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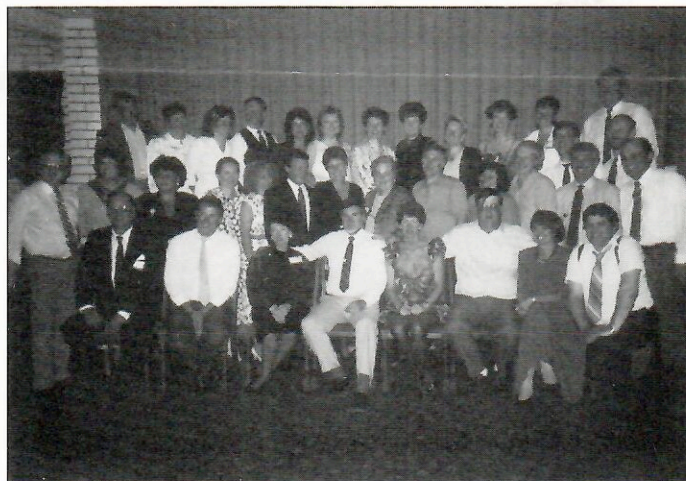
Editorial

The organization ran smoothly; the show was great; the tributes were humorous and sentimental; His response was gracious and tear jerking. Everyone enjoyed Alan Charlton's party. You only had to walk into the hall to sense the excitement and the warmth that permeated everything. Alan noted that Notre Dame was his family and this is exactly the feeling you received. Thanks are due to everyone who contributed towards the success of the celebration. Perhaps though, the most important thanks should be directed to Alan for his twenty-five years of service to N.D. and for being who he is and thus giving the rest of us the opportunity to have such a great time. Thank you everyone. Thank you Alan!

I'd like to bring two very important issues to your attention. The first is, it is time again for **REGISTRATION**. In actual fact, your 1989/90 registration is effective until following the June issue but because there is no newsletter between now and June, they must go out with this issue. (Summer would be hopeless) We would really appreciate receiving them back as quickly as possible, first, for our convenience and second, because if you are anything like me, you'll forget if you wait until May. The second and really important event to remember is the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:30 p.m.** You will be electing your class rep's at this meeting and it is from this group that the executive will be elected. It is really important that you participate if you wish to see this association continue. This year five members of the executive will have completed their term in office and their positions will have to be filled. While some may run for office again, it is essential that every year we bring in new people. So please, put that date on your calendar and be there to support the Alumni Association.

Players, coaches and manager of all Notre Dame football teams are invited to attend Notre Dame Alumni's first "smoker" on Friday, April 27, 1990 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person with the proceeds going directly to the school. Dinner, drinks and cash prizes are included.

If you are interested in attending please call: Dave Durante, 435-8218, Rob MacAulay, 946-7425, Chris Doyle, 434-7887, Rob Renning, 465-4904 or Jim Levas, 434-6873.



Class of 1964

Celebrates its Twenty-fifth Anniversary

Can it actually be? Twenty five years have gone by already, and our '64 grad reunion held in October was a great success, with grads coming from far and near. The attendance was great - some of us more recognizable than others, all of us looking **BETTER** than before!

Friday evening's wine and cheese at the school was a great ice-breaker. (Who are all these people, anyway?) The committee had worked very hard hanging posters, old pictures, and great **STUFF** all over the cafeteria. It really was a trip down memory lane! For us out-of-towners, seeing the new look of N.D. was fun. We especially enjoyed seeing the old nun's quarters, now the library and computer room. We topped off the evening by setting off the silent alarm while in the computer room! The congenial officers who answered the call declined to join us.

Saturday evening's dinner/dance at the Bella Casa was great too. We all looked a little more familiar by then. Good food, good music and re-newed friendships equal good times!

Finally, a big **THANKYOU** to the hard working committee, first for finding all the grads, and then for organizing the reunion and keeping us in touch with the plans.

Thanks again!

Maureen Lapointe '64

Letters to the Editor

Dear Steppie,

This past Thanksgiving was the occasion of my twenty-fifth year reunion party (the Class of 1964). We had events scheduled for both Friday and Saturday evening and I thought that would be far too much time to spend talking to old friends etc. But I was wrong! It was not enough time. At 2:30 a.m., the janitor was trying to sweep us out the door and we all wondered where the time had gone. I managed to pick up some of your newsletters and was sad to see I have missed out on lots of interesting events. Enclosed please find my check for 1989-1990 dues. Keep up the good and time consuming work. People "out here" really appreciate it.

Bob Jamieson '64.

