



# ALUMNI BULLETIN

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## Board of Regents Formed

Valley City State University is proud to announce the formation of the Board of Regents.

"The Board of Regents is a newly organized, unincorporated organization designed to facilitate and promote the general welfare and advancement of Valley City State University," said Larry Robinson, VCSU Foundation Executive Director. "The Board of Regents shall serve as a catalyst for the mobilization of both human and financial resources on behalf of the university."

"VCSU has long recognized the need to broaden its support base, increase the endowment and develop a resource base to meet the critical needs of the university," he said. "The Board of Regents will be key players in assisting the university to address those goals. VCSU has been fortunate to have in place a number of support groups including the Alumni Association, V-500, Century Club and others. The Board of Regents will compliment the efforts of these groups with special emphasis on larger gifts to the university."

Membership on the Board of Regents requires a financial commitment of \$25,000 over a five-year time period. The founding members are those individuals who have been involved in directing the organization of the group. Those individuals include George and Audrey Gaukler, Charles and Jan Stowman, John and Diane Hill, Dennis and Carol Nelson, Mark and Val Christensen, Joe and Diane Scherr, John Keller, Dean and Mary Lenaburg, Ray Braun, Bob and Elaine Beyer, Maynard and Jeanette Satrom, Ellen Chaffee, all of Valley City; DuWayne Bott, Marion; Shirley Bostrom, Grand Forks; and Thilda and Lena Vangstad, Osakis, MN. The founding members have made commitment and/or pledges that exceed \$500,000.

"We are very excited about the formation of the Board of Regents," said VCSU President Ellen Chaffee. "By all reports, state resources are expected to remain relatively flat as we move into the future. It is, therefore, extremely important that we step forward and build a strong foundation to supplement the state support for VCSU. The Board of Regents will play a vital role in the future viability of Valley City State University."

The founding members also announced that, for a limited time, opportunities are now available to become charter members of the Board of Regents.

"There are many ways in which the membership obligation for the Board of Regents can be met," said board chairperson George Gaukler. "In addition to the outright gift of cash, stocks, bonds, securities and real estate, people may be interested in listing the university in their will. In either case, it is important to contact the VCSU Foundation Office."

In addition to Gaukler, other members of the executive committee are Ray Braun, Carol Nelson, DuWayne Bott and Chuck Stowman. Individuals interested in additional information should contact any member of the executive committee or Larry Robinson.



### Vangstad Twins Become First Regents...

Thilda and Lena Vangstad, Osakis, MN, became the first members to enlist in VCSU's newly formed Board of Regents. The Vangstad twins served Valley City State University for many years prior to retiring in 1971. Lena Vangstad joined the staff of then Valley City State Teachers College in 1937. Thilda Vangstad joined the staff in 1945.

## President's Corner

by Gene Boyle '69

What makes VCSU special to you? Most of us can identify an instructor, advisor, coach, director, secretary, custodian etc. that has left an indelible impression on our life. Life impacting relationships are at the heart of learning and growing.

Last month four Valley City State University students died as the result of an automobile accident. Two died instantly. The other two lingered on life support in Fargo hospitals for a week. The overwhelming comfort and support provided to the families of these four young men is indescribable. Coaches assisted in funeral arrangements, including attending services in each of the four home towns located in Canada, Minnesota, and Florida. For a week president Chaffee, coaches, students, staff, and alumni were with the families of the two survivors in the hospitals. Hugs, prayers, and finances were showered on the families. Friendships were formed that will be imprinted on the minds and hearts of everyone for a lifetime.

As alumni, each of us should be very proud of the caring legacy of VCSU. By encouraging a student to enroll at "Valley", contributing to the Phone-A-Thon, or nominating an alumnus for special recognition, you will be carrying on the proud Valley City State University tradition.



**Gene Boyle**

## Stricklin Hired As Student Center Director

Kari Stricklin, a 1992 VCSU graduate, has been hired as the Student Center -Student Activities Director. A native of Goodells, Michigan, Kari moved with her family to Valley City after her high school graduation. She graduated from VCSU in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She lived in California for a year after graduation and worked for The Nature Company. Wanting to be closer to friends and family, Kari transferred to Minneapolis and became an assistant manager at The Nature Company in the Mall of America. Kari was promoted to the store manager of The Nature Company, now known as Discovery Channel, and remained there until accepting the position at VCSU. Kari also did substitute teaching in the Minneapolis area.

"I'm very excited to be back here in Valley City and at VCSU," states Kari. "I enjoyed my years as a student and look forward to working with the students on activities throughout the campus and having the opportunity to work with those who helped me as a student. Valley City is a wonderful community and a great place to call home—I'm very glad to be back!"



**Kari Stricklin**

# Homecoming 1999

Friday, October 1st

Class of 1949 Reunion  
Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction

Saturday, October 2nd

Alumni Honors Breakfast  
Homecoming Parade  
Library Luncheon  
Alumni Social  
Homecoming Dance

### VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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# In Remembrance

Laurine (Jacobson) Nestoss, Valley City, ND, October 1998  
 Elizabeth (Watson) Nelson, Valley City, ND, January 1999  
 Berenice Schiefelbein, Valley City, ND, December 1998  
 Alda (Gray) Lee, Jamestown, ND, January 1999  
 Myrtle (Heinle) Schmid, Camington, ND, January 1999  
 Gudrun (Myhre) Hendrickson, New Rockford, ND, January 1999  
 Muriel (Carlson) Gasal, Jamestown, ND, February 1999  
 Irma Marshall, Livingston, MT, February 1999  
 Agnes (Evenson) Marson, Cooperstown, ND, January 1999  
 Bette (Camas) Gust, Casselton, ND, February 1999  
 Ethel Wohlwend, Breckenridge, MN, January 1999  
 Raymond G. Larson, Valley City, ND, January 1999  
 Cecilia Fox, Loveland, CO, September 1998  
 James Seminary, Fargo, ND, February 1999  
 Don Dafeo, Anchorage, AK, February 1999  
 Shirley (Graves) Odlegaard, Jamestown, ND, January 1999  
 James E. Blake, Fargo, ND, January 1999  
 Eleanora (Weber) Keeler, Colorado Springs, CO, January 1999  
 Barbara (Marvin) McNair, Fargo, ND, December 1998  
 Lillian (Arntson) Wall, Crookston, MN, December 1998  
 Leonard Ferguson, Cottage Grove, OR, December 1998  
 Palma (Henrickson) Hanson, Kathryn, ND, January 1999  
 Ollie (Burgum) Waxler, Arthur, ND, January 1999  
 Florene Dobrinz, Seattle, WA, December 1998  
 Ramona (Reid) Haga, Valley City, ND, December 1998  
 Agnes (Granlund) Hagen, Grand Forks, ND, November 1998  
 JoAnna (Wall) Hankel, LaMoure, ND, November 1998  
 Ethel (Haarsager) Huber, LaMoure, ND, November 1998  
 Agnes (Stoe) Anderson, Devils Lake, ND, November 1998  
 Helen (Noxon) Anderson, Valley City, ND, November 1998  
 Ralph Woodrow Kraft, Jamestown, ND, November 1998  
 Esther (Jeske) Victor, Jamestown, ND, November 1998  
 Margaret (Rohrer) Cowan, Leeds, ND, November 1998  
 Ella (Ackerson) Samson, Moorhead, MN, November 1998  
 Ruth A. Peterson, Kalispell, MT, October 1998  
 Frances (Pfaff) Jensen, Oakland, CA, November 1998  
 Josephine (Tiura) Nordgaard, Valley City, ND, January 1999  
 Evelyn (Lindsey) Judisch, Phoenix, AZ, November 1998  
 Marguerite (Hoffman) Hohncke, Fargo, ND, November 1998  
 Olive (Erickson) Baumann, Fairmont, MN, November 1998  
 Bernard Fitzgerald, Bismarck, ND, November 1998  
 Mabel Thompson, Fargo, ND, November 1998  
 Thelma (Beckstrand) Loven, Fergus Falls, MN, November 1998  
 Elvin Schlotman, Sterling, VA, November 1998  
 Anna (Ronzheimer) Hood, Valley City, ND, December 1998  
 Dr. Jack P. Donovan, Hattiesburg, MS, November 1998  
 William R. Johnson, Bismarck, ND, December 1998  
 Doris (Hanson) Myrah, LaMoure, ND, December 1998  
 James A. Walters, Everett, WA, December 1998  
 Edward M. Hov, New Rockford, ND, December 1998  
 Merton Utgaard, Bottineau, ND, December 1998  
 Inez (Riedman) Madden, Fargo, ND, December 1998  
 Samuel Tollefson, West Fargo, ND, December 1998  
 Wallace Oppeggaard, Lake Park, MN, December 1998  
 Ardice (Tranby) Wahl, Anoka, MN, October 1998  
 Robert Schuler, Valley City, ND, October 1998  
 Helen (Carroll) Callister, Golden, MO, January 1999  
 Julia (Doyle) Stoesser, Devils Lake, ND, February 1999

## President's Message by Dr. Ellen Chaffee



Dr. Ellen Chaffee

Times like we had in January 1999 reveal peoples' fundamental nature. I am awestruck by what I've learned about the people of VCSU and our community as we faced one of life's hardest lessons.

