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ON THE COVER In her annual "State of the University" address, Dr. Ellen Chaffee announced her intention to leave the presidency of VCSU. The last 15 years have been a period of dramatic change for the university, and during that time, Dr. Chaffee has been the focal point. She has had tremendous support from nearly everyone she worked with including faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community. In this photo: **FRONT** Tres Christiansen, Mary Lee Nielson, Dr. Ellen Chaffee, Amanda Bryson, Dr. Sara Hagen. **MIDDLE** Joe Tykwinski, Marcia Foss, Dr. Joe Stickler, Glen Schmalz. **BACK** Casey Behm, Greg Innocent.

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Change Is Good

Ellen-Earle Chaffee, President

"Change" has been a recurring theme in the last few issues of *The Bulletin*, and I believe that it is almost always a good thing. Recently, I have come to the conclusion that one rather significant change in particular would be good for both me and VCSU.

I have decided to leave my role as president of VCSU.

I have struggled with many aspects of this decision for some time, including how to describe it. I am not "resigning" in the sense that implies quitting out of frustration. Quite the contrary, I think we should all feel great satisfaction with the university's accomplishments. I am not "retiring" because I plan to remain professionally active. The most accurate term I can think of is simply "moving on."

The main reason for this decision is simple: it is just time for a change. Periodically, organizations need new leaders, and I believe this applies to presidencies. I actually studied the matter years ago and concluded that 5-10 years is usually optimal for the organization. Longer is OK if the president's perspectives and energy remain fresh, and this is such a wonderful place that staying fresh has not been a problem.

Nevertheless, each year since the seventh I have asked myself whether now is the time, and several factors made me say, "Yes" this year. Important projects that have been underway for some time, such as our Master's program, have recently reached key milestones and are now at a stage in which their long term strategy can be reassessed. New leadership can view these projects with new ideas, experience and energy. We have

many important projects that are just beginning and will take a long time to complete – longer than I expect to be working. This is a good time for someone else to pick up those reins.

A fresh perspective will also be useful at the state level. A majority of my bosses (eight Board members and the Chancellor) attended their first Board meeting last month. Three of my 10 CEO colleagues in the university system are new, and three more are in their last year of office. This much "new blood" is sure to change the personality of the system, and with a new president, VCSU will be in an excellent position to participate in and help shape this change. Again, "change is good."

As for my plans, much is still undecided.

Our grandchildren in Boston are approaching school age. David and I are close to them and

want to share more in their lives. I plan to continue working, though would like to lighten the load somewhat. My latest joke is that I am looking for something that is 23/6 instead of 24/7!

But I am not gone yet! My goal this year is to ensure that the university is in the best possible position for a successful handoff to the next president, and I am already working hard with the faculty, staff, alumni and the community to make sure this happens. I think we have good reason to be very optimistic about VCSU's future. Momentum is on our side.

I owe everyone associated with VCSU a huge "thank you." Although this is a demanding job, the joy of knowing and working with all of you is far greater. Bless you. ♦

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Reaching a New Level of Giving

VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee presents Dr. Donald and Mrs. Marjorie Meredith with a framed photo of McFarland Hall in recognition of their having achieved the Platinum level of lifetime giving (\$250,000 - \$499,000). In 2006, the Merediths presented VCSU with a gift of \$185,000 to fully endow the Meredith Scholars program within the Division of Math and Science. The endowment funds in perpetuity four full scholarships per year, each providing tuition, fees and support for day-to-day living expenses for students studying science or mathematics. In May, 2007, the Merediths presented VCSU with an additional gift of \$75,000, which placed them at the Platinum level of lifetime giving.

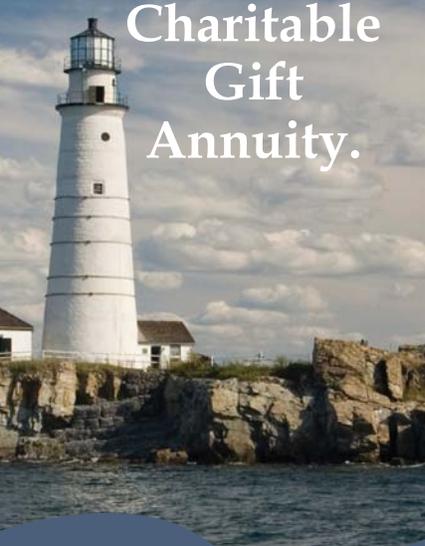


Alma Matters!

by Mike Hangaard '77, Alumni Board President

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As I was driving down the highway the other day I noticed one of the large road signs – “Alma Matters!” sponsored by one of the local colleges. It helped that the colors of the sign were all VCSU colors! But it got my attention and I started thinking about how universities and colleges deal with their alumni. Making a few calls and looking into a few websites, we have a very good alumni board set up! The web site has all the up-to-date information and who to contact. Our alumni magazine *The Bulletin* is published three times a year informing us of upcoming events and news at our university. We are in the information age and we are getting all the updates that the university can get us.

The only thing missing is **you!**

Be thankful for the education you received at VCSU (or VCSC if you’re really old, as I am!). Come back for a visit! Your instructors want to see you! Your classmates want to see you! The Homecoming Alumni Honors Breakfast this year had the greatest number of attendees in a long time! The fall seems to be a normal time to come back to the campus, but your Alumni Board is energized and we have several items on the

front burner to get you excited about coming back to our beautiful campus. We are planning a Fraternity – Sorority Reunion, and the EBC Christmas show in Valley City is on the plate. A number of ideas are being thrashed around. We welcome any input as to what you’d like to see on campus for our alumni!

Another item I’d like to discuss with you is recruiting.

Our freshmen class this year increased again, but only barely. We all know the demographic trends in North Dakota and the surrounding states. If each and every alumnus would talk one student into attending VCSU every TWO years, think of the advances the university could make!

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Highlight the fact that VCSU has been recognized by *US News and World Report* on their “Best Colleges” list for the 10th straight year. Highlight the online Master of Education program. The technology that exists on campus is second to none! The small class size is always a big seller! All positives when talking about our university!

In closing, be proud of your heritage and your education. Come back and see us!

Please contact the Alumni Board for any ideas you’d like to forward! ♦

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Tis' the Season for Year End Giving

by Larry Robinson '71, Director of University Advancement

The end of a calendar year is the time for all of us to make a "To Do" list of issues we must address prior to the end of December 2007. One of those "To Do" projects is to review your charitable contributions for the year. Doing so will provide you with that last minute opportunity to address any additional contributions you wish to make prior to year's end. It will also serve to position you better when you prepare your 2007 taxes.

The IRS tax laws are designed to encourage charitable giving. As a result of the Income Tax Charitable

Deduction, individuals who make their gifts by December 31 and itemize can significantly reduce their 2007 income taxes.

Did You Know... By making a charitable gift of \$10,000 in 2007, you can save \$3,300 in taxes providing you are in the 33% tax bracket. The higher your tax bracket, the more money you save with a charitable gift.

Did You Know... If you are at least age 70½, recent new tax legislation allows you to give up to \$100,000 to your favorite qualified charity directly from your IRA without triggering federal

income taxes. The nature of this gift will also satisfy the rules for the required minimum distributions for the year.

Did You Know... If you had purchased stock years and years ago for \$1,000, and it is now worth \$10,000, a gift to us of that stock would result in a charitable deduction of \$10,000. Additionally, you would permanently avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation of \$9,000.

As calendar year 2007 comes to an end, all of us at Valley City State University wish to take this opportunity to thank you for

your generosity and support this past year. The vitality of every institution is closely linked to the availability of financial and other resources. Your support is clearly "Making a Difference" in the lives of our students, faculty and staff. Your dollars are helping others to experience Valley City State University!

Happy Holidays! ♦

Note: As always, we advise you to check with your personal tax accountant to determine the impact on your personal situation.

New Alumni Association Board Members



Josh Argall

Josh grew up in Casselton, ND graduating from Central Cass High School in 1993. He enrolled at Valley City State in the Fall of 1993 and also pledged to the "EBC Fraternity" of which he is still a very active alumni. Josh graduated from VCSU the Spring of 1999 with a Composite Music Education Degree. Josh currently teaches 5-12 music in Kindred, ND.

Josh is a very active professional musician in the Fargo-Moorhead area. He and his wife Mindy currently live in Fargo.



