



THE NOTRE DAME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Edition III

NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

I just returned from Florida and I am sitting in front of the computer, shivering in the minus ten degree weather (I know, poor me) and willing my old brain to think of something to write. I want you to know it is not easy. It's been thirty years since I graduated and even then, I had difficulty in figuring out where the commas belonged.

One year ago, a group of your old friends nervously took the first steps towards establishing an Alumni Association. We mailed out the registration brochures with no idea of what kind of response to expect. Well, seven hundred and eighty registrations, two very successful reunions, and a positive reaction to the two newsletters, have finally convinced us that we did the right thing. There have been many benefits resulting from being involved, not the least among them, meeting and hearing from many old friends and for me, seeing how AI's former students turned out. Perhaps the nicest thing of all is the old friendships that have been renewed and the new friendships that have formed as a result of working together. Cindy and I are very grateful, first, for the positive reports we have received about the newsletter and second, that you have taken the time to let us know. Please continue to keep us informed about yourself or other Alumni. If any of you feel inclined, we would really welcome some freelance articles, either about old memories or about an Alumni event you might have attended. (See Dave's this issue.)

Steppie

Editor's Note: You will notice the initials after many articles. Some of you requested that we sign each article so that you can tell who wrote what. Actually it is easy to tell. Anything libelous is written by Cindy and I wrote the rest. SB

Registration

Your registration form for the 1989/90 year will be found on the last page of this edition. This year there will be a **\$10 REGISTRATION FEE** (per graduate or, in the case of Alumni who are married to one another, per couple.) This fee will be used to cover the expenses of printing and mailing the newsletter. We would really appreciate receiving your registration form, along with the \$10 fee, as soon as possible so that we can update the computer. (Ed. note: and pay our bills.)

Executive Elections

At the February Alumni Executive meeting four new members were elected. We welcome, Rob MacAulay '68, Chris Doyle

'72, Mary Rose (DeFrenza) Peregrine '72 and Rob Renning '84. We would like to thank outgoing members, Ray DeJulius '67, Don Sutherland '70, and Rina Piovesan '86 for their past contribution to the Association and hope they will continue their interest and help. CL

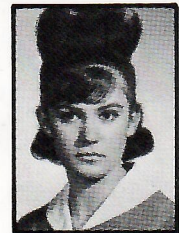
Homecoming

The idea was to have a Homecoming Dance & Beer Garden following a victory over the dreaded Irish. Well, the victory had to wait for the playoffs and the dance never happened because we were too busy talking, but the Beer Garden was a fabulous success and the turnout was excellent, with many former players, cheerleaders, parents, wives and girlfriends in attendance. The night was spent comparing notes on that night's game and all those games and plays from years gone by. It is amazing how a couple of glasses of the amber nectar enables the memory to have such vivid recall. In fact some of the stories were so old that absolute truth might be suspect, but oddly enough, everyone listening was seen to nod in agreement and add yet another anecdote to it. The night was a tremendous success and enjoyed by everyone (except perhaps, those wives and girlfriends who were deserted).

— Dave Durante



Diane Cook '65



Maureen Cook '65

"Those Were The Days" Spring Dance

On Friday, May 26th, 1989, 8:00 p.m., the Alumni Association will be sponsoring a dance open to all Notre Dame Alumni and friends. The theme is "Those Were The Days" and we are hoping some of you will take it to heart and dress like you did back then. (Always supposing you can remember back then.) We'll be looking forward to some of those bouffant hairdos from the sixties and if you find you just don't have the hair you once did ... free toupees at the door! If you can fit into your old prom dress (and I think this contest should be limited to those grads '80 and below) your picture might just make it into the next newsletter. It looks as if it will be a lot of fun. Hope you can make it. CL

Letters to the Editor

Congratulations on the A.A. Newsletter. I was delighted to receive a copy, first because it gave so much information about my former students and, I hope, friends. Second, because it had such a professional look. I have been working for twenty years with the missions of the North. (I'll be leaving this year.) I'd like to thank the one who got me started. If I remember correctly she was in Marina Dalfo's class. (Maybe it was Marina.) She told me about her experiences in working with the immigrant workers in California and it inspired me to go North. Thanks, whoever you are. One person can make a difference.

Sincerely,
Sr. Francis Elizabeth
Dease Lake, B.C.