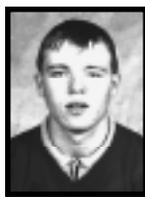
Four of our students died due to a car accident that occurred January 17—two at the scene and two a week later in the hospital. All were freshman football players. As students, faculty, and staff struggled to deal with their own grief, they reached out to the families of these young men with love and comfort. Meanwhile, the local ministerium and others wove a net of support around the university that continues to this day. My pride in the football coaches and staff increased not only as I observed their kindness to others, but also as I learned more about the boys we lost and their families. They were all fine young men with strong, close families, which says a lot about all the young men this staff has recruited to VCSU. My pride in our student affairs staff is also especially high these days. No one can prepare us for an event like this, yet each rose to the occasion and all formed a team that addressed every aspect of the crisis with intelligence and thoughtfulness. One touching result of the university's response is that each of the families is deeply grateful to the university...as we are to them, for sharing their sons with us.

Fortunately, we seldom have an event like this—never before, as far as we know. But the caring that shone through in our responses is clearly an emblem of VCSU throughout the years. At our reunion in Mesa in February, alumni from the 1930s through the 1980s made time in their busy schedules to visit with us. Each has special memories of people and times at VCSU that made a difference in their lives. One of the reasons they continue to get together through the years is to express their gratitude for that.

We are building a loyal base of alumni from places south of Mesa, too. In October we signed a new sister university agreement with an institution in Oaxaca, Mexico, like the one we have with universities in La Paz, Mexico, and Brandon, Manitoba. Our Mexican alumni are helping us build networks there with wonderful new experiences and friendships. The latest addition to that group is Eva Fernandez of Oaxaca, who arrived during a January cold spell. Her warm personality quickly compensates for that! Eva has ties to the state government there, too, and we hope to build some business and government relationships to complement the sharing of faculty and students. These opportunities help our students become more aware of different cultures and languages, an increasingly important asset in any career they choose to pursue.

So VCSU continues to foster not only learning but memories for a lifetime. I hope you'll share some of your favorite memories with us! Knowing what was important to you helps us stay focused on what will be important to today's students.

## Accident Claims Four VCSU Students



Allan  
Gades



Duane  
Shepherd



Casey  
Gordon



Marion  
Durden

Four VCSU students have died as a result of an automobile accident. Allan Gades, 19, of Verndale, MN, and Duane Shepherd, 22, of North York, Ontario, died at the scene of the accident on January 17th. Casey Gordon, 21, Scarborough, Ontario, and Marion Durden, 18, Port St. John, FL, died a week later. All four were members of the Viking football team.

The VCSU Student Senate is selling commemorative ribbons in honor of their four classmates. The university has established five fund drives— one for each family and a permanent scholarship fund, the Viking Spirit Scholarship, to honor all four. Donations may be sent to the VCSU Foundation Office, Valley City State University, Valley City, ND 58072.

# VCSU Foundation . . . Larry Robinson, Executive Director

## VCSU's Board Of Regents— Securing The Future...Today

We are excited about the formation of the Board of Regents. A special thank you is in order to those individuals who have stepped forward to become founding members of this important organization. Recognition is also in order to President Ellen Chaffee, the VCSU Foundation and it's member groups for the vision and leadership they provided in the formation of our Board of Regents. As the university prepares to enter a new millennium, the Board of Regents will play a vital role in assisting our alma mater to build a strong resource base to meet our every growing and changing needs.

We have often said that the rich tradition that we enjoy at Valley City State University is as much a part of our future as it is our past. That tradition has not been built by accident. Those who have preceded us left us with a lasting legacy. We have inherited a great university. A university built on quality and excellence. A university with a special focus on each and every individual student. A university where personal attention is the rule and not the exception. A university that has attracted and continues to attract the very best, brightest, and dedicated faculty, staff, and students. We are all fortunate to count ourselves as a part of this extended family we call Valley City State University.

Personally, Valley City State University has been a major part of my life. Both my wife and I are 1971 graduates of VCSU. In addition, I have had the pleasure and honor to serve on the staff of this great institution since 1975. When I stop and reflect on my tenure here at VCSU, I feel quite humbled to have had the privilege to experience Valley City State University. This university has been blessed with so many outstanding faculty and staff both past and present. I must also not forget to mention the students. My many years as director of the Memorial Student Center provided me with the opportunity to come to know our students very well. We have always attracted outstanding students to this institution. Today, those students of the past represent our over 8,000 active alumni scattered across the world.

We have also been fortunate to have been located in such a wonderful community. The

support we have received from Valley City and this region has been outstanding. The university and the community have grown to be one and inseparable.

Enough about the past. It is now time to look toward the future. It was the future we were thinking about when we established the Board of Regents. The demands on resources continue to grow. State funding for the North Dakota University System has been relatively flat for the past several years when basic inflation is taken into account. We, therefore, simply must work harder to build a stronger resource base for the university. That resource base will supplement and compliment the important work that V-500, the Century Club, and the Alumni Association have been doing on behalf of the university for many years. The need for major gifts to the university has never been greater. This is precisely why we created the Board of Regents.

We would invite you to consider membership on the Board of Regents. The commitment requires an investment in the university of \$25,000 over a five year period. Credit is given for all past contributions. Special provisions allow you to consider a gift via your will, life insurance, etc. Please remember that your contributions to VCSU and the Board of Regents are tax deductible. We would advise you to contact your legal and/or financial advisors regarding your potential membership on the Board of Regents. It is very likely that you will find that the tax incentives available to you due to a gift of this kind are very attractive.

Please join us in **Securing the Future...Today!**

### Ways to Satisfy Membership

Past Contributions

Cash Gifts

Certificates of Deposit

Shares of Stock

Real Estate

Bonds & Securities

Works of art or other personal property

Name the Foundation in your will, a fixed amount or percentage

Life Insurance

Enlist another member to the Board of Regents

Any combination of the above

**For further information** on the VCSU Board of Regents and other opportunities available to support Valley City State University, please return the enclosed self-addressed, postage paid card.

**Larry Robinson, Executive Director**

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# 1999 Alumni Phone-A-Thon



As this edition of the *Alumni Bulletin* is printed, the 1999 Phone-A-Thon is underway. Students have been working diligently every evening to contact all the VCSU alumni on record. Of course, the Phone-A-Thon is held annually as the only fundraiser conducted by the Alumni Association. Money raised through this effort funds scholarships, publications, correspondence with alumni, reunions and socials, staffing, and campus projects. In addition to the money, there are many more benefits resulting from this endeavor.

