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## U.S. News Recognizes Valley City State

Valley City State University has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the Best Comprehensive Colleges in the Midwest for the fifth year in a row.

Comprehensive colleges are institutions focusing on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs in the liberal arts, which account for fewer than half of their bachelor's degrees, and in professional fields such as business, nursing and education. There are 324 comprehensive colleges, ranked within four regions: North, South, Midwest, and West.

The U.S. News ranking system rests on two pillars. It relies on quantitative measures that education experts have proposed as reliable indicators of academic quality, and it is based on their nonpartisan view of what matters in education.

The indicators U.S. News uses to capture academic quality fall into seven categories: assessment by administrators at peer institutions, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving.

VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee said, "What matters most is that the ranking emphasizes student success rates. VCSU students succeed, in college and beyond."

## VCSU Welcomes Russian Delegation

Traveling in North Dakota through the Library of Congress' Open World Program, a delegation of Russian education leaders visited the Valley City State University campus. The Open World Program brings young Russian leaders to the United States for in-depth exposure to American democratic, economic and educational institutions.



Pictured are (Front, left to right) Irina Mokrushina, Natalya Vasilyeva, Nataliya Simachenko, Olga Verkhovzina, and Svetlana Kos. (Back, left to right) Dr. Larry Grooters, VCSU Chair of Education, Psychology and Technology, Vasiliy Knaub, Igor Leichitskly, Dr. Les Wong, VCSU Vice President of Academic Affairs, Viktor Shcheglov, Yelena Yemelyanov, Boris Khavtorin and Dr. Terry Corwin, VCSU Director of Instructional Technology.



**Gayle Nelson '83**  
VCSU Alumni President

# President's Corner

by Gayle (Klinkhammer) Nelson '83

It is truly an honor to serve as president of the Valley City State University Alumni Board. Valley City State College, the name it was known to me as a youth, has always been beloved to me. A treasured early memory is of accompanying my grandfather, Art Dafoe, to the old science building to test the city water. When a new science building was added, I felt especially fortuitous to have my grandfather teach me at the new facility. Vangstad Auditorium was another favorite place to visit on campus. As a youth I felt impressed by the building's majestic appearance. I feel the same admiration when I have an opportunity to visit Vangstad today.

Largely due to those early experiences, I decided to pursue my higher education in Valley City. My four years of college were personally rewarding and prepared me well for my career in education.

It is now beyond belief that twenty years have passed since my graduation. Change has been inevitable during that time. When I left undergraduate school, I could not envision the role technology would play in education and our world today. Thankfully, the educators who prepared me gave me the tools necessary to adapt in a world that is constantly changing.

Valley City State University can take pride in its ability to not only transform when necessary, but also serve as an innovator that others can model. Our alma mater stands strong in its past, present and future tradition of excellence in the field of higher education.

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

### February

- Mesa, Arizona  
February 8, 2003  
The Terrace Green  
at Viewpoint  
8700 E. University Dr.  
Mesa, AZ 85207
- Miami, FL  
February 22, 2003

### March

- Elk River, MN  
March 15, 2003  
American Legion  
525 Railroad Dr. NW  
Elk River, MN

### April

- Portland, OR  
April 12, 2003  
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
DoubleTree Hotel –  
Lloyd Center  
1000 NE Multnomah  
Portland, OR 97232

### June

- Valley City State University  
June 28, 2003  
Ice Cream Social

**Watch your mail for detailed information!**



**Val Moritz**  
Alumni Relations

In many ways, it seems like only yesterday that I was a student at Valley City State University. I look at college photos and see faces without "laugh lines," smaller waistlines and a lot more hair! But what I also see in these photos are the special times shared with friends and VCSU faculty and staff that nurtured relationships that have stayed with us through the years. Never in my wildest dreams did I envision the life experiences that would happen to each of us as we forged ahead in our daily lives. Nor did I fully appreciate the friendships

I made as a college student or the impact they would have on my life. The knowledge acquired in college is very important; but the friendships and relationships established during that time are of equal value.

Once again, I have had the privilege of meeting new friends and reconnecting with acquaintances during Homecoming activities. The weekend was full of reminiscing and updates, good food and conversation, and a bond of family. Without exception, the Certificate of Merit recipients spoke of relationships when accepting their awards at the Homecoming Honors Breakfast.

Valley City State is about people! Whether student-to-student, student to faculty or staff, or student to community, those connections are lifelong. I'm definitely one of the lucky ones – I still get to make those connections on a daily basis! To stay connected with you, we've planned another series of reunions this year. I encourage you to attend these events when we're in your area. Connect with old friends and make new ones!

May the holiday season be special for you and your families. Your family at Valley City State wishes you the very best!

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# President's Message

by Dr. Ellen Chaffee

I am pleased and proud to say that I am the full-time president of Valley City State University, as of October 1. Last spring, we asked the State Board of Higher Education to restore full-time presidencies at both VCSU and Mayville State. It was an honor to be welcomed in that capacity at VCSU. Mayville State has a seasoned interim president this year and will hire a permanent president by summer 2003.

In case you are wondering about all my new-found "free time," put your mind at ease. I have none. And that is just the way I like it. The biggest change is that we have reorganized the VCSU

Foundation Board and the staff, so that I am an active member of the university's advancement team. The new Foundation Board assumes fiduciary responsibility for all private gifts to benefit VCSU, and it is also becoming a vitally important advisory group to the president of VCSU. While the State Board of Higher Education focuses on statewide issues and directions, the VCSU Foundation Board will focus on VCSU only, ensuring that we are taking sure-footed steps to an even brighter future.

The following Foundation Board members shepherded the fledgling Foundation Board

through its early years and will continue into this new era: Jeff Nathan (president), Mark Christensen (vice president), Janet Schultz (secretary), Carol Nelson (treasurer), Ray Braun, Bob King, Dave Rausch, and Teresa Christiansen. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their leadership through a number of years and changes. New Board members to date are George Gaukler, Charles House, and Steve Welken. Please contact me if you are interested in more information about the Board.

