



# THE NOTRE DAME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Edition I

## NEWSLETTER

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Hi Alumni!

Your response to the establishment of an "official" Alumni Association for the school has been terrific. We have received hundreds of registrations and dozens of letters from all over Canada, U.S.A. and as far away as Scotland! The Alumni Executive is absolutely delighted. We are amazed at the number of alumni that wrote telling us about themselves, their families and other alumni friends. This newsletter will feature some news that we received with more to come in future issues.

I used the word "official" above simply because for years many of you have gathered with your colleagues for class reunions and other events. Up to this point we have not had any formal structure or organization that could assist the planning of these excellent activities, either in terms of publicity or co-ordination. Furthermore, there has not been any medium whereby our alumni could sustain contact with the school or the school communicate with it's alumni.

Now thank God, we have such a structure and organization and many of your enthusiastic letters said, directly or indirectly, "It is about time"; and so it is!

The brochure that we sent you outlined our goals for the Association. I will not repeat these goals, apart from telling you that we see a practical plan for achieving them. The Executive committee of the Association will function, to coin a phrase, "as an umbrella" to help, enhance and support our alumni endeavours.

I urge you to become involved in this Association. The old adage applies here as it does elsewhere "what we put in - we get out" I think the first step toward this endeavour is to ensure that our first official Alumni Association event, our dance on May 27 is well attended. Not everyone can help organize things or attend meetings, but we all need to relax and enjoy ourselves. What better way to do this, than gather with old school friends, in the old school, have a dance, a drink, a chat and remember!

Hope to see you all there,  
With every kind wish and blessing to you and yours,

Fr. Joe Cuddy

*fr. jz*



Phil Le Doux, Principal; Fr. Joe Cuddy



Steppie Blesch '59, Cindy Lapointe '81

## Editorial

About a year ago I received a call from Phil Le Doux asking if I would be interested in being a part of a new and vital Alumni Association. As Notre Dame has always played a major role in my life, it was for me, an easy yes. Over the past few months, trying to establish a realistic mailing list for the distribution of the brochures, I have had more than one opportunity to regret that yes.

The worst is over and Cindy Lapointe, my co-editor, and I are really looking forward to publishing the tri-annual newsletter.

It would be remiss of the Executive and myself if we did not acknowledge the contributions of the many people who have helped to make the Alumni Association a reality. We are grateful to Fr. Joe Cuddy who is directly responsible for the organization of this Association. He has given us his complete support. We would like to thank N.D.'s Education Committee for their financial support. Their representative, Mike Fry, has displayed extraordinary patience, particularly during the more difficult times as we tried to get things off the ground. We are indebted to Phil Le Doux and his office staff whose assistance has been invaluable. A special thanks to Mike Cooke, whose work on the computer made the mailing possible. Finally I'd like to thank the Alumni, those who helped us revise the mailing lists and those who responded so positively.

Cindy and I hope you enjoy this newsletter. It is a big challenge as it is the first time either of us has attempted such an endeavour. We look forward to hearing from all of you.

Love,

Steppie

*Steppie*

NOTRE DAME ALUMNI FAMILY DAY — Coming up —  
SUNDAY, JULY 10th 1988.

Set this date aside for a day of family fun at Notre Dame. Whether you graduated thirty-three years ago or last week, you are invited, your children are invited, your grandchildren are invited to a full day of games, informal athletic competitions, sock hops, etc.

Prizes — Refreshments — Surprises!

Don't miss it. The fun begins at 1:30 p.m.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Alumni,

It was indeed a great thrill for me to receive my letter this morning with the N.D. crest on the front. These things mean so much more when you're about 6,000 miles away. I came to Scotland in April, 1970 as a graduation present and here I remain.

I look forward to hearing from the Alumni and catching up on the news and stirring up dormant memories.

Sincerely,  
Morag (MacDonald) Sinclair '69  
Bridge of Allan, Scotland

To: Notre Dame Alumni Association,

Congratulations! I was absolutely delighted to receive the news of the formation of the Alumni Association. As a member of the notorious "Maillardville Mafia", that infamous group of Frenchmen and women, who paced the halls of Notre Dame (circa 1958-1962), I still hold fond memories of my times at Notre Dame.