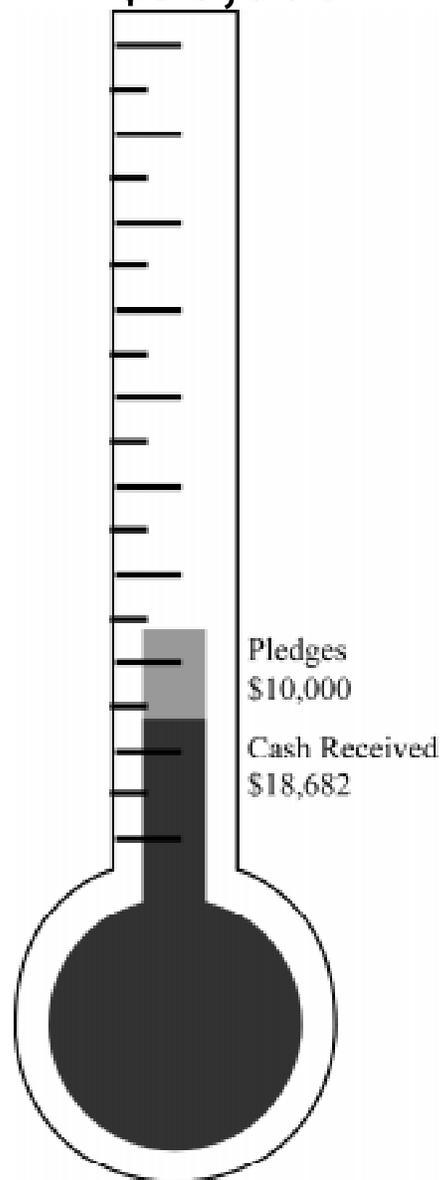
Friendships have been formed between alumni and student callers;

as a matter of fact, several students returning this year for their second or third year of calling have specifically requested the cards of alumni they have visited with every year. Alumni have offered words of advice and encouragement to students preparing to graduate and others have even offered help in contacting prospective employers.

If you have not yet been called for the Phone-A-Thon, we hope you will return the bottom half of this page along with a check to help us reach our goal of \$75,000. If you've *never* donated before, your contribution would be appreciated. If you *have* donated before, thank you for what you have done and, hopefully, will continue to do.

# Our Goal

## \$75,000



Thank you!  
Val Moritz, Alumni Relations



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1999  
Alumni  
Phone-A-Thon

Yes, I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support Valley City State University through my gift to the Alumni Association.

Full payment enclosed (payable in U.S. Funds to VCSU Foundation/Alumni)    

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Do you or your spouse work for a matching gift company:  Yes  No

Share your news with us by completing the back of this form

Please send me information about:

Named endowment  Gift of stock/securities  Gift through my will  Gift of real estate  Life income plans  Gift of insurance



## Volunteer Spotlight

Many dedicated individuals donate hundreds of hours to Valley City State University and volunteer their time and talents in many ways. Their contributions are immeasurable and, too often, not adequately recognized. We would like to introduce you to another one of our valuable volunteers.

# Lillian Jacobson

Lillian Langemo Jacobson '40 began her career with Valley City State University in 1956 and remained until she retired as Director of Allen Memorial Library in 1980. But her retirement in no way meant that she was not going to be involved at VCSU!

Lillian has served on the Alumni Board of Directors, the Friends of the Library committee, and the VCSU Centennial Committee. She played an integral role in the compilation of the centennial history book, *Cornerstones*. Her diligence in research made the history book possible.

Much too modest to admit her many contributions to VCSU, Lillian has proven herself to be an invaluable asset in the Alumni Association. She has spent countless hours searching for current addresses for alumni who are not receiving alumni correspondence.

"It's hard to express adequate appreciation for Lillian's assistance," says Val Moritz, VCSU Alumni Relations. "She is a treasured source of information and history. Lillian is a very gracious, giving woman and we are indebted to her for all she does for the VCSU Alumni Association."

Lillian and her husband, John reside in Valley City and have a winter home in Arizona.



Then



Now

Bismarck High School Administrator **Mary (Kankelfritz) Hill '67** believes students should help others and not always expect something in return. Hill has built a program around the volunteering concept at the high school. Her efforts in the Campus Volunteer Program were recognized when she was named the North Dakota Assistant Principal of the Year by the North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals. Hill has been an assistant principal at BHS since 1994, and before that was an assistant principal at Wachter Middle school for a year. Hill said her greatest strength is that she loves kids and believes in the goodness that can be found in each of them. "When I look at young people, I see possibilities and potential," she said. "I see the future, and it makes me smile." Before moving to Bismarck, Hill taught English and coached at Bowman and Jamestown, and at Janesville and Fridley, MN.

**Vicki (Lemley) Boutiette '72** of West Fargo was one of four North Dakota teachers honored as recipients of national awards from the Milken Family Foundation. Vicki will travel to Los Angeles in June to receive her \$25,000 award. Wayne Sanstead, the state superintendent of public instruction, said the four teachers were chosen by a state panel. 34 North Dakota educators have received the award since 1992.

**Ken Aune '91** has been selected as Logan County's Educator of the Year. Aune teaches K-12 music and directs all performing groups at Gackle-Streeter Public School. Of the 126 students in the school, 105 are in band and chorus. The award is sponsored by the North Dakota Farm Bureau.

**Gary Milbrandt '67** of Buffalo is the Cass County Farm Bureau's 1998 Educator of the Year. Milbrandt is principal and athletic director at Maple Valley High School in Tower City, and also teaches high school math and coaches junior high football. He has been with the school system for 30 years.

**Cheryl (Foss) Rowekamp '68** has been named the Barnes County Farm Bureau's 1998 Educator of the Year. Cheryl teaches grades five and six (combination room) at St. Catherine School in Valley City.



## 58th Annual EBC Hit Parade

March 25-27, 1999  
7:30 PM  
Vangstad Auditorium

## VCSU Forms Partnership With Oaxaca University

Valley City State University has signed an agreement with the Universidad Regional del Sureste (URSE) in Oaxaca, Mexico. The purpose of the agreement is to exchange ideas, students and faculty. URSE is a university about the size of VCSU.

URSE is VCSU's second "sister university" in Mexico. The first agreement was with the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California Sur in La Paz, BCS in 1994. Since 1994 seven VCSU students have studied in LaPaz, eight UABCS students have studied in Valley City and a professor from each campus has taught on the other campus. Three VCSU students are currently spending this spring semester in La Paz.

# a reminder

## We Want Your Stories!

One of the great pleasures of working with the VCSU Alumni Office is the opportunity to hear stories and reminiscing from experiences alumni encountered while on campus. We'd like to share those stories in future editions of the Alumni Bulletin. What experiences stand out from your college years? Was it your involvement in athletics? Was it a special teacher or staff member? Was it the special friendships you formed?

Forward Your Stories To:

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# GOLF NEWS & NOTES

## Valley City State University "Viking Scramble" Saturday, June 5, 1999

Valley City Town & Country Club  
 and  
 Bjornson Park Public Course

**NEW THIS YEAR**  
**Women/Co-Ed Division**

**Entry Fee**  
**\$50 Per Person or \$250 Per Team**  
**Deadline for entry fee is May 22nd**

- #1 Player \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- #2 Player \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- #3 Player \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- #4 Player \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- #5 Player \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1 will serve as captain  
 Captain is responsible for collecting team entry fee

For more information contact  
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**All proceeds provide scholarship support for student athletes attending Valley City State University!**

**Even if you don't golf, this is a great time to meet VCSU alumni and friends!**

## Cap and Gown Makes Three Generations

The cap, gown and hood Paul Kolstoe wore when he received his doctorate in psychology from UND in December has been through those ceremonies before. Paul, the director of psychology at the State Developmental Center in Grafton, ND, is the third generation of Kolstoos to receive a doctorate in psychology and serve the state of North Dakota. His father, Ralph Kolstoe '48, and his grandfather, Soren Kolstoe, also wore the cap and gown he wore during commencement. Soren Kolstoe received his doctorate in 1931 and continued to wear the cap and gown for all academic occasions at VCSU where he taught for 34 years from 1924-58. In 1957, Ralph Kolstoe joined the UND psychology department after receiving his doctorate at Washington State. For a year, the cap and gown were shuttled back and forth between UND and Valley City as Ralph and Soren wore the same cap and gown for commencements at both schools. When Soren retired in 1958, the well-traveled cap and gown landed permanently in Grand Forks where Ralph proceeded to wear them for all academic occasions for 33 years. Ralph retired in 1990. "All the other doctorates get to wear nice hoods and I wear the faded, hand-me-down," states Paul. "But I'm extremely proud to wear the old one. There's nothing that will please me more than wearing my grandfather's."



## Nominate Outstanding Alumni

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

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

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

Nominations to Val Moritz  
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## From The Desk Of...Monte Johnson, Director of Admissions

Exciting things are happening at your alma mater! Although several new and dynamic changes have been made on the campus, the tradition of providing high quality personalized instruction continues. Valley City State University continues to have a positive impact on the lives of its students just as it did for you when you were a student here on the campus.

In looking to the future, we need your help to get our message out to prospective students. We are asking you to share your PRIDE in Valley City State University! Would you be willing to identify prospective students who could benefit from VCSU?