Jason Drake

After graduating from VCSU in the spring of 1996 Jason enrolled in Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington, MN. In November of 1999 he received his Doctorate of Chiropractic. Jason and his wife Mary live in Fargo with their two children where Jason has his own practice and his wife teaches at MSUM.

During Jason's time at VCSU he participated on the basketball team for one year and played on the baseball team for three years.

Jason is currently an adjunct faculty member in VCSU's Department of Science.



Mary Halvorson

Mary graduated from VCSU in May 1989 with a B.S. in Education with a major in Elementary Education and minors in Reading and Early Childhood Education. While at VCSU she was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and was a cheerleader for three years in both football and basketball. She was also an employee at the Viking I and VCSU Bookstore.

Mary taught for twelve years in Carrington as a first grade teacher before moving back to Valley City. She currently teaches second grade at Jefferson Elementary and has spent the last ten summers working for Bank Forward in the crop insurance department at five of their North Dakota locations.



Tiffany Hieb

Tiffany works for Goldmark Property Management in Fargo, ND as a Property Manager. Currently she manages 144 apartments at her site.

She graduated in December of 2002 with a double major in Business Administration and Computer Information Systems, and a minor in Business Software Applications. Tiffany was involved with the Viking Ambassadors, Homecoming and the Viking Campus Advisory Board. In addition, she was a cheerleader for football and continued after graduation as their advisor until she moved to Fargo in the Spring of 2005.



Paul Keidel

Paul earned a B.S. degree in Education with a major in Physical Education and a minor in Earth and Environmental Science. While attending Valley City State, Paul participated in football, track and intramural activities.

In 1991, Paul and his wife Kelly (Hagerty) moved to Bismarck, ND where Paul took a job at Wachter Middle School as an Earth Science Teacher. Paul continues to teach as well as officiate and coach in the Bismarck area.

Paul enjoys watching his two daughters compete in gymnastics and diving and visiting his son in Minneapolis. The family spends as much time as they can at the lake.



Jerry Krosbakken

Jerry is originally from Harvey, ND. After graduating from VCSU in 1986 he was a substitute teacher in and around Valley City for one year. He then got a job in Jamestown teaching 8th grade math. After one year he went back to college at Northern State in Aberdeen, SD where he obtained a master's degree in Health and Physical Education. Jerry is currently a high school math teacher and assistant football coach at North High. This is his 18th year at North High.

Looking back...



President Chaffee Announces Intention to Leave VCSU

During her annual State of the University address, VCSU president Dr. Ellen Chaffee announced her intention to leave the presidency effective June 30, 2008.

"I am in my fifteenth year as president of VCSU," Chaffee commented. "While I believe that this has been a time of outstanding growth for the university in many important ways, I also believe that the leadership of a university should change periodically. It is simply time for me to move on."

Dr. Chaffee took office as president of both VCSU and Mayville State University on August 1, 1993. She served as president of both universities until September 1, 2002, then continued as president of VCSU.

In her comments, Dr. Chaffee reminded faculty and staff that many other important goals remain that will drive future growth in enrollment. "We are well positioned to continue development of academic programs that represent significant growth opportunities for both VCSU's enrollment and the economy of North Dakota. New technologies are enabling flexible delivery options that allow us to serve new kinds of students. Although these challenges are significant, I have every confidence that they will be met with the same dedication that has been characteristic of the faculty and staff in the past." ♦

"I owe everyone associated with VCSU a huge 'thank you.' Bless you."

Looking forward...



Moving on...

The search for a new president of the university begins with the naming of a search committee under the leadership of the Chancellor and the State Board of Higher Education. Committee members were named at the October 18 meeting of the State Board, and include members of the State Board, the University System, and significant participation from the university and the community. The committee will be responsible for both conducting the search and hiring the next president. Chancellor Goetz has indicated he would like to proceed as quickly as possible, with the goal of advertising the position by December and making a hiring decision in early spring.

Presidential Search Committee:

Representing State Board of Higher Education:

Sue Andrews, Chair, State Board of Higher Education

Representing Community:

Karla Aaland, Executive Director, Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation

Jennifer Feist, Executive Director, VC/BC Development Corp.

Dean Koppelman, Superintendent of Valley City Public Schools

Mary Lee Nielson, Mayor, Valley City

Representing Students:

Amanda Bryson, VCSU Student Senator, Fisheries and Wildlife Club President

Representing Foundation:
Teresa Christiansen, Service Manager, Wells Fargo Bank

Representing Faculty:

Margaret Dahlberg, VCSU Chair of Curriculum Committee

Donald Hoff, VCSU Professor of Science, Faculty Senate

Don Mugan, VCSU Professor, Technology Education

Joe Stickler, VCSU Professor of Science, Division Chair

Representing Staff:

Erin Klingenberg, VCSU Human Resource Director, College Counselor

Larry Robinson, VCSU Foundation Director, alumnus and State Senator

Ex officio, non-voting:

William Goetz, Chancellor

Milestones of the Chaffee Presidency

During her presidency, VCSU achieved a number of milestones that will stand-out in our history. Among them:

In 1996, the university received national recognition for becoming one of the first institutions in the country to issue laptop computers to full-time students. Since then, the laptop initiative at VCSU has evolved into a world-class program of enriching the learning experience with the latest educational technology.

Also in 1996, Dr. Chaffee established the VCSU Foundation, and during her tenure, its asset base has grown from approximately \$2 million to nearly \$6 million. A series of major gifts have been an important component of this increase including gifts from Gary and Connie Tharaldson, Don and Marjorie Meredith, Charlotte Van Houten, and Richard and Ardis McCreedy. This growth has been accompanied by a significant growth in scholarship allocations to students.

Academics in several areas took important steps forward including establishment of a Community School of the Arts, sister university relationships with two universities in Mexico, NASM accreditation for VCSU's music programs, and new programs in health science, fisheries and wildlife management, psychology, and information technology.

In 2005, the Higher Learning Commission granted to VCSU authority to offer a new online Master of Education program, resulting in the first significant change in the university's status since it was authorized to offer a bachelor's degree in 1921. The program represents an effective and practical means for teachers to extend their skills and add to their credentials without disrupting their careers or personal life.

In 2006, VCSU was designated a state "Center of Excellence," and received \$1 million in state funds to establish the Institute for Customized Business Solutions to develop enterprise applications consulting jobs in North Dakota.

Under Dr. Chaffee's leadership, VCSU has maintained a productive relationship with the community of Valley City and the region through such initiatives as establishing the Kathryn Center (now Corporate Adventures, LLC), developing the nation's first standards-based online curriculum in Technology Education, and creating innovative curriculum in Information Technology.

VCSU has been named to the *U.S. News and World Report* list of "Best Colleges" for 10 consecutive years. ♦

HLC Approves Library Concentration for Online M.Ed.

VCSU has received formal approval from the Higher Learning Commission to offer a new concentration in Library and Information Technologies within the curriculum of our online Master of Education program.

The concentration is designed for practicing librarians who wish to further their careers with graduate-level credentials, or teachers outside the library wishing to add new credentials to their backgrounds. Focusing on such topics as information literacy, resource management, and use, the program emphasizes the technologies used by school library media centers. The concentration meets national and North Dakota credential standards for school library media certification.

Curriculum development for the concentration is funded in part by a three-year grant from The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian program, as administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). In addition, the grant makes tuition assistance available to qualified students.

VCSU will partner with the North Dakota Indian Education Association (NDIEA), the North Dakota Education Association – Library Media Association (NDEA – LMA), and the North Dakota Teacher Center (NDTC). These partners will work with VCSU to identify and mentor prospective students.

VCSU's online Master of Education program was initially approved by the Higher Learning Commission in 2005 with concentrations in "Teaching and Technology" and "Technology Education." Because the program is offered online, it has become known for its ability to serve K-12 educators who seek to enhance their educational credentials without disrupting work schedules. The online nature of the program also makes it attractive to prospective students in rural areas who otherwise have limited or no access to a traditional on-campus experience. The concentration in Library and Information Technologies is offered as a component of this program.

The first courses within this concentration will be offered Spring semester 2008. ♦

Alumni Honors Breakfast

Outstanding service to VCSU and accomplishments were recognized at the annual Alumni Honors Breakfast held Homecoming weekend.

