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**Viking Successes**

Dr. Steve Shirley, President

As you can see on the cover, this issue of *The Bulletin* features the outstanding accomplishments of some VCSU student-athletes. There have been noteworthy achievements at both the individual and team levels this year at Valley City State University.

For the first time ever, in 2013 both the VCSU men's and women's basketball teams qualified for NAIA national tournaments in the same season. Among the approximately 130 colleges and universities in NAIA Division II, VCSU is one of only 11 institutions this year to have both teams qualify for their respective national tournament. This puts Viking basketball in some elite company among the top 10 percent nationally.

The women finished with a 24–8 overall record. The 24 victories are an all-time record for most wins in a single season for VCSU women's basketball. This season also marked the team's third consecutive appearance at the national tournament. VCSU was one of only 11 teams in the 32-team field this year with three straight tournament appearances.

VCSU women's basketball is now clearly recognized as a national contender, competing at the very highest level within our division.

The men's team finished with a 21–9 record, marking the fourth time in the past six years the team has reached the 20-win milestone. The past two seasons also represent the first time with back-to-back 20-win campaigns. VCSU's berth in this year's national tournament is the first time the men's team has advanced to the national playoffs in the 22 years of the current postseason format. The 2012–13 season was certainly a historic benchmark for Viking men's basketball.

The credit for the success of these programs is due to the hard work, commitment and dedication of Viking players and coaches. VCSU is fortunate that both programs are led by veteran coaches with strong track records both on and off the court. Coach Jill DeVries has led the women's program for 14 seasons; she garnered her 200th career win this season and is the all-time leader in coaching victories for VCSU women's basketball with 219. Coach DeVries is assisted by Lavesa Glover.

Coach Jeff Kaminsky has led the men's program the past eight

seasons and currently stands in second-place in all-time wins behind the legendary Bill Osmon. Coach Kaminsky recorded his 400th career coaching victory this year (with 133 of those at VCSU). He is assisted by Nathan Stover, Matt Karlgaard and student-assistant Karl Sorby.

Sekani Milligen, a senior on the men's team, was also named a second-team NAIA All-American. He is the first VCSU men's basketball player to ever be named a first- or second-team All-American. (Several others have been named to the third team or received honorable mention, including Sekani last year, but Sekani is the first to be named to the first or second team.) Sekani scored more than 1,000 career points in only two years at VCSU; he averaged over 18 points per game this year. Being named a second-team All-American puts him in the top 20 players

among approximately 1,600 total student-athletes nationally—quite an accomplishment!

You will also read about VCSU track and field's Darien Moore. Darien competes in the shot

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put, weight throw and hammer throw. He recently claimed the 2013 NAIA indoor national championship in the weight throw. This comes on the heels of winning last year's outdoor national championship in the hammer throw. In VCSU track and field history, only one other Viking athlete has been crowned a national champion. The significance of Darien's two national championships in less than a year is truly a remarkable feat! Earlier this winter, Darien also broke the all-time weight throw record for the Bison Open meet at the Bison Sports Arena in Fargo. Amazing!

As you know, VCSU reestablished men's and women's track and field (along with cross country) three years ago after a seven-year hiatus. Congratulations to head coach Ken Frenette, assistant coach Ryan Brohmer, Darien and all the student-athletes for their successes with these renewed programs.

Athletics has long played an important role in VCSU's history, and I hope you enjoy the cover story along with all the other articles in this edition of *The Bulletin*. As always—Go Vikings!♦



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

- April 19 .....VCSU Scholarship Auction.....Valley City  
5 p.m. Social, 6 p.m. Buffet Dinner, 7 p.m. Live Auction
- April 23 .....VCSU Tuesday.....Fargo  
Green Mill, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- June 1 .....Viking Golf Scramble .....Valley City  
Country Club/Bjornson
- Aug. 12 .....VCSU @ the FM Redhawks .....Fargo  
Picnic at 6 p.m. and Game at 7:02 p.m.
- Oct. 4 & 5....VCSU Homecoming Weekend .....Valley City

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## An Exciting Time at VCSU

by Kim Hesch '91, Assistant Director for Advancement and Alumni Relations

Dear Alumni and Friends:

This is an exciting time at Valley City State University. Our alma mater has a strong enrollment along with many exciting developments, giving you even more reason to show your Viking Pride.

Part of the task we take on in the VCSU Foundation and Alumni Office is to maintain the link between you and that special time of your life. We organize events, programs and communications that keep you in touch with classmates of old and make it possible to meet grads from other years. We encourage you to attend the next one that works with your schedule. It's always a good thing to spend time reminiscing and catching up with other alumni!

The VCSU Phone-A-Thon kicked off in January. This year, the Foundation Office contracted with the VCSU volleyball team to make the calls to alumni. If you didn't have an opportunity to visit with one of our students during Phone-A-Thon, it's not too late to make a donation to this year's Annual Fund. With your support, we can raise the money needed to support a wide variety of programs. The dollars generated from Phone-A-Thon are part of the foundation's Annual Fund and help support activities by the Alumni Association. Gifts made through Phone-A-Thon help support scholarships and other Alumni Association initiatives, including *The Bulletin*, reunion events and alumni awards programs.

Thank you to those of you who have already pledged or sent in your donation. Keep in mind all that the university has done for each of us and take advantage of this opportunity to give a little something back! Another way to help is to act as an ambassador for Valley City State to students looking for an excellent education.

Finally, it is always great to hear from you! Please drop the Foundation Office a note about yourself and your family. Feel free to include accomplishments and happenings in both your personal and

professional lives, which may be published in the "Vikings on the Move" section of

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*The Bulletin*. In addition, we always want to recognize our alumni for service, accomplishments and other noteworthy honors as part of our Alumni Awards Programs (Certificate of Merit Award, Distinguished Alumni Award, Young Alumni Achievement Award and Alumni Service Award). So please keep us informed on your latest news by emailing [alumni@vcsu.edu](mailto:alumni@vcsu.edu).

I invite you to join your fellow alumni, friends, faculty and staff in making a difference at VCSU. Please feel free to contact the Foundation and Alumni Office at (701) 845-7403 or [kim.hesch@vcsu.edu](mailto:kim.hesch@vcsu.edu) with any comments, suggestions or questions. I look forward to hearing from you and to meeting you personally. ♦

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## Giving Back, It's the Thing to Do

by Larry Robinson '71, Executive Director of University Advancement

In reflecting about writing this article for *The Bulletin*, I could not help but think about the significant number of individuals who serve as volunteers for the many activities of your VCSU Foundation.

Whether it be the volunteers who serve on our various boards—Foundation Board of Directors, Alumni Association Board of Directors, Booster Board and the V-500 Board of Directors—these individuals are clearly *making it happen* here at Valley City State University.

We must also not forget those special event volunteers, including the many individuals who serve on the Spring Scholarship Auction Committee. To say "we couldn't do it without them" is an understatement.

Year in and year out, we turn to our volunteers to get the job done for our foundation. These folks are living examples of individuals who are giving back with their time, talent and treasure. We want to thank them for everything they do for VCSU.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." It is this inner spirit that drives us to want to volunteer and to *give back*. These folks are driven by a strong desire to leave the world a better place than what they found it, and to make tomorrow better than today.

