



THE NOTRE DAME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

I know we are a little late with this publication but it is all Cindy's fault. First, she gets a new position at work and is "busier than usual". Then, if that isn't enough, she is expecting her first baby and she is "tired than usual". Me? Well I suddenly feel much "older than usual". My "first baby" (Chris '81) is getting married in July.

It was a real compliment to receive so many of your registration forms, either copied or on a plain piece of paper, because you said you wanted to save your newsletter and didn't want to cut it up. Thank you. It was also just great to get so many letters enclosed with the registration forms. We love to hear from you, what you are doing, etc. We were glad we could help those of you who wrote for information about your former classmates. We hope everyone will take advantage of the information we have compiled. We are now in the process of gathering old teaching staff's current addresses, and in the case of the Sisters, new names, so that we can add them to our files.

Oh, and by the way, some of you are "slower than usual" in sending back your registration forms. Remember this is your last opportunity to register and receive the next copy of the newsletter.

Stephie



Class of 1969

Reunion 1969

Vince Zuccaro

What a time we had! Everyone should have a twenty or twenty-five year high school reunion. It was evident from what we saw and heard that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. The weekend was a long time in planning, the culmination of about twelve meetings of the nine member reunion committee. The size of the committee worked well for us, large enough for varied and plentiful input but not too large as to make it unmanageable. Our concept from the beginning was to keep it reasonably priced (\$45 for both evenings) and at a desirable place (Stanley Park in May). The idea was to make it possible for everyone to attend and we were so pleased when two of our classmates came all the way from Toronto. As well, there were many more who came from outside the lower mainland. The Friday evening was a "grad's only" wine and cheese party at the school Two-thirds of the class, plus a few teachers, attended (some until 4 o'clock in the morning). No one wanted to leave. Saturday night was a delicious buffet dinner/dance at the Stanley Park Pavilion. The setting, food, service, just everything was perfect. However, the evening wouldn't have been quite so successful had it not been for the excellent and sometimes hilarious Master of Ceremonies, Dave Durante. He turned a great evening into something even more special. Earlier, we had sent a questionnaire out to all the grads. Their replies provided ample material for Dave's stand up routine. There were prizes galore, ranging from good and practical to funny and useless.

Finally we have received the following note of thanks from one of our classmates which sums up the feelings of all of those attending our reunion. "I would like to thank each of you for your effort, hard work, and dedication to making our twenty year Grad Reunion a success. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone again. It was certainly well worth the trip to Vancouver. We had a great time - thanks again. Your appreciative classmate."

Note: The members of the 1968 football team, (1969 grad class) and the first N. D. team to win the B.C. Championship, presented their coach, Al Blesch, with a gorgeous Notre Dame School ring in honor of their twentieth anniversary. First time I've seen Al absolutely speechless. SB

Letters to the Editor

Enclosed is a photo of me in the 1965 play *Sorry Wrong Number*. Mr. Charlton insisted that my scream be blood curdling so I practiced it over and over again in the drafting room. I remember one of the Sisters running in, white as a sheet, thinking someone was being murdered. I remember completely losing my voice and getting it back just in time for the play. I also recall forgetting my lines and waiting for, what seemed like an eternity, to get my prompting. Later I learned, Mr. Charlton had dropped his flashlight and lost his place.

Marilyn (West) Butler '65

Ed. Note: Thanks for this donation to the N. D. Drama Archives



Whatever Happened to ...

Did you ever wonder why someone would choose to be a dentist? No one ever likes you much. I was in Richard Busse's '78, office the other day, pondering this subject, and recalled that besides Richard, Marty Loverin '75 and Carmen Cavallin '78 both practice dentistry in this city and I hear Lynne Potter '65 takes care of the pearly whites out Mission way. It's sure strange, I don't know the others as well, but Rich used to be a real nice kid. Received a letter from Margaret (Tobin) Lammers '60 who lives in Calgary. (I'm sure half of N. D.'s grads live in Alberta — the other half in Coquitlam.) She included a clipping from the local newspaper describing her work and the obvious success she is experiencing in the field of creative calligraphy. Now, visiting her office would really be interesting, no drills or needles. We were also given a clipping from one of our local papers about Ed Bejtovic's '62 daughter Mariko. She was one of nineteen B.C. students who met the challenge of excellence and earned a \$20,000 award enabling her to spend one year in an Asian Pacific Country. Fantastic! Janice Gauthier '66 dropped us a note from her home in Indonesia, and included the most beautifully engraved business card. She invites anyone coming her way to drop in for a visit. April was the month for seeing and hearing from old schoolmates. I walked into a local Italian delicatessen and was greeted with "Hi Steppie, you don't remember me, do you?" It took a moment for the old brain to function, but I finally

Just to let you know that I really enjoy the newsletter. Living by San Francisco is interesting but it's not home and getting the news is great. Keep up the good work.