Larry Robinson and Val Moritz have loads of plans for special events in Valley City and around

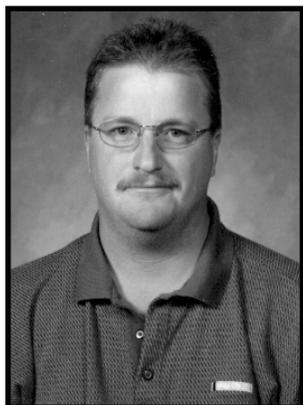


President Ellen Chaffee

the nation this year. Please come see us! We love to hear about your memories and your achievements. They are, after all, expressions of the true spirit of VCSU.

All best wishes,  
Ellen

## New VCSU Alumni Board Members



John Monilaws

performed in the EBC Hit Parade Orchestra for 21 years. John is a member of "Who's Who Among American Teachers."

**Greg Grooters** is a 1982 graduate of VCSU. He has spent the last 20 years in education in the Fargo-Moorhead, West Fargo area. He taught mathematics and coached track and cross country at Shanley, West Fargo High School and Moorhead High School. Greg earned a masters degree in education and is currently in his 5<sup>th</sup> year as an Assistant Principal at West Fargo High School. He lives in West Fargo with his wife, Robin, a district level special education representative for the Moorhead Schools, and their two daughters, Ellie (11) and Brooke (7). The girls are active in the F-M Acro Team, soccer and track.

**John Monilaws**, a native of Absaraka, ND, received his B.S. in Education degree with a major in composite music education from VCSU in 1987. He is currently teaching music in the Lisbon Public School system in Lisbon, ND. Prior to that, he taught in Litchville-Marion and North Central of Barnes. John is active in the Valley City community promoting music and theatre. He is a charter member and President of the Bridges Arts Council, past-president of the Valley City Community Theatre, Epworth United Methodist Church Choir Director, and the Maestro of the EBC Fraternity Alumni Christmas Show, "We're in the Christmas Mood." He has



Greg Grooters



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# Chaffee Receives Hi-Line Award

At the annual banquet of the Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Chaffee was the recipient of the Hi-Line Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed by the Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Japanese Educators Visit VCSU

Valley City State University's reputation for effectively integrating technology across the curriculum has once again drawn attention from the larger global audience.

Dr. Toshiko Kawabata, a professor in the Department of Life Designs at Sanyo Gakuen University, and her husband, Dr. Chikao Kawabata, executive secretary of the Okayama Japan American Cultural Exchange Society, were at VCSU in September to "learn about teaching," as Toshiko said.

The visitors observed classes and talked with instructors. Toshiko said there is a real need in Japan for native English speakers to teach English to other teachers. She is a professor in the department of Life Designs at Sanyo Gakuen, a private university. Chikao was involved in the repair of North Dakota's Japanese Friendship Doll before it was returned to North Dakota earlier this year.

# Candlelight

Nearly 100 special friends of a charity gathered to hear the executive director report on organizational advances and share her vision of the future.

Five minutes into her talk the lights went out.

She urged the audience to be calm. "I'm sure the electricity will be restored shortly. Please be patient."

A minute passed. People began to fidget. And then, from the audience, a woman said, "I have a candle here in my purse and some matches."

A moment later, a flame appeared and the darkness rushed away. A sense of calm returned. Soon after, the electricity was restored and light once again flooded the room.

Interestingly, the speaker had just mentioned the importance of endowments. Now, with her microphone working again, she resumed her presentation. But not with the planned script. She was wise enough to seize the moment and draw on their mutual experience of the darkness and the candle.

"Endowments," she said, "are like candles. They provide light in the darkness of an uncertain future. They permit us to look ahead and plan with confidence. They shine rays of hope."

She talked about the perpetual flames of endowment funds and how they provide financial light for future generations. "You can create your own endowment and light a candle of hope. Future generations will benefit from your foresight."

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The forgoing account is adapted from a true story. And though some of the details have been changed, it is entirely accurate to say that our endowments here at Valley City State University do help us plan prudently for the future. They are indeed candles aglow with promise and provision.

One of the finest things you can do with part of your charitable giving is to light an endowment candle. You can do it now with cash or securities, or later through your will or a trust remainder. The paperwork is minimal, but the satisfaction you'll receive is massive.

To obtain information about our endowment program, please complete and return the response form below, call us at 701-845-7217, or e-mail Larry\_Robinson@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu.

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- Please send more information about VCSU's endowment program.
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- Please send more information about VCSU's Legacy Society.
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Place completed form in an envelope and mail to: **Larry Robinson, Director of Advancement  
Valley City State University  
101 College Street SW  
Valley City, ND 58072**

## VCSU Foundation Corner

Larry Robinson, Director of Advancement

### 'Tis the Season...

Believe it or not, the holiday season is here. Thanksgiving for 2002 will soon be history. We will then be literally "wrapped up" in preparations for Christmas. Yes, it's hard to believe that another calendar year is coming to a close. Are you ready for 2003?

The end of a calendar year provides us with a unique opportunity to reflect upon the past year and contemplate the coming of the new. It is a time of reflection, accounting and assessment. Did you accomplish what you intended during the past year? Is there still time to wrap up some loose ends?

All of us have asked ourselves these questions. If we are concerned about tax and financial planning issues, this is an excellent time to take advantage of year-end giving opportunities. The tax preparation season is just around the corner. A gift at this time of the year not only demonstrates your belief in our mission, but it

also reinforces your commitment to making a difference in the world. There are many types of gifts that will allow you to fulfill your charitable intentions. In many cases, they may also result in immediate and possible future benefits for you and your family. There are a variety of ways in which you can support Valley City State University with a gift at this time. We have listed several of them below for your consideration. We would encourage you to consult your tax accountant or attorney to determine the exact implication such a gift would have on your particular tax situation.

**Gifts of Life Insurance:** You can contribute a life insurance policy to us by naming us as either the owner of the policy or simply as the beneficiary. If you name us as owner and beneficiary, you will be entitled to an income tax deduction limited to the lower of the value of the policy or your cost

basis in the contract. In addition, if you continue to pay the premiums on a policy that we own, you can deduct the premium payments.

**Gifts of Cash:** Cash contributions are deductible as an itemized deduction in the year you make the donation, up to a total of 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. Excess charitable deductions can be carried forward for up to five years.

