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A WORD FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR



"There is not a word to define a parent who loses a child." Mark Murphy, an alum parent and friend of the Barbu family, said this during a heartfelt eulogy for '99 NDP grad Nick Barbu. It was a cold December afternoon. Alumni gathered to celebrate his life and we didn't have a word to describe what was happening. He was 30.

"He loved to love," said Fr. Leon Olszamowski, s.m., president of NDPMA and '65 NDHS graduate, during the homily for long-time teacher and administrator Bill Raymond. This time it was a cold January afternoon. Alumni gathered to celebrate his life and words flowed as much as the tears during the luncheon as his family, friends, and former students remembered Mr. Raymond. He was 76.

Sometimes there are words to describe moments in life and sometimes we stop—our hearts beat a few times—and that is the quiet moment that takes the place of words. The common denominator of these two events was people coming together to celebrate a life. Specifically, there was a strong presence of ND alumni gathered, showing God's love through their actions. Friends, who at one time shared a classroom or a lunch table, gathered twelve years later or thirty years later to remember their friend.

Fellow alumni, as you read this issue of IRISH, I heartily encourage you to recall not just the bricks and mortar of the Notre Dame that was your home some twelve years or thirty years ago, but to

remember the friendships, the memories, and the bonds that you formed, whether you have words to describe them or not.

Celebrate the lives and accomplishments of your classmates. Brandon Maddon '10 (NDP) recently published a 590-page book, page 7. See page 8 where alumni doctors are sharing their stories with us. Or maybe you'll enjoy the article on page 19 titled "a truly memorable experience" about the NDHS Class of 1960 as they celebrated their 50-year reunion this past September. Our alumni are connected to more than the bricks and mortar; they are connected to the flesh and blood that make Notre Dame our special home.

Irish blessings,

Kelly A. (Cole) Patterson '99 (NDP)

Message from the Alumni Board of Directors

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to reconnect with Notre Dame through my involvement with the NDAA Board of Directors. This board started just a short time ago, in 2009, and has grown almost two-fold since inception. The bylaws which govern this organization are prefaced by an extremely well written, carefully planned and longer-than-I-have-space-for preamble which I will attempt to boil down as succinctly as possible: To create a strong and well-connected alumni base.

The method for achieving this goal is by holding events for people to reconnect, providing networking opportunities, supporting our local alumni who run businesses, and doing anything within our power to support the alumni of all of the NDAA schools (Notre Dame Preparatory, Notre Dame High School, Pontiac Catholic, Oakland Catholic, St. Frederick and St. Michael).

Around February of last year, I started seeing Facebook event pages and e-newsletter e-mails about the Alumni Irish games. This was initially intriguing to me as an overly competitive person, who would enjoy nothing more than to win an obstacle course or chariot race. However, like many others, I was dubious of the actual potential for enjoyment within the hallowed walls of the institution that once demanded uniformed attire and doled out detentions in joyful smugness. Skepticism is a gift which comes naturally to me, and I therefore did not attend.

Much to my shock, I talked with a few alums who attended the Alumni Irish Games, none of whom fell into a category of zealots and

whose opinions I genuinely trusted. The reviews came back unanimously positive, thereby increasing my interest in finding out exactly what was going on back on Giddings Road that allowed this to take place.

Curiosity got the best of me and I finally decided to see what this was all about. All it took was a few e-mails and I could tell that this was an authentic organization with a purpose and a mission to serve not the bottom line of the school but the interest of the graduates.

Throughout the year, there are diverse and unique opportunities for all of our many alumni to reconnect with one another and with the school. And no, not all of them take place at 1300 Giddings. The events take place in East Lansing, Ann Arbor; on the east and west side of Detroit (but not on the south side, since there is no such place); at the Palace of Auburn Hills. For those of you who are skeptical like me, I strongly encourage you to move past it and attend one event.

For those who are out of town, simply get in touch with one of us and let us know where you are, what you're doing, and what we can do to help you reconnect. The graduates from all of the Notre Dame schools have gone on to do great things in many different fields. It is our goal to continue this tradition and strengthen the school as an institution for learning, as well as its alumni as a community.

