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Your gift can go a long way toward helping others. This holiday season, take a moment and consider the gifts you would like to make, then make them happen. Support our V-500 scholarship program and assist a needy student to realize their dream of a college education. Your investment will pay big dividends. Better yet, the contribution is tax deductible for this tax year if postmarked by December 31. You may wish to make a gift online at [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu).

∞ There is no better way to give and receive than to make a gift that helps others at this time of year ∞



## Historic Day for VCSU!

Dr. Steve Shirley, President

Friday, October 4, 2013, will forever live in the Valley City State University history books as a monumental day in the life of the campus. It was not only a celebratory day that was part of an exciting Homecoming weekend, but it was also the official dedication and ribbon-cutting of the recently renovated and expanded Rhoades Science Center.

In this issue of *The Bulletin*, you will find a recap of the historic event along with a number of photos commemorating the day's activities. The campus was pleased to have Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley, DPI Superintendent Kirsten Baesler, and numerous other dignitaries from across the state participate in the celebration.

There is a long list of individuals who need to be thanked for their efforts in supporting this project. A few in particular include Governor Jack Dalrymple, the 2011 North Dakota Legislature, the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, former Chancellor Bill Goetz, the Office of Management and Budget, North Dakota District 24 Senator Larry Robinson and former Representatives Phil Mueller and Ralph Metcalf, District 17 Senator Ray Holmberg, VCSU Director of Facilities Ron Pommerer, the Rhoades Building Committee, and everyone else who worked tirelessly on behalf of this project. (Please note that a list of the contractors, architects, engineers and others can be found on p. 6 of *The Bulletin*).

We were also fortunate to be joined for the building dedication by so many alumni, supporters, and members of the Valley City community and surrounding region. The strong turnout at the event coupled with the excitement on that glorious day demonstrated the collective enthusiasm this new facility has created for the campus and community.

It is encouraging to think about the role Rhoades Science Center will

have at VCSU in the years ahead for our community of learners, educators, and researchers. It is a state-of-the art facility equipped with the latest technology, equipment, and laboratory apparatuses so vital to a first-class learning experience.

During my prepared remarks at the dedication I stated the following about Rhoades: "...it is far more than new bricks and mortar, walls, labs, offices, and classrooms.

*"... it is far more than new bricks and mortar, walls, labs, offices, and classrooms. It is not about things, but rather it is about people."*

It is not about things, but rather it is about people. As we think about this building we are assembled in today, it is important we focus on the relationships this facility helps create. VCSU is built

on an environment of supportive faculty and staff who care about our students and are focused on their learning. That philosophy of teaching and nurturing education is built on relationships, and those relationships between students, faculty, and staff that our campus is so well-known for will only be further refined with a facility such as this new Science Center. This building will help VCSU establish new relationships with K-12 partners, the private sector, other state and national agencies, and the community at-large through a multitude of outreach, education, service, and research activities. These new relationships facilitated by this beautiful new facility will help VCSU further its mission."

VCSU is indeed built on a long and proud history of strong relationships, and a facility such as the newly expanded and renovated Rhoades Science Center will only serve to further our work with these endeavors in the years ahead. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please stop by and see Rhoades the next time you are in the area—you will be impressed!

As always...Go Vikings!

## Alumni Association Get-Togethers Winter/Spring 2014

Watch for more VCSU events coming soon on our Facebook page and at [alumni.vcsu.edu](http://alumni.vcsu.edu).

- Dec. 14..... EBC Alumni Fraternity presents  
*We're in the Christmas Mood* ..... Valley City  
Vangstad Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 10..... VCSU at the Bismarck Bobcats ..... Bismarck
- Jan. 24..... VCSU at the Fargo Force ..... Fargo  
*See ad on page 17 for ticket information.*
- Jan. 31..... No-Host Luncheon ..... Surprise, Ariz.  
Lou's Tivoli Garden, 12535 W Bell Rd.  
*See ad on page 3 for more details.*
- Feb. 1..... Golf & Luncheon ..... Mesa, Ariz.  
Arizona Golf Resort, 425 S Power Rd.  
*See ad on page 3 for more details.*

- Feb. 27 ..... VCSU Alumni Social ..... Grand Forks  
Green Mill, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- March 12 .... VCSU Alumni Social ..... Bismarck  
Location TBD, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- April 15 ..... VCSU Tuesday ..... Fargo  
Green Mill, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- May 20 ..... VCSU Tuesday ..... Jamestown  
IDK, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- June 3 ..... VCSU Golf and Social ..... Carrington  
CrossRoads Golf Course  
Golf @ 4:00 p.m. / Social @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

*Reconnect with fellow alumni and friends!*

RSVP is requested. Please contact Kim Hesch at 800-532-8641 x7403 or [kim.hesch@vcsu.edu](mailto:kim.hesch@vcsu.edu).

In Memoriam

### A Gift in Memory of The Ones You Love

Become a member of our Legacy Society today by making a gift in memory of a special loved one in your life. All of us have had special people in our lives who have made a lasting impact on who we are as individuals. Perhaps it is time to make a gift in memory of that special person in your life. You can do so by becoming a member of our Legacy Society and directing a gift in your will and/or estate plan in memory of that special person. Your bequest may be made in the following ways: (1) Make a gift of any cash amount; (2) Give a specific asset from your estate; (3) Make a gift of a percentage of your estate; or (4) Give from the residuum of your estate. All of these methods are ways in which you can honor someone and create a lasting memory. Please contact us for more information on memorial giving at [vcsu.edu](http://vcsu.edu).



### North Dakota Suncoast Association Luncheon

Jay Morgan '69 and his wife, Louise Anna, would like to extend an invitation to all Valley City State University alumni and friends who live, winter or plan to vacation in the Sarasota, Fla., area in February to the 50th Annual North Dakota Suncoast Association Luncheon.

The luncheon will be held February 22, 2014, at the River Wilderness Golf and Country Club, I-75 at exit 224 (Hwy 301), in Parrish, Fla.

The scheduled speaker is Deanna Zink from the University of North Dakota Alumni Association. Her PowerPoint presentation on North Dakota is full of facts and figures.

**If you are interested in attending, please contact Jay Morgan at 941-378-4444.**



## An Exciting Time at VCSU

by Josh Argall '99, Alumni Board President

Hello, Valley City State University alumni, family and friends. My name is Josh Argall, and I am a 1999 VCSU graduate. I am the 5th grade and high school instrumental music director in the Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton School District in Glyndon, Minn.

It is with great pleasure that I take over the reigns as president of the VCSU Alumni Association. I would like to thank D.C. Lucas, along with past presidents and directors, for bringing this elite group to such

a high level of accomplishment. It truly is a group that inspires, encourages and motivates alumni to be involved in the VCSU way of life. I

encourage any alumni that have the opportunity to get involved with the Alumni Association; please seriously consider it. It is very rewarding and a great way to connect with other alumni while giving back to the university.

In my years of coming back to the VCSU campus for various events—EBC's *We're in the Christmas Mood*, Viking Visit Days, and Homecoming—it always feels like I am coming home. When I drive into Valley City it really feels like I never left, even if it has been a few months since I was last there.

My most recent visit was over Homecoming weekend (Oct. 4-6) as the host for the Alumni Honors Breakfast. It was a great privilege for me and is always wonderful to see so many familiar faces return for that event. I believe the Honors

Breakfast is one of the most important events during Homecoming weekend. Getting to recognize VCSU graduates whose accomplishments are the top in their field and being able to hear how VCSU molded their personal and professional careers is very rewarding! If you have not had the opportunity to attend an Alumni Honors Breakfast, please make a valiant effort to attend next year!

The Homecoming Parade, which I look forward

to every year and is always a very popular event, had to be canceled due to the lovely North Dakota fall weather. Hopefully next year we will have 70 degrees and

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sunny! I can hope right? On a positive note, the Viking football team brought home a win against Presentation College 31-17. Way to go, Vikings!

Before I sign off there is an important event coming up that I would like to inform you about. As an EBC alumnus I have had the pleasure of playing saxophone the past 15 years in a wonderful Christmas show that occurs in Vangstad Auditorium the second week of December every year. The EBC Alumni *We're in the Christmas Mood XVIII* is December 14 at 7:30 p.m. There are no tickets to purchase; the show is free to the public. The only thing we ask is that you bring a nonperishable food item for the Barnes County Food Pantry. Please mark that on your calendar and plan to attend this great Christmas show!

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## Year-End Giving and Charitable Tax Deductions

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

As calendar year 2013 draws to a close, Americans will be bombarded with requests for charitable donations. Many respond to those requests with generous contributions. Often this year-end giving will pay off at tax time come next April.

**Itemizing Required:** You can give thousands of dollars, but if you claim the standard deduction amount on your tax return, your charitable gifts will do you no tax good. You must itemize expenses on Schedule A to deduct charitable donations. The good thing about donations is that in most cases, there is no limit on how much you can deduct.

**Timing Is Everything:** Donations must be made by the end of the tax year for which you want to claim the deduction. If you put a check dated December 31 in the mail by that day, you will be fine. The same holds true for donations charged by year-end to your credit card, even if you don't pay the card's bill until next year.

**Check Out the Charity:** Only contributions to IRS-qualified charities are deductible. This means that the group meets the Internal Revenue Service requirements to be classified as a tax exempt organization. This is most often referred to as *501c3 status*, referring to the section of the code that governs such groups.

**Know Your Limits:** Do you remember that phrase "in most cases, there is no limit on how much you can deduct" mentioned earlier in connection with itemizing? This applies to most people, but for some very generous folks, there are limits on tax deductions for donations.

**Get Receipts:** Regardless of the type of gift, the amount of the gift and the charity you donate to, always get a receipt. In most cases, the

receipts are for your records only, just in case the IRS asks questions of you at a later date. If you don't automatically get a receipt, be certain to ask for one.

Individual circumstances vary case by case. We therefore recommend that you consult with your tax accountant or attorney to insure you fully understand the impact on your personal tax situation.

We often have folks call and ask for a summary of their charitable

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contributions to the VCSU Foundation. We are happy to provide you with such documentation.

We want to take this opportunity to express our deepest thanks and appreciation to you for your financial support of VCSU. Without a doubt, your support is **Making a Difference** here on campus.

We are experiencing strong enrollment, along with regional and national recognition. We continue to attract quality students to our university, and our graduates continue to be in demand in education, business and industry. We believe that our rich tradition is as much a part of our future as it is our past.