I remember well cafeteria lunches, math classes with Sr. Leo Stanislaus, P.E. with Cal Murphy, Glee Club and the 1959-60 senior basketball team with Bob Barazzuol, Bill Cole, Bill Brownrigg, Maurice Rivet, Gilbert Perron, Peter Condy, Dennis Gorrie et al.

I look forward to hearing further news of the Alumni Association and to finding out what happened to the Class of '61 among others.

Sincerely,  
Lionel Daneault '61  
Coquitlam

To the Alumni Executive,

It seems over the years a number of attempts have been made at forming an Alumni Association, some more successful and long lasting than others. A lot of people want one and the success of the Shrine Bowl banquet shows that a lot of the old grads do enjoy getting together every now and then. I guess it's up to you guys now to come up with the right formula that will get you (and us) the best results.

Good luck in what I'm sure is going to be the last attempt for all the right reasons!

Leo Buonassisi '71  
Vancouver

P.S. I like your snappy brochure and letterhead!

## Membership Information

Some of you grads are receiving this first newsletter despite the fact you have not registered. This is thanks to one of your old friends who gave us your new address. If you like it and want to keep on receiving it and other Alumni news, it is necessary that you write to us and register. Please be sure to include your graduating year.

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## Whatever Happened To?

**Morag (MacDonald) Sinclair '69** found her laddie on the high road of Scotland where he is a professional golfer in Glasgow. **Karen Kilback '79** was so successful in her work at the U.S. Pavilion at Expo '86, she has been invited to work at Australia's Expo '88 and then to Spain for '90. What a way to travel. Notre Dame has strong representation in the 'Fifth Estate'. We heard from **Norm Gidney '66** and his wife **Barbara Tobin '66**. They live in Victoria where Norm, after moving through the ranks, is now the Editor of the Victoria Business Report Magazine. **Rich Dalmonte '81** has just been promoted to the position of Sports Editor for "The News", a very successful newspaper on the lower mainland. Everyone recognizes **Doriana Temolo**, a reporter and sometimes anchorwoman for B.C.T.V., but do all of you know she graduated from N.D., Class of '76. **Fergus McCann**, also of '76, (someone did something right) is a writer for V.U. 13. Not to be outdone, the Class of 1959 demands recognition for its success in the field of medicine and science. **Ron Mitchel** writes us from Ontario where he works for Atomic Energy of Canada, Cancer Research. Ron holds his Ph.D. in biochemistry. You remember **Lawrence** "too shy to talk to girls" **Benedet**. He is now the head of Gynecology and cancer research at U.B.C. And no! I don't think that being his classmate had anything to do with three grads of '59 having a total of twenty-one children, seven each. (Our first entry into N.D.'s Book of Records). And how about **Pete Yunker '76**, do you recognize him in all those T.V. commercials. Peter is very successful in B.C.'s Motion Picture and Television Industry.



In the field of education, our grads are everywhere. **Bob DeJulius '58**, is the Principal of the newest lower mainland Catholic high school, Holy Cross. That's Bob #3, just a few years ago! Guess who that cutie #13 is? We'll give you a hint. He's a teacher at his old Alma Mater. (Love that hairdo Bolts!) **Santella DeFrenza '65** is the Vice-Principal at Captain Cook Elementary. She sends her son to Vancouver College. Our most exotic local goes to **Janice (Gauthier) Morgan '66**. She and her husband live in East Timor, Indonesia where he is working on an irrigation project. **Pat Phillips '62**, is a published Aviation Poet. (We thought this could be our first entry into N.D.'s Believe It or Not Category.) Just kidding Pat. Congratulations on the wonderfully successful job you did co-ordinating Victoria's first Air Show in forty years. Back to Educations and we find three grads, **Lorraine Paruzzolo '76**, **Rita (Facchin) Smith '65** and **Suzanne Dinwoodie '64**, all Principals at local Catholic Elementary Schools. Finally, for the "Most Unique Occupation" entry for this edition, we have chosen **Ron Adamchuck '59**. Ron lives in New Westminster and restores and sells antique dolls. We look forward to hearing from all of you. Entries for "N.D. Book of Records", "N.D. Believe It or Not", and "The Most of Anything" are welcome.



