



Construction Update

ND Gala Nov. 15, 2013

Phase II Construction Resumes This Summer

With great pleasure we announce that construction of Phase II resumed this August. The planned completion date is anticipated in time for the 2014/15 academic year. At a recent special meeting for parents Father Donnelly, Mr. Roger DesLauriers and Project Coordinator, Mr. William McCarthy explained the financial arrangements and timelines for the completion of the school.

As you are aware, following the completion of Phase I, a Task Force was formed to determine the likelihood of raising sufficient capital through a dedicated fundraising campaign to complete Phase II. From interviews with parents, alumni, and staff, it was concluded that the Notre Dame community was not prepared to financially support Phase II until they could see "shovels in the ground."

Based on these results, our consultants presented a strategy which recommended Phase II be underwritten with a construction loan coupled with a debt-reduction campaign with donations specifically earmarked to pay down the debt.

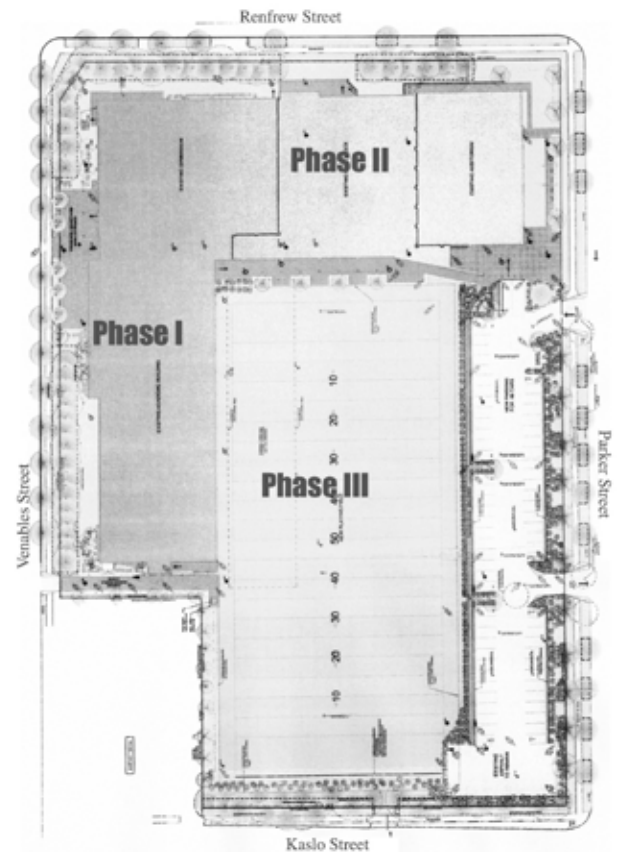
After much thought and hard work a business plan was developed that included borrowing up to \$7 million to complete the school. This debt will be paid down by funds generated through continued growth in student enrollment, an annual per family voluntary assessment of \$400, a commitment by the Notre Dame Alumni Foundation to raise \$400,000 through various activities and a concerted effort to raise increased money through donations from supporters.

It should be noted that parents who attended the meeting overwhelmingly supported the idea of an annual capital assessment to help pay down the loan. The plan is expected to allow for the retirement of the building loan within ten years. A significant feature of this business plan is that it is a stand alone financial model for Notre Dame asking no further commitment from the Archdiocese or the ten Parishes.

On that note and on behalf of the Notre Dame Fundraising Task Force, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Archbishop Miller and our ten pastors, without whose support and belief in the Notre Dame community it would not be possible to share this wonderful news! While much work still needs to be done, the prospect of finishing the school in the near term is now tangible and exciting!

Lastly, we extend a special thank you to those alumni who agreed to participate in our fundraising interviews. Rest assured that your opinions formed the basis of, and certainly influenced the development of the new business plan allowing the resumption of construction. We look forward to working with you over the coming months as we embark on the final phase of construction.

*Dr. Richard Busse, Class of '78
Chair, ND Fundraising Task Force*



Phase II of school construction began this summer

Now that Phase II has begun, the job of the Task Force is to appeal to all Notre Dame supporters to donate to this project so that we can pay down the loan as quickly as possible. Now it's time for all Jugglers to "Know, Love and Serve".

ND Annual Golf Tournament

September 27, 2013

Westwood Plateau Golf and
Country Club.

Lunch, dinner, awards, auction
items, prizes and giveaways!

\$225.00 per player.

Dinner only \$60.00 each.