### Join VCSU Alumni and Friends in

# WARM ARIZONA

January 31 and February 1, 2014

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2014 — SURPRISE, ARIZ.**

**No-Host Luncheon @ 11:30 a.m.**

Lou's Tivoli Garden ❖ 12535 W Bell Rd ❖ Surprise, Ariz.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2014 — MESA, ARIZ.**

**Golf and Luncheon**

Arizona Golf Resort Hotel & Conference Center ❖ 425 S Power Road ❖ Mesa, Ariz.

**Alumni & Friends Golf Scramble**

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Tee-off

**Alumni Social & Luncheon**

11:00 a.m. — Reunion Social

12 noon — Luncheon

**Bring a friend! These events are not restricted to VCSU Alumni. For more information or to be added to the Arizona mailing list, please call the VCSU Foundation Office at 701-845-7203!**

**PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE IN TUCSON, ARIZ., IN MID-MARCH WITH THE VCSU BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TEAMS. WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.**





## Rhoades ribbon-cutting a great day for VCSU

*Cold, windy weather moved the festivities inside, but smiles and warm feelings were found in abundance as the extended Valley City State University community celebrated the completion of the renovation and expansion of L.D. Rhoades Science Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house Friday afternoon, Oct. 4.*

### *The Ceremony*

VCSU President Steve Shirley led the group of speakers giving remarks to a capacity crowd in Rhoades 102 and an overflow room of spectators watching the ceremony via live video in Rhoades 101.

President Shirley welcomed guests to the ribbon-cutting and open house, noting that the Rhoades project was “the first new major capital construction of an academic building here in 40 years.”

“These major upgrades, renovations and improvements will benefit the students and faculty who learn, teach and conduct research here,” said President Shirley, emphasizing Rhoades Science Center’s role in serving the various academic programs housed and supported by coursework in the building: health science, fisheries and wildlife science, biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, science education, medical lab science, athletic training, mathematics, exercise science, and VCSU’s nursing collaboration with Dakota College at Bottineau.

President Shirley also touched on other VCSU initiatives that will benefit from the new facilities, listing the Great Plains STEM Education Center, Prairie Waters Education and Research Center, Medicine Wheel Park and the Planetarium. In addition, he recognized Rhoades as the home of VCSU information technology services and the important role that office plays in supporting both academic and administrative functions on campus.

Prior to introducing the other speakers for the event, President Shirley gave public thanks to Governor Jack Dalrymple, Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley and members of the 62nd Legislative Assembly, along with the members of the State Board of Higher Education and staff in the North Dakota Office of Management and Budget, for their support and help with the Rhoades project. He also acknowledged the role played by the North Dakota University System staff and former chancellor Bill Goetz, along with VCSU students, faculty, staff and alumni, in helping make Rhoades possible.

Drew Wrigley, North Dakota lieutenant gov-

ernor, followed President Shirley to the lectern. He spoke of the building as both a product of and a contributor to the state’s strong economy, stating that “Rhoades Science Center will open doors for young people all across the state of North Dakota.”

Next up was Kirsten Baesler, state superintendent of public instruction, emphasizing the need for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) literacy in K-12 education. She noted the presence of VCSU’s Great Plains STEM Education Center in the new Rhoades building and expressed her hope that “Rhoades Science Center will produce the next generation of North Dakota STEM educators.”

Also emphasizing Rhoades’ impact on the entire state, State Senator Ray Holmberg, representative for District 17 and chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said, “This isn’t just a building that involves people living in the area with ZIP code 58072; it involves all people with area code 701.”

Joe Stickler, VCSU professor emeritus of science, also spoke. “You know what we really

need here is a new building” is what Stickler credited his VCSU teaching colleague, Hilde van Gijssel, with first articulating in a committee meeting designed to elicit a wish list of science needs.

(In an interview with a Jamestown *Sun* reporter after the event, van Gijssel shared that credit, claiming that the genesis of the idea for the new building came from all of the science faculty.)

Stickler was especially pleased that the renovation and addition to Rhoades were designed to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards where possible, helping save energy and protect the environment.

Valley City State alumna Dr. Erika Schumacher '09, now a veterinarian in Dickinson, N.D., followed Stickler. She marveled at the new facility and attributed much of her academic and career success to the quality teaching and technology she experienced at VCSU.

President Shirley followed Schumacher's remarks by reading from a letter of congratulations from Kirsten Diederich, president of the State Board of Higher Education. Diederich noted that “Since its founding in 1890, Valley City State has been dedicated to the art and science of teaching and learning. With the grand opening of this new building—the expanded and renovated L.D. Rhoades Science Center—that mission in North Dakota higher education is greatly enhanced.”

Prior to the ribbon-cutting itself, alumnus Larry Robinson '71, state senator for District 24 and VCSU executive director of university ad-



*It's all smiles as the ribbon has been cut at Rhoades Science Center by (l to r) Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley, President Steve Shirley, Doug Dawes, Joe Stickler, Margaret Dahlberg, and Andre DeLorme.*

vancement, spoke. Robinson, crediting his legislative colleagues for their support of the project, said, “Rhoades Science Center represents what we can do when we all work together.”

A VCSU cardinal-red ribbon was stretched across the front of the room, and President Shirley, Lieutenant Governor Wrigley, and Senator Robinson, along with VCSU vice presidents Margaret Dahlberg (academic affairs) and

Doug Dawes (business affairs), professor emeritus Stickler and professor Andre DeLorme, came forward to do the ceremonial ribbon-cutting.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held, along with tours of the building and demonstrations in select locations.



## *L.D. Rhoades Science Center*

The L.D. Rhoades Science Center, originally built in 1973, underwent an intensive renovation and expansion, with construction beginning in November 2011. The 27,000 sq. ft. expansion was put into service in January 2013, and the 33,000 sq. ft. renovation of existing space was completed in August 2013.

The project, supported by the State Board of Higher Education, Governor Jack Dalrymple, and the North Dakota Legislature, was funded by a \$10.3 million appropriation in the 2011 North Dakota legislative session.

Housed in Rhoades Science Center are classrooms, laboratories and offices for the VCSU science and math departments, and offices and facilities for the university's information technology services. The Great Plains STEM Education Center is also housed in the

building, as is VCSU's collaborative nursing program with Dakota College at Bottineau.

The first major capital construction project for an academic facility at VCSU in 40 years, the construction and renovation of Rhoades Science Center was delivered on time and at budget. The building features a new heating, ventilating and air-conditioning system, along with new mechanical and electrical systems.

To the extent possible, the design and construction of the Rhoades addition and renovation followed standards set forth by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). VCSU has applied for and is anticipating LEED certification for the building.

Rhoades Science Center is named for L.D. "Dusty" Rhoades, who taught chemistry and physics at VCSU from 1919 to 1961.



### *Rhoades Science Center Facilities*

#### **First Floor**

math offices  
 science auditorium (tiered classroom)  
 help desk and information technology (IT) offices  
 interactive video conferencing (IVN) classroom  
 aquatics lab  
 Great Plains STEM Education Center  
 engineering lab  
 STEM lab

#### **Second Floor**

math classrooms  
 IT server room  
 cold storage (walk-in freezer)  
 terrestrial lab  
 biology offices  
 green house  
 microbiology/cellular room  
 general biology room  
 toxicology research lab and cell culture room  
 necropsy lab

#### **Third Floor**

planetarium  
 nursing suite (Dakota College of Bottineau)  
 geology/physics classroom and labs  
 chemistry offices and labs  
 macroinvertebrate research lab  
 IVN classroom

### *VCSU Rhoades Planning Committee*

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# PRESERVATION SOCIETY SEEKS SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT'S HOUSE PROJECT



*"We volunteers of the President's House Preservation Society have worked long and hard to preserve and restore the interior of the house; now it is time to take the next step and address accessibility and the exterior. We are so appreciative of the grant from the state and past generous donations. We hope that with your help we can realize the goal of an accessible completed project."*  
 — Jan Stowman, co-chair

*Members of the President's House Preservation Society pictured at a recent meeting at the house include (front) Jan Stowman (co-chair), Becky Heise (co-chair, secretary), Rhonda Fairfield, (back) Karen Richman, and LouVay White.*

The historic President's House on the Valley City State University campus has been operating as a guest inn since 1996. Cared for by the President's House Preservation Society, the house is now in need of an important upgrade to make it more accessible to alumni and the public, to make it a more valuable part of the VCSU campus.



## History of the House

The President's House was constructed in 1901 for Ludvig S. Platou, a medical doctor and banker who built his own hospital and served as mayor of Valley City (1910–16). Platou, a prominent North Dakota Democrat, ran unsuccessfully for governor on several occasions. A friend of President Theodore Roosevelt, Platou served as one of three North Dakota delegates, along with Governor John Burke, who participated in the May 1908 Governor's Conference on the Conservation of Natural Resources at the White House. Legend has it that Roosevelt visited the house and even gave a speech from the front porch.

Platou's wife, Martha, an artist, photographer and musician, helped design the house, and the Platou home, one of the finest houses in Valley City, became a center for local cultural and society events.

In 1918, Carlos Eben Allen, president of the Valley City State Normal School, began living in the house when the Platou family moved to Fargo. The house was purchased by the Normal School in 1921 and served as a residence for Valley City State presidents until 1994.

## President's House Preservation Society

In 1994, Ellen Chaffee, then president of VCSU, helped organize the President's House Preservation Society to maintain the heritage and cultural traditions that the house represented to the university and the alumni. The Preservation Society is credited with saving the historic house, which was at one point marked for demolition to make room for a parking lot.

The home is still owned by Valley City State University; it has been preserved, managed, and utilized due to the efforts of the Preservation Society.

Next year, 2014, marks the 20-year anniversary of the President's House Preservation Society. Over time, the society of volunteers has been a working group which has graced the building with countless hours of TLC. The group has completely restored and refurbished the

interior of the house, contributing the equivalent of tens of thousands of dollars in sweat equity by stripping up to five layers of wallpaper from 11 rooms, refinishing all the floors and woodwork, and furnishing the home.

That hard work has paid off—the Preservation Society has raised more than \$117,000 from inn guest fees, grants and contributions, and all that money has been put back into the house. The President's House is included in the VCSU central campus that is listed as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places; as part of the National Register stipulations, exterior changes made to the house must not impair the building's historic character.

The house is now operated as the President's House Guest Inn. Guests may rent any of the home's four bedrooms or the entire house for overnight stays. The house is also available for special events.