RIGHT Lillian (Langemo) Jacobson '40 (left) was recognized with the Alumni Service Award for her countless hours of service to VCSU including serving as a member of the Centennial Committee, chairperson for a committee that compiled a history of VCSU for the book "Cornerstones," and Alumni Association president. Myron Sommerfeld '62 (right) was recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award for his lifelong dedication to music and music education.



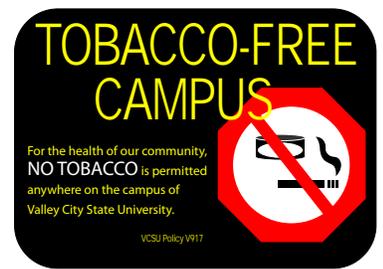
The Certificate of Merit Award was established by the VCSU Alumni Association to recognize alumni for service, accomplishments, or other noteworthy honors. This year's recipients of the award were: **FRONT** (left to right): Nicole Sufficool '98, Becky Heise '80, Margaret Wieland '58, Carol King Jefferson '74, Barbara Mitzel '57. **BACK** (left to right); Chuck Wagner '71, Joshua Argall '99, Marty Lanter '98, Dean Karges '70, Dwight Leier '68. **RECIPIENTS UNABLE TO ATTEND** Larry Coles '71, Jackie (Voegele) Hafele '93, David Hancock '85, Judy Hoyt '76, Gene Klinkle '82, Kathy (Kringlie) Reiner '80 and Cheryl (Foss) Rowcamp '68.

VCSU Goes Tobacco Free

Valley City State University has adopted a "tobacco-free campus" policy that will prohibit all tobacco use on campus effective January 1, 2008.

"The move to become a tobacco-free campus has been considered by many groups on campus and has received very broad support," said Dr. Ellen Chaffee, president of VCSU. "We are pleased to adopt this policy to provide a healthier and safer environment for faculty, staff, students, and visitors."

The policy prohibits all tobacco use, including smoking and chewing tobacco, in university owned or operated buildings, on all campus property and grounds, and in university owned, leased or operated vehicles. It extends VCSU's current policy (which prohibits smoking within campus buildings or within university owned vehicles) to prohibit tobacco use anywhere on VCSU grounds. It applies to all employees, students, visitors and contractors, and becomes effective January 1, 2008. ♦





**U.S. News
Recognizes
VCSU
for 10th
Consecutive
Year**

VCSU has been recognized in the "America's Best Colleges 2008" edition of *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top 4 Public Baccalaureate Colleges in the Midwest. This marks the tenth year in a row that VCSU has received this recognition from *U.S. News*.

Dr. Ellen Chaffee, President of VCSU, said, "The *U.S. News* rankings reflect factors that are important to both parents and students as they explore alternatives in higher education. In these and other dimensions, our faculty and staff have always worked hard to provide the finest educational experience available. We are honored to receive this recognition for the tenth year in a row." ♦



State of Maryland and VCSU Enter into Tech Ed Partnership

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and VCSU have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to offer VCSU's online programs in Technology Education (Tech Ed) to Maryland teachers.

Dr. Nancy Grasmick, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools, said, "We see this partnership between VCSU and the Maryland State Department of Education as a wonderful opportunity to expand access to preservice teacher preparation programs in Technology Education. With Maryland's teacher shortage in Technology Education, VCSU is ready to assist in building capacity to fill positions with qualified teachers."

The memo announcing the agreement to Maryland directors of Career and Technology Education and Directors of Human Resources, stated:

"According to the 2006-2008 Maryland Teacher Staffing Report, there remains a critical shortage of Technology Education teachers in the state. Meanwhile, the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) requires every high school student to earn at least one credit in Technology Education before graduation. Although teachers need to be properly educated in the subject, the options for technology education teacher education are limited."

The agreement began in the fall of 2007 and will be reviewed annually. ♦

Donors Recognized at Foundation Board Meeting

The October 8 Foundation Board Meeting provided an occasion for two significant events. VCSU President Dr. Ellen Chaffee and Foundation Director Larry Robinson unveiled a new "Donor Wall" – an exhibit located on the main floor of McFarland Hall that recognizes donors who have achieved lifetime giving levels of \$5,000 or more. Robinson said, "The wall currently lists 250 individuals and organizations that have reached this level, and we certainly have room for more! It is our way of saying 'thank you' to our alumni and friends who have supported VCSU." The wall will be updated at the conclusion of each fiscal year to add new members and move existing members as they reach higher levels.

Dr. Chaffee presented George Gaukler '62 with the President's Distinguished Service Award. In her comments, Chaffee said, "This award recognizes exceptional contributions towards our vision from our partners and friends, and the years of service that George Gaukler has dedicated to VCSU certainly qualifies." Gaukler has given to VCSU in many forms and capacities including serving on the Foundation Board of Directors, through his activities in state politics, and in his business and civic activities. He and his wife Audrey are recognized on the Donor Wall as having achieved "Gold" level of lifetime giving. ♦

A Different Kind of “Scholar Ship”

Do you ever wish that you had the opportunity to study abroad either in high school or college? Well Tristan Ross always wanted to do just that. He looked into it during high school but decided it wasn't the best thing for him at the time. Now in his last year of college at VCSU, he is participating in a program called The Scholar Ship. The program consists of studying aboard a cruise ship that is traveling around the world stopping at nine different countries. This semester, just over 200 students representing thirty-five nations are onboard with a wide range of majors.

Tristan is currently a senior at VCSU studying Computer Information Systems, Office

Management, and Business Administration. Onboard the ship, he is studying International Business. After completing the program he will also receive a certificate in Intercultural Leadership.

When asked why he wanted to take part in this new program Tristan replied, "It is a great way to network with people from around the world, learn more about becoming a better manager, and travel at the same time." This is Tristan's first real experience traveling.

While on this incredible experience, Tristan is staying very involved with VCSU keeping in touch with friends and coworkers as well as trying to stay up on current University



happenings in the organizations in which he participates.

If interested in learning more about The Scholar Ship, visit

www.thescholarship.com or feel free to contact Tristan Ross at tristan.ross@vcsu.edu. ♦

VCSU Scholarship Luncheon

Dr. Ellen Chaffee and the VCSU Foundation Office hosted the annual Scholarship Luncheon on Monday, September 24. The luncheon recognizes scholarship donors and gives them a chance to meet the student who received their scholarship.



RIGHT Colton McRann (Diana Skroch Art Scholarship), Diana Skroch '75, and Casey Behm (Diana Skroch Outstanding Pianist Scholarship).

LEFT Myron Sommerfeld '62, Andrea Kelsch (Myron and Jenneice Sommerfeld Scholarship) and Jenneice Sommerfeld '67.



RIGHT Eileen Grieger (Stephanie Dockter Memorial Scholarship) and Stephen Dockter '72.



LEFT Diane Hill '73 representing Beta Sigma Phi and their scholarship recipient Matt Klingenberg.

RIGHT Trent Douglas (Jim O'Connell Memorial Scholarship) and Meryl O'Connell.



Charitable Income Tax Credits Now Available

By Larry Robinson, Director of University Advancement

The 2007 North Dakota Legislature made significant changes to the existing income tax law governing the planned gift income tax credit. These changes have created new opportunities for both individuals and other types of taxpayers.

Planned gift income tax credit for individuals only:

Based on charitable contribution (as defined for federal income tax purposes) made in the form of a planned gift (as specified in statute) to either a nonprofit organization located in North Dakota or an endowment fund of a nonprofit located in North Dakota.

The tax credit is equal to 40% of the contribution made during the tax year, up to a maximum tax credit of \$10,000 (or \$20,000, if married filing jointly).

An unused credit may be carried forward up to 3 tax years.

North Dakota taxable income must be increased by the amount of the contribution upon which the credit is computed, but only to the extent the contribution reduced federal income taxes.

If a contribution is recovered by an individual, the tax credit allowed for the contribution must be added to the tax due on the income tax return filed for the tax year in which the recovery occurs.

NEW! Endowment fund income tax credit for other taxpayer types:

Available to an estate, trust, partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or limited liability company (in the past, similar credits were only available to individuals).

Based on a charitable contribution (as defined for federal income tax purposes) made to an endowment fund of a nonprofit organization located in North Dakota.