Email ndgolf2013@hotmail.com

Linda West Retires

The Notre Dame community has been blessed with many a person who saw teaching not so much as a job but as a vocation: a calling if you will. Mrs. West, as indeed I did myself, began her career in the public school system. We became colleagues, fellow members of the teaching profession who along with other colleagues here, chose a career in a Catholic school, specifically Notre Dame.

It was initially through my wife, a fellow teacher, that I came to better know Mrs. West, although later, as business courses moved from an old technology called typewriters to a newer format based on digital communications, our professional paths crossed more and more.

Three characteristics stand out for me when I think of Mrs. West. She is always positive, always cheerful, and always inspirational. I loved working with her on the annual prom for more than a decade. Our collaboration pretty much started when Notre Dame became one of the first schools in the province with a digital camera. My contribution was minor; photographs, lots of photographs. Mrs. West's meticulous organization of the prom evening meant that I could just show up. Linda, her family and I would often be there packing up until the small hours of the morning

I recall vividly the moment when my colleague's husband phoned late one evening to say that they had been in a motor vehicle accident and that she might not return to school ... ever.

When I went to visit her Linda was unrecognizable to me, and yet difficult as the situation was, Linda's fighting spirit shone through. She was determined to be back at school and it was obvious that she fully intended to be back doing what she loves, working with young people, always driving them to achieve 100 percent standing. She saw being at school, with her students, as integral to her recovery.

Linda's call of "where are my 100 percenters" was an inspiration to those students who in turn helped pull others up to the standard she set for everyone.

There was no greater supporter of our long-running Physics Bridge Building Contest than Mrs. West. She eventually designed a gorgeous poster that has become a hallmark of the event, and which I think was a factor in my being sent to the Large Hadron Collider and CERN in Switzerland two years ago.

Teaching is in Mrs. West's blood. She will never cease to be a teacher. If it isn't a class of eager grade eights then it will be an unsuspecting store manager who will be taught or lectured about the finer points of product merchandising, discounting and couponing.

My colleague loves to travel. She and her husband have travelled widely, exclusively I believe, in the Northern Hemisphere. I'm looking forward to the time when I receive an email from them while they are in Antarctica or Madagascar or some other remote part of the world like, say, Cloverdale.

Linda, I know I will miss your infectious smile and laugh and I will miss that cup of tea that always arrived at the right moment. I can now admit that your side of the Fraser is much closer to your life's work of supporting the economy of Washington State and I can also now admit that I cannot explain how you manage to have such immaculately curled hair every day.

Linda, Mrs West, your students, your colleagues and the entire Notre Dame community will miss you and wish you the best in retirement. Bon Voyage!

Peter Vogel

Tuition Appeal

With the increase in school enrollment (soon to be over 700) and the present economy, more families are having difficulty paying tuition. Today when someone is out of work, sick or on limited income with several children in the school, keeping up with tuition is very difficult. Because we believe so strongly in the value of a Catholic Education, especially education at Notre Dame, ND has always done what it can to ease the burden for families in these circumstances. At this time, however, with the push to finish the building, funds are limited. Therefore, we would like to reinstate a program used in the past, "Help a Juggler".

We are asking Grads and parents of Grads, who would like to help a student in need and can afford to do so, to volunteer to pay a portion or a full tuition. The donation would not be for a fund but for a specific student. The name of the student would be confidential but you would be

assured that the school had thoroughly checked that the student's need was valid. An income tax receipt would be issued.

If you would like to participate in this program, please, phone the school office (604-255-5454) and speak to Mr. DesLauriers (Principal) or Sylvia Martin and give them your name and the amount of the tuition you are willing to pay (Full tuition is \$4,000 a year). When a student in need is identified, someone on the list of donors would be contacted and arrangements made.

If you benefited from your ND education and would like participate in "Help a Juggler", it would be greatly appreciated.

Al Blesch



ND Alumni Foundation 11th Annual Gala

Friday November 15, 2013 at
the Italian Cultural Centre
3075 SLOCAN STREET
VANCOUVER.

Call the school office for tickets:
604-255-5454

Notre Dame Raffle

A Raffle in support of the school will run from Sept 1 - Feb 27, 2014 .

Prizes will be drawn at the school during the AGM on Feb 27, 2014:

1st Prize - 2013 Vespa LX50

2nd - Ladies Designer Purse

3rd - One Night Stay @ Sutton Place

Tickets will be \$5 each - available through the school: 604-255-5454.

Trivia Night 2014

Mark your calendars! The next ND Trivia Night is March 7, 2014. More info to come!

In Memoriam

Laura Favia (1977). Joe Klimas (1976). Sandra (Valjacic) Quercetti (1957). Please keep Laura, Joe, Sandra and their families in your prayers.