Think about students in your area and talk to them about the benefits of Valley City State University. These individuals might be a neighbor, a son, daughter, friends, grandchild, etc. Perhaps the individual is older having recently returned from military service or has been impacted by changing family circumstances. Whatever the situation, VCSU has much to offer and we stand ready to support your efforts! Call toll free (1-800-532-8641) and our office will promptly send out information.

Your referrals are important— return the enclosed card!

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# Validating the University Mission: The Learner Survey

**Mission:** Building on a strong tradition of exemplary practice, the institutional mission approved by the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education last spring states, in part, that Valley City State University is a learner centered community and a leader in the effective use of instructional technologies. Our own research findings validate what we have been doing to advance the mission.

IBM, the American Association of Higher Education, National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, American Association of University Administrators, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Mid-continent Regional Education Laboratory, and others have found ways to endorse and approve the transformational practices taking place at VCSU. We continue to be engaged in all the “right stuff” and remain excited about and energized by change! Years of commitment to learner centered education and the effective use of instructional technologies demonstrate the leadership role of an institution in sync with national priorities and expectations.

**Good Practice:** An interesting essay, *Implementing the Seven Principles: Technology as Lever*, by Arthur W. Chickering and Stephen C. Ehrmann, focuses on using technology tools in ways consistent with the research-based Seven Principles of Good Practice in Undergraduate Education, created by Art Chickering and Zelda Gamson:

1. Good Practice Encourages Contacts Between Students and Faculty.
2. Good Practice Develops Reciprocity and Cooperation Among Students.
3. Good Practice Uses Active Learning Techniques.
4. Good Practice Gives Prompt Feedback.
5. Good Practice Emphasizes Time on Task.
6. Good Practice Communicates High Expectations.
7. Good Practice Respects Diverse Talents and Ways of Learning.

“If the power of the new technologies is to be fully realized, they should be employed in ways consistent with the Seven Principles.” The authors expand on appropriate uses of technologies for each of these principles. Concluding their essay, Chickering and Ehrmann provide concrete suggestions for both students and faculty members, offer insight regarding institutional policies, and give a word of advice to legislators and benefactors. The *Seven Principles* relate closely to learner centered practices and effective use of instructional technologies at VCSU.

**The Learner Survey:** Drawing on other surveys I created during the past two years, I conceived *The Learner Survey*. This tool will be used over time to document significant changes and growth related to the Valley City State University Mission. Some items are based on learner centered principles referenced by the American Psychological Association and the Mid-content Regional Educational Laboratory in their guidelines for school redesign and reform. *The Learner Survey* given November 1998 was aimed primarily at entry-level students, and the present report reflects those results. This survey will be given a second time during the spring semester to students who are closer to graduation. Data comparisons of the two should yield some interesting findings and recommendations.

I gratefully acknowledge Bush Grant support for this project, as well as Cyrus Kirby, student, and Dr. Terry Corwin, faculty member, for their able assistance.

**Kathryn Holleque, VCSU Professor, Division of Education and Psychology**

Complete survey results are located through the homepage of Dr. Holleque

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**At least ninety percent of respondents reported Agree/Strongly Agree for the following statements:**

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Using a computer increases my communication with other students.	93%
Having my own computer broadens ways for me to receive and/or present information.	97%
Having my own computer saves me time.	95%
Using a computer provides a variety of settings for learning. (e.g., working by myself, working with others, working as a member of a team)	90%
Using various technologies enhances my learning experience.	90%
I use my computer daily.	90%
It is important to me to have computer access at any time, day or night.	90%

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**At least seventy-five percent of respondents reported Agree/Strongly Agree for the following statements:**

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It is important to me to have my own computer to use.	89%
The various technology skills I am developing at this university are essential to my future employment.	86%
Using a computer increases my communication with faculty.	79%
This university fosters cooperation in learning.	80%
Having my own computer makes it easier to be actively involved in the learning process.	83%
I use the Internet often to research topics for courses.	87%
Having my own computer helps me assume personal responsibility for learning.	81%
Using a computer makes it easier to meet my learning needs.	81%
This university has a supportive, positive learning environment.	87%
Using a computer enables me to integrate and organize knowledge in personally meaningful ways.	78%
The learning environment at this university is non-threatening.	86%
Using a computer during class is valuable to my learning.	75%
I access the Internet daily.	81%
I use e-mail daily.	89%

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# Where Are They?

We do not have current addresses for the following VCSU alumni. If you know their addresses or can direct us to someone who can give us their addresses, please call our office, 1-800-532-8641, ext 37203. Thanks for your help!

## 1949

Delores Starr Carpenter  
Reuben Gehring  
Vernice Pederson Mode

## 1950

Doris Fagerstrom Ingram  
Calvin Mogck  
Alice Rue

## 1951

Margaret Born  
Lawrence Brooks  
Gladys Erickson  
Helen Fritchie  
Verona Gulsvig  
Arllys Hanson  
Duane Henricks  
Ann Paulson McLachlan  
Thomas Melgard  
Mildred Munro  
Enda Hollingsworth Newmann  
Carol Robinson Strum  
Shirley Motl Syverson

## 1952

Eunice Blocker  
Dorothy Gernhardt  
Georgia Wentz Hawk  
Arvid Homuth  
Joyce Sowden Larson  
Ruth Hochhalter Wilson  
Shirley Wilson

## 1953

Millie Swanson Dahl  
Etta Ricker Jenks  
Agnes Krany  
Robert Wentz

## 1954

Blanche Hanbaum  
Marilyn Gerntzkow Norenberg  
Elsie Vosgerau Peterson  
Sidney Smith

## 1955

Char Ferguson  
Wyona Bertsch Jebb  
Margaret Jajicek Johnson  
Janet Peckham  
Donald Schultz

## 1956

LaDonna Seefeldt Fischer  
Gordon Fish  
Mathilda Neuharth Holcomb  
Lorraine Ekern Lee  
Doris Hildebrand Linder  
Wava Morris Mosbrucker  
Ella Schneider

## 1957

Marlene Bassingthwaite  
Elnora Redmann Birks  
Helen Hendricks Harper  
David Hoffman  
Elaine Johnson Kavlie  
Melvin Lang  
Clifford Maisel  
Dolores Mattheis  
Agnes Modahl  
Jerry Nelson  
Nancy Grotberg Noblitt  
Beverly Lobsinger Olson  
Donald Reslock  
Verdus Broschat Sandvol  
Grace Sparrow  
Marlin Walter  
R. Walton Walter

## 1958

John Birkholz  
Carolyn Munn Boone  
Margaret Clarey  
Arlene Walberg Fail  
Viola Haugan  
Cleo Johnson  
Ernest Knudson  
Kathleen Baker Landsberger  
Dan McGee  
Joan Platz  
Richard Ridmann  
Betty Zimmerman

## 1959

Gordon Amundson  
Mary Armentrout  
Ralph Berg  
Bernard Billing  
John Dwyer  
Violet Johnson  
Violet Olson  
Walter Pederson  
Mary Saunders  
Ruth Senn  
Robert Wraith

## Vikings on the Move

### 1920s

**Sara (Henderson) Halverson** '29 sold her home in Las Vegas and moved to a new Del Webb McDonald Ranch in Henderson, NV. She is still close to the college in Las Vegas to which she attends football and basketball games as well as concerts. Her son teaches in Sacramento. One daughter retired from teaching in Las Vegas, where her other daughter lives. Another daughter lives near her. She hopes to return to Valley City soon to see all the changes that have happened over the years.

**Sylvia (Shirley) Bakken** '29 is now 89 years of age and still resides in her home in Seattle. Sylvia says that the literature sent to her regarding VCSU makes her aware of all the wonderful and successful changes and advancements taking place. She enjoys the memories of her days on campus so long ago.

**Henrietta (Rasmusson) Dotting** '25 celebrated her 93rd birthday on January 4th with many relatives and friends at her home in Bridgeview Estates in Valley City.

**Mildred (Hedman) Granger** '27 still travels from her home in Grand Forks, ND. She enjoyed a trip to California where she celebrated her 90th birthday with all her family.

**Solveig (Nesset) Bell** '29 of Albuquerque, NM, celebrated her 96th birthday last fall. She lives by herself and plays bridge and scrabble every week. She can't read much as her eyes are poor, but she continues to tat crosses. She has made over 2500 and tries to make one a day. She's remains in good health and enjoys life.