The fact is, all of us have something to give. Once we cross that giving threshold, we realize that the real joy in life is not in receiving but rather in giving. The strength of the Valley City State University Foundation is directly related to the many alumni and friends of the university who

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have chosen to *give back*. That engagement on their part has created ownership in the very success of the organization. We are fortunate to have this support. They are making our foundation and our university much stronger, and in fact, *securing the future today*. ♦

## Robert and Deanne Roseth Horne Scholarship



Deanne (Roseth) '60 and Robert Horne '59 recently established a scholarship endowment at VCSU. In the paragraphs below, Robert describes the thinking behind the scholarship and the process to establish it, along with giving background on the couple's careers and their family.

Deanne and I are pleased to fund a \$10,000 scholarship

endowment at VCSU. As graduates of the small Edmore (N.D.) high school and newly married freshmen, we received much help and encouragement from VCSU. Now we want to "pay it forward" to support the next generations of worthy VCSU students.

The VCSU Foundation Office made it a simple process—they helped us select the scholarship amount and level, and then together we outlined the criteria for students to qualify for assistance. After those straightforward steps, the *Robert & Deanne Roseth Horne Scholarship* became reality.

This giving is both satisfying and relatively painless financially. When the \$3,500 federal tax credit is combined with the \$4,000 North

Dakota State Income Tax Credit, the \$10,000 endowment costs only \$2,500. That certainly is a modest investment with a great return, considering it will help at least one student a year for generations.

On a personal note, Deanne retired last year after spending 50 plus years in education. She taught in elementary and secondary public schools in North Dakota, Montana and Minnesota, as well as at VCSU, the University of Mary, the University of North Dakota and Minot State University. During her career she directed several statewide projects for the Department of Public Instruction and Human Services, as well as serving 10-plus years as a Head Start consultant.

I retired nine years ago after 20 years as director of government relations and communications for Verendrye Electric Cooperative in Velva, N.D. Earlier, I led the Cross Ranch project for the Nature Conservancy, directed North Dakota Parks and Recreation for Governor Link and served as vice president for college relations (executive director of V-500 and the alumni association) at VCSU during the 1970s. Prior to that I taught history at VCSU, supervised student teachers at St. Cloud (Minn.) State University and taught social studies in the public schools of Havre, Mont., and Eckelson, N.D. In addition, I was privileged to serve in the North Dakota Senate from 2006–10.

Our three sons and their wives—Dan and Bobbi, Dave and Shelley, and Rich and Lisa—have blessed us with seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. We spend our winters in Mesa, Ariz., when not in our Fargo home.

We feel enormously blessed and wanted to give back to VCSU; hence our endowment, which we plan to enlarge as finances allow. We invite other VCSU alumni friends to consider an endowment to VCSU. It's just one way for you to feel the joy of giving back to your alma mater. ♦

—Robert Horne '59



# Vikings enjoy a **FANTASTIC** Winter Season

The North Dakota winter was typically unpredictable with its icy-cold temperatures, gusty winds, and big snowfalls, but the student-athletes of Valley City State warmed the hearts of Viking fans throughout the season with strong performances and accomplishments.

Leading the way was Darien Moore, who capped a stellar indoor track and field season by bringing home a national title in the weight throw.

Competing at the 2013 NAIA National Indoor Track and Field Championships at Spire Institute in Geneva, Ohio, on Friday, March 1, Moore took first place in the weight throw with a toss of 20.14m (66 ft. 1 in.). He posted the

two top throws in the weight, winning the event by almost 2 ft.

"Darien has worked hard all season improving his technical skill within the event," said assistant coach Ryan Brohmer, "and it paid off with the win."

This was Moore's second national title; last spring he won the hammer throw title at the 2012 NAIA National Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind.

Moore returned to the ring to compete in the shot put on Saturday, March 2. He finished fifth with a toss of 17.19m (56 ft. 4-3/4 in.).

A VCSU junior, Moore has earned All-Ameri-

can honors six times in four events—indoor and outdoor shot put, weight throw and hammer throw—since joining the Viking Track and Field team in 2012. He was recognized earlier in the 2013 indoor season as NAIA Field Athlete of the Week.

Moore's scoring led the Viking men's track and field team to a 19th-place finish at the 2013 NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

On the hardwood, the 2012–13 season for the Viking men's and women's basketball teams culminated in a unique achievement—both teams qualified for their respective national tournaments, with the women playing in the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Na-

tional Championship at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa, and the men playing in the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship at Keeter Gymnasium, College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo.

The Viking women qualified for the national tournament for the third consecutive year; they opened 2013 tourney play Wednesday afternoon, March 6, versus the Pilots of Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind.

A hot-shooting start by Bethel put the Vikings back on their heels, and they trailed at the half by 18 points, 40–22. A rally in the middle of the second half brought VCSU back to within 9 points, but consecutive turnovers hampered the Vikings, who ended their season with a 79–63 defeat.

Junior Brittany Lehner led VCSU with 16 points and 9 rebounds; the Vikings finished the season at 24–8, with the 24 wins a new season record.

Later that same evening, the Viking men's season also came to a close in a heartbreaking 75-72 loss to the Grenadiers from Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, Ind. Senior guard Sekani Milligen paced the Vikings with 23 points, while senior Dillan Ostrom added 12 points and 8 rebounds. The defeat left the Vikings with a 21–9 season record.

Despite the opening-round national tourney losses, the VCSU basketball teams enjoyed successful seasons, full of solid play, coaching milestones, and individual honors.

The Viking women started the season in high gear, reeling off 11 consecutive wins after dropping their opening game. Head Coach Jill DeVries, in her 14th year at VCSU, picked up her 200th career win in the Vikings' 61-52 defeat of Dickinson State Nov. 24.

Early in January, VCSU climbed to 12th in the NAIA rankings, its highest national ranking ever. The Vikings were in the top 25 much of the season and entered the national tournament ranked 23rd.

Two seniors, post Alyssa Hummel and guard Katie Ralston, each topped the 1,000 point mark in their careers—Ralston in a game against Johnson and Wales University on January 12 and Hummel in a contest versus Presentation College January 15.

Lehner, Ralston and senior Courtney Titus were selected to the 2012–13 Daktronics–NAIA Women's Basketball Scholar Athlete list.

"It's always disappointing to end the season with a loss," said Coach DeVries. "However, we've had an outstanding season."

"The team chemistry of this group and the maturity and toughness they've shown throughout the season both on and off the court is really a credit to the character of these kids. I'm proud to coach them and congratulate them on individual and team accomplishments," said DeVries. "They are a special group of young ladies."

The Viking men's upset loss to Dakota State

in the semifinals of the All Conference tournament resulted in a nail-biting wait for an invitation to the national tourney. But on the basis of a 21-7 regular season, VCSU did receive a national championship bid.

The 2012–13 season was full of highlights for the Viking men.

Head Coach Jeff Kaminsky, in his 8th year at VCSU, notched his 400th career win in a 68–49 away victory over Mayville State Feb. 22.

Sekani Milligen, who averaged just over 18 points a game, was named A.I.I. Men's Basketball Player of the Year and received first-team all-conference honors. Joining Milligen on the all-conference first team was senior forward Gus Kueber; senior guard John Raquel was named to the all-conference second team.

Milligen was named to the 2012–13 NAIA Division II All-America second team. He also

reached the 1,000 career-point mark in a Feb. 9 home game against South Dakota School of Mines.

The Viking men were consistently ranked in the top 25 teams in the nation during the season; they ranked as high as 15th at one point and entered the national tournament ranked 24th. VCSU had previously made national tourney appearances in 1960, 1965 and 1987.