Editor's Note: ? A.A. Newsletter. Has sister got us mixed up with another better known organization or was she at the last reunion?
SB

Dear Diane (Harrington '65)

I've often thought of an Alumni group but it's just one of those things one never gets around to — glad people like yourself and Stefi (sic) making it happen. If you need a contact person in the Interior, I'd be glad to help. I have received the newsletter and now I have the registration form to make it official. Hope it's not too late ... after 23 years how could I be late.

Sincerely,
Dick Taylor '65
Kamloops, B.C.

Just a brief note to pass along my new address. One can move further away from Vancouver than St. John's and still be in Canada but my ability to tread water is limited. I enjoyed your last newsletter. I certainly remember Mary Whalen in the picture (beat me by 0.5 percent as valedictorian). I have been puzzling over her friend, what's her name?

(Ed. Note: Check page 3)

Roger Bourque '65
St. John's, Newfoundland

Although I moved and actually graduated from another school, my heart belongs to N.D. and I am honoured to be included as a member of the Alumni Association.

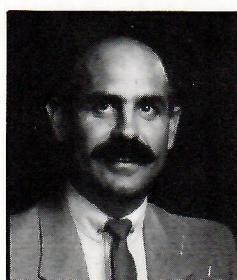
Thanks,
Rita (Facchin) Smith '65

Alumni General Meeting

The first annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association will take place **Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:30 p.m.** in the Notre Dame Cafeteria. The agenda will include a report on the Association, an opportunity for questions and suggestions and most important the election of the representatives for each class. This representative will be your class' contact with the Executive Association and will be elected yearly. Any graduate, whose membership fee is paid, is eligible to run and vote. (You will be able to pay that evening if you are in arrears.) We hope to see all of you come out for the meeting as it is your Association and will only be as strong as you make it.
CL

Whatever Happened to

Would you have the nerve to come to a Homecoming Reunion following the big Vancouver College/Notre Dame game when your Alma Mater had just lost and you were the referee? Well, John Toljanich '56 and Wayne Steele '57 did just that and received the same verbal abuse we had been handing them from the stands. And if that was not bad enough, just to add salt to the wound, the coach from the College, Paul Dal Monte '76 decided to drop in for a visit ... More nerve than brains as my old Ma would say ... Debbie (Grove) Hodge '72, writes that her husband owns a Hot Spring Spa in Vernon, a treatment many of the Alumni playing in the Volleyball Tournament could have used. Speaking of volleyball, we hear that Nora Marcanato '79 is playing for a professional volleyball team in Italy. I was looking at the members of the 1968 football team at the reunion and I really think they should be doing an "in depth" study to see if there were any "substances" in the pipes in the shower room in 1968 or maybe, just check the helmets.



Dave Durante '68

Was it the pipes or the helmets?!

Of course not everyone has the problem, Brent Diakow, for instance, doesn't look a day older than he did when he graduated. I had my hand slapped for forgetting that, besides having Alumni working as teachers for their Alma Mater, two of the secretaries, Agnes (Lancaster) Agosti '61 and Maureen (Tipper) Grant '70 are also grads. Having said that and to prevent any further abuse ... Steppie Blesch '86, Elena (Pappas) Nakashima '57, and Ann (Loftus) Cole '64 run the offices of St. Patrick's, Holy Cross High School and St. Helen's respectively. And to ensure that my messages still get to Al ... Sharon (Mutis) Kazun '74 and Annabelle (Fera) Lazar '79 work for the Central School Board. We hear that Alvin Tolentino '88 is dancing and singing in New York and was accepted, by audition, as the youngest member of a Toronto based semi-professional choir. Pat (Antonelli) Downey '65 introduced herself to me at our sons' basketball game and asked if I remembered an Ed Bradley from the class of '57. Since I spent most of my Grade 10 year chasing him, I'd hardly forget. Anyway, she told me he just got fed up with boardroom strategy and decided to chuck his high executive position with John Labatt's Ltd. Instead, among other things he has an interest in "Second City", a "Comedy Shop" business in Toronto and Chicago. He is in the process of opening up further theatres in Dallas and Los Angeles. For those of us who knew him in the past, he easily qualifies for this month's "Believe It Or Not" category.
SB

Calendar of Events

April 1st	- Registrations returned
April 13th	- Grade Twelve Fashion Show - N.D. - 7:00 p.m.
May 3rd	- Annual General Meeting - N.D. - 7:30 p.m.
May 5th & 6th	- Reunion for Class of 1969
May 26th	- "Those Were The Days" Spring Dance - N.D. - 8:00 p.m.
June 1st	Talent Showcase '89 - N.D. - 7:30 p.m.