## If My Friends Could See Me Now

As most of you are aware, Notre Dame has had some major renovations over the past years. Those of you from the fifties and sixties will hardly recognize your old Alma Mater. This year's construction of the new "state of the art" gymnasium, is just the first step in a long range program to update the building bringing it into the eighties. There is just one word for the new facility, fabulous! Whatever happened to that poor little school in the east end?

Our first Alumni event will give you a chance "to see her now". On Friday, May 27th, the Alumni Association and the School will host an Open House and Dance beginning at 8:00 p.m. Music will be by Night Hawks and will begin at 9:00 p.m. There will be a no-host bar and snacks will be provided. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and can be reserved by calling any member of the Executive.

Be sure to visit the reception tables in the cafeteria area where a representative from your class will be there to greet you.

We extend a special thank you to Bruna Pizzolato and Eva Zanotto for organizing what promises to be a memorable night for all.



Bruna Pizzolato '65, Eva Zanotto '76

## 25 Year Grad Re-Union Class of '62

After many months of planning by the '62 Grad Committee, the big night finally came and was a great success. We decided to hold it right in the school cafeteria, which turned out to be a great idea. It brought back lots of wonderful memories! Of a class approximately 65 we managed to bring out 29 — not bad after 25 years! Fran Fornari came all the way from California, Pat and Donna Phillips from Vancouver Island and Bill and Laurie Brownrigg from Edmonton for this occasion. We even managed to have two of our teachers there: Sister Francis Xavier and Sister Catherine Josephine. Let's not forget the husbands and wives — the total attendance came to 60 people. I'm sure all would agree that the feeling of pride graduating from Notre Dame remained with us all these years.



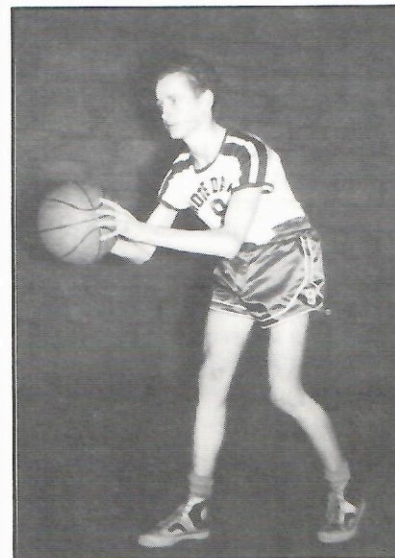
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## Alumni Sports Night

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce the formation of a "Sunday Sports Night" open to all registered graduates of Notre Dame and their spouses.

Beginning on June 5th, the new gym will be open from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for all Alumni to catch-up with old friends, meet some new friends and enjoy some friendly competition. Games of volleyball, basketball etc. will be organized by the sport's co-ordinators who have graciously volunteered to supervise this event. The summer session will end on July 10th to be resumed in the fall. So far our volunteers include; Roger Zan, 736-2511, Rob Moretto, 291-7403, and Rob Ros, 434-3476. If you are interested in becoming a co-ordinator or wish more information, please call any of the above.

Your Notre Dame Membership Card is the only entry fee you will require. Please be sure to bring it with you.