**Geoline (Oppegaard) Lang** '29 resides in Haymarket, VA, where she continues to volunteer time to tutor children who are below grade level in reading. She enjoys helping them learn. She says she is fortunate to have her mind, her sight, her hearing, and live on her own.

**Clara (Dale) Brown** '27 has pleasant memories from STC. She is 91 and enjoys life!

**Cecile (Dawson) Benson** '26 sends greetings to her Philo sisters and friends. She lives in a retirement home in Rancho Bernado, a suburb of San Diego. The climate is as near to perfect as one could hope for. She has been a widow over 20 years. She has no family, but a loving cat that appeared

at her door 11 years ago. She recently celebrated her 96th birthday. She plays bridge and joins in activities which are available.

### 1930s

**Paul & Margaret (Kvilvang) Reher '37** moved to Dyersville, IA, in 1981 following Paul's retirement in '80 after 25 years as superintendent of Allamakee Community School in Waukon, IA. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1998.

**Dorothy (Dykstra) Starr '36** was in the hospital and nursing center for three months this past summer following a stroke and other complications. She is making good progress and is thankful to stay and maintain her home in Spokane.

**Agnes (Stanton) Gassman '36** taught from 1932-38. She married and raised four children: 2 sons and 2 daughters. She continues to study the stock market a little and she loves to read at age 86. Agnes resides in Valley City.

After receiving her standard certificate **Inez (Dorrance) Bergeson '36** taught four years in rural schools of Ransom county. She married and had two daughters. Following the death of her husband in 1953, she taught seven more years in the Ransom county rural schools. In 1961 she began working for the Register of Deeds in Ransom county and was elected to that office in 1962, serving one term. In 1963 she married Ernest Bergeson.

**Ellen (Appelgren) Peterson '30** says she has finally retired and trips have shortened a bit. Her trips to Sweden were no doubt climaxed by her last trip there to visit relatives two years ago. In spite of the years that have piled up, she still lives in her own home. She enjoys cooking and baking almost as much as reading. She still finds time to do a bit of tutoring. She stays active and involved in many church activities.

**Marie (Gourde) Byzewski '35** lives in her own home in Grafton, ND. She is 90 years young. Because of health problems she is unable to eat with others. After suffering two broken legs and one arm she gets along much better if she does her own cooking and uses a walker.

### 1940s

**Esther (Nelson) Miller '43** retired after 30 years of teaching and keeps busy playing bridge, gardening, and traveling. Another trip to the Mediterranean in March is in the plans. This time they will see the Suez Canal, the pyramids, and the sphinx. A side trip to Bethlehem and Jerusalem is also an added

adventure which they are looking forward to.

**Harry Moore '48** recently completed his second term as Alternate National Executive Committeeman for the ND American Legion and is presently deeply involved in helping write a 75 year history of the organization. He is an active member of three concert bands and one dance band which pretty well takes care of his "free" time!

**Ina (Faust) Oppgard '47** and her husband, Randy, are again spending the winter with their son, Rod, in Valley City. They intend to return to their home in Dazey (ND) in the spring. The highlight of the past year for them was the observance of their 50th wedding anniversary in March, although they didn't celebrate until June, when they had an open house at their church.

**Avis (Clafin) Kautzmann '40** is an avid traveler. She just returned from a two week vacation at Myrtle Beach, SC. Now planning a jazz cruise from Seaside, OR. In May she will travel to Scotland for a Clan Reunion. Avis says July and August are too hot for travel, so she remains home in Mandan, ND. She hopes that her VC college friends are having a healthful winter.

**Julian & Virginia (Moscher) Homan '43** returned from their lake home in November. Virginia has now reactivated a painting group that meets in her LaMoure, ND, home once a week. She is on the road with the necessary trips to and from the clinic or hospital as Joe's health problems require. He is, however, "the come back kid" and continues to build great gifts for their kids and grandkids. Virginia still participates in church activities, PEO, Triads, VCSU Alumni Association, and bridge groups. She continues to keep up a writing correspondence (no e-mail here yet) with friends and extended family.

**Muriel (Strand) Anderson '41** and husband, Eugene, are retired. Muriel taught in the Fargo public schools. They vacation in Mesa, AZ during the winter months and enjoy their lake home on weekends in the summer.

**Loren Law '42** and Arlene will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on April 9th. Both are in good health. Loren walks five days a week, four miles a day. They spend the winter months in Florida before returning home to Edina, MN.

**Cleo (Stickney) Nordquist '43** of Washburn, ND, retired in 1989 following 34 years of teaching. In June they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with six children and 16 grandchildren. Husband, Donald, and son, Jim, are a part of Nordquist

Brothers, an implement business in Washburn.

**Kent Zimmerman '47** and his wife, Colleen, celebrated their 50th anniversary on February 28, 1998.

**Mary Ellen (Brinkman) Miller '41** of Long Beach, CA, says there is nothing new so that's not too bad at her age. She remains in a wheelchair due to a broken hip. She has a girl to help her out so life is pretty normal. She'd like to read about classmates from her era in the *Bulletin*.

**Orville Bechtel '40** of Orange, CA, retired in 1979 as chief cost accountant of a business which distributed sales catalogs for a manufacturing company nationwide.

**Jim Rost '43** of Seattle, WA, wonders how many people remember a basketball player of yesteryear named Roy Humbracht who was very, very tall and could squeeze himself into the very tiny Austin coupe! Greetings to Roger Ludwig!

**Charlotte (Skonnord) Thompson '44** of Sun City, AZ, was delighted to read that VCSU is continuing to be a viable educational force in North Dakota. She has always felt that she received a good education in the four years she was here.

After practicing dentistry in Grand Forks for 34 years, **Dr. Buell & Virginia (George) Lewis '43** have been living in Phoenix for 15 years. They divide their time between Phoenix and the cool mountains in Munds Park, south of Flagstaff. They say it's as close to heaven as one can get. They have two married daughters in Phoenix; one a pharmacist and the other a lawyer. They have three interesting grandchildren. They invite you to give them a call if you're in Phoenix.

### 1950s

**Doris (Monson) Hodny '53** retired after 30 years in social work. She and Bill live on several acres in rural Mandan, ND. She enjoys gardening which includes many acres of trees, vegetables for their use, and many flowers. They also enjoy visiting their three children and the grandchildren. Each winter they take short trips out of state.

**James Lobeck '57** retired after 33 years of teaching and lives in Palm Desert, CA. He manages a bookstore and enjoys traveling when possible. In August 1998 he enjoyed a 1300 mile trip through Russia. Jim has fond memories of VSTC, the EBC's, and the halls of the university.

**Roland '51 & Mari Ann (McDonald) Peterson '57** continue to enjoy their Victorian home in Carrington. They returned recently from a month in D.C. where they vis-

ited their daughter's family. They soon leave for Hawaii and will spend the rest of the winter with their other daughter and her husband. Mari Ann and Roland return to Oregon to visit friends where they both worked in education for many years (1961-1995). They invite you to drop in for coffee— they would enjoy a visit!

**DuWayne Kyverson** '51 retired in 1990 after 37 years of teaching science. Presently he owns and operates a dock and boatlift business in Bemidji, MN.

**Dorothy (Faust) Elliott** '59 of Richland, WA, is planning a trip throughout the Holy Land.

**Shirley (Lien) Grondahl** '59 and husband, Carroll, enjoy retirement in Bismarck. They became grandparents on March 21, 1998. They now travel to Boise a little more often to visit their son and his wife. Their other son lives in Bismarck and works with the game and fish department.

**Hollis '57 & Bev (Hofstad) Quamme** '58 are enjoying retirement after 39 and 36 years of teaching. They continue living in Fargo and spend a lot of time in the summer at their lake home on Little Pine Lake near Perham, MN. They are busy with volunteer activities and Bev is also the chair of District 45 Dem-NPL Party in north Fargo. They also enjoy their grandsons from Fargo— Nick (8) and Ben (7).

**Barbara (Harju) Keily** '57 of Chetek, WI, went on to receive her BS in Education at the University of Saskatchewan.

**Roland '54 & Mary (Menke) Wiens** '53 still live in Livingston, MT. Roland retired a few years ago from the Park High School math department and Mary retired this year after 22 years in the dietary department of Livingston Memorial Hospital.