**Gifts of Securities:** The best stocks to donate are those that have increased greatly in value, particularly those producing a low yield. In order to preserve tax advantages, it is critical that you transfer the physical securities to us rather than the proceeds from the sale.

**Appreciated Securities:** If you donate stock that has risen in value and that you've held for more than one year, you pay no capital gains tax on the transaction and are entitled to a charitable deduction for the full market value of the stock. (Your income tax deduction is limited to 30 per cent of your adjusted gross income. Any excess can be carried forward for five additional years.) If you wish to keep a certain stock in your portfolio, you could donate the stock and then use the cash to buy the same stock, thus increasing your cost basis to current fair market value.

**Depreciated Securities:** If you have stock losses, generally, you should not contribute stock, but rather sell the stock yourself to realize the loss for tax purposes. You can then contribute the cash and take a charitable deduction.

**Mutual Funds:** A charitable contribution of mutual fund shares can provide the same tax advantages as a gift of appreciated stock. Due to the complexities involved in the transfer of mutual fund shares, we encourage you to begin the transfer process well before December 31.



Larry Robinson  
Director of Advancement

**Gifts of Real Estate:** If you own property that is not subject to a mortgage and has appreciated value, a charitable gift may be an attractive option. You can claim an income tax deduction based upon the fair market value of the property, avoid all capital gains taxes and remove that asset from your taxable estate. It is also possible to transfer a home to a charity and continue to use the property for life.

It has been said, "*Folks don't plan to fail, they simply fail to plan.*" We would suggest to you that now is an excellent time to reflect on calendar year 2002 and attempt to anticipate the coming of the new year. It is an excellent time to put in place plans for 2003. If there are some things that you can do now to impact your personal tax situation, you owe it to yourself to look seriously at these options. Perhaps one of those options includes a gift to Valley City State University. We assure you that your gift will touch the lives of others. What a better way to close out 2002!

All of us at VCSU want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our university. The success we have realized is a direct result of your gifts and the ongoing support you have provided. We thank you for your generosity. May you and yours have a happy and joyous holiday season. Should your travels bring you this way, please stop by for a visit. We would welcome the chance to reminisce about those good old days! See you soon. Happy 2003!



Ron Moser '81, President of the VCSU Booster Club, and Don Bauer '63, VCSU Athletic Director, are pictured with the GEM vehicle being raffled off by the VCSU Booster Board. This street legal gear/turf vehicle travels up to 30 mph and is equipped with lights, seat belts, windshield wipers and horn. Valued at \$7,600, the vehicle is customized with the Viking logo. The Booster Board is raffling 300 tickets at \$50 each with the drawing to be held on April 4, 2003. For further information, contact the VCSU Fieldhouse at 845-7161 or call toll free 1-800-532-8641, ext. 37161.

# Skywatcher's Corner

by Joe Stickler, *Valley City State University*

There was "Thunder" at the Medicine Wheel for the annual Autumnal Equinox celebration at the Medicine Wheel. The critically acclaimed Native American musical group *Lakota Thunder* performed on Sunday, September 22, to welcome the first day of Fall.

As usual, the celebration began with the traditional walk on the path through the lovely wooded hillside behind Valley City State University up to the site of the Medicine Wheel.

This year's autumnal equinox ceremony featured performances by prominent Native American musicians from the group, *Lakota Thunder*, whose album "Veterans Songs" was nominated for a GRAMMY in 2001. A GRAMMY is a prestigious award given annually by the Recording Academy. *Lakota Thunder* was awarded a NAMMY for the Best Historical Recording for this album at the Fourth Annual Native American Music Awards ceremony.

The drummers and singers in *Lakota Thunder* are from the Standing Rock Reservation bordering North and South Dakota. Courtney Yellow Fat and Dana Yellow Fat, the lead members of the group, teach culture and language at Standing Rock Community High School and host a radio program on KLND in Little Eagle, South Dakota.

Their album "Veteran's Songs" honors warriors from Sitting Bull through the World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam. Through their music the heartbeat of the Lakota Nation can be felt. Their songs are dedicated to the grandfathers and grandmothers who have kept the Lakota culture alive. Recordings of *Lakota Thunder* will be on sale at the event.

This was the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Medicine Wheel. Many new improvements have been made to the Park in the last year. A new entrance sign by Kevin Klein, permanent planet names by Richard Nickel, and some new landscaping including a garden south of the parking lot are highlights of the Park's improvements this year.

After dark, the Star Party began. Telescopes were available for viewing the nearly full Harvest Moon. Venus was as bright as it can get. Interestingly enough, this occurs when it is in crescent phase. Although the crescent phase of Venus cannot be seen with the naked eye, the telescopes easily picked up this detail. The observing agenda was conducted by Preston Bush, Chair of the Department of Mathematics at VCSU.

For more information about the Medicine Wheel, you may access <http://medicinewheel.vcsu.edu> or call 701-845-7334.



*Coming Soon...*

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on our alumni web site!**

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## Certificate of Merit Award Winners



Certificate of Merit Award recipients were recognized at the Alumni Honors Breakfast on Saturday morning of Homecoming. They are: *Back:* Darin King '86, Grand Forks; Dean Giedt '71, Jamestown; Michael Miller '64, Fargo; Lisa Tollefson-Larson '85, Austin, MN; John Wall '70, Wahpeton; Marty Hochhalter '89, Carrington; George Wolke '44, Florissant, MO; and Paul Reinhart '90, Bowling Green, OH. *Front:* Mary Lou (Mangnall) Dieterich '59, Modesto, CA; Anne (Blake) Nyberg '75, Arthur; Rae Ann (Rolshoven) Vandrovec '75, Jamestown; Marcia Foss '72, Valley City; Nancy (Olson) Bultema '85, Casselton; and Marilyn (Urness) O'Callaghan '69, Fargo.

## A Prairie Gem

A few moments after meeting Caroline, it's easy to see the compassion and sincerity in this woman. Her shining eyes become even brighter when she speaks about her students and her 35 years of teaching and loving so many children.

Growing up on a farm near Sykeston, ND, with no close neighbors for early childhood friendships, Caroline spent her time drawing and writing. She eagerly looked forward to attending school and learning how to read. As a matter of fact, Caroline had decided she wanted to become a teacher before she even started school!

