



Homecoming November 5, 2010

7th Annual Gala November 19, 2010

Homecoming Honouring George Oswald

Come and be part of two great events at which you can show your appreciation to George Oswald for all that he has meant to Notre Dame Football.

Notre Dame Alumni Homecoming and Open House, November 5th, 2010

This is your chance to tour our new facility, meet up with old friends, and congratulate George Oswald after coaching his last Archbishop's Trophy game.

Time: after the Archbishop's Trophy game, November 5th

Venue: Notre Dame School

No Host Bar

Presented by Notre Dame Parents; all proceeds go to the new school building.

Letter from the Principal

On behalf of the entire Notre Dame school community, allow me to offer my sincere gratitude for the ongoing generosity and support of many of our esteemed alumni. As a result of the financial contributions made through Project Advance, from our associated parishes, and the donations from many of you, we are the beneficiaries of a brand new, state of the art, academic wing. And, in less than one year, the second phase of the project will be completed, and will include a brand new chapel, cafeteria and fine arts wing.

This year's Catholic school theme is "Be the Good News". That is fitting since it appears much of the good news related to Notre Dame is reaching out to the greater community. Our enrolment for this year has already surpassed our initial projections, and includes the second highest grade eight enrolment (148) amongst all of the Catholic schools within the Vancouver Archdiocese.

As we continue our pursuit of providing the best possible Catholic education for our students, we feel ever so fortunate to be able

to do so in the best built Catholic school in the province. I look forward to another outstanding school year, working together with past and present students, helping our community continue to make positive strides towards reaching its tremendous potential.

Thank you again for your continued support of Notre Dame Regional Secondary.

Mr. Rog r DesLauriers



Notre Dame Alumni Foundation Presents the 7th Annual Gala

Friday, November 19th, 2010
Italian Cultural Centre
Cocktails 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Dancing
Live and Silent Auction'
Price \$65.00

*Come and support the Foundation's
campaign for the new school building.*

For tickets, donations
and information call

Lucia DeCotiis 604.255.5454

Notre Dame Alumni Annual Trivia Night



Come and support the Alumni's main fundraising event! Form a team of eight or come and join another team that is short of numbers.

The Alumni Trivia Night has become noteworthy as a wonderful way to show your talent and your support of the Alumni. Anyone who has ever attended knows that it's fun. It's a great chance to get together with others in friendly rivalry, and it's a great way of assisting the Alumni, as the proceeds from Trivia Night make the newsletter possible.

Important Reminders:

Because the School Auditorium is presently being seismically upgraded, it will be impossible this year to hold Trivia Night at the school. Thanks to the kindness of Father Richard of Our Lady of Sorrows parish, we will be holding the event at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall.

Last year was the first year we included a pasta dinner. It was a great success and we are repeating it this year. Because of problems with numbers and catering, it would be wonderful if you would advise us by e-mail in advance the number of places you wish to reserve.

Friday January 21, 2011
Our Lady of Sorrows Hall
555 S. Slocan St., Vancouver
Dinner at 6:30 pm Games start at 7:30
**Price \$25.00 (including pasta dinner
and salad). No host bar.**

e-mail either

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George Oswald's Final Play

By now, most of you will be aware that at the end of the season, George Oswald is stepping down from his position as Head Coach of Notre Dame Football. It has been a long run.

George came to Notre Dame in 1959 and immediately became an active member of the athletic program. While participating in Basketball and Track, Football was his true love and he went on to become the Quarterback of the Jugglers. While he led the team to many victories, it is ironic that most will remember his superb performance against Vancouver College in 1964, when, after establishing a 19-0 lead, the Jugglers lost in the last two minutes of the game by a score of 20-19.

However, George soon helped exact revenge as, after graduating, he continued to assist with coaching in the Jugglers program. First of all as assistant to Al Blesch and later as Head Coach, George played a pivotal role in making the Jugglers one of the most successful teams in the history of Provincial Football. He truly helped establish Notre Dame as "the Home of the Jugglers."

Now, after over 50 seasons of association with the Jugglers football team and hundreds of games later, he is hanging up his coach's hat to concentrate on his duties as Vice Principal of the school – a move dictated by the expanding size of the student population. While George will not totally bid farewell to the game, in that he will continue to be Director of the Notre Dame Football Operations, he leaves his position with considerable satisfaction as well as some regret.

George has seen High School Football in B. C. grow enormously in stature and achievement. In fact, many of the football programs in other schools operate under the guidance of former players to whom, as a coach, he passed on skills and his love of the game. While some may complain that Notre Dame no longer enjoys the glory days of football that marked the past, one must remember that the game has gained a new luster, that there are more teams than ever competing at the top level, and Notre Dame, the smallest of all of them still manages to hold its own as one of the best of them. George can indeed look back on his long football career with enormous satisfaction and pride.

At the same time, while he will not be sorry



to bid farewell to endless hours of choking on dust, alternating with standing around in the rain and cold, his biggest regret is that the camaraderie of being a coach will to some extent no longer be a part of his life. His fondest memories of coaching lie in the association he has had with players, parents and fellow-coaches, especially and most significantly with the many volunteer coaches who returned to Notre Dame to give back to the community from which they had gained so much. This association has resulted in the formation of a multitude of happy memories and life-long friendships. However, knowing George, one can confidently predict that he will continue to be a Vice-Principal whose heart will always be with the Jugglers when they appear on the grid and who will continue to be present to share his outstanding knowledge of and enthusiasm for the game.

At the end of the season, the last whistle will sound on his final game as Head Coach, but we all earnestly hope and pray that George will long continue to be a vital part of the Juggler football program.



NOTRE DAME GRADS . . .IT'S TIME TO COME HOME!