## Current Need

Although the President's House interior has been lovingly and painstakingly refurbished, there are accessibility problems that prevent the facility from realizing its full potential and meeting ADA accessibility guidelines.

The house sits on a hillside; steep steps approach the home from the front, while access from the garage comes on a less steep but still troublesome side access. A chair-incline lift on

the side approach is now outdated and inadequate.

The home's four bedrooms and one-and-a-half baths are all situated on the second floor. There are neither sleeping nor bathroom accommodations on the ground floor.

In addition, a circular flow is not available on the ground floor; some rooms "dead-end" without access to exits in two directions.

To remedy these limitations, Valley City State University has engaged an architect to draw up plans for improvements to increase accessibility and create better flow for events. The additions include a bedroom, bathroom and library/reception area on the ground floor, along with

an elevator and ramp situated near the garage.

These upgrades do not come cheap; preliminary estimates suggest a cost of \$350,000. VCSU received \$250,000 toward the project from a 2013 North Dakota legislative appropriation, but a \$100,000 gap remains. Those funds must be raised independently if the renovation is to move forward.

The President's House is a key historical site that helps tell the story of Valley City and Valley City State to current and future generations. The home represents our heritage; it is part of who and what we are. We now have an opportunity to make this historical gem a much more viable part of life on campus.

*"We have enjoyed our stay at this wonderful house and have explored the rooms. We applaud the work of your volunteer group in preserving and keeping up this lovely old home. We found it cozy and comfortable. It's a great asset to the campus and community. Thanks for your hospitality."*

—Jennifer and Francis, guests

## Make a Gift

The President's House Preservation Society is a nonprofit organization that functions under the guidance of the VCSU Foundation. Any gifts and donations toward the preservation of this elegant home—to ensure that it remains available to alumni and the public—are fully tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

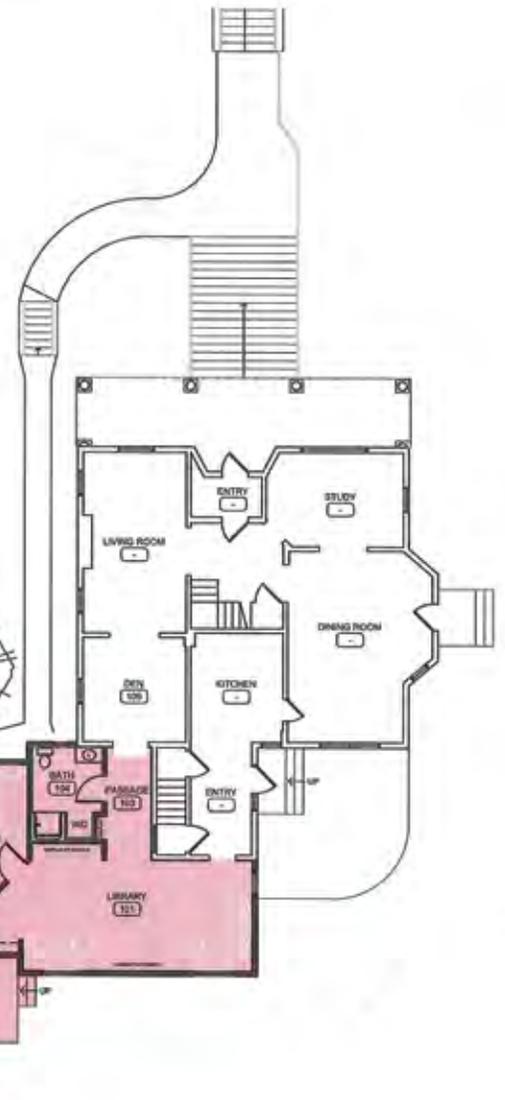
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## President's House Guest Inn

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*Architect's conceptual drawing for the addition to the VCSU President's House Guest Inn*



# HOMEcoming 2013

The VCSU Alumni Association and students celebrated Homecoming the week of September 30–October 5.

The official student activities kicked off with the 31st annual Bill Osmon Fun Run. This year, Bill's daughter, Carol (Osmon) Wolf of Maple Grove, Minn., along with her daughter Diana Wolf (granddaughter of Bill Osmon), helped start the Fun Run. Alyssa Tait and Kinsly Tarmann finished first in the women's and men's categories respectively.

Valley City State University also held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for the renovated and expanded L.D. Rhoades Science Center on Friday, October 4. The ribbon-cutting ceremony included remarks by Drew Wrigley, North Dakota lieutenant governor; Steven W. Shirley, VCSU president; Kirsten Baesler, North Dakota superintendent of public instruction and VCSU alumna; and Ray Holmberg, North Dakota District 17 state senator and chair of the appropriations committee. There were also tours of the building along with demonstrations during the open house. (See related story on pp. 4–6.)

Other events for alumni included the Hall of Fame Banquet (p. 12), Alumni Honors Breakfast (pp. 10–11) and Postgame Social. The rainy, windy weather during the weekend limited attendance at several events and resulted in the cancellation of the Homecoming Parade; otherwise events were well attended. The VCSU Alumni Board of Directors have begun making plans for Homecoming 2014.



## Bauer and Pedersen honored with Alumni Service Awards

Don Bauer and Dean Pedersen were each honored with the Alumni Service Award at the VCSU Alumni Association's annual Homecoming Honors Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 5.

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



### Don Bauer

Don Bauer is the 10th recipient of the Alumni Service Award.

A 1963 graduate of VCSU, Bauer earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in chemistry education. He also holds a Master's Degree in education from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Bauer's professional career includes 10 years of teaching and coaching at Ashley (N.D.) High School, six years at Valley City Public Schools as a teacher and coach, 15 years as principal and athletic

director at Valley City Public Schools and nine years as athletic director at Valley City State University.

During his time at VCSU, Bauer was hired and paid as a part-time athletic director with an athletic complex in need of improvements. According to Larry Robinson, VCSU executive director of university advancement, "Don Bauer brought with him a passion for VCSU and a strong work ethic when he assumed the athletic director's job at VCSU. It was common for him to work 80 or more hours each week. He would be there early in the morning and late into the evening. Saturday was just another day for Don Bauer. He gave it his all. His commitment to Valley City State University and the Vikings is without question. The improvements to the facilities during his tenure were many and are still in place today."

Bauer was recognized with the Governor's Award of Excellence in Public Service in 2000 and was inducted into the VCSU Viking Hall of Fame in 2007.

When asked what being a graduate of VCSU meant to him, Bauer responded "Pride. The reputation of VCSU is held in high regard across the country."

Bauer has many special memories of his time at VCSU; one he will always cherish is when he presented his daughter, Melissa, with her undergraduate diploma.

### Dean Pedersen

The 11th VCSU Alumni Service Award recipient is Dean Pedersen.

Pedersen, a 1965 graduate of College High, attended Valley City State University in 1966. He entered the Army in 1967 and served in Vietnam. Pedersen retired from the Army; he is a 100 percent Disabled American Veteran.

Pedersen has served on the V-500 Board of Directors for 10 years, including five years as president. He was recognized by the V-500 Board as Volunteer of the Year in 2012.

According to Larry Robinson, "Dean's commitment to his community, his country, and to this university is without question. Over his lifetime, he has given so much and he continues to give. Dean is an inspiration to all of us to lead and to give back in any way we can. He is a special person in every way. We are proud to call him our friend. He is most deserving of the Valley City State University Alumni Association's Alumni Service Award."

Dean's special memory of VCSU is meeting and getting to know the outstanding faculty: Lillian Jacobson, Thilda and Lena Vangstad, and Mabel Snoeyenbos, to name a few.



## 2013 VCSU Rendezvous

The second annual VCSU Rendezvous was held on Friday, Oct. 18, at the Valley City Eagles Club. This year's entertainment was comedian Chad Daniels, who kept the room roaring in laughter. Proceeds from this event benefit the V-500 Scholarship Program.



## Eight alumni honored with Certificate of Merit Award

The Valley City State University Alumni Association honored eight alumni with the Certificate of Merit award at its annual Alumni Honors Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 5. The Certificate of Merit was established by the VCSU Alumni Association to recognize alumni for service, accomplishments or other noteworthy honors. The alumni and the accomplishments for which they were honored are listed below.

### *James Jeske '78*

James Jeske recently retired after 32 years of teaching science and coaching several sports, primarily track and field and cross country, at Killdeer, N.D.

#### **Honors and Awards**

- 2013 North Dakota High School Coaches Association (NDHSCA) Hall of Fame
- 2009 North Dakota Track and Field Coach of the Year
- 2008 NDHSCA State Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year
- 1985 and 1998 NDHSCA Class B Coach of the Year
- Named West Region Coach of the Year seven times

### *Matt Johnson '94*

Matt is currently the head women's golf coach at North Dakota State University.

#### **Honors and Awards**

- 2013 Summit League Coach of the Year
- Coached an individual at the 2011 NCAA Division I Championships
- 2009–2013 NCAA Recognition for Academic Progress Rate (APR)

### *Melvin Klingenberg '81*

Mel Klingenberg is a technology and engineering education teacher (grades 7–12) for Valley City Public Schools.

#### **Honors and Awards**

- Best Robotics Mentor of the Year
- Young Industrial Arts Educator of the Year

### *Lindsey (Savoy) Lesniewski '01*

Lindsey Lesniewski is an assistant principal with Pasadena Independent School District in Texas.

#### **Honors and Awards**

- 2013 Region IV Assistant Principal of the Year for Texas Elementary Principals
- 2013 National Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year for Texas



### *Jason Lindgren '92*

Jason Lindgren works for John Deere Seeding Group in Valley City as a quality engineer–module leader. He is also head girls softball coach for Valley City Public Schools.

#### **Honors and Awards**

- 2013 Eastern Dakota Conference Coach of the Year—Class A Softball
- 2013 State Class A Softball Coach of the Year
- 2010 Crashing Through Award from Dale Carnegie for Courage, Flexibility and Risk-Taking
- 2011 Recognition of Excellence from John Deere Seeding Group for Commitment and Contributions to the People/Community
- 2010 Valley City Hockey Dad of the Year



Jason Lindgren '92,  
Certificate of Merit recipient

### *Del Schwartz '66*

Del is a five-time Orange County Wrestling Coach of the Year and has been actively involved in wrestling for 50 years as a competitor, coach and tournament organizer. Del is currently retired.

#### **Honors and Awards**

- 2012 Induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame
- 2008 Induction into the California Wrestling Hall of Fame

### *Amy Sinness '03*

Amy is a first-grade teacher with Minneapolis Public Schools.

