Japanese family.

The Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program is sponsored by the Japanese government and was launched to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the United States on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research. A total of 600 teachers from all 50 states and the

District of Columbia are visiting Japan this year, with 200 in each group.

Lisa and her husband, Richard, visual art educators of Austin, MN, also spent part of their summer on an educational venture to Denmark. In a program sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning, Tollefson-Larson will be one of approximately eight teachers from throughout Minnesota on a study visit learning about education in Denmark. She has been matched with Anja Larsen of Aarhus, Denmark.

While in Denmark, the Larsons were guests at Anja Larsen's home and school. Their stay included observing, teaching and serving as guest lecturers. They shared information about Austin, MN, and the education system. Anja Larsen, a music educator, will pay a return visit to Austin this fall.

Lisa grew up in Carrington, earned her bachelor's degree from VCSU in 1985 and her master's degree from Hamline University. She taught studio art courses at Jamestown College from 1986-91. She is currently teaching at Ellis Middle School in Austin, MN.

Rae Ann teaches third grade at St. John's Academy in Jamestown, ND. She and her husband, Jim '74, have two sons, Terry and Kevin. She is the daughter of Ray and Bernie Rolshoven of Mandan, ND.

## Volunteer Spotlight

*Many dedicated individuals donate hundreds of hours to Valley City State University and volunteer their time and talents in many ways. Their contributions are immeasurable and, too often, not adequately recognized.*

### John Hill



Then

John, a 1973 VCSU graduate, is the owner and operator of John's I-94 Amoco. After graduation, John and his wife, the former Diane Starr '73, moved to Rapids City, SD, where John taught school and then worked as an estimator at Black Hills Glass & Mirror. In 1976, John and Diane returned to Valley City where John worked for Hill Oil until 1996.

"John works very hard for the VCSU Century Club," says Don Bauer, VCSU Athletic Director. "He is tireless in his dedication to enlisting memberships to raise funds for athletic scholarships."

According to Val Moritz, VCSU Foundation, "John has been extremely helpful in our annual Spring Scholarship Auction. We can always depend on John to participate in all aspects of this very important fundraiser."

John is a past director of First National Bank and now serves as a Director of Wells Fargo Bank. He is a member of the Eagles, the Valley City Town and Country Club and the VCSU Booster Board. In addition, John is part of the crew that works the chains during the university and high school football games.

John and Diane have one son, Philip, who is 14 years old.



Now

## VCSU to offer special scholarships next fall

Valley City State University will offer special scholarships starting in fall 2002 to students from states that currently pay the highest out-of-state tuition rates and students from other countries. Although North Dakota has reduced tuition rates for individuals from many western and midwestern states, as well as Manitoba, students from places like Florida, New York, Ontario, or Mexico must pay more than double the in-state rate.

With an Academic Achievement

Scholarship, students with high grades or test scores will pay as little as the in-state rate for students. Depending on academic record, the scholarships are worth between \$2,000 and \$3,400. Students who remain in good academic standing may retain the scholarship for four years.

The new scholarship program is based on new authority from the State Board of Higher Education, allowing individual campuses to waive portions of tuition.

"The VCSU strategy is aimed at recruiting high-ability students who can and will succeed here," said President Ellen Chaffee. "With the region's economic development strategy, we expect them to stay and contribute to our state long after graduation."

Dan Klein, Enrollment Services Director said, "The new program allows the university to attract students who would otherwise have to pay much more here than if they stayed in their home state.

Now, we can honor their achievement with a scholarship and make cost a non-issue."

Chancellor Larry Isaak commended the VCSU leadership team for its innovative approach to attracting students. He said this policy meets the expectations of the Board of Higher Education and the GNDA New Economy Initiative to try new approaches to grow the working age population of North Dakota.

# Vikings on the Move

## 1970s

**Barb (Larson) Brand '74** has joined Aid Association for Lutherans as a district representative in Barnes and Cass Counties of ND. Barb and her husband, Mike, have two children, Matt and Andrea, both students at VCSU.

**William Busta '75** has been appointed human resource director for the Willmar (MN) School District. His wife, **Debbie (Knudsen) '73** teaches in the New London-Spicer School system.

## 1980s

**John Monilaws '87** has accepted a new teaching position with the Lisbon Public School system. His main responsibilities are junior high band, concert band, and concert choir. No more Driver's Education for now! John says "Hi" to all EBC alumni and encourages everyone to attend all the events planned for the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the great EBC fraternity. John lives in Valley City and has two daughters: Mariah, 10, and Natalic, 6. Stop in and visit!

**Del Mari Runck '87** has been named chief financial officer of the newly chartered Neighborhood National bank in Alexandria, MN. She was previously employed as vice president of operations for Security State Bank of North Dakota.