"It was a great experience for our players and our program to play in the national tournament. I was especially happy for our seniors—Gus Kueber, Sekani Milligen, Dillan Ostrom, John Raquel and Pat Rogers—to have the opportunity to finish their college basketball careers at nationals," said Coach Kaminsky.

"This is the fourth time in the past 6 years that our program has won at least 20 games

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and the first time ever to have back-to-back 20 win seasons. I'm extremely proud of this group of players and coaches for what they have accomplished and believe that the success of our past teams also contributed to finally receiving that national tournament bid."

An individual national championship in indoor track and field, and national tournament invitations for both the men's and women's basketball teams—outstanding! It was a good winter for the Vikings of Valley City.

"We're very proud of our athletic programs here at VCSU," said Jack Denholm, director of athletics. "Our student-athletes and coaches work hard to succeed both on and off the playing field. It's always nice to see that dedication pay off with special achievements."

"We couldn't reach this level of success without the great support we receive from the VCSU family of fans—our students and their parents, our alumni and boosters, and the faculty, staff and administration." ♦



## Two Viking basketball players were recognized at the men's and women's national tournaments with the NAIA Champions of Character Award.



*Sophomore Megan Trautman received the Champions of Character award for the women, and senior Dillan Ostrom received the award for the men. Both awards were presented prior to the Vikings' opening games in the national tourneys.*



*The NAIA "Champions of Character" award recognizes those athletes—nominated by their coaching staffs—who best exemplify the core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.*



*2013 VCSU Women's Team—(l to r) front: Tracie Boehmlehner, Erika Etl, Megan Trautman, Courtney Titus, Mariah Smith, Sadiqah Jihad, Stephanie Pedersen, Katelyn Ralston; back: Head Coach Jill DeVries, Brittany Lehner, Ashli Lee, Alyssa Hummel, Kelsey Hunter, Sierra Even, Courtney Dixon, Assistant Coach Lavesa Glover*



*2013 VCSU Men's Team—(l to r) front: Craig Richards (team host, Ozark Mountain Bank), Christopher Embden, AJ McDonald, Patrick Rogers, Aaron Duske, Dillan Ostrom, John Raquel, Karen Hall (team host, Ozark Mountain Bank); back: Athletic Trainer Alyssa Sorensen, Assistant Coach Matt Karlgaard, Assistant Coach Nathan Stover, Sekani Milligen, Ty Pratt, Gus Kueber, Anthony Saavedra, Assistant Coach Karl Sorby, Head Coach Jeff Kaminski*

## 2013 Viking Scramble Golf Tournament

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## Gregg Horner named 2012 NAIA Assistant Coach of the Year



*Gregg Horner (right), VCSU assistant football coach, received the NAIA Assistant Football Coach of the Year Award from the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) at the 2013 AFCA convention in Nashville, Tenn. Horner's award was presented by Mack Brown (left), University of Texas head football coach.*

Gregg Horner '90, VCSU defensive coordinator, was named 2012 NAIA Assistant Coach of the Year at the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Convention in Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 7. Coach Horner received his award from Mack Brown, head football coach at the University of Texas.

The Assistant Coach of the Year award was first presented in 1997 and was created to honor assistant coaches who excel in community service, commitment

to student-athletes, on-field coaching success and AFCA professional organization involvement.

"Oftentimes, the head coach receives much of the credit for his team's success, but any head coach is only as good as his assistants," said Grant Teaff, AFCA executive director. "Much of an assistant coach's work

is done behind the scenes. It is our pleasure to bring it to the forefront."

Each year, staff representatives from NCAA and NAIA football-playing schools are asked to nominate an assistant for consideration. From those nominations, a winner is selected by the AFCA Public Relations Committee. Winners were named from the NAIA and four NCAA levels: Football Bowl Subdivision, Football Championship Subdivision, Division II and Division III.

Winners of the Assistant Coach of the Year Award received a plaque to commemorate the award and an educational stipend to attend the 2013 AFCA Convention or another professional development clinic/convention.

A member of the AFCA NAIA Assistant Coaches Committee, Horner is in his 23rd year—with 19 years at Valley City State—as an assistant coach. His 2012 Viking defense ranked 18th in the nation in total defense, allowing just 298.5 yards per game, and was 13th in pass defense, allowing just 159 yards per game. He has coached 32 All-Dakota Athletic Conference performers and four NAIA All-Americans.

When Horner served as VCSU academic coordinator, the football team achieved a 95 percent graduation rate for student-athletes who participated in the program for four years.

Horner is a member of the VCSU Environmental Task Force and coordinates student-athlete volunteers at a community youth Halloween party, "Ruckus at the Rec"; an annual Earth Week city park cleanup; and Salvation Army bell ringers. In addition, he organizes a first-grade reading volunteer program for student-athletes and coordinates a VCSU athletic department "Bleed Cardinal" blood drive. Horner has also volunteered his time fighting floodwaters by filling sandbags.

A Fargo native, Horner holds a bachelor's degree from VCSU and a master's degree from South Dakota State. ♦

## Alumni/faculty assume leadership roles in ITEEA



*l to r: Don Fischer '79, James Boe '91 and Peder Gjovik '77*

The professional and life members of the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) recently elected three VCSU alumni (two of whom are faculty members) into leadership positions in the international association.

James "Jim" Boe '91, DTE, was named president-elect. Boe, chair of the VCSU Department of Technology, will serve successive one-year terms as president-elect, president, and past president for the association. As president-elect he will work with all association committees to develop program plans and ensure their implementation, coordinate committee nominations, prepare the Committee Handbook, assist with annual meetings and the international conference, and assist the president in all association activities.

Peder Gjovik '77 was named a NDTEEA affiliate representative. Gjovik,

a faculty member in the VCSU Department of Technology, will serve as North Dakota's affiliate representative for a minimum of three years. He will report state membership to the regional director, attend conferences and training opportunities, and select the teacher and program excellence award recipients annually. Gjovik will also continue serving as co-chair of the Teacher Excellence Awards committee.

Don Fischer '79 was named ITEEA Region III director. He served as the STEM coordinator at VCSU's Great Plains

STEM Education Center for 19 months and is now the technology and engineering education state supervisor in the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education. Fischer will serve a two-year term; he will represent the region's best interests on the Board of Directors, prepare reports on region membership growth, and work with regional affiliate representatives. Region III includes 11 states and two provinces.

The trio assumed their new responsibilities in March 2013.

"This is a rare and significant achievement for both the North Dakota Technology and Engineering Educators Association (NDTEEA) and VCSU's Department of Technology," said Steve Shirley, VCSU president. "We are proud of the leadership role VCSU plays in technology and STEM education, and are confident that these individuals will make outstanding contributions." ♦

# WARM ARIZONA

January 31, February 1-2, 2013



1. Mesa Golf and Luncheon Attendees—(l to r) Larry Robinson '71, Kim Hesch '91, Kathy Crandall '67, Jenneice '67 & Myron '62 Sommerfeld, and Steve & Jennifer Shirley
2. Mesa Golf and Luncheon Attendees—(l to r) front: Bonnie VanBruggen, Margie Eggert, Mary Koeplin '70, Olive Rasmusson '70, Judy Mathias, and Evie Sorensen; back: Eldwyn VanBruggen, Buzz Eggert, Jon Koeplin, Howard Rasmusson '71, Harley Mathias, and Gary Sorensen
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7. President Steve Shirley visits with Ethel Bauer class of 1936. Ethel will turn 99 this year!