Marie (Corbeil) Piperni '70

Congratulations on the A. A. Newsletter. You are doing a wonderful job!! The newsletter is informative, interesting, warm and personal. It is keeping us all, in touch, and making us part of Notre Dame happenings. It is a lot of hard work but I am sure, very much appreciated.

Sandra (Valjacic) Quercetti '57

Rick and I both enjoy reading your newsletter. It's interesting to hear what is going on (especially now that we live out here in Calgary). Keep up the good work.

Rick and Luciana (Baldassare) Comparelli '75

Dear Steppie,

Thank you very much for sending me Elaine Colleran's address. It means a great deal to me. I wrote her a nine page letter tonight. I wonder how many more old friends you will reunite.

Jeanette (Gilardeau) McConnel '58

Dear Editor:

Just a few words to tell you how much I love the newsletter. (But whatever happened to the '72 grads? Besides Louis Passaglia and Glen Jackson, we never hear much about them.) I was one of the "Maillardville Girls", now I am a Maple Ridge girl (woman). I work as a bilingual teacher's aide for french immersion in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge. Now, please more info from 1972.

Doris (Fontaine) Smith '72

Ed. Note: How about it '72, let's hear from you.

Important Notice

In our last publication we asked for your help in establishing a permanent Drama Department archive. We really need your help if this is going to be a success. Please take the time to search through your old memorabilia and send us any pictures, programs, write-ups, etc. you might have. We really feel it is important to recognize the tremendous contribution the drama department has made to the "spirit" of Notre Dame. **Please help!**

remembered Tony Ricci '58. I hadn't seen him since he'd left school and was so surprised, I forgot to ask what he is doing etc. (Some news reporter). A week later, I got a call from Ron Mitchel '59. He was between flights at the Vancouver Airport and decided to give me a call. He sat in front of me through most of high school and being much bigger (and smarter) than me, I used to hide behind him so Sr. Leo Stanislaus wouldn't call on me in geometry. By the way, last time I heard from her, Sr. Leo, now Sr. Margaret Griffin, was still teaching in Boston.



We apologize for missing one registered couple from our list of sweethearts. They are David Schollen '73 and Janice McNeil '77. Actually it was partly their fault too. Only Janice was registered. (I just hate taking the blame for anything.)

Report on the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Annual General Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended our first general meeting. We are happy to report that all but two classes have a representative. We are still looking for someone willing to handle 1961 and 1980. If you think you could help and would like to know what is involved, please call Bruna Pizzolato at 299-5074. Following the reports and election, the floor was opened to questions and suggestions. While everyone seemed fairly happy with what is going on, one excellent suggestion was put forward and agreed upon. In the future, every social event will emphasize a group of years, i.e. 1956-1960. It is felt that most people would then feel more comfortable knowing that others from their class will be there. Thanks to all the class rep's for their work over the past year!

Reunion 1979

The class of 1979 is celebrating their 10th year reunion with two days of planned activities, September 15th and 16th. John Guidolin and Franca Pin-Carson have successfully contacted all grads from '79 but would like to remind you, that any address or phone number changes should be phone in to John at 420-0887 or Franca at 464-0681. Good luck with your reunion and remember to send us a write-up and a couple of pictures. CL

R. I. P.

In our last publication we printed the names of the deceased alumni who graduated between 1956 and 1970. We continue with the deceased of the final two decades. We ask for your prayers for: *Gary Balzar '71, Hugh MacLean '71, Alex Gray '72, Brian Jackson '72, Greg Waskel '72, Edgar Attard '74, Vito Iacabazzi '74, Pat Morely '76, Judi Fitton '78, Dennis Coi '79 and Lorena Boratto '88.*

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

Final Notice

THIS MAY BE YOUR FINAL COPY OF THE NOTRE DAME ALUMNI NEWSLETTER!

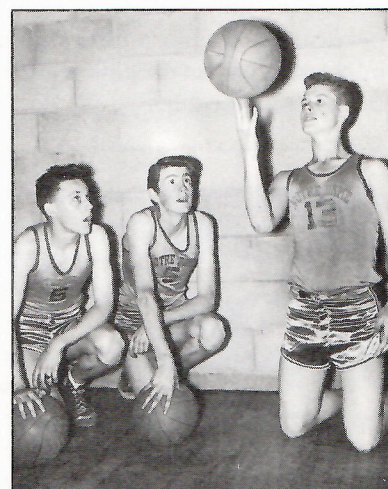
A copy of the registration form for the 1989/90 year is enclosed. This year there is a **Registration Fee** of \$10.00 (per graduate, or in the case of alumni who are married to one another, per couple). This fee will be used to cover the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter. If you wish to continue to receive this publication, please return the form and fee immediately.

