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Editorial

Besides being a notorious month of wet and rain, June has always seemed to me to be a month of beginnings and endings. Even more than January, June is a month of completion and renewal. It can't be as many years as the calendar tells me since we were sitting in the school halls and writing all those good-byes that seemed so final and now poignant, in each other's yearbooks. It can't be that many years ago that we wore our blue caps and gowns, sitting on the stage in the old gym and waiting for the "real" world to begin, half-scared of leaving the comforts and familiarity of Notre Dame.

This editorial is my chance to once again say good-bye to a school that has given me good old friends, good new friends and lots of memories. Because of some new beginnings in my own life (No, I'm not pregnant again!) I've relinquished my co-editor position with Steppie. It's been hard work getting this newsletter off the ground and I think we even surprised ourselves with how well it turned out, and how well it was received by all of you. Although Steppie and I spent seemingly hours on some issues, if the truth is to be told, over half that time was spent visiting and chatting, with me trying to pry Step of every tip she had to offer on child-rearing. After all if you can't trust a woman who has seven, who can you trust? My old classmate, Annette Durante '81 has offered to replace me as co-editor - but Annette, be careful, I too was single and childless when we started this newsletter. Maybe it had something to do with the countless pots of tea and coffee Steppie and I shared. Anyway, thank you all for your letters and support, It was treat and I hope to keep in touch through events happening with the Alumni Association.

To beginnings and ending! Cindy

(Ed. Note: Thanks Cindy, and by the way, you're too late with your warning, Annette is already married as for the other, we'll see)



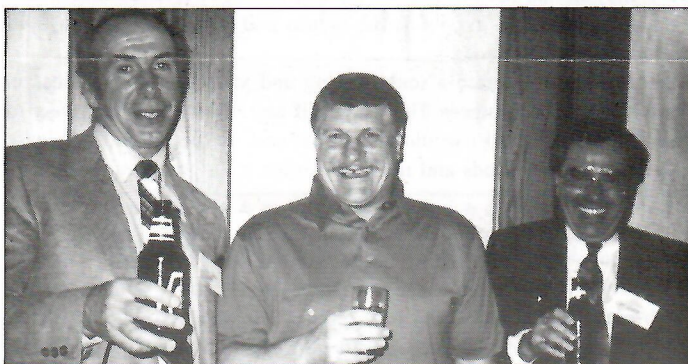
Class of 1960

1960 Celebrates Thirty Year Reunion

It took thirty years but we finally did it! On June 2nd, thirty-eight grads and their spouses gathered at the Kings Inn to celebrate our reunion. The evening began with a social hour which gave everyone the chance to renew old friendships. It was as if time stood still and we were back at Notre Dame. We were so pleased to welcome classmates who had travelled from a distance to join us including, Shirley, Deanne, Arlene, Marg, Aline and Andre.

After dinner several letters from former teachers and classmates were read and a special presentation was made too Sr. Katherine Nickerson (Josephine) acknowledging her twenty-five years of service to the students of Notre Dame. Sister said that if, after thirty years, the class of '90 looks as good as we did, they will be doing well. Thanks Sister, we didn't notice any changes either except perhaps for a little less hair on some guy's heads (names to remain unmentioned).

Throughout the evening we caught up with all the gossip. George and Ruth Lamy are the proud parents of their first child, two and a half year old Michael, while Claudette (Porteous) Peterson, Colleen (McGuire) Perreault, and Mary (Bourque) Jacob are all grandparents.



Nick Saban, Tony Toljanich, Len Gatto

It was a wonderful evening and we are looking forward to another in a few years. We have nominated, Nick Saban, Tony Toljanich, and Len Gatto to form the next reunion committee. After the number of phone calls it took to convince this trio to come, they were the ones who didn't want to leave. A note to other classes, don't let the years go by without a reunion. We had such a great time and have so many more new memories to treasure.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Steppie:

You are doing a super job with this newsletter! I have been receiving them from the beginning but your last issue was by far the best effort. I just love your article on the "Golden Grads". That Joe Borovich is such a good looking guy, even better now than when he was the star? of the football team. As a result of that article, Joe has received all kinds of letters. For example, a separation notice from his wife Jean's lawyer because he told her she was his "1st love" not Elena. Another letter from the city hall in Vancouver, wondering how he got that East Hastings sign he gave to Armand for his 50th and still another from the city police for crashing birthday parties.