- Bismarck Social**
1. Leona (Kambeltz) Feist '57, Euni Dockter, Kirsten Baesler M.Ed. '10, Gene Dockter '65 and Anessa Pfeifer-Johnson '92
  2. Judy Bott, Jerry Reinisch '76, and Beverly (Savage) Nelson '56
  3. Rod Sykland '87, Chad and Missy (Stowman) Vollmers '89
- Jamestown Social**
4. (l to r) front: Gayle (Klinkhammer) Nelson '83, Cory '89 and Kristi (Tait) Anderson '93, and Alice Carlson '77; middle: Ileene Albin, Becky Ukestad, Marlys (Kusler) Maasjo '70, David Demuth, Derek Hughes; back: Nels Albin, Jim Ukestad '78, Dan Smith '83, Steve Shirley, and David Klein '03 with son Gabe
- Fargo Force Game**
5. Travis Rickford '06, Alyssa Sorensen '07, and Aaron Beitz
  6. Stacy Wendel '02, John Monilaws '87, Natalie Monilaws, Marty Lanter '98, Braeden Lanter, Tressa (Braun) Lanter '99, Amanda Lanter, Randy Hajek, Mindy Argall holding Carter Argall, Josh Argall '99, Jaden Argall, and Megan Argall '03
  7. Karl Stricklin '92, Dawn (Kro) Wold '89 and Shelly Swanson '90

## New addition to Rhoades Science Center opens for second semester

The new addition to the Rhoades Science Center opened for classes with the start of spring semester January 7, 2013.

New classrooms and labs are in use, and students are benefiting from new fixtures, furniture and air-cleaning systems. Faculty offices are in temporary locations while renovation work continues on the original portion of the Rhoades complex.

Demolition work has been completed on the second and third floors of the original structure, and the renovation has been progressing with the installation of a new sprinkler system, steel framing throughout the structure, sound-proofing of interior walls and insulation of exterior walls.

The entire project will be finished in summer 2013; when students return to class in the fall, a complete, state-of-the-art Rhoades Science Center will await them. ♦



**Photos, clockwise from top:**

This new chemistry lab is open for business—the business of teaching and learning.

These science faculty members aren't behind bars; they're just mugging for the camera behind new steel interior framing (L to R: Andre DeLorme, Wes Anderson, Don Hoff, Teather Sundstrom, Bob Anderson and Joe Stickler).

Bob Anderson, associate professor, appears pleased to be in a new lab in Rhoades Science Center.



## VCSU earns U.S. News ranking for online Master of Education program

Valley City State University's online Master of Education program was ranked as a top program in the second annual edition of Top Online Education Program rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*. Appearing in the Best Online Graduate Education Programs, VCSU's M.Ed. program was ranked 22nd of 143 programs; it is the only program offered by a North Dakota college or university ranked in this category.

"VCSU can rightfully be proud of the new tradition that has emerged with two consecutive years of being ranked in this category. It illustrates the consistency and strong academic quality and rigor within VCSU's Master of Education program and the national reputation the program has earned," said Dr. Steve Shirley, president of VCSU. "VCSU is committed to this program which is highly accessible, is of high

quality and meets the needs of education professionals throughout North Dakota and beyond. This latest national recognition is a clear sign of that commitment and success."

This is the second year *U.S. News* has rated online programs. Expanding upon its ratings launched a year ago, the 2013 Best Online Education Programs is the most extensive evaluation of U.S. online degree programs ever published. For the first time, there are overall numeric rankings that take into account admissions selectivity, student engagement, faculty credentials and training, and student services and technology.

To be considered for the rankings, online degree programs must meet the definition of a distance education program similar to the U.S. Department of Education's criteria, which states that all required coursework

for program completion must be able to be completed via distance education courses that incorporate Internet-based learning technologies by students physically separated from the instructor.

For more information on the *U.S. News* Top Online Education Program rankings, please visit [www.usnews.com/education/online-education/education/rankings](http://www.usnews.com/education/online-education/education/rankings).

VCSU's Master of Education is fully accredited and is offered 100 percent online to meet the needs of practicing teachers. Available concentrations include Teaching and Technology (with options in English Education, Elementary Education, Teaching and Learning, and Music Technology), English Language Learners, Library and Information Technologies, and Technology Education. More information about the program is available at [www.vcsu.edu/graduate/](http://www.vcsu.edu/graduate/). ♦

## Alumni Association renovates social media presence

The Valley City State Alumni Association has given their Facebook page a facelift. Three new projects have been started to increase social media involvement and alumni participation.

The three projects are being handled by senior Dillan Ostrom, a student intern in the VCSU Foundation and Alumni Office. He will be overseeing each of the new additions and will be assisting with the 19th Annual Scholarship Auction. Since the launching of these projects in February, the Facebook page has increased its number of likes and page activity.

The Facebook additions include the following:

**Q.O.T.W. (Question of the Week)**—Each week a question will be posted and prizes will be given away. The questions will vary depending on the week and will generally involve Valley City State University. The first question of the week featured "Your Love Story." The Alumni Association asked individuals who met their significant other at VCSU to submit the story behind their love.

**Walkthrough Wednesday**—Walkthrough Wednesday was created to provide VCSU alumni with virtual tours of the new facilities on campus. It will be featured once a month and will showcase the improvements throughout VCSU. Walkthrough Wednesday provides the opportunity to stay connected with your university and experience Valley City State University's progress!



**Pet of the Month**—The VCSU Alumni Office is promoting the contest to boost their interaction with VCSU alumni and friends. They are encouraging everyone to participate in the contest each month and hope to generate some creative ideas. How does it work? Post a picture of your pet between the first and 28th of each month on the VCSU Alumni Facebook page (preferably with VCSU memorabilia included in the photo). Get creative with your pets while showing support for the Valley City State University Vikings!

To find out more about the VCSU Alumni Association and these new additions, visit the Valley City State University Alumni Association Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/vcsualumni](http://www.facebook.com/vcsualumni). ♦

*Charlie, a 10-month-old Morkie (Maltese/Yorkie cross), was adopted by Loree (Meyer) '89 and Mike Morehouse of Valley City. His favorite hobbies are giving kisses, chewing (on his toys only!) and running around the house. A talented little guy, he knows how to sit, stay, shake, roll over and play dead.*

## What Kind of a Legacy Will You Leave?

We all have a desire for significance. For many of us, significance comes through creating a legacy during our lives – something for which we will be remembered in the future. A bequest is perhaps the easiest and most tangible way to leave a lasting legacy to the people and charitable organizations that mean the most to us.



A Bequest is a gift made through your will or trust. There are several ways to make a bequest:  
**Specific dollar amount ♦ Percentage of your estate ♦ Specific asset ♦ Residue of your estate**

For more information on how to create a lasting legacy at VCSU through a bequest, please contact us at 701-845-7203 or visit <http://vcsugift.org>. We look forward to helping you!