The tax credit is equal to 40% of the contributions made during the

tax year, up to a maximum tax credit of \$10,000.

An unused credit may be carried forward up to 3 tax years.

North Dakota taxable income must be increased by the amount of the contribution upon which the credit is computed, but only to the extent the contribution reduced federal taxable income.

For an estate or trust, the tax credit must be allocated to the estate or trust and its beneficiaries based on the amount of income allocated to each of them.

For a partnership, S corporation, or limited liability company (treated like a passed through entity) the tax credit is calculated at the entity level and then passed through to the entity's owners in proportion to their ownership interests.

If a contribution is recovered by a taxpayer, the tax credit allowed for the contribution must be added to the tax due on the income tax return filed for the tax year which the recovery occurs.

The statutory provisions for the two credits are found in the North Dakota Century Code Section 57-38-01.21. The changes made to the planned gift income tax credit for individuals and the provisions of the new endowment fund income tax credit for other taxpayers apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007.

The planned gift income tax credit is implemented on Schedule PG, a supplemental schedule that is attached to either Form ND-1 (main method form) or Form D-2 (optional method form). The 2007 version of this form is still pending forms design changes and will be available in late December of this year.

As always, we recommend that a qualified tax professional be consulted to determine the impact these opportunities may have on your tax liability. ♦



Bringing in the Paint Bucket...

The annual Paint Bucket game with Jamestown College got started out with flair with the delivery of the trophy. A Blackhawk Huey Helicopter circled the stadium and landed on the practice field. The Helicopter came from the 1st Division of 112th Aviation Battalion in Bismarck. Though the Vikings were not victorious on the day, they still lead the overall series, 51-46-5.

Connie Pederson Retires

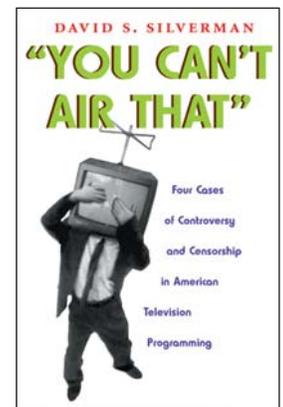


After 25 years of dedicated service to VCSU, Connie Pederson retired at the end of July. Her career at VCSU began with duties split between the Industrial Arts and Physical Plant Departments where she worked for 1 year prior to moving into the Office of the Registrar as administrative assistant. She most recently served as Assistant Registrar. ♦

Dr. Silverman Publishes Book and Paper

Dr. David S. Silverman recently published his book *You Can't Air That, Four Cases of Controversy and Censorship in American Television Programming*, through the Syracuse University Press. His text examines four controversial television programs from the perspective of media history, assessing the political and intellectual inertia that such censorship presents at the four major broadcast networks.

Separately, Dr. Silverman and his wife Olga published their paper, "Citizens and Enemies and Aliens, Oh My! Or, How Latvia Gave Me an Alien Passport in the Country of My Birth." The paper was accepted for publication by *The International Journal on Diversity in Organisations, Communities, and Nations* (a fully peer-reviewed journal published by Common Ground). Dr. Silverman presented the paper at the organization's seventh annual International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communications, and Nations in Amsterdam this past July. ♦



HALL OF FAME '07

Hall of Fame Class of '07



Bobby Hoffner '84, Shelley Cockerill '95, Don Bauer '63, and Bill Beranek '79.



They haven't changed a bit! At the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, the 1993 Volleyball team lined up in the same order as their original team photo. **FRONT** Kerri (Brook) Bauereiss, Alicia (Dew) Jones '97, Sharla (Huston) Fisher, Sara (Piper) Johnson '95. **MIDDLE** Charity (Hanson) Nix '00, Jackie (Bisson) Lusk '98, Kelly (Winkels) Holaday '97, Shelley Cockerill '95, Randene (Prawdzik) Chickillo '96. **BACK** Jennifer (Bennett) Conlon '87, Phil Chickillo '95, Diane Burr, Amy (Brown) Pederson '94.



Improvements to Softball Complex Completed

The VCSU softball complex received substantial improvements over the summer that were made possible by the recent gifts from Gary and Connie Tharaldson.

The most visible improvement is a new Daktronics scoreboard that is framed by a 60' square softball diamond – the same size as a regulation softball infield. The frame was assembled and erected by a combination of VCSU's physical plant staff and the staff of Valley City Parks and Recreation Department. The gifts also funded new dugouts for the softball complex.

B.J. Pumroy, VCSU's athletic director, said, "We are very thankful to Gary and Connie Tharaldson for their strong support of the university. These improvements are a welcome addition to the Viking athletic program."

In addition to the softball complex improvements, the Tharaldson gifts also earmarked \$900,000 for scholarships over the next 10 years, 50 of which were awarded this year. ♦



Dave Rausch, A Viking Original

How does an individual become an icon? Well, the progression could be something like this: become a starting linebacker, become an All-American, lead your team to an undefeated 9-0 season, be named All-American again, join the coaching staff, become inducted into the Viking Hall of Fame, and have your number retired. The icon in reference is Dave Rausch. "Roup" has been involved with the Vikings for over 30 years as a player, supporter, and coach.

The West Fargo native came to VCSU in the fall of 1974. Dave earned All-American honors as a linebacker for the Vikings in 1976 and 1977. During the 1977, season Rausch helped lead VCSU to an undefeated 9-0 season. During the 1976 season, Rausch helped the Vikings to an 8-2 record and a trip to the NAIA playoffs. That same year, Rausch logged 122 assisted tackles, which still stands as the top single season performance all time. In 1977, he logged 108, placing him currently in fourth place for assisted tackles. Rausch's 163 total tackles in 1976 places him second all-time for total season tackles while his 147 in 1977 places him fourth. For his career, Rausch is third all-time with 310 total tackles and first all time with 230 assisted tackles.

Rausch graduated in 1978 and took employment at Grotberg Electric where he was an accountant until 1997. Shortly after his departure from Grotberg, Rausch opened his own branch of Raymond James Financial Services Incorporated. In 1986, Rausch also began roaming the sidelines for the Vikings coaching linebackers. Dave is currently in his 21st season with the Viking coaching staff. In addition, Dave was inducted into the VCSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988.

His 21 year tenure has endured three coaching changes. Coach Jim Dew, who Rausch played for, was the first head coach "Roup" experienced. Dew, the all-time winningest coach in Viking history commented, "Dave Rausch is the most dedicated athlete I have ever coached. A leader on and off the field, Dave benched 410 pounds the first day of practice in 1977. That year he was first team All-American linebacker and the first Defensive Player of the Week ever selected by the NAIA. I think you could truly say that Dave Rausch has devoted his life to Viking Athletics by giving his time, talents and resources over the past 34 years."

Upon taking over the program, Coach Dennis McCulloch was the next coach in line to receive the services of the infectious Rausch. "I have not met a man more dedicated to a program than Roup. He has truly given his heart and soul to

the Vikings. Not only does he volunteer his time to coach, but he has been the major driving force behind starting our '12th Man' club for our football alumni," stated McCulloch.

30 years ago, Dave was the first ever NAIA Defensive Player of the Week. In a ceremony on September 28, 2007, Dave Rausch became the first VCSU football player to have his number retired. "Roup" lives in Valley City and is also the president of the Football Alumni club and is instrumental in promoting and fundraising for the Viking football program.

Coach McCulloch summed it up when he said, "If you look up 'Viking Pride,' Roup's name would appear by it." ♦



Coach Dennis McCulloch, Jim Dew, Dave Rausch '78, Joe Peterson '91, Gregg Horner '90, Steve LeGrand, John Olstad '93 and Jim Breckheimer '92.

Hall of Fame Plaques Find New Home



Visitors to the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse may have noticed that the display cases which had been the home for plaques recognizing VCSU Hall of Fame honorees has been missing – for over a year, in fact. Athletic Director B.J. Pumroy explained, “As part of the renovation enabled by the contributions from Gary and Connie Tharaldson, we decided to move the plaques from the lobby display cases and give them an entire room of their own.” So was born the VCSU Hall of Fame room, located just off the lobby of the Fieldhouse.

VCSU Carpenter Don Schaack and Maintenance Worker Steve Olson worked hard to re-install all 124 individual and 30 team plaques in the new digs so that they would be ready for Homecoming visitors. “Don and Steve did a great job,” said Pumroy.