## 1990s

**Amy (Mitzel) DuBois** has joined the Valley Laser Eye Center and Fercho Cataract Eye Clinic in Fargo. She will work in both clinics on a part-time basis.

**Rhonda Benson '93** has been promoted to manager in the Fargo office of Eide Bailly LLP. Rhonda, CPA, specializes in assisting agricultural clients with tax planning and preparation, monthly accounting and year-end financial statement reporting.

**Matt Johnson '94** has been named the men's golf coach at North Dakota State University. He is also the general manager and golf professional at the Sports Bubble in Fargo.

**Chad Slyter '96** has accepted a position at Minot State University-Bottineau as the bookstore manager as well as women's basketball and volleyball coach.

## 2000

**Mark Goyette '01** has accepted a position as a middle school teacher/basketball coach at Laurel Public Schools in Laurel, MT.

**Melissa Johnson '01** has accepted a position as Grade 6 communicator teacher at Watertown-Mayer Middle School in Watertown, MN.

**Jennifer (Toso) Yetterboe '01** is teaching English and Spanish at New Rockford (ND) High School.

**Bryan Wolfram '01** has accepted a position as construction technology instructor at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton.

**Chad Stark '01** is working as an engineering technician with Antares Pharma of Plymouth, MN

**Melissa Carter '01** has accepted a position as Grade 6 language arts teacher at Fox Creek Junior High in Bullhead City, Arizona.

**Ryan Bergan '01** is employed as an account executive with Contemporary Concepts of Canby, MN.

**Laura Berntson '01** has accepted a curriculum materials developer position with the Technology Education Department at VCSU.

**Christopher Langemo '01** is teaching fifth grade at Jefferson Elementary School in Winslow, AZ.

**Kelli Bitz Just '01** is teaching kindergarten at Verona Public School in Verona, ND.

## Weddings...

*Jodi Veil '90 married Michael Wright - June 9, 2001*

*Tanya Harr '82 married Kelly Retzlaff - September 1, 2001*

*Toni Legler '99 married Bret Haglund '99 - September 22, 2001*

*Deb Edinger married Steve Thompson - November 3, 2001*

# In Remembrance

Leora (Hermes) Herding, Fargo

H. Kenneth Ulland '41, Lisbon

Constance (Strand) Ostenson '39, Mesa, AZ

Evangeline (Buchholz) Piper '30, Fargo

Florence (Worner) Thiele, Wahpeton

Helen (Sletvold) Shirey, Fargo

Thelma (Rinde) Stutlien '24, Fargo

Emma (Heupel) Peterson '30, Omaha, NE

Lillian (Johnson) Erickson, Boise, ID

Elsie Kraft, Bismarck

Brenda J. Anderson, Valley City

Ellen (Wachtel) Roth, Carrington

Winnie (Vellenga) DeKrey, Bismarck

Debra (Kramer) Schwehr '89, Jamestown

Mildred (Velure) Nelson, Valley City

Ethel (Bullis) Swanson, Lidgerwood

David O'Bannon Wigdahl, Valley City

Bernice (Hatter) Stillwagon '29, Valley City

Wanda (Legge) Wyse '50, Glendive, MT

Lola (Hotchkiss) Martin '52, Jamestown

Florence (Squire) Rygg '25, Fargo

Myrtle (Mielke) Haraldson, Moorhead, MN

Dale Stanford, Valley City

Dagny (Thompson) Aslakson, Crookston, MN

Carrie (Fagering) Molgard '65, Jamestown

Rose (Gatzke) Floyd '54, San Bernadino, CA

Daniel Lindemann, Enderlin

Mae Sheridan '60, Solon Springs, WI

Svanau (Yri) Horne, Devils Lake

Bernice (Sevareid) Willert '31, Mesa, AZ

Georgiana (Schmid) Engen, McVille

Pam (Satrom) Pilgrim '85, Ayr

Alice (Lee) Helgeson '24, Rugby

Janis (Martin) Hansen, Valley City

Marie (Bakken) Loiya, Perham, MN

James Joyce, Fargo

Regina Sadlicki, Hankinson

Josephine (Lee) Seiler, Hollidaysburg, PA

Leo Mastel, Fargo

Genevieve (Fecht) Cooper '31, New Hope, MN

Mabel (Graving) Isakson '29, Grand Forks

Ralph McKay, Valley City

Marjorie (Otto) Pederson '34, Long Prairie, MN

Lillian (Beattie) Steffen, Cooperstown

Louine (Loe) Erickson '51, Moorhead, MN

Elvera (Anderson) Johnson '20, New Rockford

Rose (Hipp) Goerger '30, Hankinson

Roger W. Lee, Aneta

Malinda (Wolter) Krause, Lidgerwood

### Former VCSU Staff

Janet Berg, Valley City

Dorothy Kleinpell, River Falls, WI

(Dorothy was the wife of the late Dr. Eugene

Kleinpell, president of VCSU from 1942-46)