# VIKING SPORTS

## Spring Schedule 2013

All dates and times are subject to change.  
For complete up-to-date schedules of all sports,  
visit <http://vikings.vcsu.edu>

### SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
April 18	@ Jamestown College	3:00/5:00 pm
April 20	@ Dickinson State University	1:00/3:00 pm
April 21	Dickinson State University	1:00/3:00 pm
April 23	@ MSU-Moorhead	2:00/4:00 pm
April 27	Jamestown College Tournament	10:00/12:00 pm
April 29	Concordia College	3:00/5:00 pm
April 30	UM-Crookston	3:00/5:00 pm
May 3-5	All Tournament	TBA

### BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
April 16	@ Presentation College	3:00/5:00 pm
April 20	@ Dickinson State University	2:00/4:00 pm
April 21	Dickinson State University	2:00/4:00 pm
April 24	Concordia College	4:00 pm
April 27	Jamestown College	1:00/3:00 pm
April 28	@ Jamestown College	1:00/3:00 pm

### TRACK & FIELD

DATE	NAME OF MEET/HOST	LOCATION
April 20	Northern State Invitational	Aberdeen
April 23	Cobber Twilight/Concordia College	Moorhead
April 27	Al Cassell Relays/Jamestown College	Jamestown
May 4	Ron Masanz Invitational	Moorhead
May 10	VCSU Twilight	Valley City
May 23-25	NAIA National Outdoor Championships	Marion, Ind.

All meets are subject to cancellation or change

## The Viking Track and Field/Cross Country Golden Spike Club

We invite you to become a member of **The Viking Track and Field/Cross Country Golden Spike Club**. Your gift will go towards supporting VCSU Track and Field/Cross Country student athletes' scholarship fund. With your gift, you will receive recognition on the track and field/cross country website and Facebook page.

Support the Vikings!

View giving levels and make your Golden Spike Club gift online at

<http://vikings.vcsu.edu/crosscountry>.

*Pamoja Tu Tashinda – Together We Win*

## UPDATES AND SPRING PREVIEWS



### Softball

The Vikings returned 12 letter winners this spring from a team that finished with a 26-20 record in 2012.

Key returning players are senior infielder Adrianna Boychuk (Portage La Prairie, Manitoba), senior first baseman Hilary Kulczewski (Windsor, Calif.) and senior outfielder Hayley Bevan (South Surrey, B.C.).

VCSU has had tough sledding in the first half of the season, coming up with a lone win against 14 losses through mid-March. At that time Kulczewski led the team in RBIs with 7, while Boychuk had a team-leading .318 batting average. Junior Samantha Nailey (Pocatello, Idaho) had done the bulk of the Viking pitching, leading the squad with a 3.05 ERA. ♦

### Track and Field/Cross Country

With the return of the cross country/track and field program to VCSU three years ago, the Vikings have been steadily growing and improving on both the track and trails.

In the short time since its return, the program has had four individuals qualify nine times for either the indoor or outdoor NAIA National Championships.

The biggest highlight to date in track and field has been the performances of junior Darien Moore (Bakersfield, Calif.).

Moore earned All-American honors in the 2012 indoor season in both the weight throw and shot put. During the 2012 outdoor campaign, he brought home a national championship in the hammer throw as well as earning All-American honors in the shot put. This year at the 2013 NAIA Indoor Track & Field Championships, Moore won his second national championship title by winning the weight throw; he also finished fifth in the shot put. Both performances earned him All-American honors for the sixth time as a Viking.

On the trails, this past cross country season saw the men's team beat perennial North Dakota rivals Jamestown College and Minot State University for the first time since the return of the program.

Cross country/middle distance runner Anna Fuka (junior, Lidgerwood, N.D.) qualified for the 2013 Outdoor National Track & Field Championships in the marathon by finishing fifth in a qualifying race, the Midland University Warrior Half Marathon, on Saturday December 1, 2012. Fuka finished fifth with a time of 1:32.12, a new school record.

In addition to Moore's tremendous success, the 2013 indoor season established several new school records; 14 new school records have been set in the last three years.

VCSU will host a home track and field meet Friday, May 10. ♦

### Baseball

The Vikings returned two starters in the outfield and two in the infield, along with two veterans at catcher. On the mound, VCSU brought back three of its top four pitchers in terms of innings pitched and starts.

**Pitching:** The leaders on the pitching staff last season were Ronnie Blagg (senior, La Puente, Calif.) and Ryan Shaw (senior, Cardale, Manitoba). Blagg was second in the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) in ERA and first in fewest walks allowed (8) in 62.1 innings pitched. Shaw led the Vikings in wins (5) and strikeouts (52). The weekend rotation will be filled out by Derek Zitzow (senior, Valley City), with newcomers Corey Pudas (freshman, Menahga, Minn.), Bryce Venaas (junior, Fargo, N.D.) and Chad Lekiw (junior, Selkirk, Manitoba) battling for the fourth spot in the rotation.

**Catcher:** Coming into the season Josiah Churchill (senior, Winnipeg, Manitoba) and Dan Buehner (junior, Blaine, Minn.) are slotted to split time behind the plate. Churchill started 26 games at catcher a season ago, while Buehner was limited by a shoulder injury. Casey Clark (senior, Plant City, Fla.) and Conner Blackburn (sophomore, Lake Havasu, Ariz.) also saw time at catcher in 2012 and bring the Vikings depth and experience at the position.

**Infield:** The Vikings return two starters in the infield with Brenden Shearer (senior, Winnipeg, Manitoba) and Colin Waldner (senior, Altona, Manitoba) coming back from strong junior campaigns. Shearer is slated to be the everyday first baseman, while Waldner makes the transition from third to second base in 2013. At shortstop Joey Demers (freshman, Grafton, N.D.) will be the opening-day starter. Cliff Vazquez (senior, Tucson, Ariz.) will be the utility man backing up both middle infield spots. At third base Anthony Myer (junior, Fargo, N.D.) and Thomas Houdek (freshman, Grafton, N.D.) will both see time early in the season.

**Outfield:** Preston Jensen (senior, Valley City) and Scott Stephenson (senior, Ontario, Calif.) return as starters from the 2012 lineup. Stephenson will start in center, while Jensen will move from right field to left this season. Filling out the outfield is Mike Gershman (sophomore, Beausejour, Manitoba). Gershman started 25 games for the Vikings in 2012, splitting time between, third base, outfield and DH, but moves to the outfield full-time for 2013. The roles of fourth and fifth outfielders are an open competition among Vazquez, Blackburn, Casey Gardner (junior, Williston, N.D.), Kayl Hamre (junior, Leonard, N.D.) and Robert Wiley (junior, Covina, Calif.).

**Designated Hitter:** There are several options at DH for the Vikings in 2013. Casey Clark, Cole Honl (junior, Moorhead, Minn.) and Brady Anderson (freshman, Jamestown, N.D.) are the leading candidates entering the season.

Through mid-March, the Vikings had played their way to a 7-12 record. ♦



### Men's Golf

The Valley City State University men's golf team returns four players from last season: seniors Ryan Lenoue (Barnesville, Minn.) and Matt Sorenson (Valley City); junior Cody Colemer (Gwinner, N.D.); and sophomore Casey Colemer (Gwinner, N.D.). Newcomers for the Vikings include transfer athletes Shane Ost (Valley City) and Travis Ingstad (Valley City); freshman Darren Young (Leeds, N.D.), Ben Sorenson (Valley City) and Tyler Stevens (Valley City).

The Viking men started the fall portion of the season strong with a first-place finish at the opening meet at the Jamestown Country Club, with Darren Young placing second individually. This was the first outright win for the men's team since the rebirth of the program. The remaining fall season saw the team place in the top five at five other tournaments. Individually Ben Sorenson had five top-10 finishes, Ryan Lenoue three, Darren Young three, and Casey Colemer two.