In addition to being once again available for public viewing, the new Hall of Fame room provides additional benefits. “Because the plaques are mounted on a wall instead of a display case, they are more accessible and easier to read,” said Pumroy. “We also have lots more room than we had in the display cases, so now can accommodate another 10 years of honorees.” ♦

Viking Alumni Games...



VCSU Alumni Softball

This is the first season in which the Viking softball team played an alumni game as part of Homecoming. The team rode in the parade and was fortunate enough to have President Chaffee jump on for part of the ride. New Athletic Director B.J. Pumroy played third base for the alumni team and recorded his first hit in fast pitch softball. Participants in the alumni game included:

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| Kelli Unrein '07, Pinedale, WY | Jackie O'Neill '07, St. Paul, MN |
| Alisha Sackman '06, Glendive, MT | Charla Bick '06, Ronan, MT |
| Nicole Swenson '05, Valley City | Jill DeVries, (Coach), Valley City |
| Diane Burr, (Coach), Valley City | Mel Winning '00, Winnipeg, MB |
| Peggy Person '82, Berthold, ND | Charlene Griffin '83, Terre Haute, IN |
| Deb Huether '84, Lisbon, ND | Charlene Stenson '83, Sanborn, ND |
| Kelli Baumgartner '08, Valley City | Pam Swenson '75, Sanborn, ND |
| (Currently student coaching) | |



VCSU Alumni Baseball

The baseball team also participated in an alumni game over Jamestown weekend. The alumni were defeated by the current squad 7-2. Alumni participants were:

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| Doug Lonski '06 | Ryan Olson '98 |
| Kelly McMonagle '96 | Jason Drake '96 |
| Andrew Fraase | Colin Thilmoney '07 |
| Pat Olson | Dustin Grabowska '07 |
| James Thornton '02 | Drew Calanchie '07 |

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Men's Basketball 07-08

Home games in **BOLD**

Oct. 13, 2007	Alumni Game (Exhibition)	7:00 PM
Oct. 30, 2007	Trinity College (at Ellendale)	7:30 PM
Nov 2, 2007	Northwestern College	7:30 PM
Nov 3, 2007	Dordt College (IA)	6:00 PM
Nov 5, 2007	St. Cloud State University (at St. Cloud, MN)	7:00 PM
Nov 9, 2007	Dakota Wesleyan University (at Mitchell, SD)	7:30 PM
Nov 10, 2007	Mount Marty College (at Yankton, SD)	6:00 PM
Nov 13, 2007	University of Sioux Falls	7:30 PM
Nov 20, 2007	University of Minnesota - Crookston	8:00 PM
Nov 27, 2007	Presentation College	7:30 PM
Nov 30, 2007	Trinity International Tournament (at Deerfield, IL)	8:00 PM
Dec 1, 2007	Trinity International Tournament (at Deerfield, IL)	TBA
Dec 5, 2007	Jamestown College	7:30 PM
Dec 27, 2007	Clark College Tournament (Dec 27-31)	TBA
Jan. 7, 2008	University of Minnesota - Morris	7:30 PM
Jan. 11, 2008	South Dakota School of Mines & Tech. (at Rapid City, SD)	8:30 PM
Jan. 12, 2008	Black Hills State University (at Spearfish, SD)	7:00 PM
Jan. 18, 2008	Dickinson State University	7:30 PM
Jan. 19, 2008	Minot State University	6:00 PM
Jan. 25, 2008	Dakota State University (at Madison, SD)	7:30 PM
Jan. 26, 2008	Mayville State University (at Mayville, ND)	6:00 PM
Feb. 1, 2008	Mayville State University	7:30 PM
Feb. 2, 2008	Dakota State University	6:00 PM
Feb. 8, 2008	Minot State University (at Minot, ND)	7:30 PM
Feb. 9, 2008	Dickinson State University (at Dickinson, ND)	7:00 PM
Feb. 15, 2008	Black Hills State University	6:30 PM
Feb. 16, 2008	South Dakota School of Mines & Tech.	6:00 PM
Feb. 20, 2008	Jamestown College (at Jamestown, ND)	7:30 PM
Feb. 24, 2008	DAC Tournament (at TBA)	TBA
Feb. 27, 2008	DAC Tournament (at TBA)	TBA
Mar. 2, 2008	DAC Championship (at TBA)	TBA
Mar. 12, 2008	NAIA National Tournament (at Point Lookout, MO)	TBA

Women's Basketball 07-08

Home games in **BOLD**

Oct. 30, 2007	Trinity College (at Ellendale, ND)	5:00 PM
Nov 2, 2007	Northwestern College	5:30 PM
Nov 3, 2007	Dordt College (IA)	4:00 PM
Nov 9, 2007	Dakota Wesleyan University (at Mitchell, SD)	5:30 PM
Nov 10, 2007	Mount Marty College (at Yankton, SD)	3:00 PM
Nov 13, 2007	University of Sioux Falls	5:30 PM
Nov 20, 2007	University of Minnesota - Crookston	6:00 PM
Nov 27, 2007	Presentation College	5:30 PM
Dec 5, 2007	Jamestown College	5:30 PM
Dec 15, 2007	North Dakota State University (at Fargo, ND)	6:00 PM
Dec 29, 2007	Concordia College (at Moorhead, MN)	8:00 PM
Dec 31, 2007	Minnesota State University Moorhead (Exhibition)	7:00 PM
Jan. 4, 2008	Presentation College (at Aberdeen, SD)	6:00 PM
Jan. 7, 2008	University of Minnesota - Morris	5:30 PM
Jan. 12, 2008	Black Hills State University (at Spearfish, SD)	3:00 PM
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Feb. 15, 2008	Black Hills State University	5:30 PM
Feb. 16, 2008	South Dakota School of Mines & Tech.	4:00 PM
Feb. 21, 2008	Jamestown College (at Jamestown, ND)	5:30 PM
Feb. 26, 2008	DAC Playoffs (at TBA)	TBA
Feb. 29, 2008	DAC Playoffs (at TBA)	TBA
Mar. 3, 2008	DAC Championship (at TBA)	TBA

See you at the game!

St. Olaf Tailgating

The VCSU Alumni Association hosted a tailgating party on Saturday, September 8 before the VCSU Vikings vs. the St. Olaf Oles football game. Alumni from the area were invited to get together as were families of the football players.

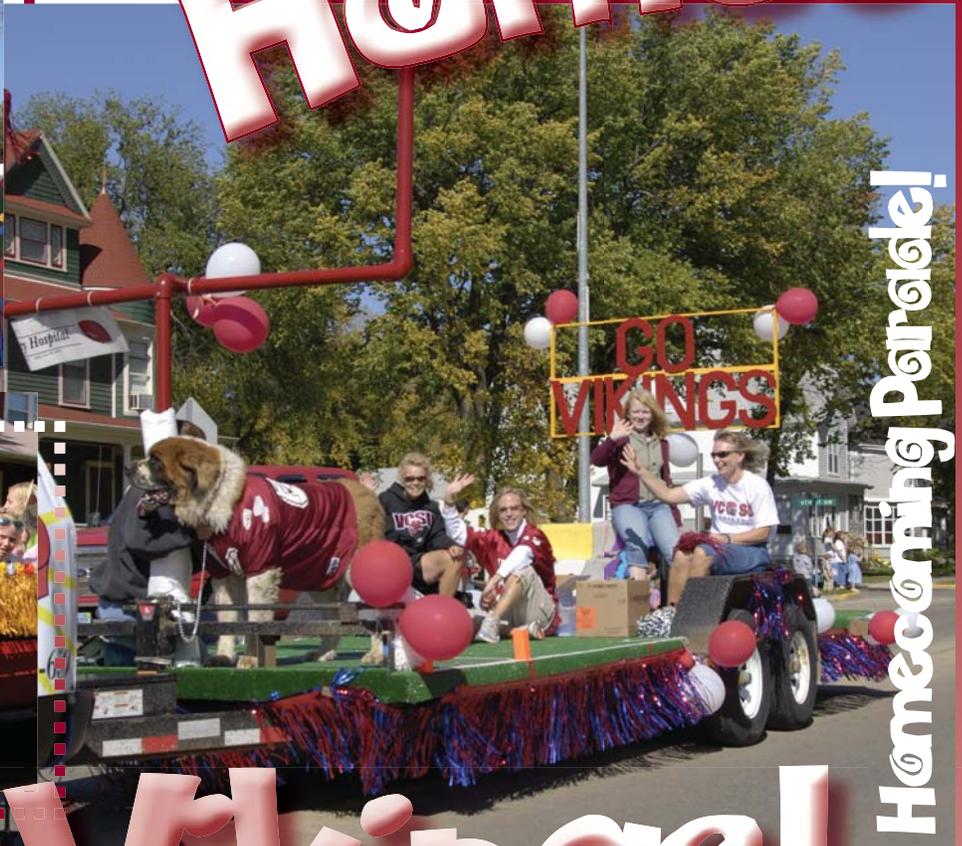


Andrew '98 and Ranelle (Leier) '94 Warcken with BJ Pumroy, VCSU Athletic Director



Gary Rufsvold '68 and Dan Pettit '87

Homecoming



Homecoming Parade!