Anton "Tony" Berger, Valley City

### Friends

Dave "O'Bannon" Wigdahl, Valley City

# VCSU Success Stories

# News from current & former faculty & staff

*Rae Ann (Rolshoven) Vandrovec '75* was one of nine recipients of the Teacher Incentive Funding in the state of North Dakota. The grant will provide funds for Vandrovec's class to integrate art with math. Rae Ann was also recognized for her teaching excellence and is honored in the sixth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2000.

*Nancy (Olson) Bultema '85* has been named Health Teacher of the Year for 2001 by the North Dakota Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Nancy received the award during the NDAHPERD conference in Bismarck. It is presented to professionals who show outstanding characteristics in health education at the K-12 level or college/university level. Nancy currently serves as a health instructor for grades 7-9, a physical education instructor for grades 9-12 and a certified American Heart CPR/Defibrillator instructor at Central Cass High School. She is a member of the National

Association for Sports and Physical Education and the newly elected vice president general for the NDAHPERD. Nancy and her husband, Scott, are the parents of three children: Hunter, Lindsey and Carson.

*Marty Hochhalter '89* has been named one of five finalists for the NFL High School Football Coach of the Year. Marty was nominated for the award by former player Jim Kleinsasser, starting fullback for the Minnesota Vikings. Each finalist will receive a \$2,500 cash award and a youth football program selected by the coach and nominating player will receive \$5,000 from the NFL Youth Football Fund. The winner of the award will be announced at the end of the NFL season and be invited to attend Super Bowl XXXVI in New Orleans, LA, as a guest of the NFL.

*Mike Watterson '73* was one of four candidates in the state nominated for the North Dakota Education Association Teach of the Year Award.

- **Elmer Armstrong**, Professor of Mathematics at VCSU from 1984-91, has recently moved to Reedsburg, WI. His wife, Vera, has been admitted to the Alzheimer's ward in a Reedsburg nursing home and Elmer moved into an apartment to be as close as he could. Elmer was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1991 but remained on a plateau. His diagnosis was eventually amended to a series of strokes that hit the quantitative area of his brain. The strokes wiped out his recollection of the multiplication tables. Five years ago, he started with 1<sup>st</sup> grade arithmetic and just recently graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He has now been doing some simple programming. Elmer sends greetings!
- **Candace Kane** has earned the Senior Professional in Human Resources designation. She is the chief learning officer for Eide Bailly, specializing in organizational development. Candace taught in the Division of Business and was the Director of the Kathryn Center before accepting employment at Eide Bailly. She lives in Fargo and has three grown children.
- **Dr. Vern Almlie**, Professor Emeritus, Division of Education and Psychology, was presented the Distinguished Retired Educator Award at the North Dakota Association of Teacher Educator's meeting held in Fargo on October 18, 2001. The NDATE annual conference is held each year in conjunction with NDEA.
- **Jim Dew** has recently been honored as the 2001 University of North Dakota Award of Merit recipient. This is an annual award presented to someone who has made "outstanding contributions to football in North Dakota." Jim coached football at VCSU from 1974-1994 leading his teams to the national playoffs three times and the North Dakota Collegiate Athletic Conference title eight times. Jim was inducted into the Mayville State Hall of Fame in 1985 and the VCSU Hall of Fame in 1997.

## HONOR/MEMORIAL GIFTS

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# U.S. News recognizes VCSU – again!

*President Chaffee: “We’re working on a marathon.”*

Valley City State University has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the Best Comprehensive Colleges in the Midwest for the fourth year in a row, along with Southwest State University (MN), Central State University (OH), and University of Minnesota-Crookston (MN). There are 322 comprehensive colleges,

ranked within four regions: North, South, Midwest, and West.

The method that U.S. News uses to rank colleges and universities consists of three basic steps. The colleges are categorized by mission and, in some cases, region, and data is gathered from each up to 16 indicators of academic excellence. Each factor is

assigned a weight that reflects their judgment about how much each measure matters. Finally, the colleges in each category are ranked against their peers, based on composite weighted scores.

U.S. News bases its regional university rankings on academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial

resources, graduation rate performance and alumni giving.

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, VCSU President, said, “Even after four years of this, the excitement is high around here. The first time was like winning a sprint. Now, we’re working on a marathon. Faculty, staff, and students can take great pride in these results.”

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