Alumni Basketball Tournament

No you didn't miss it. Head Varsity coaches, George Oswald and Eileen Brassington apologize for not holding the tournament this year. I am told that the members of the Athletic Department have been extremely busy and could really use some help in organizing the Alumni Tournament. If anyone out there thinks they could help with next year's tournament, please call George or Eileen at the school.

Did you Recognize them?

They were left to right: Kevin Grant, Annette Reinhart, Tom O'Neill, Sandy Spence, Gary Gibson, and Diane LaGrange, all from 1971.



We are going back to the 50's for this one. Members of N.D.'s first basketball team.

N.D. Most Wanted

From the Class of 1962, we are looking for:

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| • Peter Green | • Carole Reiter |
| • Roberta Schwartz | • Suzanne Moritz |
| • Laurent Beacherman | • Dan Kennedy |
| • Patricia Reiter | • Jo-Ann Walsh |
| • Gary Trask | • Fiamma Quarantoto |
| • Helena Rossi | • Anne MacDonald |
| • Richard Dresti | |



The Juggler

"THE JUGGLERS AMASS AN AMAZING ONE THOUSAND POINTS AT THE INDEPENDENT MEET"



Track and Field — Isn't that a great headline. I really thanked Harry McGrath and Chris Gervais, co-coaches of Notre Dame's track team for arranging such a neat victory. Imagine an even 1,000 points. It was, needless to say, an all time Meet record. Notre Dame also won the

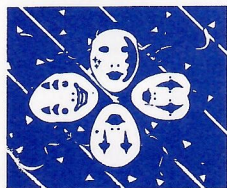
Woman' Team Aggregate and the Bantam Girls, Junior Girls, and Junior Boys topped their divisions. And just to add a little icing to the cake, Tami Gazzola, Lorraine Torresan and Darryl Ewart, all grade ten students, brought home individual aggregates. Earlier in the season, Harry told me he was really pleased with the student turnout for track this year. It would be the largest team Notre Dame ever fielded. After these results, I can imagine what next year's recruitment program will be like. Congratulations to Notre Dame's entire track team and coaching staff. It was quite a day for the Blue and White! SB



On the left: Tami Gazzola & Lorraine Torresan, Jr.
Individual Aggregate Champions

Volleyball — We would like to apologize to Mike Cooke and the senior girl's volleyball team for a mistake in our last publication. (Printer's error this time.) Anyway, the correct information is that the girls' team placed third, not sixth, in the B. C. Championships.

Basketball — The senior girl's basketball team won the Vancouver & District Championships earning the right to represent the lower mainland at the B. C. Tournament. Unfortunately, with one loss early in the Championships, they ended up in fifth place.



Drama — In our last newsletter we reported that the Drama Department's next play would be *The Wizard of Oz*. Well, "If ever a Wiz, a Wiz there was", it was this production. All the performances were first rate. The talent of this group of students is unbelievable. Dorothy and

her three pals, The Scarecrow, The Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion, played by Sushi Gaspar, Joseph Orlowski, Andrew Kerr, and Andre Kozak respectively, were just great. It was a totally entertaining and enjoyable evening and I am told, played to the largest audience in the department's history. The next play scheduled for the end of May is *Babes in Arm*. Sorry but again, this publication will not be printed on time for us to give you

Andre Kozak, Andrew Kerr, Sushi Gaspar, & Joseph Orlowski —
"Off to see the Wizard"

advance notice. From now on, if I was you, I'd start watching for publicity in your parish bulletins etc. Meanwhile, we'll try to do a better job in our timing. (This must be Cindy's fault too.) SB



Commercial Department

The Commercial Department already has a new home in the school's recently built addition and now it will undergo even more improvements. Mrs. West, the head of the department, tells me that she is looking forward to the major changes in the Business Education curriculum which will be implemented over the next two years. The new program, for instance, will

now be on computers. This means that all the typewriters will be replaced by about thirty IBM PC's. When I think of what I learned on! (Yes smarty, there were typewriters in those days.) Mrs. West said that in the near future they hope to purchase a laser printer and one goal will be for the school to print its own newsletter. By the way, the government is financially assisting all the schools in this Province, in order to develop this program. SB