Go Vikings!



Osmon Fun Run!



Coach Osmon Remembered at 25th Annual Fun Run

Valley City State University held the 25th annual Bill Osmon Fun Run in conjunction with 2007 Homecoming activities. Coach Osmon passed away in February, 2007, and this was the first time he was not present to start the race in the history of the event. In comments immediately before the race, Larry Robinson, Director of Advancement for VCSU, characterized Osmon as an icon for VCSU athletics – professional, committed, dedicated, sincere, and student-centered. Coach Osmon's wife Leone '42, shown here with race winners Kevin Dahlberg (Valley City) and Bridget Berinkott (Casselton, ND), was presented with flowers by Homecoming chairs Mindy Paulson and Jessica Trautman. Members of his family who were also present at the race included his daughter Mary Flam, who started the race, and his sister-in-law Lillian Jacobson '40. ♦



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Homecoming saw plenty of action in both football and volleyball...

On the gridiron, the Vikings could not overcome 2 roughing the kicker penalties late in the second quarter that led to a Dakota State touchdown. The Vikes pulled to within 3 points late in the 3rd quarter but could not finish off the rally before DSU tacked on 2 insurance touchdowns leading to a final score of 31-14.

In volleyball, the Vikings took an exciting 5 game match from the Beavers of Minot State on Friday night, winning the final game 15-13. On Saturday night, the presence of Hall of Fame inductees from the 1993 volleyball team wasn't quite enough to push the Vikings over the top of nationally ranked Dickinson State – a team that features several high level international players. ♦



Volunteers Needed for the Friends of Music Board

Alumni and community members are invited to serve on the Friends of Music Board, an expansion of the Music Alumni Council. Formed in fall, 2004, the Alumni Council's work included assisting with publicity, recruitment, and fund-raising for the department, as well as serving as mentors to music majors. Those important functions remain for the Friends of Music Board, with a new focus on raising the scholarship funds which are necessary to attract high-caliber students to VCSU. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or know an ideal candidate for a board position, contact Anne Miedema, Department of Music, 845-7272 or anne.miedema@vcsu.edu. ♦

Friends of Music Drive Underway

The VCSU Department of Music continues its most important fundraising initiative of the decade. The 2006-2007 Friends of Music fund drive was the largest in history, raising over \$12,000 for student scholarships.

The largest class of new music majors and minors in recent years is now on campus. Twelve outstanding young people are already proving to be valuable additions to the program. Friends of Music provided a total of \$21,000 in scholarships to these new freshmen, returning students, and ensemble participants. 86% of music majors and minors received awards, ranging from \$240 to \$1500. In order to continue this successful recruiting effort, the Department of Music needs your help.

The 2007-2008 fundraising goal is \$25,000. Make a difference in a young musician's life by mailing your contribution, marked for Friends of Music Scholarships, to: Office of University Advancement, Valley City State University, 101 College Street SW, Valley City, ND 58072. ♦

Music Biz Studied VCSU major in third year

By Jay Stephenson, *Valley City Times-Record*
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When most people think of a garage band, a classroom environment at a state university is not what first comes to mind.

For Valley City State University students majoring in music business, a garage band course is just as important as a course on World War II is to a history major.

Music business as a college course might not be as well known to the general public as history, economic, or literature courses, but according to the program's creator at VCSU, it's a realistic choice for those interested in the music field who don't want to teach.

"The music business is an \$80 billion industry in this country," says Sara Hagen, an associate professor at VCSU who specializes in music technology and its influence on music education. "As it goes global, it's going to be even bigger than it already is."

Hagen defines music business as "anything that has to do with creation or distribution of music."

The program is in its third year at VCSU, and students majoring in the program have already received visits from such music luminaries as Stevie Wonder's lead arranger Henry Panion III, and Justin Goldberg, an A&R (Arts and

Repertoire) representative from the Sony Corp.

Students majoring in music business have their own recording studio available to them, and they have had access to sound engineers, music publishers, print and copy writers, composers, and people in both the commercial and entertainment music industry. The degree offers different concentrations depending on students' future interests.

"If they are interested in making music as a performer then they can take extra lessons and ensembles; if they want to go into arts management then they can take professional or grant writing; and if they have entrepreneurial interests, they can take extra courses in the business department because we are co-sponsored both in music and in business," Hagen said.

VCSU is the only college that has the program in North Dakota, according to Hagen, and the program offers alternatives that are different from Moorhead State University's music business program.

"We are different from the music industry program at Moorhead State in that they are primarily into the recording engineering



Among the facilities VCSU can offer its students studying music business: a Roland VS-2480 Hard Disk Recorder – a digital version of the "big boards" you might find in an older style recording studio. Students use it to record, edit, and burn professional-quality music CD's.

areas," Hagen said. "We do focus on recording engineering, but ours is more a management, business based program with the idea that you can make it anything you want."

"Making it anything you want" is a philosophy the department takes serious, considering they are the only school offering a garage band course.

"If someone in the music business plays the guitar, you really can't be in the band and choir with it," Hagen said. "So we created a garage band course as a performance outlet for those interested in the independent rock band kind of music business."

Hagen says the largest battle

the program faces is increasing its enrollment in future semesters.

"Because we're so new and we haven't had a huge marketing push, it has been difficult to get traction," Hagen said. "We have such limited time and funds that's it's very difficult to get things going."

Hagen hopes the program will catch interest because she believes it's the direction music is going in the near future.

"Someone with a lifelong interest can make a career out of music without being a teacher or just a straight up performer: they can be a tour manager, they can be a booking agent, or they can work in the publishing houses," she said. ♦

2007-2008 VCSU Theatre Season

The Late Christopher Bean
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South Pacific
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South Pacific wants YOU!

Alumni are invited to audition for the VCSU spring musical, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *South Pacific*. The production will feature live music, lots of singing and exciting dance routines, so alumni of all talents are welcome! Dr. Martin Kelly, VCSU director of theatre, said, "Most characters are navy guys, 'Sea Bees,' and marines, so we are especially interested in men with musical talent. Auditions will be held January 9 and 10 in Vangstad from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. For more information, contact Dr. Kelly at 701-845-7319 or martin.kelly@vcsu.edu.