Yours truly, Joe Borovich '57 #57-629943

B.C. Pen - Cell #18

P.S. The girl on the left in the cheerleader picture is Margo Bauld - the other one, in the middle - I don't know her name, but she is a cook here at the "Pen".



Whatever happened to?

How would you like to work in Squamish and live in Nelson. Jack Piderman '72 actually does that. He works for B.C. Hydro in Squamish and his family lives in Nelson. Now that's commuting! It must have done something for him though, he and his wife have twins that weighed in at 9 lbs 2 oz. and 8 lbs 13 oz. Do you think it has anything to do with messing around with all that electricity? I don't have to worry anymore, but if I were some of you younger grads... I wouldn't even turn off the lights. Ralph DiNunzio '78 left the business of auto body repair and has moved into the field of advertising. He also does a little acting on the side. In fact if you happen to see the movie "Look Whose Talking" - Look Who's the Orderly in the hospital scenes. By the way, Steve Boyd '85 also works in the B.C. film industry, and from what I hear he's friends of both the stars in this movie, Kirsty Allie and John Travolta. Some people have all the luck. Mind you Steve did get an autographed picture of Ken (Wiseguy) Wahl so I can't complain. (Unless of course he could of got me Ken Wahl himself and didn't.) Robert Reiter '75 tells me he owns his own company called "Financial Services" He says it is #1 in the world. Of course, he also said that he was #1 in the world - I'll let you draw your own conclusion. Congratulations to Br. Emmot (Zolton) Lazar '62 who recently celebrated his twenty-fifth year as a member of the Benedictin Order. Brother is out a Christ the King Seminary in Mission. Did you notice in this month's letters to the editor, the one from Ed Strannon '60. Imagine running a charter and scuba diving company in Thailand. It sounds like something right out of a Jack Higgin's novel. Speaking of leading a life full of adventure, how about Rod Monk '71 who began by teaching university in Lesotho, Africa and for the past three years has been part of the European Space Program based in Germany. Only our seventh edition and one grad makes the "Believe It Or Not" category for the second time (See Edition I). Pat Phillips '62 writes that, believe it or not, he and Donna (Morrison) '62 soon will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Not bad says Pat, when most people didn't think they'd last twenty five days. I got a note from Lois Campbell '57, saying she has nine darling little grandchildren and wants to know if she has a counterpart among her fellow alumni - Give me a break Lois... despite evidence to the contrary (see photo from Class of '60), Grandma's are old. They are short, round, have grey hair and wear black or grey cotton dresses and slippers...

Dear Editors:

I had just returned from Vancouver and California visiting old friends and relatives when I received my copy of the last newsletter. It is a delight to read all the interesting things N.D. grads are doing. Well, in 1987 my husband and myself with our nine year old son decided to take a year off and come to Italy. That year has now extended to two and we have taken up permanent residence. The European lifestyle agrees with all of us. I work part time with students who are studying English and love it. A warm hello to all '72 grads and if anyone is in Italy, please look us up.

Mariella (Jackie Frigo) Manfredi '72

After much procrastination (which my former teachers will tell you is entirely in character), I wish to register with the Alumni Association. I look forward to receiving your newsletter, as news from home is a precious commodity when you're thousands of miles away. Actually given the monstrous sums of money I fork over to the phone company each month, its more precious than you might think. Thanks for setting up the association; I think it's wonderful idea.

Stephanie Smith '83

Dear 1960 Reunion Committee,

Thank you for your invitation to a reunion dinner. I was planning a visit this summer but have had to postpone it for twelve months so will therefore be unable to join in the laughs and reminiscences that will undoubtedly take place.