The spring season brings a handful of tournaments, including the 2013 A.I.I. Spring Championship at the Victoria Country Club in Houston, Texas, April 29-30. The format is a 36-hole first day and 18 holes for day two. This spring the team hopes to build on the success they achieved in the fall to achieve further top team and individual performances. ♦



### Women's Golf

The VCSU women's golf team returns a single player from last season—senior Ashley Hinrichs (Harvey, N.D.). Newcomers for the Vikings include seniors Alyssa Tait (Valley City) and Katie Paulson (Valley City), along with first-years Haley Christofferson (Lisbon, N.D.) and Michelle Holien (Cando, N.D.).

The Viking women ended the fall season with a second-place tie at the Jamestown College Invite, finishing only behind DII Minot State University. The remaining fall season saw the team place in the top five at three other tournaments. Individually Ashley Hinrichs had five top-10 finishes, including medalist honors at the Valley City State Invite at Maple River Golf Course in Mapleton, N.D. Haley Christofferson had four top-10s,

including a second-place finish at the Mystic Open at Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan, N.D.

Four to five tournaments will be played in the spring, including the 2013 A.I.I. Spring Championship to be held April 29-30 at the Club at Colony Creek in Houston, Texas. The women will play 18 holes each day, with the two-day total scores used to determine national qualifiers.

The team looks to build on the momentum from the last fall event and bring that into the spring in hopes of improving both team and individual performances. ♦



# 2013 Alumni Phone-A-Thon



The VCSU Alumni Association's annual Phone-A-Thon, one of our major activities each academic year, allows our alumni to show their Viking Pride in supporting our university.

Donations allow us to stay in touch with alumni in several important ways, including publication of *The Bulletin*, hosting socials and reunions, sponsoring alumni awards programs and supporting programs on the campus of Valley City State University.

The Phone-A-Thon also provides scholarship support to our current students attending VCSU.

By supporting the annual Phone-A-Thon you can help VCSU achieve the strategic initiatives underway to move VCSU forward.

*Thank you to everyone who has supported the 2013 Alumni Phone-A-Thon. The following list includes cash donations and payment on pledges received as of March 25, 2013.*

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## Music faculty members publish book chapter



Beth Klingenstein (left) and Sara Hagen (right), faculty members in the VCSU Department of Music, have co-authored a chapter in a recently published book, *Research Perspectives and Best Practices in Educational Technology Integration*.

The chapter, "A Case Study in Online Delivery: Boarding the Bullet Train to an Online Music Degree," outlines the process the VCSU music department used to develop its groundbreaking online music major. The chapter describes the early use of digital portfolios, moves to the application of pre-packaged course materials, discusses the eventual buy-in of the entire music faculty and ends with the implementation of a

well-organized learning management system and interactive tools. The decision to develop online courses for teachers seeking national certification through the Music Teachers National Association set the groundwork for the degree. Coping with the flood of 2009 inspired increased online course delivery within the department. A final and extremely important step was gaining approval for the degree from the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). The VCSU Department of Music is NASM-accredited, and all music degrees must meet with NASM approval. Since the online music degree was the first of its kind, it was closely scrutinized by NASM. The case study speaks to the creative approach to pedagogy ever-present on the VCSU campus.

Hagen's research, technology reviews, and articles have appeared in *Journal on Technology in Music Learning*, the online *Journal of Music, Technology, and Education*, *Keyboard Companion*, *American Music Teacher*, and the *North Dakota Music Educator*.

Klingenstein has published two books, as well as articles, book reviews and music reviews in *American Music Teacher*, *Piano and Keyboard Magazine*, *Keyboard Companion*, *The Piano Adventures Teacher and Communique: Western Cooperative of Educational Telecommunications*. Both professors currently serve on peer review committees for professional journals.

*Research Perspectives and Best Practices in Educational Technology Integration* can be purchased at <http://www.igi-global.com/book/research-perspectives-best-practices-educational/70783>. ♦

## Composers Competition and Concert to be held in May

The 12th annual Composers Competition and Concert will be held May 2, 2013 at 7:15 p.m. in Froemke Auditorium. The concert will also be streamed live on the [vcsu.edu/media](http://vcsu.edu/media) website for anyone in the world to attend.

(Our students come from across the globe, including Norway and Taiwan; live web streaming will allow them to participate fully in the experience.)

The department received the ASCAP Foundation Irving Caesar Fund award to support composer J. David Moore, back for his fourth year as guest mentor, working with collegiate and high school students as they learn to compose. His mentoring over the years has significantly improved the level of compositions entered in the competition.

Students in theory courses participate in the mentoring program

open to all participants, assisted by Dr. Jorge Variago, VCSU composer and woodwind faculty member, and Dr. Sara Hagen, music education specialist. Each month, students submit drafts of musical compositions that are reviewed by the mentors for feedback.

The competition is open to high school students and to all VCSU students; the deadline for submission to the competition is April 19, 2013, at 11:59 p.m. Prizes are awarded totaling over \$1,300 in cash and scholarships. The International Music Camp supports the competition by providing scholarships to high school winners to attend Composition Week at the camp summer 2013.

For more information, contact Sara Hagen ([sara.hagen@vcsu.edu](mailto:sara.hagen@vcsu.edu)) or click on the "Composers Concert" link at [music.vcsu.edu](http://music.vcsu.edu). ♦

## Connect with VCSU Theatre

If it takes a village to raise a child, then it takes a community to raise the curtain on a VCSU Theatre production. You are an important part of this community, and VCSU Theatre invites you to connect with us!

Maybe you had a great time with theatre productions during college. Maybe you didn't have time for theatre when you were in college and you'd love to participate now. Or maybe you had fun behind the scenes and you'd like to try your hand at something new.

Whatever the reason for your interest, there are many ways to join us. We'd love to have you aboard! *Our students benefit from alumni and community participation.*

Call the VCSU Theatre Box Office at 701-845-7320 to become an active participant in VCSU Theatre, or email [jennilou.russi@vcsu.edu](mailto:jennilou.russi@vcsu.edu).

### Is there a show you'd love to see produced here at VCSU?

Let us know about your ideas.

Since you know us well, you're a great source for ideas for future shows, events and seasons!

### Are you interested in being in one of our plays?

There are several auditions each academic year. Most scripts feature characters of all ages, with leading and supporting roles. All roles are open for casting—it's up to you!

### Do you appreciate the "oohs" and "aahs" from an audience as the curtain opens on the set?

Staged in the historic Vangstad Auditorium and Theatre 320, production sets change dramatically with each script. Building the sets can be a fun and rewarding challenge.

Our set designs include arena (in-the-round, where the audience completely surrounds the action), raked (the stage is pitched higher upstage) and staging in the balcony (above the audience).

You're welcome to join us in this fun and creative work. We provide you with the tools and experience; you bring your enthusiasm!

### Are costumes what catch your eyes?

We welcome you to join us in all aspects of the costuming process, including design, organizing, research (especially fun for historical shows), tailoring and building costumes. Costume assignments are often the easiest for people to fit into their schedules.

### Would you like to participate in theatre, but you have just one available weekend?

Each production includes a cast/crew retreat in which actors, directors, designers and technicians gather on campus for a weekend of work—building the set, organizing/fitting costumes and finding rehearsal props. Throughout this process the production team bonds, creating the ensemble needed to produce the quality of work for which VCSU Theatre is known.

We'd love to have you join us on these weekends, working with us to the extent that your schedule and interests permit. You might want to take a hands-on approach with the set, help us prepare meals throughout the weekend, assist with organization for the retreat or join us at a show on Saturday night, as our reward for a weekend of hard work.

### Do you like to travel?

VCSU Theatre trips are fun and educational. Last year we traveled to London and Paris to experience theatre abroad. We're currently planning our next International Theatre Adventure in France during May 2015. Let us know if you'd like to come along!