#### **Honors and Awards**

- 2012–13 Minnesota Teacher of the Year Finalist (Top 10 of 135 candidates)
- 2005–06 Florida Golden Apple Teacher Nominee

### *Eydie (Denning) Wagar '86*

Eydie is a social studies teacher with the Valley City Public Schools.

#### **Honors and Awards**

- 2013 North Dakota Class A Speech Coach of the Year
- 2013 National Forensic League First Diamond Award
- 2009 Eastern Dakota Conference Speech Coach of the Year
- 2005 Valley City Public Schools Co-Teacher of the Year

Certificate of Merit recipients (l to r): Eydie (Denning) Wagar '86, Mel Klingenberg '81, Amy Sinness '03; not pictured: James Jeske '78, Matt Johnson '94, Lindsey (Savoy) Lesniewski '01, Del Schwartz '66; Jason Lindgren '92 pictured above



## Hall of Fame 2013

*The 2013 Viking Hall of Fame social and dinner was held Friday, Oct. 4. Hall of Fame inductees included:*

1. **Terry A. Corwin** (head coach of the VCSU gymnastics team for the entire duration of the program, 1975–89) and **Robert “Swampy” Maresh ’73** (a three-time conference wrestling champion, 1968–73)
2. **Brent Lick ’85** was inducted into the hall of fame as a posthumous honoree. Accepting the award was his daughter, Amy, along with his parents, Angie and Al Lick.
3. **1958 VCSU Football Team**  
(l to r) Laurel Gamache, unidentified, unidentified, Dale Townsend, Richard Stiles ’61, Raymond Murdock ’64, Jim Bock, Bill Thomas ’59 and Eugene Cederberg ’59; not pictured but present: Matt Burgad, Merle Halmrast ’63, Ron Litsey ’71, and Ken Schatz
4. **1981 and 1982 VCSU Baseball Teams**  
(front, l to r) Darwin Subart ’82, Scott Radloff ’83, Robert Fleming ’82, Kyle Davison ’82, Brent Ham ’82, Jeff Larshus ’82, Doug Black ’82, (back) Mike Smith ’84, Jim Lowe, Lorell Jungling ’84, Jed Klein ’85, Al Olson ’84, Mark Woodbury ’83, Mike Even ’82, Kevin Subart, Brad Bushaw, Terry Stargardt ’84, and Coach Jim Dew

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Among the presenters at the Stickler roast was President Steve Shirley, who gave Stickler a tie, something Stickler always did to honor his top students.

## Roasting Joe Stickler

More than 60 friends, colleagues, students and former students of Joe Stickler, professor emeritus of science, turned out at the Student Center cafeteria Saturday evening, Oct. 5, for the "Joe Stickler Roast."

Intended to fete Stickler and also help raise funds for the Dr. Joe Stickler Science Scholarship at VCSU, the evening's festivities were emceed by Professor Andre DeLorme, Stickler's successor as chair of the VCSU science department.

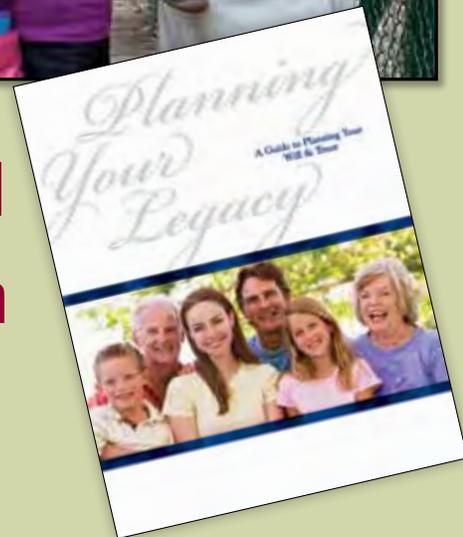
The program included a host of VCSU faculty, staff, alumni and students sharing humorous and heartfelt stories of Stickler, along with a Stickler Scholarship report from Dr. Jason Drake '96, who along with Dr. Amy (Mitzel) DuBois, led the effort to establish the scholarship with the help of the VCSU Foundation Office.



VCSU student Ben Haugeberg, a senior chemistry and psychology major from Watford City, N.D., donned a Stickler costume in a spoof of Stickler's classroom antics.



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## University adopts new mission and vision statements

At a meeting Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education unanimously approved revised mission and vision statements for Valley City State University.

The VCSU campus community spent much time and effort during spring semester finalizing the statements through several rounds of drafts and feedback. In a campuswide email announcing SBHE's approval of the statements, President Shirley acknowledged those who contributed to the process, sending "a big word of thanks to everyone who provided feedback, comments, and questions throughout the process and the various statement drafts."

He gave special thanks to those members of the campus community who served on the Mission/Vision Task Force in spring 2013—James Adams, Erica Bunn, Andre DeLorme, Vitaliano Figueroa (chair), Brenda Finger, Kathryn Holleque, Dennis McCulloch, Charlene Stenson and Scott Westby.

### Mission Statement

Valley City State University is a public, regional university offering exceptional programs in an active, learner-centered community that promotes meaningful scholarship, ethical service, and the skilled use of technology. As an important knowledge resource, the University offers programs and outreach that enrich the quality of life in North Dakota and beyond. Through flexible, accessible, and innovative baccalaureate and master's programs, VCSU prepares students to succeed as educators, leaders, and engaged citizens in an increasingly complex and diverse society.

### Vision Statement

Valley City State University will be nationally recognized for advancing important collaboration, fostering innovative engagement, and promoting noteworthy transformation. Through effective use of best practices in technology, teaching, and learning, VCSU will be a destination university for students in North Dakota and throughout the region, extending its reach and influence beyond the campus boundaries.

## Faculty, staff accomplishments recognized



(l to r) Rachelle Hunt, Gregory Carlson, Jennifer Jenness, and Peder Gjovik; not pictured: David DeMuth, Jr., and Sheri Okland

Valley City State University faculty and staff members who received tenure, were promoted, and/or completed a degree were honored at a recognition reception with President Steven W. Shirley and Cabinet members at the President's House Guest Inn on Aug. 13.

The honorees included:

- David Demuth, Jr., Ph.D., professor and executive director of the Great Plains STEM Education Center at VCSU, who received tenure
- Jennifer Jenness, M.A./MSLS, who received tenure and was promoted from assistant to associate professor of communication arts
- Gregory Carlson, director of institutional research and assessment, who earned a Ph.D. in institutional analysis from North Dakota State University
- Peder Gjovik, who earned a Ph.D. in occupational and adult education from North Dakota State University and was promoted from instructor to assistant professor in the department of technology
- Sheri Okland, who earned a Ph.D. in education from North Dakota State University and was promoted from instructor to assistant professor in the department of education and graduate studies
- Rachelle Hunt, instructor in the health and physical education department, who earned an M.Ed. in teaching and technology from VCSU

## Enrollment increase reported for fall 2013

Valley City State University has released its final enrollment figures for Fall Semester 2013, showing a total headcount of 1,366 students. The total includes 1,211 undergraduate students, along with 155 graduate students in VCSU's online Master of Education (M.Ed.) program.

The enrollment figure is a four-student increase over the corresponding Fall Semester 2012 enrollment number. VCSU enrollment reached an all-time high in 2011; since then enrollment has remained relatively stable, with the Fall 2013 numbers reaching the third highest total in the university's 120-plus year history.

"We're pleased to report a slight increase in enrollment compared to Fall 2012," said President Steve Shirley. "That's quite an accomplishment given that we graduated our largest class ever last spring.

"But perhaps most important is the stability we've been able to maintain since our record enrollment of 2011. Stable enrollment at these historic levels allows VCSU to budget and manage more efficiently, and to continue providing

the kind of teaching and services which gives our students a first-rate education," added President Shirley.

VCSU's FTE (full-time equivalent) enrollment of 975 students for Fall 2013 represents one of the university's highest totals ever, while the Fall 2013 graduate school FTE enrollment of 57 is the second highest total ever for the VCSU M.Ed. program.

A positive sign along with the enrollment numbers is an increase in residence hall occupancy in Fall 2013; those numbers increased 10.9 percent over Fall 2012 figures. Recent upgrades to the residence halls, along with a complete renovation of the VCSU cafeteria, have helped attract students back to the halls.

"Over the last five years, VCSU has been ranked by *U.S. News* in the No. 1 or No. 2 position among Public Regional Colleges in the Midwest," said President Shirley. "Combined with other feedback we receive, including national accreditation and positive reports on student satisfaction, I'm confident that VCSU will continue educating strong numbers of students for years to come."

## Jenkinson as President Jefferson comes to campus

President Thomas Jefferson, portrayed by humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson, visited Valley City State University on Tuesday evening, Oct. 15. Speaking to a crowd of 500 assembled in Vangstad Auditorium, the costumed Jenkinson presented Jefferson's views on the U.S. Constitution, answered questions from the audience as Jefferson and described his portrayal of Jefferson and other historical figures.

Among his other comments, Jenkinson as Jefferson presented North Dakota's agrarian society—combined with the opportunities afforded by public education—as the American ideal. He also extolled the virtue of the dome in VCSU's historic Vangstad Auditorium.

The director of the Dakota Institute of the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation, Jenkinson co-hosts public radio's *The Jefferson Hour* and creates documentary films, symposiums and literary projects. He serves as primary advisor to the Theodore Roosevelt Center at

Dickinson State University and is Distinguished Humanities Scholar at Bismarck State College. Jenkinson also writes a Sunday column for the *Bismarck Tribune*.

Jenkinson's Jefferson appearance was sponsored by VCSU, Valley City's "What in the World is Going On?" organization, the Valley City Public Schools and the Barnes County Historical Society.

Additional support for Jenkinson's visit was received from Alliance Pipeline, Dacotah Bank, First Community Credit Union, Pizza Corner and Frozen Pizza Factory Mfg., Dakota Plains Co-operative, Valley City Kiwanis Club, Valley City Optimists Club, Bridges Arts Council, Ingstad Family Media, Thrivent Financial (Dave Bjornson, financial associate), Grothberg Electric, James and Sharon Buhr, Madeline Luke and Gary Krapu, John Deere Seeding Group, and Kadrmas Lee & Jackson, Inc.



Clay Jenkinson as Thomas Jefferson speaks in historic Vangstad Auditorium on the Valley City State campus.