I now own and operate a scuba diving and yacht charter business in Phuket Island in Southern Thailand so if any of you find your way to this part of the world I would love to see you. In the meantime, please say hello to old friends and my best wishes for a great reunion.

Ed Strannon '60

Just a note to wish you a very successful reunion. I am sorry I can not be there to share in the many memories that no doubt will be recalled with much nostalgia. Please pass on my best wishes to all who attend and tell my English teachers that the writing and speaking skills they taught me are being sorely tested in my current job.

Kitty O'Callaghan '60

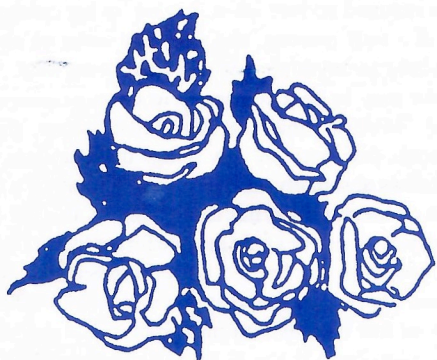


Notre Dame Alumni 1990 Executive

At our recent general meeting of the Association the following people were nominated to and accepted positions on the Executive; Denise Butler '65, Theresa Murphy '76, and Annette (Durante) Keller '81. Steve Bardini '82 has also agreed to take on responsibility for communication among the younger grads. The new officers for 1990/1991 are; President, Dave Durante '69, Vice-President, Rob Renning '84, Secretary, Theresa Murphy '76, and Treasurer, Bruna Pizzolato '65. Denise Butler '65 will take on the position of coordinator of the class representatives and will assist, Steppie Blesch '59 and Annette (Durante) Keller '81 who are co-editors of the newsletter. Annette aided by Rob MacAulay '68 will also coordinate all social events and Steppie will continue to maintain the computer mailing list.

Thank You

Our thanks to Mary Rose Peregrine '72 who served on the Executive this past year and is now taking a maternity leave. We are also saying good-bye to two of the original members of the Executive, Eva Zanotto '76 and Cindy Lapointe '81. It is very difficult to adequately express our thanks to them for the amount of time and work they put into this Association. The Alumni Association is very grateful.



Class Reunions

This fall the Classes of 1965 and 1980 will be celebrating their twenty-five and ten year reunions respectively. Both are planning a two night party with the Friday night cheese and wine being held at their Alma Mater. Both groups are holding their Saturday evening dinner at the Sheraton Villa but for 1965 it is a real "Back To The Future". That's where they had their Senior Prom. There are still a few people who have not as yet been found so if you know anyone from the Class of 1965 or 1980, you might mention the reunion to them and if they haven't been contacted yet, please have them call a member of their reunion committee.

For 1965: Denise (McKenny) Butler - 298-3797
Diane (Harrington) Borojevich - 291-7969
For 1980: Alex Monk - 254-3514

Final Notice

THIS MAY BE YOUR FINAL COPY OF THE
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If you have not already (**since our last publication**) registered for the 1990/91 year, this will be your final copy of the newsletter. Enclosed you will find a registration form which we ask that you complete and return to the address indicated as soon as possible. Please be sure to include the annual fee of \$10 per person or, if you are married to another grad, \$10 per couple.

Do you Recognize them?



(Some of you should know the lady on the far left and the one second from the right?)

From last month, Joe was right, the girl on the right was Margo Bauld (since deceased) and the one in the center is Ann Hunt, who escaped to the U.S.A.