Fine Arts Calendar 2007-08

Nov. 15	General Student Recital11:00 am Froemke	Mar. 13	Concert Band & Choir Pops Concert* 7:30 pm Vangstad
Nov. 15	Jazz Ensemble* 7:30 pm Cafeteria	Mar. 16	Martin Olsen, Percussion3:00 pm Froemke
Nov. 17	Chamber Festival Concert** 7:30 pm Froemke	Mar. 18	General Student Recital11:00 am Froemke
Nov. 18	University Singers & Chamber Ensembles*3:00 pm Froemke	Mar. 31	"Through the Lens" Photo Exhibition VCSU Gallery
Nov. 30	Valley Voices, Valley Children's Choir** 7:30 pm Froemke	April 4	Four Shadow+ 7:30 pm Vangstad
Dec. 3-14	Mindi Paulson Senior Exhibition VCSU Gallery	April 6	Megan Fiebiger & Heidi Kirsch, Sopranos3:00 pm Froemke
Dec. 6	Concert Choir, Valley City Civic Orchestra** 7:30 pm Christmas at St. Catherine's St. Catherine Catholic Church	April 10	General Student Recital 7:30 pm Froemke
Dec. 8	EBC "We're in the Mood" Christmas Concert** ... 7:30 pm Vangstad	April 13	University Singers & Chamber Ensembles*3:00 pm Froemke
Dec. 10	Garage Bands4:00 pm Froemke	April 20	Concert Choir, Valley Voices, 7:30 pm Valley Children's Choir** Epworth United Methodist Church
Dec. 11	Choir, Children's Choir, Voices, 7:30 pm Troubadours: Carol Sing VC Courthouse	April 24	VCSU Jazz Ensemble* 7:30 pm Student Center Cafeteria
Jan. 7-11	Art Faculty Exhibition VCSU Gallery	April 26	Concert Band, Valley City Civic Orchestra*3:00 pm Vangstad
Feb. 4-29	Annual Art Student Exhibition VCSU Gallery	April 30	Garage Bands 7:30 pm City Park
Feb. 10	Faculty Recital*3:00 pm Froemke	May 1	Composers' Concert 7:30 pm Froemke
Feb. 24	Sigurd Johnson, Percussion*3:00 pm Froemke	May 4	Community School of the Arts Recitals 2:00, 4:00 pm Froemke
Feb. 25	Sally Harmon, Pianist+ 7:30 pm Vangstad	May 4	Valley Children's Choir** 6:00 pm Froemke
Mar. 3-21	Barnes County Jr./Sr. High Exhibition VCSU Gallery		
Mar. 9	Sarah Kahl, Pianist* 7:30 pm Froemke		

* Fee Concerts: \$5.00 adult admission Charge, VCSU students, faculty and staff admitted free.

** Benefit concert; free will offering only. All proceeds go to music scholarships.

+ Concert series: admission by season membership which may be purchased at the door.

In Remembrance

Verne L. Larson '46, *Palm Coast, FL*
 Ann (Foley) Raveling '38 & '68, *Valley City*
 Edith (Brown) Lenarz, *Minneapolis, MN*
 Ronald M. Benson '67, *Mesa, AZ*
 Ruth (Vining) Sowden '43, *Valley City*
 Ingrid (Olson) Johnson '71, *Devils Lake*
 Hazel M. Hermanson '35, *Bloomington, MN*
 Erma (Posey) Scanson, *Grace City*
 Clarinda (Benoit) Morin '33, *Walhalla*
 Helen (Nelson) Benson '66, *Cooperstown*
 Dr. Doris (Molbert) Evers '38, *Fargo*
 Doris (Monson) Hodny '52, *Mandan*
 Charlotte (Halvorson) Chandler, *Halstad, MN*
 Lena Vangstad '29, *Osakis, MN*
 Mildred (Nogosek) Schrade, *Jamestown*
 Arthur Grant Anderson '35, *Shaker Heights, OH*
 Riley E. Murray, *Valley City*
 Jane (Kjenstad) Veitch, *Argusville, ND*
 S.M. "Lee" Utgaard, *Lewiston, ID*
 Rose (Johnson) Bartle '41, *Enderlin*
 Alvina (Beck) Neumiller '41, *Boring, OR*
 Doris (Hoyer) Potter '34, *Valley City*
 Edna (Wolff) Terry, *Grandin*
 Agnes (Carlson) Benson '62, *Rochester, MN*
 Timothy E. Jundt '81, *Fargo*
 Mae (Heley) Tureck '28, *Naples, FL*
 Beatrice (Rose) West '30, *Hayden Lake, ID*
 Edith (McConn) Nielsen '36, *Hatton*
 Tena (Klaman) Fettig, *Portland, OR*
 Doris E. Hanson '72, *Fort Ransom*
 Marcella (Keltgen) Urlaub '34 & '74,
Waterville, WA
 Helene (Otterberg) Barry, *Moorhead, MN*
 Mona (Frahm) Sattler '79, *Fargo*
 Robert G. Freeberg '69, *Grand Forks*
 Helene (Johnson) Johnson '71, *Valley City*
 Robert E. Mohberg '60, *West Fargo*
 Vern D. Eberly '60, *Lisbon*
 Eleanor (Hovland) Ertelt, *Valley City*
 James Anseth '68, *Oswego, IL*
 Roy M. Johnson, *Valley City*
 Melissa D. Morud '83, *Jamestown*
 Lois (Welsh) Peterson '44, *Langdon*
 Agnes (Ekness) Hornbacher, *Moorhead*
 Albina (Stangler) Nordgaard '34, *Valley City*
 Ardis (Severson) McCready '47, *Sun City, AZ*

Former Faculty

Roy W. Meyer
 Dr. Bonnie (Warner) Alexander

Vikings on the Move

1940s

Gus '46 and Doris (Lentz) Baumgartner '42 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 2, 2007. Gus was in graduate school at the University of Washington when he entered the F.B.I. and after an assignment in Little Rock, AR was transferred to the Chicago office where he remained until his retirement in 1976. They later relocated to Louisiana and currently reside in Mandeville, which is across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans. They have two children, Susan who received her Doctorate from Vanderbilt University and is principal of an elementary school in Nashville, and Steve who is a graduate of Purdue University and a former professional football player with the New Orleans Saints and the Houston Oilers. Gus and Doris have 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren with number 3 on the way.

1950s

Barbara (Langdahl) Gilbertson '52 and her husband, Reese, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 28, 2007. They have 2 children and 6 grandchildren. They went on a 2 week cruise and land tour to Alaska in August.

1960s

Mark Motis '60 was named "Unsung Hero" for August 2007 in Devils Lake, ND. He received the award in appreciation of his generosity, passion for education, and support of the Lake Region community. He was noted for his staunch support of the "Aristocats," as a driving force in fundraising for the auditorium for the International Music Camp at the Peace Gardens, and for his continued involvement with the Shrine and Masons. Mark resides in Minnewaukan, MN.

Barbara (Rome) Gillund '67 just retired from teaching the 5th grade. Her husband, Dennis Gillund '65, retired 6 years ago in the spring of 2001. They both retired from District 196 in Apple Valley, MN. They plan to spend a lot of time with their 6 grandchildren who are all in school, kindergarten through junior high.

1970s

Barbara (Foxen) Gendreau '72 lost her husband, Roger, in March of 2003 due to a level four brain tumor. It has been difficult, but she and her son, Landon, have helped each other a lot since then. Landon recently graduated from Shanley High School and plans to go into engineering. Barbara's daughter, Nicole Olson '00, lives in Valley City with her husband and son and works in the Valley City School System.

Jerry Topp '74 has been named 2007 "Boss of the Year" by the Red River Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals. Jerry is the managing partner/CEO of Eide Bailly, Fargo. He has been with the firm since 1978. He received VCSU's Distinguished Service Award in 2005.

Mark A. Meier '75 continues to fly professionally as a 767/757 Captain for American Airlines out

of Dallas, TX. He and his wife, Karen, would love to visit with you. If you are ever in the Dallas area, look them up!

1980s

Mike G. Stusiak '80 has been employed in Watertown, SD for the past 27 years as an elementary teacher, an elementary counselor, and most recently as a school psychologist. Also, for the past 10 years, he has taught courses in education, psychology, music, and math at the Watertown campus of Mt. Marty College. He has 3 grown children and will soon be celebrating his 2nd anniversary with his beautiful wife, Karen. Go Vikings!

Dan Smith '83 coaches football, strength and conditioning, and power-lifting. His wife, **Pat (Hanson) '83**, is an elementary principal. Ben is a senior at UND; Casi is playing volleyball for the high school; and Kati is cheerleading for the junior high. Dan invites all "Sigs" to come see them during spring break in South Padre Island, TX.

Donna (Hell) Stubbe '84 began a new teaching position at Two Rivers High School in Two Rivers, WI. For the past 6 years, Donna had taught business education in Chilton, WI.

Laura (Olson) Turner '85 has been teaching elementary school for 23 years in Glens Ferry, ID. She is a big Boise State (Blue Turf) fan. They had an awesome Fiesta Bowl this past year. Laura has 3 daughters and 1 son. She works summers at the local pool teaching swimming lessons. Her husband of 19 years, Vint, is a farmer.

Jeffrey Bloom '85 is employed by Gabriel Metal Casting in Fargo, ND where he has been for 13 years. He started as a typical starving artist doing design work and sculpting, and is now a sales executive. The company manufactures unique executive limited edition castings in pewter. Jeffrey remarried in July of 2006 and now has 5 children. His is married to Melissa, and their children are: Seth, Emily, Austin, Hannah, and Zach. They live in South Fargo and make it back to Valley City frequently to visit old friends and family. Go Vikings and Hi-Liners!