Dear Editors,

I believe it was George Burns who said that there is no secret to growing old – all one has to do is to keep breathing. In the same way, it can well be argued that there is no secret to surviving twenty-five years at Notre Dame – all one has to do is to keep showing up! While there are many former students who wish that I had stopped doing this a long time ago, the celebration held in my honour on December 29th was an indication, in part at any rate, that at least a few hundred are charitable enough to think kindly of the fact that I did continue to show up.

I say "in part" because I certainly would not be so arrogant as to think that I was the only reason for so many people being present on that night. I realize that for many of them the evening represented a chance to renew "auld acquaintance", to forge again the ties that bind them to the people with whom they shared the Notre Dame experience, to recall the times that were, and to celebrate not one person but that whole grab-bag of people and events that made their time at Notre Dame so memorable. And if that was what the whole evening was about for them, imagine what it was for me! As I saw all those people, it was not difficult for me at least to know what had caused me to continue to show up for twenty-five years. There they were – the students whom I had relegated to the level of "contented cows", whom I had dismissed as being content to "wallow in their ignorance", who had me respond occasionally with cries of "oh joy, oh rapture", who had far more frequently caused me to respond with yells of frustration, who had never really learned to write an essay, and who had brought me through it all to so much happiness and pride that I had been associated with them. There, too, were so many of the parents, teachers and priests whose dedication and support has made me aware of the real meaning of the community of Notre Dame. I realized that evening, as I am sure many others did, that this was what Notre Dame was all about – the sharing and the giving, the learning and the forgiving, the sorrow and the laughter and the living.

And as I look forward to the future, I know I want it to continue for the most part unchanged. Oh, I have learned some things over the years. Despite what your revered President said in the last newsletter, I have long since stopped threatening to cancel plays; I have come to realize that if the students refuse to learn their lines, they are the ones who are going to look like the wrong end of the horse, and if that is their choice, far be it from me to hamper them in their ambition. I have also made some steps towards the mellowness which befits my years; I still rant and



rave but I have given up throwing books and board erasers. But for the most part things are unchanged. I still get frustrated by the students' strange unwillingness to prefer Shakespeare to "Cheers", Jane Austen to the sports page; I still continue to offer my opinions on everything whether it is asked for or not; and I still continue to ask students to churn out essays – and still bewail their persistent refusal to display even the slightest sign of literacy. The more things change...

Just how long they will stay the same is, of course, impossible for me to say. I can only say that all the stories of my impending resignation or promotion to the lofty levels of Administration are totally unfounded, though evidence that the rumor mill of Notre Dame continues to operate as energetically and inefficiently as ever. Certainly I hope to be around for another fifteen years to try to berate the students of Notre Dame into something approaching an educated state.

And, of course, I hope too, to continue my association with the Alumni, so many of whom have become my dear, dear friends. Indeed, if the celebration of December 29th did nothing else, at least it should have demonstrated to everyone present what a wonderful thing it is to get together with those friends made in "our green and salad days". It was a truly happy evening and I shall be eternally grateful to all those who organized it, who worked on it, who performed so wonderfully those fondly remembered musical numbers. I do hope I don't have to teach another twenty-five years for another such evening to take place; let's do it much more often than that.

Meanwhile, however, let me thank all of you for putting up with me for twenty-five years, for helping to make them so enjoyable, for crowning them with such an overwhelming and memorable party, and for the beautiful and treasured gift of the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. The latter serves as a timely reminder that it is to her blessings and the graces that come through her from her Son that we owe our joy in the life with which God has blessed us.

May you all continue to flourish in the bountiful grace of Christ.

Gratefully yours,
Alan

Ed. Note: The more he changes

Question for the Month:

What's in Mississauga? Why are so many N. D. grads moving there?

R. I. P.

We extend our sympathy and ask for your prayers for Maria Louisa Paoluzzi from the Class of 1973 who recently passed away.

Golden Grads

Notre Dame opened her doors in 1953 and, as unbelievable as it seems (especially to them), her first students, from the classes of 1956, 1957 and some of 1958 have been quietly celebrating their 50th birthdays. Well some of their friends thought things were just a little too quiet and wanted to make some noise. They have forwarded us photos of three such occasions. Hope you enjoy them. Congratulations to all the rest of N.D. students of the fifties who have joined this elite group.



Here are these old friends as they were back then:

N.D. 1956 football team: Armand #25, Joe #18, Mario #22.



Members of Notre Dame's first football team and old cruising buddies, Armand Giroday '58 and Joe Borovich '57 celebrating Armand's birthday. (Maybe one of you would like to explain the significance of the sign and how it came to be in your possession.)