Important Notice

Notre Dame has a fantastic archive of all its accomplishments in the field of sports. The trophy cases, for instance, are jammed with memorabilia. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of the Drama department who in thirty-five years has achieved great fame in its own right. The Alumni Association has made it their project to build a permanent Drama department archive and we need your help to make it a success. If you have any programs, pictures, newspaper write-ups, etc., we ask that you send it to the Alumni Association, c/o The School Office. SB

Alumni Volleyball Tournament

Our newsletter must be doing some good, they tell me that this year's tournament had more new, "old" faces turn out. Of course some of us were so old we didn't have enough nerve to get out on the regular court and played behind the bleachers instead. Don't want to embarrass anyone by mentioning any names ... Diane '65 and Rita '66. By the way the N.D. senior team (no surprise to anyone) won the tournament. SB



Reunions — 1964 and 1969

Just a reminder that the Class of '64 is celebrating their 25th reunion next fall and the contact person is Ann Marie Oswald, 298-9183. Also the class of 1969 is having their 20th reunion on May 5th and 6th. Your contact is Vince Zuccaro and we goofed last newsletter with Vince's phone number. The right number is 291-9721. We apologize to those of you who have been trying to contact Vince for three months at the wrong number. Sorrier still to the person receiving the calls. CL

R.I.P.

We are sorry to report that since our last edition, two of our Alumni have passed away. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Les MacDonald '58 and Antoinette Pantile '76.

As a service to you, for the next few editions, we will print the names of the deceased Alumni. We ask for your prayers for Margo Bauld '57, Eddie Lee '57, Rae Belle MacInnes '57, Frances Croquet '57, Sharon Quackenbush '58, Duncan MacInnes '58, Francis Mewhort '59, Dolly Tourant '59, Gary Berretoni '59, Steve Lazar '61, Vince Ferrario '62, Dennis Becker '64, Helen Byron '66, Ann Lapointe '66, Lina Andreola '68, Silvano Sacilatto '69, Otto Miller '69, Marv Goldhar '70, Lynn Graham '70.

Note: If you know of Alumni who have passed away we would really appreciate being informed.

High School Romance

Have you ever wondered what happened to those two classmates that seemed so wildly in love during High School, when you could catch them holding hands in the bleachers or sneaking a kiss in an empty classroom? Well, a lot of them ended up getting married and in honour of February, the month of romance of course, with good old St. Valentine's Day, we brought together the ones we know of. (Because of limited space, we only printed the names of those who are registered with the Alumni Association. So if you don't see the names of someone you're sure got married, it doesn't mean they aren't.) CL

Walter Blair '56 & Sonny Berglund '59; John Prinster '57 & Sherry Arnold '57; Bob DeJulius '59 & Noreen Grdina '61; Ray Gareau '60 & Margaret McNaughton '60; Bill Cole '61 & Ann Loftus '64; Pat Phillips '62 & Donna Morrison '62; Dave Byron '63 & Judy Kessler '64; Guido DeVita '63 & Louise Fornari '65; Bill Mozell '63 & Dolly McKay '65; George Oswald '64 & Ann Marie Brassington '64; Greg White '64 & Marg Fink '64; Bill Sharp '65 & Denise Bohemier '67; Paul Boroovich '65 & Diane Harrington '65; Ralph Kaay '66 & Carla Piana '66; Renzo Benvenuto '66 & Marianne Koot '66; Norm Gidney '66 & Barbara Tobin '66; John MacLeod '66 & Jo-Ann Green '67; Doug Payette '66 & Ann MacNeil '66; Tom Grant '68 & Maureen Tipper '70; Rob MacAulay '68 & Tanis Calles '69; Ron Fink '69 & Patty Duggan '70; Frank Giroto '70 & Beverly Garneau '70; John Panichelli '70 & Barb MacAulay '71; Dennis Olynyk '70 & Janice Gillette '72; Carmen Renzullo '71 & Adele Ricci '79; Chris Beaton '71 & Lise Dupas '71; Lawrence Clayton '74 & Tisia Minichiello '74; Tony Spagnolo '74 & Josie Spitalo '77; Joe Favia '74 & Marie Fera '74; Rick Comparelli '75 & Luciana Baldassarre '75; Renato Bordinon '76 & Lorraine Paruzzolo '76; Mike Grant '76 & Theresa Graham '77; Fergus McCann '76 & Bernice Mack '76; Albert Zanotto '76 & Eva Sigurnjak '76; Morris McKenzie '77 & Mary Sullivan '77; Gary Jones '79 & Lisa Lapointe '79; Greg Lazar '79 & Annabelle Fera '79; Alex Monk '80 & Angela Laporta '79; Mark Christensen '80 & Anna Kociuk '80; Joe Lecce '82 & Sandy Moniz '82; Rob Renning '84 & Karey Lynch '84.