### Come to our next show!

The very popular student-directed One-Act Festival will be produced in Theatre 320 April 25–27 at 7:30 p.m. each night. This event sells out so if you don't have season tickets, call the VCSU Theatre Box Office 845-7320 or buy tickets at the VCSU campus bookstore. ♦

April—May 2013

## Performing Arts

- April 13 Valley City and Jamestown orchestras, Valley Voices, Valley Childrens' Choir ..... 7:30 p.m. Vangstad
- April 14 Cassandra Klos, Soprano ..... 3:00 p.m. Froemke
- April 15 General Student Recital ..... 7:30 p.m. Froemke
- April 20 Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble ..... 3:00 p.m. Vangstad
- April 25–27 Student-Directed One-Acts Theatre 320
- April 28 VCSU Choir and University Singers ..... 7:30 p.m. Epworth Methodist Church

- May 2 Composers Concert ..... 7:30 p.m. Froemke
- May 5 CSA Recital ..... 2:00 & 3:30 p.m. Froemke
- May 6 Garage Bands ..... 4:00 p.m. Vangstad

## Fine Arts

- April 8–19 Penny Lam Senior Exhibition ..... VCSU Gallery
- April 15 ... Presentation... McCarthy 365 ..... 7:00 p.m.
- April 19 ... Reception ..... VCSU Gallery.. 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- April 22–May 3 Spring Semester Student Exhibition ..... VCSU Gallery
- May 3..... Reception ..... VCSU Gallery.. 5:00–6:30 p.m.



## In Remembrance

Magdalene (Von Bank) Kirby '40, Stanford, Mont.  
 Bonita (Von Bank) Knable '39, Battle Ground, Wash.  
 Raymond Brooks '50, Winona, Minn.  
 Charles Sundquist '85, Storrs, Conn.  
 Beverly (Matzke) Rominsky '60, Jamestown  
 Evelyn (Jones) Halvorson '33, Burlington, Vt.  
 Frances (Hartl) Hitz '37, New Rockford  
 Bryce Colwell, Spokane, Wash.  
 Jerrold Busche '65, Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Leota "Otie" (Johnson) Fagerstrom '48, Valley City  
 Leo McCracken, College Place, Wash.  
 Bradley E. Weber, New Rockford  
 Florence I. Lere '62, Marion  
 Linda (Schutt) Briss '68, Erskine, Minn.  
 Max W. Murali '57, Merced, Calif.  
 Blanche Nelson, Galloway, N.J.  
 Laura (Langley) Cudworth, Warwick  
 Doris (Carlson) Chase '42, Lodi, Calif.  
 Michael Feuerherm, Valley City  
 Daniel Udem, Rogers  
 Miriam (Nelson) Welken, Bethlehem, Pa.  
 Dorothy (Scudder) Colwell '40, Spokane, Wash.  
 Helen Bauer, Moorhead, Minn.  
 Marilyn (Lindgren) Korn '56, Valley City  
 C. Beverly (Rise) Casey '47, Missoula, Mont.  
 Robert Cooch, Fargo  
 Allen Vollmer, Drake  
 Charles Provorse '89, Jamestown  
 Frances (Brownson) Bellon '35, Jamestown  
 Marjorie (Qual) Vagneur '74, Jamestown  
 Ron Radermacher, Casselton  
 Larry Gegelman, Casselton  
 Johanna Teubner '51 and '56, Valley City  
 Neil Aleidinger '45, Dickinson  
 Eleanor (Bunkowski) Thronson '39, Great Falls, Mont.  
 Barbara (Larson) Brand '74, Valley City  
 Allen Petersen '68, Fargo  
 Ruby (Stachlowski) Poppe '58, Mt. Vernon, Wash.  
 Dean Horgan '67, Walhalla  
 Mary Anne Stenslie, Broken Arrow, Okla.  
 Gary Duggan, West Fargo  
 Leonhard Morlock '64, Jamestown  
 Adeline (Beattie) Ibersen '39, West Fargo  
 Steve Hoss, Valley City  
 Dean Hall '59, West Fargo

## Vikings on the Move

### 1940s

**Evelyn (Johnson) McCracken '45 and '69** is retired but misses teaching, a career she much enjoyed. Evelyn is enjoying the beautiful winter weather; however, she is lonely after recently losing her beloved husband, Leo.

**Delphine (Maasjo) Hunt '49** moved to Santa Maria, Calif., last October to be closer to family. She's 85 and living on her own; she feels fine after a recent pacemaker installation.

### 1950s

**E. Duane Holly '51** is retired; he celebrated his 85th birthday January 29.

**Marion (Peter) Braunberger '58** is enjoying her retirement in Bismarck. This past September, she celebrated her 80th birthday with a party organized by her three children. Marion has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

### 1960s

**Mark Motis '61** served eight years on the Minnewaukan City Council; he is the immediate past mayor and still serves as chair of the Citizens Community Credit Union. Active in American Legion Post 86, Mark is also a member of the Silver Sensations, Gospel Chorus, Cando Can Chorus, VFW, North Central Planning and the Northern Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council.

**Sandra (Sargent) '65 and Jerry Kleinknecht '70** are both retired. They do volunteer work and enjoy their five grandchildren, hobbies and travel.

**Richard Swanson '66** is a claims specialist for Producers Ag Insurance Group, a subsidiary of CVNA Mutual Group. He lives on Hackberry Point Farm in Richville, Minn.

**Joan (Leichtman) Heckaman '67** is currently serving as a North Dakota senator representing District 23. She also teaches math half-time at Four Winds Alternative High School in Fort Totten.

**Marion (Schober) Drenth '67** enjoys her life in an assisted living center and appreciates the good care she receives there.



▲ This group of VCSU alumni and friends made a memorable Route 66 Trip of 2,450 miles, beginning at the start of old Route 66 in Chicago, Ill., on July 8, 2012, and arriving at the Santa Monica (Calif.) Pier a week later on July 15. From right to left: **Rick Toso, Jeff Thompson '75, Randy Lybeck, Gary Theis, John Otto '68, Scott Sturlaugson '74, Craig Sturlaugson '70, and Phil Sturlaugson.** Rick, Jeff, Gary, Scott, and John rode their motorcycles (mostly Harleys) while Randy, Craig, and Phil followed in their cars.

**Elaine (Day) Just '68** retired in May 2012 after 32 years as an elementary teacher.

**Judith (Hock) Townley '68** retired in 2005 but continues to substitute teach at Litchville Marion schools; she has devoted 45 years to teaching and loves every minute of it. Judith and her husband, Tom, continue to travel; they have toured Europe, Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, and all 50 U.S. states. The September 2012 arrival of Hale Townley Nelson, born to their daughter **Brook Townley '93**, marked the first male addition to the Townley family in 71 years.

**Mary (Zwinger) Reese '69** and her husband, Larry, moved back to Colorado, where Mary is the new principal at St. Mary Catholic School in Greeley. Previously, Mary spent 10 years in the Diocese of Phoenix school system. The Reeses are glad to be back in Colorado and closer to their four grandchildren—the true joy in their lives.

### 1970s

**Kenneth Weshnevski '70** retired in 2012 after farming for 42 years. He and his wife, Darlene, continue to live on the farm and pursue their interest in hobbies and traveling.

**Kathy (Shape) '74 and Boyd Sussex '75** both teach in Milbank, S.D., and enjoy life on Big Stone Lake. They claim they're close enough to retirement to see it coming but not close enough to enjoy it yet.