N.D. Most Wanted

From the Class of 1960, we are looking for:

• Douglas Brown	• Mary Brown
• Marcel Danjou	• Denes Helbrecque
• Tom Hendrickson	• John Hills
• Deanna McGowen	• Norman Nestman '59-'60
• Barbara Ryan	

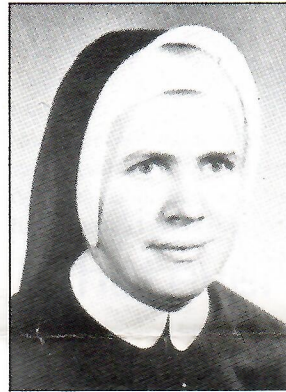


The Juggler

Drama—Since the last newsletter, the drama department has put on two plays, “The Odd Couple” and “Grease”. “The Odd Couple” was, as we have come to expect from L’Charlton, a first class production. The cast did a superb job especially when you consider how difficult the timing and delivery of comedy can be. Particularly notable among the actors was Joe Primerano as Felix. As for “Grease”, the kids were great, they did a super job with the material and the music. I particularly liked the performances of Steven Dalla Vecchia and Marlene Silva. Unfortunately for me, I happened to graduate in the fifties, and rather than just being able to sit back and enjoy, as my kids did, I spent the whole time criticizing the author’s portrayal of that era. Obviously though, my feeling about the play are not shared by many, as this production was attended by record breaking crowds. Next year we can look forward to “Annie”, “We’re No Angels”, and a third production to be announced later. Alan would like to thank the Alumni who have been so supportive and we remind you again that first night is Alumni Night.



Track and Field—“And The Rain Came Down” will be the memory of everyone who participated in or were there to support their team at the 1990 Independent School Track Meet. Yet, despite the rain, despite the awful cold, N.D. not only won the meet but broke their own record, set last year, by racking up an incredible 1,046 points. It was a total team effort with 127 students representing the school. The Grade Nine boys won their Division Team Aggregate by upsetting the St. Thomas More Juveniles. Grade Eight student, David Xausa, was the Bantam Boys’ Individual Aggregate winner. This year twelve students qualified for the B.C.’s and for the first time in eleven years, N.D. placed in the top ten schools in the Province. Congratulations to the students, head coaches Harry McGrath and Chris Gervais, and all their supportive staff.



Sister Marie Alexis



Sister Helen Stewart

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

In the sixties she was Sr. Marie Alexis, the majority of her students know her as Sr. Helen Stewart, and her friends just call her Nellie. Despite the many aliases “Nellie” has always remained one of life’s true characters with her own unique qualities. Perhaps the most outstanding of these is summed up best when, having, in her customary fashion, fallen asleep at a staff meeting, she suddenly woke up and announced with no relevance to anything that was then being said, “I disagree”. And in fact she may be said constantly to disagree with many things. She is agreed, however, that she is a gifted athlete, that she has a brilliant memory, that there are few things that she does not do well, and that she knows absolutely and fully what the author’s intention was in every piece of literature she has taught. She is also the first to admit that she is an expert on politics (can anyone forget Pierre Elliot Trudeau), on health (if you have not heeded her pronouncements on ice-cream and apples, you can rest assured that you will undoubtedly go deaf and blind in the next few months), on most sports (her announcement that she intends to participate in the N.D. Staff Hockey Draft next season is undoubtedly a signal that soon she will be able to make infallible pronouncements on the NHL players and their abilities), and on everything that has to do with the fashion colours that best suit your particular complexion. Her vigilance over anything which comes under her authority is awesome as any staff member or student who has “misplaced” a piece of audio visual equipment will testify. In short, over the twenty-five years, she taught at Notre Dame, Sr. Helen has played a remarkable role in the lives of both students and staff. Always quick to express her opinion on anything from the role of a woman in society to the best model car to purchase, she is a walking and willing encyclopedia of information. Indeed, she would be quite uncomfortable to know were it not that she is also blessed with a tremendous sense of humour and takes in good part the constant and unending teasing to which she is incessantly subject by her fellow staff members (especially the men) and all her students. Because of this and her ability to laugh at herself, she has made the lives of an enormous number of the Notre Dame community, if not better informed, at the very least truly enjoyable as a result of having known her. Congratulations Sister, on twenty-five years of service... Yes Sister, we know you look just wonderful but is twenty-five years!

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