**Don Johnson** '57, formerly of Fort Ransom, ND, and his wife, Thelma, moved to Mora, MN, in October 1998 after having lived in LaHabra, CA, for 39 years. Don retired from teaching in 1994, his last six years as a 2nd grade teacher. He taught for 42 years, 35 of them in California.

**Jim Broschat** '59 retired in 1984 and now lives in Ft. Pierre, SD, while spending his winters in Mesa.

**Donna (Lunde) Niemann** '53 has been busy. Husband, Albert, died in June 1994 and she moved to St. Thomas, ND. Her son, Lyle, and his family live on her farm. She has three sons and two daughters as well as 4 grandsons and 11 granddaughters! Donna is now employed at the school in St. Thomas as the vocational special needs tutor. She works from 9-11 four days a week. It's a

challenge, but she enjoys it. She has had many roles at the school— first as a student, then as a teacher, then as a parent, and now as a tutor. She has always enjoyed sporting events and continues to do so by attending the games. She also attends her grandchildrens athletic, music, skating and swimming events!

**Owen '54 & Gladys (Pfungsten) Wallace** '49 normally go south to Phoenix for three months in the winter, but decided to stay in Fessenden, ND, to watch their grandchildren play sports! Their 2nd oldest granddaughter enrolled in VCSU this fall. Their daughter, Lori, attended VCSU in the 80's. They are doing fine and wish everyone a great '99.

**John Richardson** '53 of Menahga, MN, is completing his first full length book *A Christian Identity for the Twenty-First Century*. He also has 11 grandchildren.

**Barbara (Langdahl) Gilbertson** '54 and her husband, Russ, say that they are enjoying the best of two worlds! The summer is spent at their lake home on Golden Lake in ND while winters are spent in St. Petersburg, FL. They enjoy being with their children and six grandchildren. Barb does some substitute teaching while remaining active in church activities, American Legion Auxiliary, Delta Kappa Gamma, Retired Teachers, and serves as a Hospice volunteer.

After much chaos in her life the past few years, **Beverly (Beil) Schaack** '53 is now living in Bismarck, ND, enjoying her daughter and her family who convinced her to move there. A son and his family live in Jamestown so she frequently sees them. Her other two sons are in Wichita, KS, and Savannah, GA, so she doesn't see them as often. Her grandchildren keep her young!

## 1960s

**Lois (Schultz) Young** '60 officially retired in March 1998 from Pitney Bowes after 37 years. Currently she works part time and enjoys hobbies of China painting and wood-working. Lois resides in Spokane, WA.

**Allyn Klamann** '69 of Dickinson, ND, received his 30 year pin and award for government service to the IRS this past summer. He says he has about 1½ years before he's eligible to retire.

**Randy Nelson** '64 retired from the Lake of the Woods High School at the end of the 1996-97 school year following 32 years as a teacher and counselor. Sharon continues to teach and they have three children: Darcie and her husband, Bob Rossborough are in Atlanta, GA; Darin is a computer consultant

working in Rotterdam, Holland; and Melanie lives and works in Chicago. If anyone fishes Lake of the Wood, give Randy a call.

**James Schultz** '66 retired after 32 years of teaching on the north central coast of Oregon. Jim and his wife, Teddy, are finding the joys of retirement especially that of sleeping late. They are doing some traveling and a lot of volunteer work. Life is good!

**Russ & Jean (Pederson) Jacobsen** '65 live in Long Prairie, MN, where Russ is going to retire after 34 years in the school system. Jean will teach into the new millennium.

**Verda (Job) Tschritter** '61 and her husband, Reuben, moved from Rochester, MN, to West Fargo in May 1997. Verda retired from teaching and supervision after 34 years in Rochester. Reuben accepted a position at NDSU which prompted the move.

**Gladys Keily** '62 of Cottage Grove, OR, is enjoying retirement. She keeps busy with volunteer work and some travel.

**Judy (Sire) Walker** '65 and her husband, James, live in White Oak, TX, where Judy is an elementary librarian for the Gilmer school district.

**Patricia (Jacobsen) Alm** '68 decided that after 27 years of full-time teaching junior and senior high math, she would go part-time. She teaches a 60% day at Ben Franklin Junior High in Fargo. It's great! She finds time to work out at the Y on Broadway in the AM and teach three classes of 8th grade students in the PM— it's the best of both worlds!

**Jay Morgan** '69 has been married to his wife, Louise, for almost four years. He's lived in Sarasota, FL, for 25 years and knows Florida is the place to be during the winter! Tennis is not just a game but rather a way of life. He keeps busy being a certified racquet stringer year round. Go Vikings— he means the Minnesota Vikings— all the way!

**Agnes (Carlson) Benson** '62 is thankful for the education she had at VCSU. She has had many travels in her time including teaching for two years in a girls training college in Baghdad, Iraq. She loved the people there— at the time they had a king, not the ruler of today.

**Calvin Becker** '62 has retired from the University of North Dakota due to medical concerns.

**Delores (Bennetto) Baltrusch** '69 and her husband, Paul, enjoy their yard and gardens of veggies and flowers. They are busy with volunteer work (Delores serves as secretary of three organizations) on the music and worship committee at church and church librarian. They enjoy their adult children and their families in ND and Arkansas. The grand-

son from Denver was home for Christmas this year which was great. Trips to Arkansas make for special memories. Retirement is great!

**Sharon (Gruebele) Papineau** '68 of Valley City, along with 60 other educators from around the nation, attended a governmental legislative workshop in November in Washington, DC. The workshop was sponsored by the International Reading Association which promotes literacy, education and professional development. Sharon is a Title I reading specialist at Washington school in Valley City, legislative chair of the NDRA, and a lobbyist for the statewide organization "We're Essential Parents Too."

**Dee (Johnson) Jensen** '66 of Wahpeton, ND, was elected the USA candidate to the International Amateur Athletic Federation Women's Committee by the USA Track & Field delegates at their annual convention. Dee is employed at NDSCS in Wahpeton.

**Mary (Henjum) Anderson** '69 received her B.S. degree at VCSU. She retired from teaching in 1987—having taught 27 years, 28 of them in the Minot Public School system. She now spends her time doing volunteer work at Uni Med Hospital, taking care of her house and visiting with family members.

### 1970s

After 15 years in the wholesale lumber business, **Jon Wagar** '79 of Valley City, decided to make a career change and has taken a position as an investment representative with A.G. Edwards & Sons in Jamestown, ND. Wife, Zona, graduates in May from Jamestown College with a degree in nursing. Channing is 15 months old and is "considerably above average"!

**Paul Morth** '77 and his wife, Nancy, are the parents two children: Megan (18) is a freshman at Moorhead State, while Reid is 13. In February, Paul completed his 16th year in finance at Medcenter One in Bismarck, ND, where they reside.

**Hedy (Svaleson) Nagel** '78 continues to reside in Hillsboro with her husband, Mel, and their two children: Dustin (12) and Kelsey (7). Hedy is employed by Hillsboro Economic Development Corp. as the charitable gaming manager. She finds it so hard to believe it's been 20 years since she was a student at VCSU! Where has the time gone? Hello to all her college friends!

**Kathy (Koenig) Martin** '71 is enjoying her 20th year as administrator and head teacher of The Giving Tree Preschool. Jim, who served as assistant to the president of VCSU from 1971-74 is in his 25th year with The

Kansas University Endowment which he has served as president since 1991. Their son, Grant Martin, is a graduate of the University of Kansas and is now in dental school at the University of Missouri (Kansas City). At least annually the family returns to ND to visit Kathy's family and friends in Kulm. The Martins enjoy KU Jayhawks basketball games and especially watching Jeff Boschee of Valley City. They hope to get to a VCSU reunion one of these days!

**Gary Garman** '70 of Fargo, is in his 27th year of teaching and coaching—26 at Dakota, now called Northern Cass. All four of his children are grown. Jodi attends VCSU and is following in his footsteps—elementary teaching and coaching.

**Boyd '75 & Kathy (Shape) Sussex** '74 are in their 12th year of living and teaching in Milbank, SD. Boyd continues to teach history and phy ed as well as being head coach for boys basketball and assistant football coach. Kathy continues with her At-Risk position in the high school. Son, Jackson, is currently in 8th grade and is very active in basketball, football, and track. E-mail: ksussex@tnics.com.