A gifted student, Caroline was promoted from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The school district did not have bus service, so she spent her sophomore year in town and did light housekeeping. During her junior and senior years, Caroline worked in a confectionary/café for her room and board. She was active on the school paper, played basketball, and was a class officer. Caroline was president of the junior class and presided at the junior-senior banquet. She recalls the extreme drought conditions those years and the fact that there was no grain to harvest during her senior year.

In 1937, Caroline took the teacher's examination and qualified for a teaching certificate. She taught in rural schools in Wells and Stutsman counties. Feeling the need to assist in the war effort, Caroline enlisted in the WAVES (US Navy Womens Reserve). At the

time, both her brother and fiancé were in the service and in active duty overseas. She reported for duty on August 26, 1943 and attended boot camp at Hunter's College in New York City. Their last weekend at camp, the women were given leave to go into New York City. Without a doubt, the highlight of that excursion was visiting the Statue of Liberty. Following boot camp, Caroline attended storekeeping school at Milledgeville, GA. On January 1, 1944, she reported to Oakland Naval Supply Depot where she was assigned to the aviation division. As so many others during WWII, Caroline experienced the personal loss of war when she learned of her fiancé's death. Caroline was discharged in February of 1946.

Returning to Sykeston, she didn't have much of a break before she was called to fill in at a rural school in Wells County. In September 1946, Caroline enrolled at Valley City State Teachers College. While in college, she was the society editor for the school paper. Her senior year, Caroline was elected President of the Association of Women Students.

During the spring quarter of her

senior year, Caroline was offered a teaching position at Dickinson (ND) Elementary School. The school needed a first grade teacher immediately to fill a vacancy created by a sudden resignation. Although she lacked an art class, VCSU President Dr. Lokken, DSU President Dr. Scott, and VCSU Professor Opal Wooldridge made arrangements for Caroline to take private art lessons with an art instructor at Dickinson.

A friend from the service suggested Caroline move to Washington. Thinking this would be a good experience for a year or two, she sent her resume, was interviewed over the telephone, and was immediately hired. She began teaching first grade in Everett, WA, in September 1949. Caroline earned her master's degree in 1954. She taught first grade for 30 years retiring in 1979.

"Teaching is a very interesting and rewarding career," states Caroline. "Each child has different interests and abilities and we need to respect those individualities. The classroom is the children's. Make it (with their help) an interesting and inviting learning atmosphere." She continues, "It's important to remember that as a teacher you not only have an



Caroline Hatch '49

influence on the child, but on their entire family."

After retiring from teaching, Caroline realized her dream in designing and building a house and living on the Oregon coast where she had a view of the Pacific Ocean and Haystack Rock. She's also done quite a bit of traveling and has visited Alaska when it was still a territory and was in Kotzebue for the midnight sun. She has also toured the Holy Lands.

Caroline sold her home on the west coast and moved back to North Dakota to be closer to family. She built a new home in Carrington where she lives today.



Caroline stands beside her extremely coveted 1973 Chevrolet Nova Super Sport Hatchback.

# VCSU Viking

## Class Reunions



**Top left:** Observing their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary were members of the VCSU Class of 1942. *Back:* Bill Osmon, Loren Law, Russell Lee, Everett "Ike" McKay, Si Seiwert and George Wolke. *Front:* Leone (Langemo) Osmon, Dolores (Wilke) Henninger, Ruth (Stoll) McKay and Elsie (Nitschke) Tait.

**Bottom left:** Enjoying visiting with classmates were members of the Class of 1952. *Back:* Vernon Hansen, Carleton Opgaard, Ted Leagjeld, Ty Peterson, and Jim Odden. *Front:* Patricia (Myhre) Samuelson, Anita (Evenson) Laberge, Colleen "Coke" (Erickson) Aafedt and Arvid Homuth.



**Above:** Reunited at their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion were 1951 Homecoming King and Queen, Carleton Opgaard '52 and Anita (Evenson) Laberge '52.



**Left:** Members of the Class of 1942 and the Class of 1952 gathered to plant a tree in observance of their reunions.

# Homecoming



Above: Dr. Larry Grooters '57 received the VCSU Distinguished Alumni Award from VCSU Alumni Board member Dave Bass.

## Distinguished Alumni Award



Right: The Grooters family gathered at homecoming to celebrate Larry's Distinguished Alumni Award. *Pictured left to right:* Larry '57; Hazel (Ussatis) '72, Roger '80 and Kim (Grooters) and their daughters, Anna and Lane; Chris '99 and Kristi (Grooters) Stuber '00; Karla (Grooters) Callies '86, husband Tory and son, Lukas; Gary "Buzz" Grooters; Leone (Platz) Grooters '50, Robin and Greg Grooters '82 and their daughters, Ellie and Brooke.

## Friends



Josephine (Zachmaier) Winkler '51 and Mary Arendes '51 returned to VCSU for Homecoming festivities.

## Hall of Fame Inductees



Far left: Hall of Fame inductee Rhonda (Harvala) Fode '86.

Middle left: Hall of Fame inductee Bob Bruhschwein '57.



Above: Hall of Fame inductees 1984-85 gymnastics. *Back row:* Bryan Haugen, Jill (Enstad) Nustad, Rhonda (Harvala) Fode, Catherine (Leisenheimer) Fynboh, Angie Grimsrud, Twila (Schuler) Dover and Coach Terry Corwin. *Front:* Marsha Aagenes, Deb (Todd) Mergner, Kelly (Hagerty) Keidel, and Lana (Atkinson) Wietgreffe.

Left: Hall of Fame inductees 1986-87 men's basketball team. *Left to right:* Coach Bob Parker, James Bugner, Val Finley, Mike Nelson, Perry White Owl, Kelly Raymond, Brian Hanson (front), Chris Griffin, Tim Beck, Kent Harding, Jeff Powers, Ass't Coach Sonny St. Clair and Ass't Coach Monte Johnson. *Seated:* Julie Laite, Mary Halvorson and Jodie (Laite) Anderson, cheerleaders.

# Nominate Outstanding Alumni

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

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

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

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

**Nominations to:** Val Moritz, VCSU Foundation, 1-800-532-8641 Ext. 37403  
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## We Need You.....