May God bless you and yours,

Trent Thiry '00 (NDP)

Treasurer, Notre Dame Alumni Association

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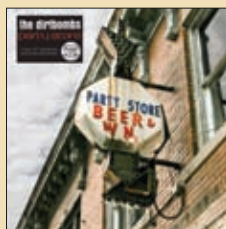
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Ben Blackwell '00 (NDHS) and the Dirtbombs release new album of Detroit techno covers

Detroit garage rockers The Dirtbombs know how to pay a little homage. They did so with 2001's "Ultraglide in Black," covering soul numbers from the '60s and '70s. The band's new album, "Party Store," goes a different direction, but the concept sounds promising enough: live renditions of '80s and '90s Detroit techno.



The Dirtbombs drummer is 2000 NDHS alum Ben Blackwell.

"Party Store" is available on In the Red Records. (from <http://consequenceofsound.net>)

Red Wings' Cleary visits lower division



Detroit Red Wings forward Dan Cleary (center) with NDP hockey coach Bob Rosbury (left) and Red Wings radio announcer Ken Kal.

Detroit Red Wings forward Dan Cleary visited Notre Dame Marist Academy – Lower Division on October 29 in the first of twenty installments of the team's school youth hockey program sponsored by the Detroit Red Wings Foundation.

Cleary was joined by Red Wings radio play-by-play announcer Ken Kal and introduced 120

NDMA students to the sport of hockey through a new youth street and floor hockey program. The Wings provide equipment and hands-on instruction to 20 local elementary schools throughout Metro Detroit.

NDHS alum Phil Pierce '00 helps coordinate the Wings' youth program and was on hand at the event.

Parents win \$50,000 from school

The Super Raffle grand prize of \$50,000 was won by Audra and Russ Sassack at the Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy Oktoberfest celebration. The drawing for the annual raffle was held October 8, 2010, on the school's Pontiac campus. NDPMA also awarded \$10,000 second-place and \$5,000 third-place checks. The Sassacks have a junior in the school's upper division and Evan Sassack graduated from NDP in 2010.



Super Raffle grand-prize winner Russ Sassack (right) and NDPMA 's Andy Guest '84 (NDHS) hold check for \$50,000.

Notre Dame's lower division celebrates Int'l Day of Peace by forming a human peace sign.

To celebrate its recent authorization as an International Baccalaureate World School (see pg. 18) and to observe the International Day of

Peace, on September 21 all junior-kindergarten-through-fifth-grade students at Notre Dame Marist Academy recreated a peace sign at its Waterford campus. Photographers from The Detroit News and The Oakland Press also captured the event.



Two Notre Dame students earn scholarships from Ric Gonzalez Memorial Foundation



Daniel Santos



Brooke Borowski

Notre Dame Prep seniors Brooke Borowski and Daniel Santos have been awarded scholarships from the Ric Gonzalez Memorial Foundation, formed after the passing of Ric Gonzalez, co-founder of automotive- and aerospace-supplier Gonzalez Design

Group, based in Madison Heights.

Since 2004, when the scholarship was established, the RGMF has been providing scholarships to deserving Hispanic youth in southeast Michigan planning to attend a college or university of their choice.

This is the fourth year in a row that Notre Dame Prep students have been awarded RGMF scholarships.

Alumni Irish games

On Saturday, March 12, 2011, alumni gathered for the 2nd Annual Alumni Irish Games on the campus of NDPMA in Pontiac, MI. The Irish Games are always a way for alumni (from all the schools) to gather for fun, food, and libations. The Irish Week festivities that a Notre Dame grad experiences as a student is usually one of the main highlights of one's high school career. From the hallway decorating, to the T-shirt design, and especially to the games, Irish Week is chock full of fun and competition. That is why the Notre Dame Alumni Association decided to sponsor a little more mature and just as fun version last year. The event is reasonable, at \$15 a person, and includes participation in games like Tug-of-War, Musical Chairs, and Chariot Races to name a few. Admission also includes an Irish Games T-shirt. So, if you missed this event this year, be sure to mark your calendars for 2012, and we'll see who wins at dodge ball, the obstacle course, or any of your other favorites of yesteryear! Fr. Strasz even says, "It's OK now for them to jump off the stage!" (a little poke to the class of 1998, perhaps...) For photos on the web, visit ndpma.org/alumni