## Scheel visits VCSU



VCSU President Steve Shirley thanks Steve Scheel (left), CEO of Scheels All Sports, after Scheel spoke to a group of about 70 students, faculty and staff on Tuesday, Oct. 1, in Rhoades Science Center on the VCSU campus.

Scheel shared insights on how Scheels All Sports has evolved and become an industry-leading company. VCSU business, exercise science, and fisheries and wildlife students were among those represented in the audience.

Frederick A. Scheel, a German immigrant, opened the first Scheels, a small hardware and general merchandise store in Sabin, Minnesota, in 1902. Today the Scheels All Sports operation, with headquarters in Fargo, includes 24 stores in 10 states, including North Dakota, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Nevada and Utah.

Steve D. Scheel, who spoke on the VCSU campus, is the great grandson of Frederick A. Scheel; as Scheels' CEO, he oversees the company of over 5,000 associates. His son, Steve M. Scheel, is the company's president and has been working for Scheels since 1989.

## U.S. News ranks VCSU No. 2 Public Regional College in the Midwest, 'Best College' for 16th year in a row

Valley City State University earned the No. 2 spot among Top Public Regional Colleges in the Midwest in the 2014 edition of *U.S. News Best Colleges*.

This marks the fifth straight year that VCSU has been ranked either first or second in its category, the fifth consecutive year that VCSU has been North Dakota's highest-rated Public Regional College, and the 16th year in a row that VCSU has been recognized by *U.S. News* as a "Best College."

"To be consistently ranked highly by *U.S. News* speaks to the quality education we offer," said VCSU President Steve Shirley, "and achieving recognition as a 'Best College' for 16 years is strong testimony to the effort that all members of the Valley City State community generate year in, year out. I'm proud of VCSU and the people behind this achievement; this is a very special place."

In the *U.S. News* rankings, accredited U.S. colleges and universities are grouped according to their mission and, for some categories, by location. The institutions are then compared based on a set of up to 16 areas related to academic excellence.

Criteria in which VCSU fared well include average class size, peer assessment, student-faculty ratio, and alumni giving. The category "Regional Colleges in the Midwest" includes

99 colleges and universities—14 of which are public—across 12 states.

The rankings are available online at [www.usnews.com/colleges](http://www.usnews.com/colleges) and are published in the 2014 edition of the *U.S. News Best Colleges* guidebook.



President Steve Shirley and Charlene Stenson '83, director of enrollment services, pose with the 16th consecutive *U.S. News* "Best College" recognition plaque in the Enrollment Services reception area with the plaques recognizing the prior 15 years of recognition in the background.

## VCSU Scholarship Dinner

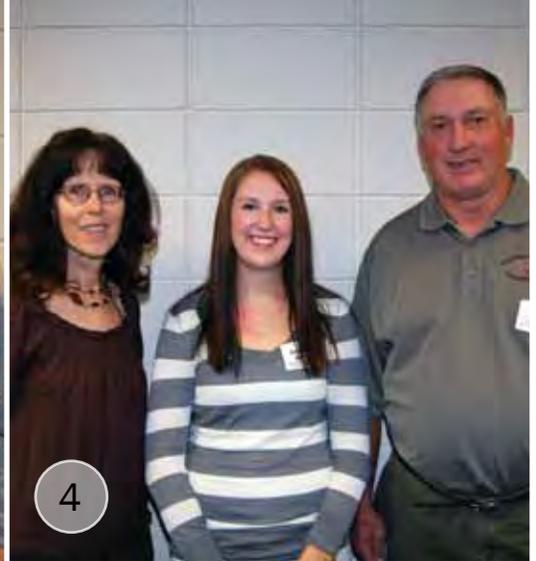
The annual scholarship dinner was held on campus Monday, Oct. 7, with 65 attendees.

The dinner is an opportunity for individuals and organizations who have established named scholarships to meet the students who were awarded their scholarships.

This is a time that the student scholars are able to say “thank you” in person to their scholarship donors. The VCSU Foundation has approximately 150 endowed and memorial scholarships that pay honor to those who built the foundation of our university.

Anyone interested in establishing a scholarship can contact the Office of Advancement at 800-532-8641, x7203, for more information.

1. Courtney Pederson and Sue (Holmes) German '73 (Sue German Music Scholarship)
2. Dr. John Keller '55 and Nicole Mauch (Dr. John Keller Business Scholarship)
3. Dr. James and Sharon Buhr with Priscilla Schneider and Alicia Cabada (Schmitz-Muir-McLaren-Buhr Scholarship)
4. George '75 and Cindy (Vogt) '75 Berger with Lyndsay Burns (Maxine Berger Memorial Scholarship)



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Edwin Carlson  
Marie Eissinger  
Georgena Ertelt  
Char Ferguson  
Myra Johannesen  
Rose (Kunkel) Krush  
Dorothy Mattson  
Beverly Meyer  
Lois (Hollinberger) Michelson  
Janet Peckham  
Ellentina Schultes  
Roy Schultz

Elnora (Redmann) Birks  
Clara Buchfink  
Shirley Crane  
Shirley Dahl  
Moneen Edinger  
Gail Fitzpatrick  
Rhoda Funston  
Nellie Giles  
Helen (Hendricks) Harper  
Darryl Haugen  
Kent Heaton  
Arthur Keller  
Shirley Markel

Donna Schumaker  
Lila Shyde  
Marlene (Hoerauf) Walth  
Mima Zirbel

### 1959

Dayananda Abeywickrame  
Mary (Kitsch) Armentrout  
Elizabeth Barnett  
Marlene Bodell  
George Carman  
Hulda (Schaffer) Cink  
Bernard Collins  
Kathleen Flados  
Carol Fredrickson  
Carol Halvorson  
Ronald Hoefs  
June Johns  
Violet Johnson  
Anna Johnson  
Verona Johnson  
Roger Mathiesen  
Marlyce (Widener) Miller  
Alvin Odegaard  
Lorraine Poier  
Isabel Prescott  
Beverly Smith  
Isadora Sosalla  
Deanna (Warner) Swanson  
Lilly Swenson  
Carol (Schuler) Valenta  
Constance Vosper  
Betty Walby  
Mary Werre  
Virginia Wittmier

### 1956

Cheryl Amundson  
Janet (Freeman) Anderson  
Shirley Bratlie  
Carol Brown  
Faye Carol  
Arlene Cichos  
Janet (Bratland) Conley  
Patricia (Miller) Crommett  
Gordon Fish  
Arlys Hanson  
Jo Hanson  
Morrene Haugen  
Robert Johnson  
Vivian Kalmbach  
Joyce Klubben  
Rose Mehlhoff  
Mary Olmstead  
Vera Olsen  
Arlene Olson  
Kathleen Purcell  
Montell Romine  
Diana Schauer  
Ella Schneider  
Marjoline Struxness  
Dorothy Suda  
Vydell Suko  
Teresa Weniger  
Esther Wittmier  
Gladys Wright

Dolores (Reese) Mattheis  
Alice (Johnson) Miller  
JoAnne Monson  
Grace Naatus  
Dorothy Odden  
Patricia Renault  
Verlyn Ricketts  
Julie (Nelson) Seavert  
Loretta Spiss  
Myrtle (Wessels) Thelen  
Cara Thompson  
Beryl Ulven

### 1958

Kathleen (Butler) Abraham  
John Birkholz  
Margaret Boyle  
Betty Braa  
Mark Cory  
Elizabeth (McNair/  
Strommen) Dillashaw  
Arlene (Walberg) Fail  
Clarence Fetzer  
Geraldine (Butler) Fridgen  
Donna Goertzen  
Joyce Harstad  
Jeanette Haskell  
Cleo Johnson  
Gertrude Keller  
Lunora Mosher  
Lois Nagel  
Helan (Witt) Oswald  
JoAnn Radermacher

### 1960

Arthur Bollinger  
Dale Cameron  
Dale Christiansen  
Glyndon Ecker  
Shirley (McClaffin) Hill  
Isabella Huson  
James Jenkins  
Eugene Johnson  
Elma Koskiniemi  
Charlotte Schleif

### 1957

Marlene Bassingthwaite

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## Baseball fall season recap

The Valley City State University baseball team ended its first competitive fall season with a 4-4 record.

Earlier this year, the North Star Athletic Association approved of its members playing a short fall schedule that would count towards their overall record in the 2014 spring season. Valley City State, Mayville State and Presentation College all took advantage of the new rule and played each other four times in September and October.

The Vikings defeated Presentation College in all four meetings and lost the other four games to Mayville State.

The Vikings battled injuries to several starters during the fall, but that allowed other players to step up and build some depth. One of those surprises was true freshman Anthony Necochea, who led the team with a .400 batting average and seven RBIs this fall. Tom Houdek hit .333 with six RBIs, and true freshman Nate Bagby hit a solid .300 in the fall.

On the mound, the Vikings were led by Chip Rosales, who posted a 2-0 record with a 2.77 ERA. Bryce Venaas was 1-1 with a 2.25 ERA and 22 strikeouts in 20 innings. Corey Pudas earned the other win on the hill, finishing the fall 1-1 with a 4.02 ERA.

The Vikings (4-4) will resume their season in early March.



## Golf recap

The Valley City State men's and women's golf teams wrapped up the fall portion of their 2013-14 season in late September.

Overall, it was a fairly successful fall season for the teams.

### VCSU Men's Golf

The Viking men's golf team won one meet, and took second in four other meets as they finished Top 2 in five of the seven meets played this fall. Two Vikings, Shane Ost and Jake Richels, won individual medalist honors.

Ost was the Vikings leading golfer throughout the fall. He averaged 76.91 a round in the seven meets and was playing extremely well at the beginning of the fall. His even-par round of 72 on Sept. 3 won the Bismarck Mystics Invitational. His best round of the year was a 71.

Ben Sorenson was not far behind Ost, averaging a 77.36 score per round. Sorenson twice shot a 73 for his best round of the season.

Freshman Jake Richels was third on the team with a 78.89 average. His best rounds

came toward the end of the year. Richels shot a 74 at the University of Minnesota Morris invite to earn his one tournament victory.

Darren Young also came in under 80 with a 79.13 scoring average. His best round was a 73.

Other scoring averages for VCSU include Tyler Stevens, 81.22; Casey Colemer, 81.44; Beau Diegel, 82.22; Trevor Justesen, 82.86; and Cody Colemer, 85.57.

### VCSU Women's Golf

The Viking women had two golfers compete this fall: Haley Christofferson and Alyssa Tait.