Marraiges

Danielle Dodge & Chistopher Switzer
Grads of 2002.



1972 Reunion

On September 1st, 2012, the class of '72 held their 40th class reunion. Although it was one of the smallest groups we've ever had, a GREAT time was had by all.

Rosanne Veltri (nee Abbinante) graciously offered to host the event at her home. There were 25 grads who attended, several who travelled some distance to attend. Jackie Manfredi (nee Frigo) came from Italy; Catherine Ratvay from Toronto, and Pat Hayden from Kelowna.

We had a few surprises that evening, as a couple of grads who haven't been seen in some time appeared; namely, Jimmy D'alfonso (thanks to Mike Ricci and Lui Passaglia); Patricia Jones (thanks to having reconnected with Lana during the summer); and Joey Di Tomaso. A few grads who hadn't missed a reunion were unable to attend; we are hoping they will be back for the 45th!!!-Michelle Clayton, Peggy Higgins, Chris Doyle, Mary Lynn Protz, Casey Bakker, Doris Fontaine (if I have missed any one...forgive me)!

The class raised over \$500.00 and donated it to the school!!! A challenge for any class having a reunion in 2013!

Grads of 72



1962 Reunion

On Saturday April 20, 2013, 18 ND grads and some spouses from the class of 1962 reunited at the Mountain Shadow Pub. Mike Anastasi, fellow alumni, has had a number of ND reunions there because of the location, good food and service. This was our fourth reunion and was most enjoyable. Pat Phillips, Tony Serka, and myself contacted all grads. Patty MacDonald looked after name tags and photos. Tony Serka once more made us CD's of 1962 music and handed them out. To all the helpers, thank you. To all the grads and spouses, thank you for making it a fun night!

Gail Loftus

Upcoming 50th Reunion for 1963 Grads

We are having our "50th" reunion on Oct. 5, 2013 for the grads of 1963. It is being held at the Executive Hotel and Resort 4201 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby, BC. The reunion committee can be contacted at reunion@nd1963.ca for more information.

The reunion committee is Helena (Gojevic) Aspinall, Pat (Talbot) Begin, Mary (Storrow) Ciccone, Susie (Desantis) Gabriel, Diane (Eyles) Palmar, Gord Seeley, Bill Shaylor.

Many thanks to our committee members. We are hoping lots of grads will attend.

Mary Ciccone

Classes of the 50s Reunion

“WE WERE THE BEGINNING” ... and with those words the party began.

Classmates from '56, '57, '59 and '60 joined the Class of '58 in celebrating their 55th Grad Reunion and in reminiscing about the great times we had during our years at Notre Dame in the 1950s.

As in 2000, this reunion once again reunited the five classes. Besides having a wonderful time remembering our years at Notre Dame, we also took time to remember those 51 classmates who are no longer with us.

On arrival at the Atrium, attendees were welcomed to a beautifully decorated venue (of course, blue and white). Heard among comments were: “Who’s that?”, “Boy, he still looks great!”, “Lost a bit of hair on top!” “She still looks fabulous!” to “You haven’t changed a bit!” Following a great dinner, there was much fun, banter and laughter as we posed for group photos.



N.D.'s first graduates from 1956



Grads from 1956, 57, 58, 59 and 60 who attended the 50s reunion

The evening was a huge success with lots of time to visit and catch up. For most of us, it was a journey back in time and we were able to pick up where we left off many years ago! As the evening came to a close, the “We should do this again” and “Let’s keep in touch” rang loud and clear! It had been a relaxed and fun evening filled with good conversations, laughter and camaraderie.

As a result of our classmates’ generosity, 240 lbs. of food, plus \$160.00 in cash, was donated to the Vancouver Food Bank and after all expenses, we were able to also make a generous donation to the Missionaries of Charity, the group that succeeded the Sisters of the Atonement in the Downtown Eastside.

The organizing committee of Joe Borovich, John Toljanich, Carol (Storrow) Matusicky, Armand Giroday, Lana (da Silva) Wightman, Mario & Marguerite Ghislieri, Josephine Norris, Annette (Brajcich) Nelson and D’Arcy Bader wish to thank everyone for their participation and assistance with this very special evening.



Classmates from 1957

Alumni Email List

Based on your feedback, we’ve decided to publish only one printed newsletter annually and drop the printed newsletter in the near future.

To receive future emails from the alumni association including future newsletters, (once every month or two) please provide your email address at <http://ndalumni.org/maillist>

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