The V-500 membership drive is well underway. We must raise \$100,000 in order to provide scholarships for students at Valley City State University. Every year over 170 students receive V-500 scholarships ranging from \$800 to \$1,500. Since 1972, over 4,500 students have benefited from V-500 scholarships.

Scholarship support is more important than ever in recruiting students to our campus. More students at Valley City State University translate into a stronger economy in our area.

Will you help our membership drive?

- If your membership pledge is paid in full, take out another membership.
- If you have never been a V-500 member, now is the time to enlist.
- If you are in the middle of a membership commitment, consider upgrading your membership to a higher level.
- If you are not ready to make a commitment to a V-500 membership, what about making an outright contribution to V-500?

*Invest in your university!* Mail response form below to:  
Val Moritz, VCSU Foundation, 101 College St. SW, Valley City, ND 58072

Donor name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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In memory of/In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please acknowledge gift to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Box City State Zip

Payments to be:     In full now     Annually     Semiannually  
 Initial payment enclosed:  Check     Credit Card    [Mastercard or Visa accepted]  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Automatic Withdrawal [enclose voided check]:  
 Please deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months beginning \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Required for Credit Card/Automatic Withdrawal: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will support Valley City State University through V-500 with my total pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Membership Options:**

- New Member
- Renewal
- Business
- Upper Level
  - V-5000
  - V-10,000
  - V-15,000
  - V-20,000
  - Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Outright Contribution enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enlisted by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank You*

# Elane F. McCarriar Memorial Scholarship Established at VCSU

A scholarship in memory of Elane F. McCarriar has been established by her daughters, Diana J. Phinney and Sharon M. McCarriar. A \$250 scholarship will be awarded annually to a junior or senior Health and/or Physical Education teaching major at Valley City State University.

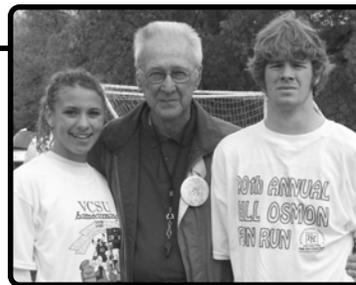
# Alyce Meyers Kluksdahl Elementary Education Scholarship

Dr. Harris Kluksdahl of San Rafael, California, has established a scholarship in memory of his mother, Alyce Meyers Kluksdahl, Alyce Meyers Kluksdahl, of Kathryn, ND, graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from Valley City State University in 1943, after having taught for 12 years in North Dakota schools. She then moved to Washington where she taught another 27 years before retiring in 1970. Mrs. Kluksdahl was the first of her ten siblings to graduate from high school as well as college. She died in 1973.

One scholarship up to \$500 annually will be awarded to a junior or senior level student pursuing a degree in elementary education

# Dacotah Bank Scholarship (2002)

Dacotah Bank, Valley City, has established two \$500 scholarships for students attending Valley City State University. Preference will be given to Barnes County students pursuing a degree in the field of business. The scholarships will be awarded to one female and one male. Preference will also be given to one new student and one upper class student.



# 2002 Osmon Fun Run

Winners of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Bill Osmon Fun Run are Karri Turnbough, women's division (left), Bill Osmon, and Shaun McMahon, men's division. Over 207 runners participated in this year's run. What a great turnout!



VCSU President Ellen Chaffee and Vice President for Academic Affairs Les Wong enjoying the ride in the Homecoming parade!

7<sup>th</sup> Annual

**"We're in the Christmas Mood"**

Presented by  
EBC Fraternity Alumni Committee

Saturday, December 14, 2002  
7:30 PM  
Vangstad Auditorium

## Josef Cannon Launches Film Career

Josef Cannon is presently co-starring in a major motion picture for 20th Century Fox entitled "Like Mike" with Eugene Levy, Morris Chestnut, Crispin Glover and Lil Bow Wow that was released in July.

**Homecoming**  
**2003**  
**October 4, 2003**



9th Annual

# VCSU SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

**Friday, April 4, 2003  
Valley City Eagles**

Contributions  
for the auction  
may be directed to:

Val Moritz at  
1-800-532-8641  
ext. 37403

## Dr. Chaffee Receives GNDA Award

Dr. Ellen Chaffee received the Greater North Dakota Association's Educator Award for 2002, one of seven statewide awards presented at the North Dakota Business Conference. Larry Spears, director of the North Dakota Consensus Council, nominated Dr. Chaffee.

The GNDA, North Dakota's chamber of commerce, describes Chaffee as "a beacon of job development and technology infrastructure energy within the North Dakota University System."

The Educator Award recognizes outstanding leadership in education that contributes to a better understanding of business and the free enterprise system. The purpose of this award is to encourage cooperation among business and education, to foster a better business environment and increase job opportunities through education of North Dakota's future leaders. Only individuals are eligible to receive this award.

## Metcalfs Named Family of the Year by Special Olympics

Paul and Kay (Kracht) Metcalf '81 and sons were named Family of the Year at the annual Special Olympics State Awards Banquet. The Metcalf family has been involved in the Special Olympics program in a variety of ways. Kay has been a member of the management team for over 10 years; Paul is a member of the KC Color Guard that takes part in the Area Special Olympics Opening ceremonies; sons, Ryan, Cory and Jason, volunteer as special partners for the volleyball and track programs. Jason has been selected to attend the 2003 Special Olympic World Summer Games in Ireland as a Unified Volleyball special partner.

## Sheyenne Valley Garden Club Dedicated Memorial Tree

On the evening of September 11th, the Sheyenne Valley Garden Club dedicated the planting of a memorial tree on the VCSU campus in honor the victims of 9/11. As an extension of a national plan to plant fifty trees, one in each state, across the nation, the Federation of North Dakota Garden Clubs chose VCSU as the site for North Dakota. In order to commemorate the planting, a program took place on the lawn in front of McCarthy Hall.