Steve Becher '85 is currently working as an independent insurance agent for Western Insurance in West Fargo, ND. He and his wife, Lisa, have been married for 21 years and have 3 handsome and very active boys: Alex (16), Ben (14) and Zach (12). The boys keep them very busy all year round playing football, basketball and baseball. They love to go to the lakes on the weekends in the summer. Steve is also involved with an a capella group called 'Cool Reign' that sings Christian music. If you're ever coming through West Fargo, look him up.

1990s

Karl Blake '94 has been promoted to chief operations officer at Polar Communications in Park River, ND. Karl will oversee the operations of the plant department including Outside Plant

Operations, Internet/Network Services, Central Office and the Cable Services Division. He began his employment with Polar in 1994 as a computer programmer. He moved to central office technician in 1998, network specialist in 2000, and was promoted to Internet supervisor in 2002. Karl most recently held the title of assistant plant manager.

Louis Cote '94 and his wife, Sylvie, have 3 children: 2 girls ages 7 and 4 and a 1 year old boy. They live in LaBroquerie, Manitoba. Louis has been teaching early and middle years physical education/health for the last 13 years and is starting his first year as principal at Richer School this fall.

Mike Collinson '97 lives in Calgary, Alberta and works as a secretary treasurer for an automotive dealership downtown. He has one beautiful daughter.

Nicole (Birchem) Sufficool '98 is the new coordinator of Valley City Public Schools' Service Learning and Asset Mentoring Program. She was previously a teacher and coach in Glencoe, MN.

2000s

Randy Fuss '00 has been hired by Global Electric Motocars in Fargo. He is the government sales manager.

Kelly (Wild) Bergan '00 is teaching 5th grade at Luverne Elementary School in Luverne, MN. Her husband, Ryan, works in sales at CEO Marketing in Sioux Falls, SD. They live in Brandon, SD with their daughter, Haley (2).

Doug Cox '00, a fifth grade teacher at Westwood Intermediate School in Blaine, MN, was named Blaine's 2007 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. He was presented a check for \$1,000 which he used to buy 2 computers for student use in the classroom. Doug has taught in the Spring Lake Park District 16 for 7 years. He resides north of Elk River with his wife, Diana, and their 2 daughters: Kendall (3), and Keeley (1).

Tennille Esch '00 works for Barnes County Social Services in Valley City as a parent aide. She would love to hear from her classmates!



Melissa (Johnson) Kennelly '01 and her husband, Kevin, moved back to North Dakota to raise their family after teaching full time in the Twin Cities area for 4 years. They have 2 daughters: Grace (2), and Mary (1). They currently reside

in Edgeley, ND where Melissa is a stay-at-home mom and substitute teacher.

Jana Jonasen '01 got married 3 years ago to a wonderful man from the Superior, WI area. They have two beautiful boys: Gabe (2), and Connor (1). Right now she spends most of her time with the boys making sure that they have everything they need. She works part-time for the Post Office in Lake Nebagamon, WI and at their church. She misses all her college days and friends.

Teresa (Dooher) Tangen '03 has been hired as an investment assistant for Bank Forward. She resides in Valley City with her husband, Chad, and children, Grace and Andrew.

Scheryl (Kottsick) Bjorndahl '04 is the new head volleyball coach of the Park City Panthers in Park City, MT. She will also teach business classes for grades 7-12. Scheryl was previously the head volleyball coach at Mandan Senior High School in North Dakota for 2 years.

Aren Nelson '04 is a sales representative for Armtec in Calgary, Alberta. He has a baby boy who was born on July 17.

Justin Stringer '06 has been hired by US Bank of Valley City as a universal banker.

Jenny Callahan '06 has joined the Valley City radio station, KOVC, as an account executive.

Kathleen Bolstad '07 has accepted a position as a Spanish teacher at Grand Forks High School, Grand Forks, ND.

Sarah James '07 has been hired as communication and program coordinator for the North Dakota State University Alumni Association.

Janae Larson '07 is a business education teacher at West Fargo High School in West Fargo, ND.

Nikki (Serhienko) Zinke '07 has been named the editor of the Valley City Times-Record. Her newspaper experience includes work with The Bismarck Tribune, The Jamestown Sun, and The Faribault Daily News as well as freelance work.

Brayton Fox '07 is teaching first grade at Roosevelt Elementary School in Carrington, ND.

Stephanie Trautman '07 has been hired as assistant housing director for Valley City State University.

Amy Votava '07 has accepted a position as a pre-kindergarten Teacher at Minnewaukan Public School, Minnewaukan, ND.

Katie Cavallaro '07 is working at American Premier Financial, Tampa, FL, as a financial professional.

Katie Shaw '07 is an English second language teacher for grades 1-3 at Earl Brown Elementary School in Brooklyn Center, MN.

Weddings

Catrina Terry '06 & Russell LeeJuly 7, 2007

Colleen Conley '97 & Randy BrusvenJuly 7, 2007

Abbey Midthun '05 & Daniel Kwapinski..... July 14, 2007

Douglas Lonski '06 & Shauna Differding..... July 27, 2007

Alisha Larson '07 & Matthew Olson August 11, 2007

Stephanie Leadens '07 & Tyson Hoy.....August 18, 2007

Steven Welken '97 & Erin Hultman..... September 1, 2007

Ryan Boll '07 & Nadine AldrichSeptember 29, 2007

Kathy Legge '06 & Jason EdwardsOctober 6, 2007

Jenner Beauchman '00 & Ryan Klemme November 10, 2007



Bonnie Alexander Passes Away

Dr. Bonnie Alexander, associate professor of biology, passed away on Saturday, August 18, 2007 after a brief, courageous battle with cancer. Bonnie was a long time and active member of the VCSU community and she will be greatly missed. Her last major professional activity was escorting a group of students on a science trip to Australia earlier this summer. It was yet another example of her going the extra mile. We will miss her, and we offer our heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.

At present, additional information on Bonnie and her life is available from a Caringbridge site dedicated to Bonnie at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/bonniealexander>

Bonnie's daughter Meggan said the family wishes for memorials to go to the V-500 Scholarship Fund. ♦

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MILESTONES



ABOVE LEFT Greta (Trader) '06 and Kurry Delparte '05 were married on June 15, 2007. Kurry is currently working for Ingstad Broadcasting in Fargo as a sales associate and Greta is teaching preschool and substitute teaching.

ABOVE RIGHT Stephanie (Leadens) '07 and Tyson Hoy were married at Trinity Lutheran Church in Enderlin, ND on August 18, 2007. Tyson is employed by Canadian Pacific Railway, and Stephanie is teaching K-12 music for the Midkota School District. The couple resides in Enderlin.

ABOVE Kathy (Legge) '06 married Jason Edwards on October 6, 2007 in Fergus Falls, MN. She graduated from VCSU in May of 2006 with a B.S. in biology and is now attending NDSU's doctorate program in pharmaceutical science. Jason is teaching 6th grade at Discovery Middle School in Fargo.

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In Remembrance: *Lena Vangstad*



We are sad to report that Lena Vangstad passed away Wednesday, July 4, 2007, three weeks short of her 106th birthday. Her twin sister Thilda passed away in February, 2006 at the age of 104.

"The Twins" were the essence of the best of VCSU for a combined total of 60

years to hundreds of grateful students and colleagues. Lena taught in the Department of Education, and Thilda served as principal of College High School and taught in the Division of Social Science. They retired in 1971, at which time Vangstad Hall and Vangstad Auditorium were named in their honor. Since then, they have lived in Osakis, Minnesota, and continued to keep up with events on campus even from a distance. In 1992, they established and endowed the Vangstad Special Scholarship to assist academically promising students who have special or emergency financial needs. The Twins provided VCSU with an outstanding legacy, and they will be greatly missed. ♦

Reunions & Socials

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for ARIZONA 2008!

These informal gatherings are a great way to connect with other VCSU alumni and friends. More details will be sent out closer to the date of these events. If you would like to be on our mailing list for Arizona, please call the VCSU Foundation office at (701) 845-7203 or (800) 532-8641, ext. 37203.

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