**David Katzenmeyer** '78 was recently married to a woman (Laurie) he has taught with for five years. Things are going great in marriage and teaching (20 years). Dave enjoyed seeing lots of folks during Homecoming. He really appreciated the nice reception VCSU put on for all from the '76 football team—first class! Greetings to everyone!

**Leona (Geizler) Schober** '75 says that in July 1998 was the first time all 12 people in the family were together. They spent five days together at Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba where they used to spend vacations when their four sons were young. It was such a joy to include the four grandchildren—ages 2 to 8—at this great family vacation spot. Leona lives in West Fargo.

**Roger Hulne** '73 has been a superintendent for 18 years—serving 6 years each in Hutton and Reeder, ND, before relocating to Shell Lake, WI. Roger and Patty have three boys in college and two boys and one girl at home. The youngest son, Roger, Jr. is 3 years old. They love living on the lake in NW Wisconsin. They invite friends to stop and visit any time!

**Lorraine (Nelson) Sommerfeld** '73 traveled from her Bismarck, ND, home to Dallas/Fort Worth in January. A trip to Newton, IA is planned for this summer. She is busy writing magazine articles. Her latest article was in the winter issue of *ND Horizons* and was about the Iditarod contestant from

Bottineau. Two more articles are coming up in future issues on different subjects. She's well into her murder mystery novel... Yes, she knows "who dun it"!

**Bev (Woehl) Weigel** '75 is in her 22nd year of teaching in Edgeley, ND, and resides in Berlin. She has the English classes for grades 9-12 and also serves as head volleyball coach. She sends greetings to all she knew from 3rd floor McCoy from 1971-75!

**Sandra (Morlock) Luttio** '79 teaches 4th grade at Milnor school. She has been there for 19 years. Her husband, Scott, works as a parts catalog writer for Melroe/Ingersoll-Rand. They have two children: Denise (14) and Jeremy (11).

**Mike Rohwedder** '77 is in his 18th year with the ND Department of Corrections serving as parole officer in Jamestown. Cece and Mike have started to enjoy spring trips to Greece. Kristel, their oldest daughter, is a junior at VCSU and Mike Jr. has made application to VCSU for the 1999-2000 academic year.

**Chet Pollert** '77 and his wife, Corine, have three children and live in Carrington, ND. Chet serves as general manager of G & R Grain and Feed of New Rockford. In November he was elected to the ND House of Representatives and serves as a freshman legislator during this 56th legislative session.

**Vickie (Lemley) Boutiette** '72 is currently attending the University of South Dakota to become a teacher trainer of reading recovery teachers. RR is an early intervention program for at risk first graders in reading. She will return to West Fargo public schools to train teachers during the next school year.

**Gloria (Lundgren) Gackle** '78 lives in Kulm, ND. She is still in the natural health business doing reflexology and herbal health. She is trying to raise three daughters by herself now as her husband, Warren, passed away due to a massive heart attack at the Flying J Truck Stop in Fargo on June 22nd. He was only 42. Warren's death was so tragic and sad, but the Lord has given them the strength to endure. Stacey is in her 2nd year at NDSU; Brandy Jo is 17 and a junior at Kulm; Alyssa is 7 and in 2nd grade at Kulm.

**Shirley (Berg) Boom** '70 retired last May after being in education for 37 years (25 of those as an elementary principal). She is enjoying retirement! Shirley says that VCSU does a fine job educating prospective teachers!

**Mary Ellen (Jones) Devitt** '71 is currently retired after 27 years as a teacher. She taught 4th grade the past 23 years at the elementary school in Lisbon, ND. She enjoyed teaching

the bright-eyed, energetic 4th graders and she misses teaching— but not enough to go back...retirement is great!

**Maurene (Miller) Bock** '72 is in her fifth year of retirement but still does substitute work in the Lisbon school system. She also works part time in sales. She's enjoying this stage of her life. She and her husband, Jerry, are both well and are free to visit their two grandchildren in Toledo if they wish.

**Brad & Georgia (Vaughn) Rice** '75 of St. Anthony, MN, have three children in college this year and a daughter in high school. Brad has been the general manager for RentAll Minnesota for the past 9½ years in St. Paul. Georgia is currently a student at the University of St. Thomas majoring in human resource management.

**Scott Macintosh** '74 has been promoted to director of regulatory affairs in North Dakota for US West. He and his wife, Loree, have two children and live in Bismarck.

**Bruce Babcock** '78 has been promoted in the US Air Force Reserve to the rank lieutenant colonel. Bruce is an operations officer assigned to Headquarters, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH.

**Beverly Miedema** '74 was hired as the teacher-supervisor of the newly developed in-school suspension program at the Jamestown High School. The school district is using the program as part of an alternative educational program to increase the "at risk" students chances of educational success.

**Don Knauss** '70 has been named general manager of the Comfort Inn, Jamestown by Tharaldson Property Management of Fargo. Don will be responsible for all areas of operation for the 52-room hotel, including guest services, sales and marketing efforts, and hotel administration. Don currently resides in Jamestown with his wife, Cathy.

**Kenneth Weshnevski** '70 and his wife, Darlene farm northeast of Tower City, ND. Their sons are grown and on their own: Philip (VCSU '95) is employed at AgAir Manufacturing in Valley City. His wife, Diana (Anton - VCSU '97) is employed as a teachers aide at Washington elementary in Valley City. They have two children: Emma ( 2 ½) and Ethan (10 months). Son, Michael (VCSU '97) is employed at Navigation Technologies in Fargo.

### 1980s

**Bill '87 & Michele (Bischoff) Trader** '86 continue to work for the "customer friendly" IRS. They have worked as revenue agents for 12 years. They continue to enjoy life in

Grand Forks while attending UND sporting events. Bill was elected the secretary/treasurer of the ND Horseshoe Pitchers Association this past year which has kept him very busy.

**Walt Johnson** '89 and his wife, Missy, are busy raising three boys: Garrett, Grant and Gannon. Gannon is the latest edition born in June 1998. Walt still runs the family insurance agency in Lisbon and finds some spare time to enjoy hunting, fishing, and working on the house.

**Lisa (Johnson) Held** '84 says things are still the same at their home in Egeland, ND. Roger farms; Lisa teaches; and the kids— Rachel (9), Adam (5), and Karly (2)— grow! Lisa wonders if the '99 gathering will be a "party at the lake" or a "party on the prairie"?

**Thomas Kramer** '88 continues to teach science and coach cross country and track at West Seattle High School. He is also working on his masters in education— guidance counseling. He and his wife, Jill, will celebrate their 6th anniversary in April. Son, Alex, is almost 2 and keeps them busy and smiling.

**Dianne (Winter) Becker** '82 keeps busy with the teaching positions, daycare in the summer months, and following the kids' activities. Leah is 13 and Logan is 8. Dianne worked with the VC Community Theater this year as the choreographer for "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers". Greetings to all of the Tri Sigma's!

**Laurel (Gumke) Alber** '85 has been working at First State Bank for 2½ years. She has been busy doing educational presentations in the schools about money, saving it and spending it wisely, and how it is made. She also keeps busy with three sons: Jacob (10), Trevor (5), and Nolan (4). If time allows she helps her husband, Danny, with chores and other small farming duties.

**Gail (Berge) Miller** '84 works for Security State Bank of ND. They opened a new bank in Valley City last October and Gail serves as a personal banking officer. Daughter, Kari, is in 7th grade and son, Joey, is in 5th grade. Husband, Jeff, continues at Miller Elevator Company.

**Laurel (Ploium) Westby** '84 is in her 15th year of teaching in Sheyenne, ND. She still enjoys teaching the younger children. Husband, Neil, is a carpenter and bus driver and also a volunteer fireman and EMT. They have three children: Mallory (11) is in the 5th grade; Erin (8) is in 2nd grade; and Scott (6) is in Kindergarten. Laurel keeps busy with volunteer work in the school, church, and community. Laurel says it is always so nice

to see all the wonderful people that were at VCSU when she was and she appreciates all they did with their caring ways!

**Sheila (Schafer) Cummings** '87 is in her eighth year of teaching at Valley City High School while husband, Scott, operates heavy equipment and continues to build his own cattle operation. Christmas 1998 was extra joyous for them with the arrival of Meredith Rainie on December 21st. Big sister, Gabrielle, (2½) was thrilled to receive such a special Christmas present. Two little daughters certainly make life exciting for Scott and Sheila!