September 11th  
Garden Club of America  
Memorial Tree Planting

7:00 p.m. Presentation of the Colors - Boy Scouts  
Welcome and Introductions - Dr. Ellen Chaffee  
Pledge of Allegiance - led by Dr. Chaffee  
Dedication of the Tree - Mayor Riley Rogers  
Planting - Garden Club members fill in soil  
Singing of the Star Spangled Banner -  
VCSU University Singers  
Minute of Silence - introduced by Pastor Ellen Arthur  
Retirement of the Colors

## VCSU Reports Enrollment Increase

Valley City State University reported a head-count enrollment up from 1,005 students last year to 1,022 this year.

Full time students are up from 741 to 778. Part time students are down from 264 to 244. Full time equivalent (FTE) are up from 841 to 864.

“Faculty report that the quality of students appears to be up this year as well, perhaps due in part to the cumulative impact of 5 straight years in the *U.S. News* best colleges lists,” said VCSU President Ellen Chaffee.

# VCSU’s Technology Education Department Receives Award

On August 6, while attending the North Dakota All Service Conference in Bismarck, Valley City State University’s Department of Technology Education received the “Award of Appreciation for Professional Development” from the North Dakota Technology Teachers Association for the 2001-2002 school year. Dr. Don Mugan accepted the award on behalf of the department.

## Avoiding the Draft

If you have an up-to-date and valid will, you deserve a standing ovation. You’ve completed what many people never quite get around to doing. You had your attorney draft your will. And you signed it.

On the other hand, many of us have practiced the fine art of procrastination. We have avoided the drafting and signing process. We are, pardon the phrase, “draft dodgers.”

There are at least 10 reasons people give for not having a will. If any of these apply to you, put an “X” in the appropriate box.

- I don’t have an attorney who can draft my will.
- I don’t want to deal with the subject of death.
- I don’t want to make decisions that could cause family discord.
- I don’t have time to get my will done.
- I can’t afford to have my will done.
- I don’t have a way to get to the attorney’s office
- I don’t know who to name as executor (or trustee, guardian, etc.).
- I am too young to have a will; I’ll do it when I’m old.
- My estate is too small to have a will.
- I don’t need a will; my survivors can make the decisions.

Did you mark any of the items? If so, let us send you our free will kit. It will help you understand why any of the above reasons can fail to justify the absence of a will. It contains valuable information to benefit you and your loved ones.

Please take a moment to clip out and return the response form below. Or you can reach us by dialing 701-845-7217 or e-mail our Director of University Advancement, Mr. Larry Robinson: [Larry\\_Robinson@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu](mailto:Larry_Robinson@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu).

*Clip and Mail*

\_\_\_\_ Please send me your free will kit.

\_\_\_\_ Please contact me by phone. The best time to call is: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ I (we) have already included Valley City State University in our estate plans in the following way:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form to: **Valley City State University**  
**Advancement Office**  
**101 College Street SW**  
**Valley City, ND 58072**

# Vikings on the Move

## 1920's

**Iletta Holman '26** celebrated her 98th birthday this year. Although now retired, she was an artist who exhibited in New York City, Paris, Brussels, Washington DC, Chicago, Detroit Boston, Minnesota and North Dakota. She received a number of honors for her work including a bronze medal from the government of France for her exhibit in Paris.

## 1930's

**Alton Bjork '37** will celebrate his 90th birthday in January 2003 and would enjoy hearing from friends and colleagues. He and his wife, Adeline, enjoy their five children and seven grandchildren. They return to North Dakota about once a year to visit and to note all the changes.

## 1950's

**Mary (Menke) Wiens '53** continues to live in Livingston, MT, where she and her husband, Roland, moved in 1959. **Roland '54** died February 6, 2002. Mary has been retired for 4 years and keeps busy with volunteer activities for her church and community. She has 8 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters.

## 1960's

**Leo Schmidt '61** has been elected to the Catholic Family Services board of directors. In addition to serving on the VCSU Alumni board, Leo is also a member of the Mercy Hospital Health Care Foundation.

**Dennis Maasjo '65** recently completed a Doctor of Education degree from the University of South Dakota.

**Allyn Klamann '69** is now involved with a new division within the IRS called TE/GE, Tax Exempt/Government Entities. He's part of the Federal/State/and Local Government Entities (FSLG). This group provides services to these public employers, which also includes our colleges, universities, and local school districts. They are spending the first year or so involved in education to help these entities.

## 1970's

**Gary Bitz '71** has retired from

the North Dakota Highway Patrol after more than 26 years of service. He was awarded the North Dakota Highway Patrol Meritorious Service Medal for serving with merit and distinction.

**Leo Ringey '73** has joined the North Dakota State University Development Foundation as assistant director of major gifts. Leo was previously employed as executive director of the Catholic School Network Foundation. Prior to serving in development, he spent 22 years as a teacher and coach. Leo and his wife, Gail (Sorensen) '75 live in Fargo and have three grown daughters.

**Janis (Paulson) Wallender '77** has had a busy summer. She was in Miami in June, Minneapolis for a fun trip to a couple of Twins games with her family, Seattle in July for ASCA Board and LDI training, back to Minneapolis for a shopping trip with her twins, Peer Youth Work Training, Powerschool Training and a quick trip to Vocational Conference in August. Janis had an article published on [www.theguidancechannel.com](http://www.theguidancechannel.com) in July on at-risk youth and was quoted in an article in the September issue of Women's Day magazine.

## 1980's

**Darwin Subart '82** has been named president of Fidelity Exploration and Production Co. based in Bismarck, ND. He began his career as an internal auditor for Montana-Dakota Utilities in 1984 and worked as a corporate development analyst at MDU Resources and was promoted to financial services supervisor in 1992. He joined Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline as business development director in 1994 and was later promoted to vice president of business development for WBI Holdings. Darwin most recently served as vice president of Fidelity. He and his wife, Jackie, have three children.

**Yvonne (Sortland) Stegner '87** continues to make her home near Amidon on the edge of the beautiful North Dakota badlands. In May of 2000 she began

working for the U.S. Postal Service as Postmaster Relief. On January 19, 2001, a beautiful baby girl named Eve Kristina joined siblings Maren (7), Kara (6), Kjersten (4) and Levi (2). The Stegners love visitors and encourage friends to stop in Amidon (pop. 24) and ask anyone for directions!