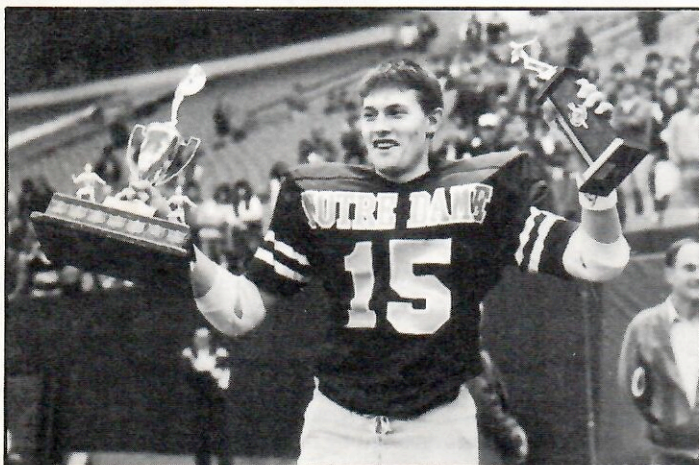
DO YOU RECOGNIZE HIM? Do you want to recognize him? The Editor's guess — He's a member of the Class of 1956. Right or wrong? Let us know. (And don't you just love the runners?)





## 1987-1988 — A Year of Success For Notre Dame

This has been Notre Dame's most successful year in the field of competition. It began at the end of November with the Senior Girl's Field Hockey team, coached by Tom Hawthorn, placing fifth in the Provincials. They were also voted as the "most sportsmanlike team" of the tournament. In December the Senior Boy's Football Team, under Head Coach, George Oswald, captured the B.C. Championship for the 11th time, defeating the Richmond Colts 40 - 6. Three days later the Senior Girl's Volleyball Team, under the direction of Mike Cooke, took home the Single 'A' Championship for the first time in the school's history. Both of the basketball teams had winning seasons, with the girls, coached by Eileen Brassington, placing fourth in the Provincials. Dino Buccioli, Biagio Pepe, Dana Pemberton, Frank Santorelli, Todd Woodward and Steve Bajic have all been offered university scholarships. Maureen McPherson has also been offered a volleyball scholarship to Simon Fraser. It is nice to note that several members of these teams are the children of Alumni.



## Drama



The Drama Department, under the leadership of Alan Charlton, (yes, he is still alive and his grasp of the English Language is still as colourful) continues the tradition of first class productions begun in the mid-sixties. This year's fall show of *Blithe Spirit*, directed by Alan and Mike Cooke, received rave reviews from all of those lucky enough to see it. The spring show, now in rehearsal, is the musical, *Half a Sixpence*. If you would like a truly enjoyable evening of entertainment, mark one of the following dates on your calendar of "events not to be missed": Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, May 24th, 25th or 26th. Eventually the Association, with the school's permission, plans to designate one night of every drama production as "Alumni Night".

The Drama and Music Departments have combined in a number of productions, most notably the past two Christmas Shows. Last year it was "Joseph's Coat of Many Colours" and this year "Scrooge". Both were first class entertainment but in the writer's opinion, the production of "Joseph" belongs in the same category as the first B.C. Football Championship. It was an incredible performance by some unbelievably talented young people.



## Music

While most of you are aware of the school's success in athletics and their wonderful drama productions, many of you probably do not know that Notre Dame has an excellent music program directed by Rob Viens. It includes a choir and a jazz choir as well as individual performers. The writer is more at home in the field of athletics than in a concert hall but last spring I had the opportunity to attend the Spring Tel-a-Show at the school and came away absolutely awestruck both by the professionalism and talent on display. Recently the choir was invited to Westminster Abbey to participate in the celebration of St. Benedict's feast day. At the end of their afternoon performance they received a standing ovation. Currently the choirs are competing in several music festivals where they are expected to do very well. They have also been asked to participate in the Marian Rally at the end of May where Mother Theresa is the guest speaker. This year's Spring Tel-a-Show will take place on Thursday, June 2nd at 7:30 p.m. It is your opportunity to see yet another face of Notre Dame's successful programs.



Left to Right: Alan Charlton, Bill Cole, Don Modjeski, George Oswald, Phil Le Doux. Seated: Sr. Katherine Nickerson, Sr. Helen Stewart. A new addition to the garden surrounded by some not so new staff members.

### \*\*\* Help Wanted \*\*\*

If you are a fun-loving, hard-working N.D. Grad who has some spare time to donate to a great cause — we need you! We are looking for Alumni who would be interested in being a grade rep or a member of the social or mailing committees.

**HELPLINE!!! STEPIE 298-9367**