Yes, Notre Dame Secondary is inviting all of its Alumni from 1956 to 2010 to come back and celebrate "Homecoming" on Friday, November 5th. This is the date for the Annual Notre Dame-Vancouver College Football game which will be followed by a welcome home party. If you can't make the game, come to the party afterwards.

We know that not everyone is interested in sports but we also know all of us are very interested in our memories. And all of us, in greater or smaller measure, share the same memory of the excitement that always surrounded the rivalry between the Jugglers and the Irish.

It may be an even bigger deal "memory speaking" for those of us from the 50's because games and school events were a) the only times our parents let us go out at night and b) we didn't have too many other things to do. Most of us didn't have cars, in fact most of our parents didn't have cars. We certainly didn't have our own phones, ipods, or play stations but we still had a lot of fun. But whether you are from the simpler past or the techno present, this is a great opportunity to meet and greet.

Whether you are from the 50s or the 2000s, you undoubtedly cherish those Notre Dame memories as we all do. So, come to the game, come to the party and meet the survivors.

And for one "survivor", George Oswald, this will be an especially poignant time because it will be the last ND-VC game he will lead as Head Coach since 1977. That involves a long time and a lot of great memories.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR \$10 MEMBERSHIP FEE.

WE DEPEND ON YOUR REGISTRATION TO PUBLISH THIS NEWSLETTER.

Please email your address change and updated class lists to ndalumni@ndalumni.org
THANK YOU!

FUNDRAISING MEETS HISTORY

Notre Dame Secondary School opened in 1953 with considerable sacrifice and risk on the part of the Archdiocese. At that time Vancouver's East End was populated by working class families and the tuition represented a significant part of a family's income.



Because the fees were kept low and because there was no government funding, the second factor which made it possible for the school to exist was the generosity of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax who agreed to staff the school for a pittance of a salary. Each teaching sister was paid \$50 a month, while the Principal received the princely sum of \$100. This represented a huge financial sacrifice by the Order, whose members in other provinces would have been paid a public school salary and received the additional pensions. In short, the Sisters subsidized Notre Dame for well over 30 years.

Ironically, 50 years later, these same Sisters of Charity of Halifax have come forward to offer a donation towards the new Notre Dame. They still believe in Notre Dame, including their Mother General, Sr. Donna Geernaert, from its Class of 1959.

The vast majority of alumni enjoyed their years at Notre Dame. They have benefited from the combined sacrifice of the Archdiocese, the Sisters, the early families and the many parents, teachers and groups who worked tirelessly to subsidize the school.

Now, for the first time in 57 years, the school is asking its alumni to raise funds for a capital expense. To date, the total response from the 5000 graduates has resulted in \$50,000.

We need you, former students to invest in Notre Dame's future. If you received your secondary education there, someone made a huge sacrifice for you. Someone built and paid for the school; teachers, religious

and lay, accepted as much as a quarter of a decent salary to teach there; and parents gave their time and money in support.

The Foundation is therefore once again asking the Alumni to be inspired by the example of the Sisters of Charity and is appealing to them to come to the assistance of the school and to make a sacrifice on behalf of the future students of Notre Dame, just as others did for them.

GRAD 1990 20 YEAR REUNION

What a fantastic night!!! Our 20 year reunion was held Saturday, June 5th at the Croatian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. A lot of us had not seen each other since 1990!! The turnout was fantastic (66) and it made us realize the strong bond we all had for each other even after all these years. Quite a few grads came from across the province and a few from the US to make this special event. We made contact with everyone from our class. The help was appreciated...THANK YOU!



It was an absolute blast reconnecting with everyone, sharing memories and getting caught up with each other. 20 years have passed but everyone still looked amazing! All grads got a special dvd of our Cultus Lake outing 20 years ago remastered by the master himself, Joe Jurilj. We will keep in touch and hopefully do something in the near future...one thing for sure is that we will not wait 10 more years for the next reunion. Talk to you soon!

We do have a link set up to view photos from the event which we're sure everyone has seen, but in case anyone missed it the address is below.

<http://notredamegrad90.shutterfly.com/>

Daive Ficociello and Joe Jurilj



Thank you to the Class of 1990

Thank you to the class of 1990 for donating the proceeds of their reunion to the Alumni Association. Thanks, also to David Ficociello for sending in the updated class list. It is important to keep the class list updated so we can remain in contact with everyone. - Ed.

Letters

Dear ND Alumni,

I always enjoy the newsletters. Thank you for the time and effort put into the publishing and distribution of the newsletter.

Pat Talbot-Bégin (1963)

In Memoriam

Joan (Fisher '60) Hume

Eileen (Murray '64) Baldwin

CLASS OF 1960 CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

It has been 50 years for Notre Dame's 5th graduating class! The class of 1960 held a fun, casual reunion on September 18th at the Mountain Shadow Pub. Prior to catching up with the party goers, some of the grads went to the Renfrew and Parker area where they had spent some happy days together and reminisced a lot



of good memories. Eileen Brassington kindly met us and gave us a grand tour of the new school, which was incredibly impressive. We were sad to see our old school gone, but happy for the changes happening for the next generations to be educated at Notre Dame.

After hellos, hugs and much chatter, the reunion

got underway. Many of us said that it felt like yesterday when we were those 17 year olds chatting in the hallways and at lunch in the cafeteria! There were many

laughs about the good old days, crazy things we did and comments about who was our favourite teacher. We also caught up on news of how we were spending our retirements, chatted about our families and the trips we have taken and would like to take. When the evening came to a close, we were so pleased we spent these few hours together and everyone agreed that a good time was had by all.



During the evening, donations were collected for the Brick Fund to be given to the Notre Dame Alumni Financial Committee on our behalf.

A huge thank you goes out to Anita (Serka) Prismic for bringing us together.

Annette (Brajcich) Nelson



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