**Rhonda Gilbertson Evans** is working as a Program Coordinator at Fraser, Ltd. in Fargo. She married Brian Evans in May. Rhonda has a 5-year old stepdaughter, named Alexis. Brian and Rhonda also own their own e-commerce business. Over the past 12 years, Rhonda has traveled to Taiwan, where she taught elementary school English. She then finished her Bachelor's degree in Community Health at MSU. Upon graduation, Rhonda moved to Pelham, New York, where she was a nanny for two years, before becoming a Case Manager for Medically Fragile Children and their families in NY City. In 1998, Rhonda enrolled in graduate school at the City University of New York-Hunter College in the Special Education-Severe and Multiple Disabilities, including Deaf-Blindness Program. Unfortunately, due to her own medical problems, she was unable to finish. Rhonda is doing a lot of advocacy work in the Fargo area for people with "invisible" disabilities, such as herself. In 1988, she was diagnosed with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. (Her diagnosis has since been amended to Unspecified Connective Tissue Disorder). Rhonda is in the process of becoming a licensed foster parent, and looks forward to adopting a special needs child.

## 1990's

**Greg Klose '90** is a district manager for Sodexo Services running many college food services in southern Colorado. **Desiree (Denault) Klose '97** is a music teacher for grades K-5 at High Plains Elementary School. Greg and Desiree live in Colorado Springs with their son, Destin, who was born in July.

**Connie Ova '92** has been hired as the training/project

coordinator, a joint position created by the Jamestown/Stutsman Development Corporation and the Southeast Workforce Training Initiative.

**Liz (Johnson) Hunter '96** has joined the Valley City staff of Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson. Liz is a Civil Engineer in the Transportation Division. After teaching eighth grade for two years in Colorado, Liz returned to school and earned a degree from the University of Wyoming in Civil Engineering.

**Chris '96 and Cassie Bastian '99** are the parents of a new baby daughter, Emma Marisa Bastian, born August 21, 2002, weighing 7 pounds, 4.5 ounces.

**Jason Metzger '96** has been named a member of the 2002 Executive Council of New York Life Insurance. Members of the Executive Council are among the most successful of New York Life's sale force. Jason has been a New York Life agent since 1997. He and his wife, Michelle, and son Jake reside in Jamestown.

**Andrew '97 and Ranelle Leier Warcken '94** reside in Golden Valley, MN. Ranelle is an attorney focusing in the areas of business litigation and environmental law. Andrew is a stay-at-home dad for daughters, McKenna (2 years) and Sydney, born April 6<sup>th</sup>. The Warckens can be e-mailed at [awarcken@yahoo.com](mailto:awarcken@yahoo.com).

**Damian Lewis '97** is the new Director of Food Services at VCSU. After graduation, Damian went to work for Marriott Food Service at Concordia, St. Paul, MN, for three years. In 2000, Damian moved back to North Dakota and worked at Mayville State University. Damian and his wife, Sonia, reside in Valley City.

**Jackie (Bisson) Pippin '98** and her daughter, Mikayla, moved in October from Las Vegas to the Winnipeg area. She'd love to hear from college friends.

**Bryce '98 and Nicole Lingen** of Thief River Falls, MN, are the parents of a son, Brevyn James, born September 13, 2002.

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# In Remembrance

Sarah (Miller) Flemmer, Brighton, CO  
 Anna (Ekrem) Bymoer '32, New Rockford  
 Jean (Ostlie) Engen, Fargo  
 Sumner Rasmussen, Coolidge, AZ  
 Ralph Mangnall, Oakes  
 Kathryn (Schmitke) Brandhagen, Fargo  
 Laurine (Dreis) Ford, Valley City  
 Richard Korsmo '51, Park Rapids, MN  
 Virginia (Olson) Saathoff '63, Minot  
 George Norwood '35, Forest Grove, OR  
 Dagny (Svenddal) Bird '36, Fargo  
 Harriet (Bannister) Stanley, Bismarck  
 Mathila Mikkelsen '60, Lincoln, CA  
 Elsie (McFarlane) Sussex '25, Hope  
 Sybil (Farley) Hall '24, Burlington, IA  
 Marvin Visto '72, Oakes  
 Christine (Bjone) Fromlath '64, Lisbon  
 Margaret (Overland) Hansen, Devils Lake  
 Josephine (Froeber) Volk '39, Harvey  
 Marilyn (Smith) Johnson, Fargo  
 Christine Gehring '51, Jamestown  
 Katherine (Sosalla) Larson '34, Leeds  
 Ida (Onsgaard) Nornes '20, Bloomington, MN  
 Raymond Noecker, Valley City  
 Ila (Berger) Hoffos '27, Las Vegas, NV  
 Medley Ward, McVile  
 Donald Schnell '46, Prescott, AZ  
 Hazel (Jendro) Trom '64, Bismarck  
 Claire (Murphy) Olafson '28, Fargo  
 Helen Andreski, Aneta  
 Carl Downs '98, Valley City  
 Susan (Kyser) Jensen '71, McAllen, TX  
 Elizabeth (Sinclair) Miller '46, Aurora, CO  
 L. Beth (Strand) Martin '41, Plymouth, MN  
 Angeline (Beilke) Smith, Wheatland  
 Verle (Horner) Lowe, Fargo  
 David Schatz '42, Bismarck  
 Emma (Weber) Olson '47, Wing  
 Norma (Hagen) Perhus, Kindred  
 Eileen (Peterson) Posey '29, Pingree  
 James W. Davis '41, Bellingham, WA  
 Ronald Aalgaard '56, Little Falls, MN  
 Jerry Sowden '58, Billings, MT  
 Wynola (Dewald) Thornton-Eide '71, Bismarck  
 Virginia (Klubben) Triebold '41, Valley City  
 Gary Hanson, Grafton  
 Gladys (Braeger) Clough, Fessenden  
 Ruth (McCullough) Wavra '33, Enderlin  
 Edna (Holmen) Brink, Fargo  
 Paulette (Horner) Wentz '80, Napoleon  
 Bessie (Martin) Otterson '36, Rogers, MN  
 Don Rollie '60, Potomac, MD  
 Delia (Rau) Wentland '54, Carrington  
 Jack Ladbury '70, Valley City

## Former VCSU Staff

Dr. David Ainsworth, Fair Play, MO  
 Dr. Donald Whitnah  
 Helen Linder, Valley City

## Friends

Bruce John, West Fargo  
 Orris Olson, Valley City

# VCSU Success Stories

*Jan (Gessner) Welken '70* has been named elementary physical education teacher of the year in Minnesota. She received her honor at a ceremony on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Jan teaches at Riverside Elementary School and has been with the Moorhead Public School District for 14 years.