Did You Recognize Them?

Sorry Roger, she is Donna Dalton '63, not Mary Whalen '65 and her friend is Rose Amantea '63. If it makes you feel better there is a resemblance between Donna and Mary.

This month we have a photo from one of the school plays, "The Boyfriend". Couple of real live "characters" in this one. SB

The Juggler

Sports — The senior boys decided to make the football season more exciting and our Homecoming Dance less of a celebration, by losing their league game to Vancouver College 26-0. However, when they again faced the Irish in the B.C. Championships, there was no doubt left in anyone's mind as to who were really #1. The final score Notre Dame 30, Vancouver College 7. The senior girls volleyball team made it to the B.C. Championship and placed sixth at the tournament. As usual, many of the same kids play basketball and again both the senior boys and girls are having successful seasons. They recently competed in the Catholic High School Championships and both made it to the Championship game. The girls lost their final to Holy Cross by eleven points and the "quicker than lightning" boys team totally dominated their game winning by some thirty points. SB



Drama — "Harvey" was the first drama production this year and it was just great. The individual performances were outstanding particularly those of Brenda Racanelli (playing the eccentric sister) and Piero Ferronato in the lead. Don Sutherland, Maureen (Tipper) Grant and Jeanette (Oswald) Soltys, members of the 1970 production, were present at "Opening Night" (Alumni night) and were introduced to the 1988 cast. It was a highly entertaining and enjoyable evening. The next play is the musical "The Wizard of Oz". Unfortunately, it is scheduled for February 14th-16th, too early for us to give it advance publicity in this edition. SB



Brenda Racanelli (Harvey)

Music — If you were at the Coliseum for Mother Theresa's visit and were impressed by the music, you should know that Rob Veins and Notre Dame's choir were very involved. In fact, Rob and Tami Gazzola, a Grade 10 student, were the soloists who did such a beautiful job. Rob and his students should be congratulated for their work. Following the Talent Showcase in June, five of the students were invited to the P.N.E. Talent Search. All five gave excellent performances. The first part of this year saw a lot of work on building technique in the many school choirs, culminating in the best ever school concert. As Rob commented, even Alan gave it a "thumbs up". Next on the busy agenda is the school musical "The Wizard of Oz" followed by the various festival competitions and on June 1st at 7:30 p.m. Notre Dame's own Talent Showcase '89. It promises to be better than ever so don't miss it. SB

The "Walkathon" this year was the most successful ever, raising \$26,000 for the school. The money was divided up between the various departments in the school including: Drama and Computers receiving \$5,100.00 each, Athletics and the Photography Club splitting \$5,100.00, and the Student Council receiving \$5,100 towards the purchase of a new billboard type sign for in front of the school. The administration and school body would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Alumni who supported the walkathon.

Fashion Show — The 1989 graduating class are putting on a Fashion Show at the school on April 13th at 7 p.m. From all reports, the last show was a lot of fun with the many "guest appearances". This year will be more of the same so keep your eyes open for further publicity. It's something you won't want to miss.

Notre Dame Alumni Association

Registration Form

NAME _____ MAIDEN NAME _____ (If applicable)
ADDRESS _____ GRADUATING YEAR _____
_____ POSTAL CODE _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____

NOTE: Only those who register will receive further correspondence. Please return this form and the \$10 registration fee no later than April 1st in order to receive your copies of the newsletter.

The address is:

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