**David Carlson** '82 is a computer programmer at VarTec Telecom (long distance provider) in Lancaster, TX. His wife, Paula, is a contract technical writer and they have a four year old son, Corey David. David would like to hear from friends. E-Mail: [carlson@hawkpci.net].

**Paulette (Horner) Wentz** '80 is the library media specialist, 7th grade history instructor, head volleyball coach, and coach of 5th and 6th grade girls basketball. She and husband, Bruce, have one daughter, Amanda (6th grade) and one son, Kevin (3rd grade).

**Janel (Hook) Bzdok** '85 teaches 5th grade at Hoover Elementary in Azle, TX. She is also the 5th grade department head. Husband, Ray, works for Camelbak Hydration Systems as graphic arts coordinator. Two children, Shane and Stacy, both have graduated from East Texas State University. They both live and work in Dallas.

**Sheri (Ackerman) Grossman** '82 moved from Grand Forks to Bismarck four years ago. She is the group services manager for the Bismarck-Mandan Convention & Visitors Bureau. Husband, Parrell, is the director of the Consumer Protection & Antitrust Division of the Attorney General's office. They have three children: Jaden (10), Tiffany (8), and Jayla (3). Greetings to all Philo's and EBC's.

**George Vannurden** '83 is the manager of a furniture and floor covering store in Girard, KS. Wife, Michelle, is a medical dosimetrist in Pittsburg, KS. Sons, James and Joshua, are growing up fast. The warmer climate of Kansas has been good for all of them though they miss their old friends and family in Valley City. They send greetings to everyone, especially alumni and EBC's!

**Denise (Bickett) Harrington** '87 has been with the US Postal Service for the past four years. She misses substitute teaching but still gets a day in once in awhile. Brian is the water plant operator in Carrington and has worked for the city for 15 years. They have three children: Zachary (13), Kelly (11), and

Megan (6). They all like sports! Last year the oldest two qualified for AAU Nationals and they chaperoned the track club in Virginia. What a great state to visit—a lot to see and do! Denise would like to hear from any college friends or sorority/fraternity friends. [1505-2nd St. N, Carrington, ND 58421-1021].

**Craig '88 & Debra (Cruff) Olson '85** have moved to Pennsylvania. Craig has been promoted to plant manager with Drug Plastics & Glass Company, Inc. at a new facility in Elysburg, PA. Debi is playing “stay at home” mom for awhile with sons Chris (9) and Cody (2). They have found the east coast to be very different from North Dakota, but interesting none the less.

### 1990s

**Valerie (Elken) Cooper '90** and husband, Brad, have moved into the mountains of Colorado. Along with raising daughter, Madison (3), Valerie has re-opened her tutoring business. Brad has left the US Air Force and is now flying with United Airlines. If anyone is in the Bailey, CO, area skiing, look them up! They would love to see any of their VCSU friends!

**Steve & Mary (Enstad) Fike '92** live in Bowdon, ND, where Steve is farming and Mary is teaching and coaching for Fessenden-Bowden. They have two children: Kara (3½) and Brian (8 months).

**George Jacobs '94** says that every day she is assured that she picked the right road to travel, life is great! Working with chemical dependent clients is a challenge, yet there are small rewards. None of the rewards are monetary, yet she finds each one warms her heart. She has learned to laugh (instead of crying) on the more “challenging” days. She misses everyone and the “campus life”. Greetings to all!

**Bryan '90 & Lavonne (Rotvold) Haugen '88** spent their last year in SD teaching and coaching in 1998. Bryan ended his coaching career with a state championship in volleyball. They then moved back to Cando, ND, with their family, Melanie (7) and Josh (5), to purchase and run Cando Lumber with Bryan's brother. Lavonne is enjoying tubing and learning the ropes at the lumberyard.

**Nancy Gibbon '90** continues to work at Cargill in Wahpeton as operation technician and beginning a new position as safety instructor for the plant. On her days off she does substitute teaching. Daughters, Leanne (20) and Crystal (19) are busy with college and part time jobs. Leanne attends NDS and Crystal is at Moorhead State where she

was chosen to be able to participate in Euro Spring and attend Oxford College in England next semester. Yes...Mom thinks that it is too far from home without her!

**David & Chris (O'Connor) Boe '90** both teach. Chris teaches 2 year olds through 8th grade phy ed and health classes. She is just about finished in getting her all level in phy ed. She is on her 7th year of teaching at the Science Academy. Son, Tyler, turned 5 on December 29th while daughter, Cayla, hit two on October 22nd. She hopes all is well with everyone!

Greetings to all from **Carl Gast '94**. Things have been busy for him this past year. He moved from Newbury to Napoleon, ND. Still teaches all sciences to grades 7-12 and coaches. Last fall they had a successful football season and he's excited about next year. If anyone is in the area, stop by or give him a call!

**Michael Ford '91** is now in Algona, IA, after six years of teaching and coaching in Tioga, ND. He spent a year in Marshalltown, IA, before his last move. Currently he teaches algebra and coaches girls basketball. He enjoys the school and plans to stay for quite awhile.

**Brenda (Hardy) Mitzel '92** teaches math to grades 7-12. Six different classes in a seven period day keeps her busy as well as advising the junior class. She was appointed technology coordinator and that has given her ideas for a change in occupation. She says it is nice to see and hear from old friends from VCSU. Greetings to those she doesn't get to see. Hopes 1999 is good to all and sends greetings to the faculty members, current and past, in the math/science and education departments.

**William Jansen '90** currently teaches and coaches at Rugby High School in Rugby, ND. He teaches business classes and is head coach for boys and girls cross country as well as girls track.

**Brenda (Anderson) Hill '94** is in her 4th year of teaching Kindergarten at Zimmerman Elementary in Wahpeton, ND. Nathan and Brenda purchased a home this summer and have since been fixing it up. They enjoy having their own home!

**Adriane Cote '93** of Vassar, MB, has begun wedding plans for June 12, 1999. She hopes that VCSU softball is back again this year as university sports made a big difference in her life.

**Chad & Staci (Wilson) Rudolph '96** call Jamestown, ND, home. Staci is working at the Jamestown Sun while Chad is busy as the new ag manager technician at Farm Credit

Services. They keep busy with their 2 year old daughter, Josie.

**Rhonda (Triebold) Benson '93** has joined Farm Accounting & Tax Service, an agricultural specialty group of Eide Bailly.

**Stephanie (Peterson) Thomson '93** has been promoted to assistant vice president of the Fargo branch of Town & Country Credit Union. In her new position, her duties include managing lending and operations of the branch office. She and her husband, Shawn, live in Fargo.

**Valerie (Morman) Sampson '90** sends greetings to all music department buddies! She is still teaching private piano and voice to 25 students. Recently she was asked to sit on the board of the ND Music Teachers Association as interim secretary—quite an honor. She stays busy as chairperson for the 1999 USA Curling Mixed National Championships, to be held at the Lake Region Curling Club March 13-20, 1999. They will be crowning the national mixed champion in Devils Lake! If you like a good party, Valerie invites you to come to Devils Lake during nationals!

**Matt Berglund '98** was recently honored as the Outstanding Faculty Member for the month of October at Grand Forks Central High School. Matt teaches English, composition and literature along with being the head wrestling coach and a yearbook advisor.

**Todd Hetler '94** and his wife, Sheri, are two young missionaries from North Dakota that believe they were put in Honduras for a reason— to help others. Little did they know that they would be caught in Hurricane Mitch in October. The school where they teach, Academia Los Pinares, is located in the mountains and was basically undamaged but the city below them was a different story. The city was flooded and there were mudslides which caused death and devastation

**Rod '91 & Jill (Woodbury) Breuer '94** live in Wahpeton, ND. Rod is teaching 7th grade English at Wahpeton Middle School. He coaches 7th grade boys basketball and sophomore girls basketball. His girls won there EDC championship tournament in 1998. Jill is chief dispatcher for Richland County 911. Rod and Jill have one daughter, Laken (2) and are expecting another child in August.

### Former Faculty:

**Leo M Reinbold**, VCSU faculty 1962-80 is presently the president of the ND Public Service Commission. He was re-elected to the commission for a 4th-6 year term in November, receiving 60% of the statewide vote.

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