*Gary Schafer '89* has been honored with a Pioneer Award/Lifetime Achievement from Microsoft Business Solutions.

*William Wieland '86* has been selected by the North Dakota Music Teachers Association to be their Commissioned Composer for the 2002 NDMTA Conference. Each year the organization chooses a composer who then writes an original composition for the premiere performance at the state conference. From there, the composition is sent to the Music Teachers National Association to be entered in a national competition.

## Weddings...

*Laura Bernison '01 married Jay McAllister - 5-18-02*  
*Nicole Peterson '02 married Travis Lemieux - 5-25-02*  
*Randy Peitz '86 married Paula Zammita - 6-15-02*  
*Allison Nenow '02 married Chad Mack - 6-29-02*  
*Travis McLaurin '01 married Jill Anderson - 7-13-02*  
*Tennille Albertson '00 married Josh Esch*  
*Jennifer Hoyt '97 married Joel Bird - 7-13-02*  
*Doug Murch '02 married Bethany Tate - 7-13-02*  
*Danielle Olson '99 married George Perich '99 - 8-3-02*  
*Kalyn Utt '00 married Chris Botz - 8-3-02*  
*Nathan Roberts '00 married Tara Miranouski - 8-10-02*  
*Deborah Lonski '95 married Steven Schwandt - 8-16-02*  
*D.C. Lucas '96 married Marie Richards - 8-17-02*  
*Susan Pfaff '00 married Brian Duffy - 9-7-02*  
*Nicole Heagley '00 married Jerrad A Krapp - 9-14-02*  
*Shannon Smith '96 married Timothy Ziemer - 9-27-02*  
*Bethany Tweed '00 married Daryl Zieske - 9-28-02*  
*Trisha Fettes '02 married Andrew Elliot - 9-28-02*  
*Seth Elston '99 married Emmy Heinze - 10-5-02*  
*Stephanie Iszler '00 married Ronald Reinardy - 10-5-02*  
*Sarah Pedersen '00 married Michael Lerud - 10-12-02*  
*Michael Weshnevski '97 married Rachel Blumbagen - 10-12-02*

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## 2000's

*Tennille Albertson '00* was recently married to Josh Esch. Tennille is employed as a teacher at the Anne Carlsen Center for Children in Jamestown, ND.

*Jason '00 and Tara (Feuerherm) Moore '02* have accepted teaching positions in Alaska. Tara is a health teacher for grades 6-8 and Jason is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher at Wasilla Middle School in Wasilla, Alaska.

*Erin (Tombarge) Everson '00* recently joined the staff at Security State Bank in Valley City as an Investment Assistant. She and her husband, *Rocky '98*, have two daughters, Madison and Maya.

*Amy McKenna '02* is employed by Lonetree Special Education in Harvey, ND.

*Angie Wheat '02* is the science teacher at Buhach-Colony High School in Atwater, CA. She is also the head softball coach.

*Nathan Johnson '02* has accepted a position as K-8 Title I and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade technology education teacher at North Central of Barnes Public School in Rogers.

*Jill Wieser '02* has accepted a position as 7<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher at New Rockford Central high School and a reading teacher at Sheyenne Public School.

# Navy V-12 Member Brings US Navy Anchor to VCSU Campus

John Paul Jones once said: "It is by no means enough that an officer of the Navy shall be a capable Mariner: He must be that, of course, but also a great deal more. He should be, as well, a gentleman of liberal education, refined manner, punctilious courtesy, and the nicest sense of personal honor."

The Navy V-12 program, which trained more than sixty thousand Navy and Marine Corps officers during World War II in some 131 colleges and universities such as Valley City State Teachers College (1943-45), was certainly responsible for educating and molding the V-12 trainees into the type of officer described by John Paul Jones in the foregoing.

As a proud member of this group of some 513 V-12 trainees in attendance at VCSTC from July 1943 through October 1945, I attended from November 1944 through October 1945. Although my only "sea duty" during this time was canoeing on the Sheyenne River and, although I was fortunate to later sail on board the U.S.S. Iowa BB6 (battleship) as a midshipman, my most fond memories and

cherished experiences were while in the Navy V-12 program at Valley City State Teachers College. Not only was the education excellent but the hospitality of the entire community of Valley City as well. I shall always feel honored and forever grateful to all parties involved for this most valuable experience.

The purpose of my return visit to Valley City is to help establish a real Navy anchor graciously donated by the U.S. Navy to be located on the campus of Valley City State University as a commemorative gesture of appreciation from the Navy V-12 trainees honoring the university for the invaluable services rendered to them.

Special thanks to the patience and untiring efforts of President Ellen Chaffee, VCSU Advancement Executive Director Larry Robinson and staff for their most valuable assistance without which, I'm sure, the project would not have been successful.

Kenneth V. Brown, former USNR V-12 and, at present, a practicing architect in Wichita, Kansas.



Kenneth V. Brown with the Navy anchor placed in the VCSU courtyard as a commemorative gesture of appreciation from the Navy V-12 trainees honoring the university for the invaluable services rendered to them.

## V-12 Memorial Dedication Planned

Plans are underway for a dedication of the V-12 Memorial on the Valley City State University campus on Monday, June 30, 2003. The details of the dedication, including the time and other activities surrounding the event, will be published in the Spring 2003 issue of *The Bulletin*. If you are a V-12 alumnus and would be interested in attending the ceremony, please advise us accordingly.

We are also searching for the current addresses of many of the V-12 alumni. If you are aware of any of these individuals and their current addresses, please advise us accordingly. You may do so by writing to the VCSU Office of Advancement, Valley City State University, 101 College St. SW, Valley City, ND 58072. Our telephone number is 701-845-7203. The e-mail address is [Larry\\_Robinson@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu](mailto:Larry_Robinson@mail.vcsu.nodak.edu).

Valley City State University Foundation  
Alumni Association  
101 College Street SW  
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