In five tournaments, Christofferson came away with four Top 10 finishes, including third at the Bismarck Mystics Invitational and fourth at the VCSU Invitational.

Alyssa Tait recorded three Top 20 finishes, including 10th at the Mystics Invitational.

VCSU will resume its golf season this spring. The spring season includes the national qualifier tournament.

## Football 2013

Valley City State senior defensive end Dwanye Fearon pressures Jamestown quarterback Beau Eriksson during a game Oct. 26 in Valley City. The Vikings and Jimmies split their two rivalry games this football season. The Vikings won 31-14 at Jamestown, and the Jimmies won 16-13 in Valley City.

VCSU senior running back Derek Elliott is in the midst of a record-breaking season, threatening at least 10 school records.

For up-to-date scores, photos and stories from the fall sports seasons, log onto vikings.vcsu.edu.



## Basketball preview

The 2013–14 Viking basketball season began in November, with both the Viking men and women coming off appearances in the 2013 NAIA National Tournament. For the women, last year was the third straight season they advanced to nationals. For the Viking men, it was their first appearance at a national tournament since 1981.

After losing all but four players from that tournament team, the Viking men are restocked with talented freshmen and transfers, and ready to make another run at a 20-win season. VCSU has four 20-win seasons under current head coach Jeff Kaminsky. With so many new faces, the Vikings will rely heavily on lone senior Aaron Duske and dynamic guard AJ McDonald in the early season.

Both Duske and McDonald were named to the preseason all-conference team in the North Star Athletic Association. As a team, VCSU was picked by coaches to finish fourth in the five-team conference. Dakota State is favored to win the conference, followed by Jamestown, Mayville State, VCSU and Presentation College.

On the women's side, the Vikings graduated three seniors from last year's squad but return a full roster of players who saw significant time last season. VCSU is led by preseason all-conference selection Brittany Lehner. The only senior this year, Lehner was the leading scorer and rebounder last year for the Vikings, averaging 13 points and five rebounds per game. She also shot an efficient 54 percent from the field.

The VCSU women feature a new head coach this year in Cathy Hanek, who takes over for long-time coach Jill DeVries. Hanek spent last season as head coach at Miles City (Mont.) Community College, where she led her team to a 17–15 record.

The Viking women are picked by the coaches to finish third in the North Star Athletic Association. The University of Jamestown is favored to win the title, followed by Mayville State, VCSU, Dakota State and Presentation College.

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# VIKING SPORTS

## Winter Schedule 2013–14

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## BASKETBALL

DATE	W/M	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 29-30	M	@ Dickinson State Classic (2 games)	TBA
Dec. 2	M	@ NDSU	7:00 p.m.
<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>W/M</b>	<b>vs. Trinity Bible College</b>	<b>5:30/7:30 p.m.</b>
Dec. 6	M	@ Oglala Lakota	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	W	@ Dickinson State	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	W/M	@ UM-Morris	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28-30	M	@ University of Winnipeg Tournament (3 games)	TBA
Dec. 29	W	@ Menlo (Calif.)	TBA
Dec. 30	W	@ Menlo (Calif.) vs. Cal State Maritime	TBA
<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>W/M</b>	<b>vs. UM-Morris</b>	<b>2:00/4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>vs. Crossroads (Minn.)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Jan. 10	W/M	@ Johnson & Wales vs. Nor. New Mexico	noon/2:00, MST
Jan. 11	W/M	@ Johnson & Wales (Colo.)	5:00/7:00 p.m. MST
<b>Jan. 15</b>	<b>W/M</b>	<b>vs. Johnson &amp; Wales</b>	<b>5:30/7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 18</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>vs. Oglala Lakota</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Jan. 22	W	@ NDSU (Exhibition)	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	W/M	@ Mayville State	4:00/6:00 p.m.
<b>Jan. 29</b>	<b>W/M</b>	<b>vs. University of Jamestown</b>	<b>5:30/7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 1</b>	<b>W/M</b>	<b>vs. Dakota State</b>	<b>4:00/6:00 p.m.</b>
Feb. 5	W/M	@ Presentation College	5:30/7:30 p.m.
<b>Feb. 12</b>	<b>W/M</b>	<b>vs. Mayville State</b>	<b>5:30/7:30 p.m.</b>
Feb. 15	W/M	@ Dakota State	4:00/6:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	W/M	@ University of Jamestown	5:30/7:30 p.m.
<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>W/M</b>	<b>vs. Presentation College</b>	<b>4:00/6:00 p.m.</b>
TBA	W/M	NSAA Playoffs	TBA
March 12–18	W	NAIA National Tournament — Sioux City, Iowa	
March 12–18	M	NAIA National Tournament — Branson, Mo.	

## TRACK & FIELD

### INDOOR

DATE	EVENT — LOCATION	TIME
Jan. 18	... Bemidji State University — Bemidji, Minn.	TBA
Jan. 25	... Concordia College — Moorhead, Minn.	TBA
Feb. 1	... Concordia College — Moorhead, Minn.	TBA
Feb. 8	... NDSU — Fargo, N.D.	TBA
Feb. 15	... Bemidji State University — Bemidji, Minn.	TBA
March 6-7	... NAIA Championships — Geneva, Ohio	TBA

### OUTDOOR

DATE	EVENT — LOCATION	TIME
<b>March 29</b>	<b>... Viking Invitational, Valley City</b>	<b>TBA</b>
April 5	... Northern State Invitational — Aberdeen, S.D.	TBA
April 12	... Bison Open — Fargo, N.D.	TBA
April 18	... Dickinson State Invitational — Dickinson, N.D.	TBA
April 26	... Al Cassell Relays — Jamestown, N.D.	TBA
<b>May 3</b>	<b>... Vikings Open, Valley City</b>	<b>TBA</b>
May 9	... Blue Hawk Open	TBA
May 22–24	... NAIA Outdoor Championships — TBA	TBA



## Vikings Update

New this fall, the Valley City State athletic department began producing a weekly video recap that features highlights and scores from the week's games and interviews with VCSU coaches.

*Vikings Update* is made public Tuesday afternoons at [vikings.vcsu.edu](http://vikings.vcsu.edu) and through the VCSU Athletics YouTube account [www.youtube.com/channel/UC1MDZ7BljtEDkko7JuSI1bA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1MDZ7BljtEDkko7JuSI1bA) (or search "VCSU Athletics" on YouTube.) A no-hassle way to catch up on the latest in VCSU athletics, *Vikings Update* is produced by Matt Karlgaard and hosted by Mark Potts.

## WINTER 2013-14 MUSIC

- Dec. 5 .....East Region Instrumental Contest
- Dec. 5 .....Christmas at St. Catherine's .....7:30 p.m.  
St. Catherine's Church, Valley City
- Dec. 7 .....Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Concert ..... 3:00 p.m.  
Vangstad Auditorium
- Dec. 7 .....VC & JC Orchestras, Valley Voices Valley Youth Choir ....7:30 p.m.  
Vangstad Auditorium
- Dec. 14.....Community School of the Arts (CSA) Recitals ..... 2:00; 4:00 p.m.  
Froemke Auditorium
- Dec. 14.....EBC *We're in the Christmas Mood* .....7:30 p.m.  
Vangstad Auditorium
- Dec. 16.....Garage Bands ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Vangstad Auditorium
- Dec. 17 .....Courthouse Carol Sing .....7:30 p.m.  
Barnes County Courthouse
- Jan. 24 .....Faculty Recital .....7:30 p.m.  
Froemke Auditorium
- Jan. 29 .....BIT Day—Garage Bands .....12:00—1:30 p.m.  
Froemke Auditorium
- Feb. 7 .....Robin Allebach, soprano, and  
Christopher Redfearn, tenor .....7:30 p.m.  
Froemke Auditorium
- Feb. 22 .....Solo Song Symposium  
TBA
- March 7 ....Concert Choir and University Singers ..... 2:15 p.m.  
TBA
- March 8.....James Adams, trombone ..... 3:00 p.m.  
Froemke Auditorium
- March 17 ..Region 2 Vocal
- March 24..General Student Recital .....7:30 p.m.  
Froemke Auditorium
- March 29..CSA Chamber Festival .....7:30 p.m.  
Froemke Auditorium

## VISUAL/THEATRE ARTS

- Oct. 28—Nov. 22....Craig Clifford, Ceramic Sculpture  
Nov. 21–23....*The Jungle Book*, Vangstad Auditorium
- Nov. 25—Dec. 13....Fall Semester Student Exhibition  
Dec. 13....Student Exhibition Reception ..... 5:00—6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 6—Feb. 7....Faculty Exhibition  
Jan. 27 ....Faculty Exhibition Reception ..... 7:00—8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10–21....Valley City High School Exhibition  
Feb. 13–15....*James and the Giant Peach*, Theatre 320
- Feb. 24—March 7....Samantha Lokemoen, Senior Exhibition  
Feb. 24....Samantha Lokemoen, Lecture.....7:00 p.m.  
March 6....Samantha Lokemoen, Reception..... 7:00—8:30 p.m.  
Feb. 24....Auditions for *The Glass Menagerie*, Theatre 320  
Feb. 25....Callbacks for *The Glass Menagerie*, Theatre 320
- March 24—April 4 ...Senior Exhibition, Marci Armstrong  
March 24....Marci Armstrong, Lecture .....7:00 p.m.  
March 28....Marci Armstrong, Reception..... 7:00—8:30 p.m.



## Klingenstein to chair music department

The VCSU Department of Music welcomes Beth Gigante Klingenstein as its new chair. Klingenstein succeeds Diana Skroch, who taught in the music department for more than 30 years.

A music faculty member at VCSU for the last 20 years, Klingenstein holds a Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota, an M.M. degree in piano performance from the University of Michigan and a B.M. degree

in piano performance from Syracuse University.

"I am looking forward to working with VCSU music alumni, private music teachers throughout the state and K–12 music faculty in North Dakota and nearby states," said Klingenstein, currently president of the North Dakota Music Teachers Association.

Klingenstein may be reached by phone at (701) 845-7269 or via email at [beth.klingenstein@vcsu.edu](mailto:beth.klingenstein@vcsu.edu).

## VCSU theatre program affords participants unique opportunities

The VCSU Theatre program's small size offers unique opportunities for students. Students in any major can participate in theatre in leading roles and leadership positions.