**Janet Simon '75** is enjoying her second year of retirement after 34 years of teaching. She wishes her old dorm buddies "Happy New Year!"

**David Steele '77** teaches seventh-grade life science at Jamestown Middle School. He and his wife, Deb, enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and riding bicycles throughout the state during the summer months.

**Elaine (Holmes) Kluck '78** has taught vocal music for 35 years, 33 of those in Hawley, Minn. She and her husband, Gerry, have three daughters, three sons-in-law, two granddaughters and a grandson. Elaine enjoys keeping in contact with many VCSU friends through the years and says "thanks for the great memories!"

### 1980s

**Edward Stipp '80** accepted a graduate teaching/assistantship with NW Missouri State University (NWMSU) in Maryville, Mo., following his graduation from VCSU. He earned an MS Ed. degree in 1981 and was in NWMSU's first graduating class for the Education Specialist degree (1982). Ed then accepted an athletic director position, along with a head varsity boys basketball coaching position, with a private school in his home state of Indiana. Five years later, he moved to Ft Wayne, Ind., and for 13 years held various positions, including principal, principal/AD, interim executive director and superintendent, at a large K–12 private school. In 2000, Ed accepted an adjunct teaching/administrative

position with Indiana University Kokomo and served as the School of Education's director of student teaching until June 2011. He was one of 17 employees at IUK who accepted an early release/buyout and immediately returned to Vietnam (his sixth visit), where he helps university students and does some consulting for schools in Ho Chi Minh City. His seventh visit—for eight months—just ended this past December; he will return to Vietnam in spring 2013, to continue his work there. Ed is divorced and has two children—Nathan, 30, and Lindsay, 29.

The son of **Tony Etherington '83** was married this past fall, and Tony is eagerly anticipating the birth of his 10th grandchild.

**Duane '84 and Darcy (King) '83 Schauer** send their greetings from the boomtown of Williston. They have been there 27 years and cannot believe the changes in the last few years. Their daughter, Katie (24), lives and works in Jamestown, and their son, Jake, is a senior at VCSU.

**John Hovda '85** is home recovering after a January 17 kidney transplant, his second transplant in 34 years. He had been on dialysis for almost three years.

**Mary Halvorson '89** is currently in her third year of teaching second and third grade Title I at Jefferson Elementary in Valley City. After graduating from VCSU, she spent 12 years teaching first grade in Carrington and the next nine years teaching second grade at Jefferson. Mary spends her summers working for Bank Forward and Insure Forward in the crop insurance department.

### 1990s

**Lee Rorman '90** recently published his first novel, *Labored Relations*.

### 2000s

**Jacob Haag '03** has accepted a two-year teaching position with Hangzhou International School in Hangzhou (population 8 million), China. (He adds that ZJEP is not far away.) He currently serves as a science teacher in the Wahpeton Public Schools. His teaching includes a course in advanced placement chemistry.

**Jackie (Rhode) Lang '06** and her husband, Ty, are the proud parents of Hattie Carolyn, born July 17, 2012. Hattie weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. Both Ty and Jackie teach and coach at Brownwood (Texas) High School.



◀ **Erika (Leppert) Schumacher '09** will graduate from Iowa State University this May with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree; she specialized

in large animal medicine and surgery. Erika has already secured a position at the West Dakota Veterinary Clinic in Dickinson and is very happy to return to North Dakota.

**Ashley Gierke '12** was accepted at UND School of Medicine.



*John Monilaws '87—maestro of the EBC Alumni "We're in the Christmas Mood XVII"—poses with the Valley City High School students selected to perform in the Annual Concert. Natalie Monilaws (John's daughter) and Tanner Monilaws (John's nephew) both plan on attending VCSU next fall.*

*Pictured are (l to r) front: Katelyn Oland, Lacey Johnson, Morgan Johnson, Kurtis Trautman, and Rachel Erickson; middle: Lexi Berntson, Tanner Monilaws, and Natalie Monilaws; back: John Monilaws '87.*

# Milestones

Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments.  
 Rose Kennedy



◀ **Jacklyn (Mitchell) '11 and Calvin Kraft '11** were married July 14, 2012, and live in Enderlin, N.D. Following graduation, Calvin taught social studies at Gackle-Streeter Public School and was the head basketball coach for the Central Prairie Firebirds. After one year, he accepted a position teaching elementary physical education and high school social studies at Enderlin Area Public School, where he is also the head boys basketball coach. Jacklyn continued her education at NDSU from 2011–12 while working at Sanford Hospital. She is currently an analytical chemist in Enderlin and was recently accepted by the A.T. Still University—Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health.

◀ **Eric Godel '03** works for the North Dakota Office of Attorney General and lives in Bismarck with his wife, Kalle, and their son, Lukas, born in February 2012.

**We would LOVE to hear from YOU!**

Submit your "Vikings on the Move" or "Milestones" entry by contacting the VCSU Alumni Office: 701-845-7203 • 800-532-8641 x37203 or email us at alumni@vcsu.edu

# 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 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 our alumni *Bulletin*.

Email the photo to kim.hesch@vcsu.edu.



## 1. Gabriel Adam Klein

June 24, 2012  
7 pounds 12 ounces, 20 1/2 inches  
Erin and David Klein '03

## 2. Alison Jo Jewett

July 11, 2012  
8 pounds 1 ounce, 20 1/2 inches  
Patti (Gruman) '06 and Peter Jewett

## 3. Twins: Alice Aurora and Carl Eugene Peterson

July 13, 2012  
6 pounds 7 ounces, 6 pounds 5 ounces  
Cindy (Daugherty) '02 and Jerry Peterson

## 4. Noah Anthony Helvik

July 23, 2012  
8 pounds 4 ounces, 20 3/4 inches  
Janae (Larson) '07 and Jess Helvik

## 5. Collins Jean Glandt

July 24, 2012  
8 pounds 1 ounce  
Tara (Erdmann) '05 and Tom Glandt

## 6. Zoey Melissa Martinez

August 21, 2012  
7 pounds 12 ounces, 19 inches  
Tahnee (Huertas) '10 and Victor Martinez

## 7. Jack Willis

August 30, 2012  
8 pounds 4 ounces  
Annette (Schilling) and Bill Willis

## 8. Twins: Blake Lucas and Gabrielle Cathy Strittmatter

September 25, 2012  
8 pounds 4 ounces, 20 1/2 inches; 5 pounds 13 ounces, 19 inches  
Kristel (Engley) '04 and Steve Strittmatter '02

## 9. Matilda Ellynn Messer

September 28, 2012  
7 pounds 8 ounces, 19 1/2 inches  
Ashley (Swensen) '06 and Justin Messer '06

## 10. Lily Ruby Nielson

October 5, 2012  
7 pounds 7 ounces, 19 1/2 inches  
Lily joins big sister Anika (3).  
Cathy (Bernhagen) '07 and Mark Nielson '06

## 11. Twins: Parker Wayne and Kinley Marie Wandy

October 8, 2012  
Parker 7 pounds 2 ounces, Kinley 6 pounds 14 ounces  
Jackie (Kottsick) '02 and Darcy Wandy

## 12. Taylin Elizabeth Newton

November 21, 2012  
8 pounds 1 ounce, 20 1/4 inches  
Siblings Kenleigh (4) and Jimmy "Trey" (14 months)  
Sarah (Didier) '03 and Jimmy Newton '05

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