If memory serves me, Joe's high school sweetheart and still not too old to blow out all fifty candles in one breath, a member of N.D.'s first cheerleading team, Elena (Pappas) Nakashima '57, at her surprise party.



1957 N.D. cheerleaders: Elena is the one on the left.



Another member of the first football team, not to mention the cruising fifties band, Mario Ghislieri '58 at his surprise party. That's Brian (Chick) McGuickan '57 in the middle and Joe again on the right. I think Joe was so happy to have company on the other side of fifty, he went to everyone's party.

Instead of the usual "Did you recognize them?" entry, you can spend the next few months identifying the other people in these pictures. By the way, last month's people were: Brian Jackson '73 (that's right, the one we resurrected last month, Mike Ricci '72 and Marianne (Durante) Lowe '73.

CLASS REUNIONS

The following classes are preparing their reunions in 1990.
Please call the following people for further information:

30 years	1960	Theo Glover, 421-2824
25 years	1965	Diane Borovich, 291-7969 or Denise Butler, 251-3797 or 530-4121.
20 years	1970	Bobby Duncan, 435-2575 or Mary Lynn Murray, 437-4483
10 years	1980	Alex Monk, 299-4067

Second Question for the Month:
Did Stina Doyle '74 really marry Frazier from Cheers?



The Juggler



*Sr. Katherine
Josephine 1958*

Sr. Katie Jo, as she was known to all her early students, walked into Notre Dame in the fall of 1958, took one look, fell in love, and has been its major cheerleader ever since. Sister, instantly recognized the "Spirit of Notre Dame" and except for those years in the 1960's when she was sent to the Interior, has worked unceasingly to maintain that "Spirit". If anyone wants to know anything about Notre Dame, past or present, they ask Sister. She has made it her personal responsibility to save everything, and

I mean *everything*, that ever pertained to Notre Dame. (Now *finding anything* is a different story). You should see the files. I recently had reason to peruse them and was amazed at what I came across. I found minutes from the first Staff meetings, the original Parent/Teacher meetings, not to mention the first Student Council meetings. I also found such things as individ-

ual class lists eg. the list for English 91 (English Lit. to you younger folks) for the class of 1956. Besides being the local archivist, Sister is the kind of person teachers are supposed to be. She really loves the kids and thinks they are good despite all the evidence to the contrary. She is interested in them and is always there to listen. Of course, in counselling, she has a bit of an edge, she taught many of their parents. I've certainly noticed the odd twinkle in her eyes when I've been talking about one of my kids. It would be incorrect to say that Sister has left her mark on Notre Dame because that wouldn't be enough. As surely as the first foundations laid for the building are a part of the school, Sr. Katherine, is a part of Notre Dame.



*Sr. Katherine
Nickerson 1990*



Basketball - They will have to build a new trophy case to accommodate all the hardware Notre Dame brought home from the B.C.

Catholic High School Championships hosted by Holy Cross Regional. First, the Senior girls defeated St. Patrick's to win the girl's title and with that Jenni Washburn was named the

tournament's Most Valuable Player. Tanya Bucciol was selected to the First All Star Team and was the tournament's best Defensive Player, Rozana Bajic and Patricia Valentine were given Honourable Mention.

The boys then went on to upset the highly touted St. Thomas More team. Dennis Stefani and Adriano Ferrario were named First All Stars and Bruno Ferrario, Second All Star. Eric Malebranche was awarded the "Spirit" trophy. All in all quite a night for the Jugglers.



Drama - Another success was added to the ever growing list of successes with December's production of "Cinderella". Much to the delight of the audience, a great deal of "poetic license" was taken with the script resulting in a unique and highly enjoyable adaptation of the original play. The next production will be the comedy "The Odd Couple" on April 24th through 26th followed in May with the musical "Grease". Be sure to keep those events on your calendar.

Football - Thirteen an unlucky number? Well for Vancouver College and the rest of the football teams in B.C. maybe, but not for the Jugglers. In an exciting final, Notre Dame defeated V. C. 14-0 to win the B.C. Championship for the third year in a row and for an unbelievable *thirteenth* time. Gel Rossi was the game's Most Valuable Lineman while James Neisz, the quarterback was selected as the Most Valuable Player. Congratulations to coaches George Oswald, Bill Cole and company. Fourteen anyone....

Important Notice

Registration forms

for the 1990/1991 are enclosed.

Please complete and return them to the address indicated as soon as possible. Be sure to enclose the annual fee of \$10.00 per person or if you are married to another grad, \$10.00 per couple.

Notre Dame Alumni Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 2, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.

Notre Dame Cafeteria