Recent VCSU graduate Burke Tagney was a business major with a minor in theatre. As a leader on campus, Tagney was an RA and the master carpenter for VCSU Theatre. On stage, Tagney played leading roles usually reserved for theatre majors at most institutions, including the Dentist in *Little Shop of Horrors*, John in *Run For Your Wife* and the title role in *Tartuffe*. He is now using his skills from both his major and minor in a newly created position at VCSU as events coordinator. VCSU senior Garrett Anderson will begin his last semester at VCSU as a director. Majoring in university studies with a concentration in communication arts and a theatre minor, Anderson plans to attend graduate school leading to a career in the higher ed student life field. His interest in student leadership influenced his involvement in campus activities—Anderson started the VCSU Improv Club and is also an RA.

"Both Burke and Garrett were trained through the courses in the theatre minor curriculum, but the opportunities they sought and accepted make their experiences exceptional in the realm of academic theatre," said Jenni Lou Russi, director of theatre at VCSU.

"At most schools the leading roles and directing opportunities go to students preparing specifically for a career in theatre," added Russi, "but here at VCSU our students can major in any field, while still exploring experiences in theatre.

"And I'm not saying that there's no competition here—there's plenty of competition here! VCSU attracts students with innate artistic talent, and our theatre minor provides the training and skills needed for our students in all fields to be successful when they pursue these opportunities."

Anderson will direct *James and the Giant Peach* in Theatre 320 February 13–15, 2014. Tickets are available by calling the VCSU Theatre Box Office at (701) 845-7320.



VCSU art student Hayden Swanson is pictured in front of the wall of reclaimed wood in the renovated library study room.

## Artists Ramos and Swanson renovate library study room

VCSU student Hayden Swanson joined forces with Armando Ramos, assistant professor of art, to renovate the group study room on the second floor of Allen Memorial Library.

Approached by library staff who wanted to create a more engaging space, Ramos recruited Swanson to the project, and the two designed a space with new paint and carpet, a study table with a top replicating the geographic shape of North Dakota and a wall featuring a wooden installation of reclaimed material.

An open house of the refurbished room, now called “212 Ramos Study Room,” was held Tuesday, Oct. 29.

For Swanson, a sophomore art education major from Valley City, the study-room installation and renovation is just one of many projects he’s had a hand in lately. He created a mural in a hallway in McCarthy Hall, home of VCSU’s art department, and he, Ramos and another VCSU art student, sophomore Alexis Elton, took part in refurbishing the Valley City State Viking ship parade float, repainting the structure and recreating a couple of the shields on the side of the float.

In addition, Swanson traveled to Helena, Mont., in summer 2013 to work with visiting artist Tony Marsh at the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, “internationally recognized as a gathering place for emerging and established ceramic artists.”

## New faculty join music department

The VCSU Department of Music is happy to announce the hiring of two new full-time faculty members.

### Geraldine Ong



Geraldine Ong now holds the position of assistant professor of applied and collaborative piano at VCSU. Her duties include teaching applied piano and class piano, collaborating on faculty and student recitals, accompanying vocal ensembles and co-teaching piano pedagogy courses.

Ong previously served as an adjunct faculty member at Houston Community College and University of Houston. She earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Houston’s Moores School of Music, studying with renowned pedagogue Nancy Weems. Ong was

a recipient of the University of Houston Presidential Graduate Fellowship, awarded to students of exceptional caliber with extraordinary academic credentials.

She holds a master’s degree from Northwestern University and a bachelor’s degree from Missouri State University.

An accomplished concert pianist, Ong has played concertos with the Houston Symphony, Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra, Houston Civic Symphony and New Orleans Civic Symphony.

She has performed solo and chamber recitals with the Da Camera of Houston Young Artist and Greenbriar Consortium; she has also collaborated with Houston Grand Opera Company and AURA: Contemporary Ensemble. In 2009, she made her debut at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

In addition, her performances have been featured on Fox Television Network KRIV Channel-26 and KUHA 91.7 FM radio *The Front Row*.

### Andrew Allen



Andrew Allen serves as instructor of music at VCSU, where he teaches woodwinds, jazz studies, and music history.

An advocate of new music, Allen has premiered nearly a dozen new works for the saxophone, and has performed with orchestras in Georgia, Michigan, South Carolina and Tennessee. He recently appeared at national and regional conferences of the North American Saxophone Alliance, the College Music Society National Conference and the 16th World Saxophone Congress in St. Andrews, Scotland.

In July 2013, he made his New York solo debut at The Tank performance

space. As a jazz and popular musician, he has accompanied such stars as Ronnie Milsap, James Torme and Jeff Coffin.

His pedagogical and critical writings have appeared in *The Instrumentalist*, *School Band and Orchestra Magazine* and the *North American Saxophone Alliance Update*. He serves as an endorsing artist for Conn-Selmer Corp.

Allen holds degrees in music education and saxophone performance from Tennessee Technological University and Central Michigan University. In December 2013, he will be awarded the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of South Carolina. His teachers include Clifford Leaman, Joseph Lulloff, John Nichol and Phil Barham.

## In Remembrance

Henrietta (Rasmusson) Dotting '25, Valley City  
 Ethel (Church) Bauer '36, Phoenix, Ariz.  
 Dagny (Rogness) Ellingson '36, Bismarck, N.D.  
 Leona (Stillman) Rennells '36, Longview, Wash.  
 Lillian (Kluck) Hedquist '36, New Rockford, N.D.  
 Margaret (Scheer) Zumpf '37, Bismarck, N.D.  
 Irene (Stangler) Pollock '42, Buffalo, N.D.  
 Doris (Kern) Gordon '43, Anoka, Minn.  
 Harriet (Calkins) Stroh '40, Jamestown, N.D.  
 Dwight E. Wieber '40, Fairfield, Mont.  
 Eleanor (Stramer) Landsberger '43, Polson, Mont.  
 Gladys (Hatter) '52, Sjostrom, Valley City  
 Herbert Denny '54, Everett, Wash.  
 Mavis (Utecht) Kelder '58, Valley City  
 Margaret (Taylor) Bubach '65, Fargo, N.D.  
 Victor Shaw '70, Makoti, N.D.  
 Leona (Lonski) Kutz '72, Glendale, Ariz.  
 Roann Masterson '75, West Fargo, N.D.  
 Hedy (Svaleson) Nagel '78, Fargo, N.D.  
 Tim Trapp '78, West Fargo, N.D.  
 Elaine (Hazer) Dahl '79, West Fargo, N.D.  
 Lanelle (Langton) Cummings '81, San Antonio, Texas  
 Steven D. Welken '97, Valley City  
 Robert Brown, Valley City  
 Orrin Groff, Walcott, N.D.  
 Duane Hedland, Valley City  
 Steven Korsmo, Northwood, N.D.  
 Glendon M. Kriese, Powell, Wyo.  
 Russell Langseth, Battle Lake, Minn.  
 Gary Ness, Fargo, N.D.  
 Marlin Oberg, Valley City  
 Alvin Pinke, Valley City  
 Myrtle (Anderson) Pomeroy, Valley City  
 Edna (Berger) Revland, Fargo, N.D.  
 Chloris (Kouschkowski) Steidl  
 Renata "Ronnie" (Kinnischtzke) Swackhamer,  
 Poulsbo, Wash.  
 Richard Winter, Valley City

### Former Faculty and Staff

Margaret "Peggy" (Larsen) Rose, Valley City

## In Memory of Steve Welken

Steven Welken, 39, of Valley City died Aug. 24, 2013, from injuries sustained in an auto accident.



Welken was born Feb. 13, 1974, in Fargo, N.D. He graduated from Valley City High School and attended Valley City State University, where he earned a degree in business administration with an accounting minor.

Welken worked briefly for Great Plains Software in Fargo before joining Grotberg Electric in Valley City in 1996; he was named president of Grotberg Electric in 2010.

Welken loved all sports and had a special passion for playing softball. He maintained strong ties to his alma mater, Valley City State University, where he taught accounting classes and volunteered in several capacities. Welken served on the VCSU Foundation Board, V-500 Club, Barnes County Development Board, Valley City Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club.

Welken married Erin Hultman, Sept. 1, 2007, in Center City, Minn. The couple was blessed with two daughters, Reanna and Kaelyn.

In addition to his wife and daughters, Welken's survivors include his parents, Larry and Deloris Welken of Valley City; a sister, Lisa Amundson and her husband, Bruce; a brother, Brian Welken, and and his wife, Georgia.

Services for Welken were held Aug. 28, 2013, at the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse on the VCSU campus.

Memorials may be sent to the Steven Welken Memorial Scholarship Fund, Valley City State University Foundation, 101 College St. SW, Valley City, ND 58072.

## Vikings on the Move

### 1930s

**Ruth (Kjelland) Carpenter '31** turned 100 in January 2013. The daughter of Olaf and Hulda Kjelland, she was born in Valley City and grew up in Green Township. Ruth taught at Green Consolidated School in Siren, Wis., and in Prior Lake, Minn., before retiring in 1972. She married Gayle Carpenter in 1942 and had four children. Ruth now lives in Richfield, Minn.

### 1970s

**Lora (South Beck) Cain '70** retired from teaching grades K-2 in 2011. After spending the majority of life on the west coast in Oregon, Washington and California, Lora and her husband packed up their family last July and headed east to Pennsylvania. One son just graduated from high school in May and is attending a tech school to study auto/diesel technology. Their other son is a ninth grader. They enjoy being close to so many activities for their boys and themselves.

### 1990s



▲ **Al '97 and Nancy (Maresh) '97 Melo** live in Colorado Springs, Colo. Nancy is an educational diagnostician and special education teacher. Al teaches PE and is the head football coach and head boys and girls track coach. Brinkley is 12 and in 7th grade, and Bailee is 10 and in 5th grade. Al has four former football players from his Colorado Springs high school currently attending VCSU, where they play football and run track for the Vikings! Fellow VCSU alumnus **Jerry Storebo '93** ran into Nancy and Al Melo at the Air Force Academy vs. University of Wyoming football game in September.

### 2010s

**Derek Davis '12** is a graduate student at Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) in educational leadership in higher education and student affairs. He is also pursuing a ministerial license in the Assembly of God church through Global University. Derek works in the department of university studies at MSUM as a curriculum technician.

## Weddings ♥

Ali Jenson '11  
 & Cy Kirsch '13.....May 25, 2013  
 Allison Rubie '13  
 & Robert Santaella.....June 29, 2013  
 Annie Klingenberg '10  
 & Matt Retka ..... July 27, 2013  
 Lindsey Friedt '12  
 & Drew Courtney ..... September 7, 2013  
 Katie Paulson '13  
 & Isaac Olson '12..... September 21, 2013  
 Ashley Gierke '12  
 & Nicholas Horner ..... October 19, 2013

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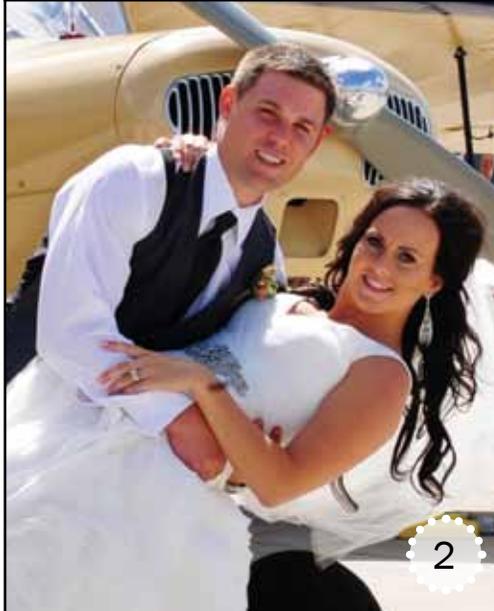
## Weddings



**1) Barbara (Buchanan) Elstrom '85** and David Belcher were married Aug. 17, 2013, at Maplewood State Park, Pelican Rapids, Minn. A reception followed at the Speedway Event Center in West Fargo, N.D. Barbara is vice president of human resources at the YMCA in Fargo, and David is a firefighter with the North Dakota Air National Guard. The couple will make their home in Moorhead, Minn.



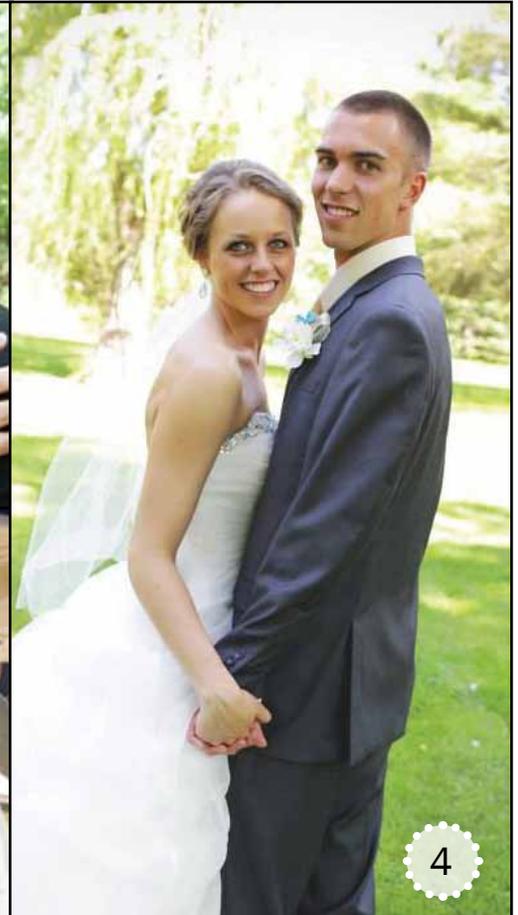
**2) Annie Klingenberg '10** and Matt Retka were married July 27, 2013, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in West Fargo, N.D., with the reception following at the Fargo Air Museum. Annie received her degree in business administration from VCSU in 2010 and is an internal wholesaler—life insurance at Producers Financial Group in Fargo. Matt, an NDSU graduate, is an environmental scientist with Wenck Associates in Fargo. The couple lives in West Fargo. The reception was held at the air museum because Matt is a private pilot; the airplane pictured in the background is the one he flies.



**3) Travis Pierce '12** and **Breanna Brock** were married July 20, 2013, in Valley City. Breanna grew up in Valley City and is a 2013 graduate of the Dakota College at Bottineau—VCSU nursing program. She currently works as a registered nurse. Travis, originally from Kenai, Alaska, recently started working for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad as a train master. The new couple will be making their home in Kansas City, Kansas.



**4) Aaron Haugen '13** and Kelsie Larson were married June 15, 2013. They currently live in Moorhead, Minn. Aaron teaches business in Hawley, Minn., and Kelsie just graduated from NDSU with a degree in nursing.



**5) Allison (Rubie) '13** and Robert Santaella were married June 29, 2013. Allison graduated from VCSU and NDSU with a dual elementary education and human development and family science degree, and Robert graduated from the University of Minnesota Crookston in May 2013 with a degree in natural resources. Allison is a second grade teacher in Sleepy Eye, Minn., and Robert is working for Brown County at Lake Hanska Park. The couple lives in New Ulm, Minn.





# Lil' Vikings

Have you had an addition to your family within the last six months? We want to know!

Contact Kim Hesch at [kim.hesch@vcsu.edu](mailto:kim.hesch@vcsu.edu) to receive a free t-shirt for your new Lil' Viking. Please be sure to tell us your baby's name and birthdate. After you have received your baby's Lil' Viking shirt, send us your baby's photo so we can include it in the next issue of *The Bulletin*. Email the photo to [kim.hesch@vcsu.edu](mailto:kim.hesch@vcsu.edu).



**Aspen Marie Brandt**

April 10, 2013  
7 pounds 4 ounces, 21 inches  
Tatem '09 and Amanda Brandt



**Molly Ann Wagner**

May 31, 2013  
6 pounds 11 ounces  
Sam '09 and Kirci (Phillips) Wagner



**Gavin Charles Olson**

May 28, 2013  
8 pounds 5 ounces  
He joins big brother Logan Robert (2). Justin and Janna (Benson) '03 Olson



**Benson James Lutkemeier**

June 7, 2013  
7 pounds 13 ounces, 20 inches  
Nate '10 and Laura (Jorissen) '09 Lutkemeier



**Nathaniel James Ostgarden**

May 31, 2013  
6 pounds 4 ounces, 21 inches  
Joey '12 and Theresa (Foertsch) '11 Ostgarden



**Kylie Lyne Nicholls**

May 6, 2013  
7 lbs. 10 1/2 ounces, 20 inches  
Ryan and April (Walker) '12 Nicholls



**Trey David Woods**

June 7, 2013  
8 pounds 12 ounces, 20 1/2 inches  
Trey joins big sisters Scout (6) and Claire (3). Heather (Schmit) '02, M.Ed. '11, and David Woods II '02, M.Ed. '12



**Adelle Beverly Westerhausen**

April 29, 2013  
8 pounds 8 ounces, 20 1/2 inches  
Levi '08 and Danielle (Kurtz) '09 Westerhausen (granddaughter of Mary Jane Westerhausen '09, great-granddaughter of Ardelle Loose '56)



**Mason Wade Lueck**

May 27, 2013  
7 pounds 8 ounces, 21 inches  
He joins big sisters Brynn (4) and Haylee (2). Chad '05 and Trish (Maus) '04 Lueck



**Clark Jensen**

March 28, 2013  
7 pounds 2 ounces, 20 1/2 inches  
James and Andrea (Kelsch) '08 Jensen



**Zander Ogden Hagen**

April 15, 2013  
7 pounds 6 ounces, 19 inches  
Hope and Erik Hagen '07



**Zoelyn Marie Paulson**

January 6, 2013  
7 pounds 13 ounces, 20 1/2 inches  
Zac and Leah Paulson '05



**Paxton James Bartsch**

April 24, 2013  
8 pounds 11 ounces,  
21 1/2 inches  
Brandon '06 and Amy Bartsch



**Jack Douglas Altringer**

June 12, 2013  
7 pounds 11 ounces, 19 1/4 inches  
Jack joins big sister Ellie (4).  
Tara (Jensen) '04 and Jimmy Altringer



**Hailey Jean Hooper**

May 4, 2013  
8 pounds 11 ounces, 19 1/2 inches  
She has a 3 1/2 year-old brother Jack.  
Chance (Brian) '03 and Joan (Conway) '03 Hooper



**Leia Anderson**

April 22, 2013  
7 pounds 6 ounces, 20 inches  
Tara Eschbach '12 and Ben Anderson



**Thornton Marshall Sinclair**

June 7, 2013  
9 pounds 15 ounces, 23 inches  
He was welcomed by big brother Jackson (4) and big sister Brielle (2).  
Tjaden and Andrea (Spoonier) '05 Sinclair



**Emmitt Weston Johnson**

July 27, 2013  
7 pounds 12 ounces, 19 inches  
Tom '05 and Jennifer Johnson



**Noah Cory-Michael Volk**

March 28, 2013  
9 pounds 4 ounces, 22 1/2 inches  
He joins big sisters Alaina (4) and Kaitlyn (3).  
Cory and Anne (DeKrey)'03 Volk



**Corbin Charles Leier**

July 19, 2013  
7 pounds 4 ounces, 20 1/2 inches  
He joins big brother Brayson.  
Derrick and Andrea (Rodlund) '09 Leier



**Riggs Daniel Kasowski**

June 11, 2013  
8 pounds 7 ounces, 20 1/2 inches  
He joins big brother Gray.  
Joshua '05 and Alison (Zaun) '06 Kasowski



**Kate Nicole Fylling**

January 29, 2013  
6 pounds 8 ounces, 18 1/2 inches  
Jake '09 and Tiffany (Ost) '08 Fylling



**Hannah Joy Duffy**

February 14, 2013  
6 pounds 14 ounces, 19.5 inches  
Brady '02 and Teresa (Waldahl) '05 Duffy



**Beckham Coen Koscielny**

February 27, 2013  
8 pounds, 19 1/2 inches  
Rodney '05 and Rochelle (Bouchard) '04 Koscielny



**Layken Marie Beck**

March 5, 2013  
8 pounds, 20 inches  
Big brother Landen Dean  
Coty Beck '11 and Jean Garcia '12



**Brady Carey Hebel**

May 16, 2013  
7 pounds 2.8 ounces, 19 1/2 inches  
Brady was welcomed by his big sister Calleigh.  
Rae-Anne (Cote) '07 and Carey Hebel



**Brody Lynn and Victory Rose Bopp**

July 10, 2013  
5 pounds 7 ounces, 19 inches, and 4 pounds 11 ounces, 18 1/4 inches  
Derrick '08 and Rachel Bopp



**Hadley and Max Rischmiller**

June 28, 2013  
5 pounds 13 ounces, 18 3/4 inches, and 5 pounds 10 ounces, 18 inches  
Jill Noeske '13 and Zach Rischmiller



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