Alumni art show draws crowd

Thursday, January 27, marked the opening night of the 2011 Alumni Art Show Opening Gallery Reception. The event took place at NDPMA's Pontiac Campus main triangle. Over forty pieces of artwork by

eleven artists were on display. Gallery visitors admired art across a variety of mediums. Bryan Ureel '82 (NDHS) displayed two very colorful pieces which drew many positive compliments. One titled "Chamelions & Cicadas," a 48"x48" acrylic on canvas, received many praises, as well as his 56"x78" original-digital painting on fleece, titled "The Cod Game," which was clearly the hit of the show. Other art on display included watercolor by 1970 NDHS alumnus Joe Kotzan, photography by 2000 alumna Catherine (Kopytek) Prociassi, and clay sculptures by retired faculty member Mr. Kirby Smith, who taught at both NDP and NDHS. Other artists on display were Mike Kelly '73 (NDHS) and his son Patrick Kelly '00 (NDHS), Bryan Clifford '02 (NDP), Kelly (Cole) Patterson '99 (NDP), Megan Stephanic '10 (NDP) and two NDP faculty members, Kati Swieca-Brockman and Ned Devine.



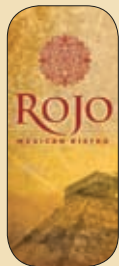
Bryan Ureel '82 (NDHS) poses with his wife, Jamie, in front of one of his paintings at the alumni art reception.

Ninety-one grad gets big publicity for new book

Detroit author Paul Clemens '91 (NDHS) was featured on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" in January to talk about his new book "Punching Out," which chronicles his year-long reportage on the old Budd plant on Detroit's east-side, which was disassembled and sold off. Clemens spent a year in and around the closed plant, observing crews dismantling equipment for shipment overseas. His book also was reviewed in The New York Times, The San Francisco Chronicle and The Washington Post among others.



Andiamo goes Mexican



Joe Vicari '75 (NDHS), president and CEO of Andiamo Restaurant Group, announced the opening of a third Rojo Mexican Bistro, a new contemporary approach to Mexican food and beverages, in St. Clair Shores. The new restaurant opened in mid-February 2011 at the former site of Andiamo Lakefront in St. Clair Shores. The fourth Rojo Mexican Bistro is scheduled to open in Partridge Creek during the spring of 2011.

NDP robotics team one of 15 in southeast Michigan to receive grant

The Chrysler Foundation, the primary source by which Chrysler LLC supports hundreds of charitable organizations with an emphasis on community and education, has given a grant of \$7,350 to the robotics team of Notre Dame Prep.

The Killer Bees team was one of only 15 teams in southeastern Michigan to receive a grant from the foundation, which has supported school robotics for more than 15 years. The grant will be used

to help the team fund participation in regional, state and national events. There are 173 FIRST Robotics teams registered in Michigan.

Alum loves island life

Danielle (Lewandowski) Fergus graduated from NDP in 2005 and majored in hospitality business at Michigan State University. After graduating from MSU in 2009, she began working on Mackinac Island, one of Michigan's tourist meccas, and is now a full-year resident.



Danielle Fergus '05 (NDP) with husband Kyle on Mackinac Island.

"It's so surreal to be living and working here. It's definitely a different way of life though—no cars, just bikes and lot of horses," she said. Fergus likes that she doesn't have to drive her car to work, but notes that she does have to take a 30-45 minute ferry ride just to get groceries.

She lives year-round on the island with about 500 other residents. During the winter, the only way to get across is to fly in a four-seat plane or to ride your snowmobile across the frozen lake.

Fergus reports daily to Mission Point Resort on the island where she is the director of media. Her duties include designing the guest directory as well as marketing brochures, special amenity packages, banquet menus, restaurant menus, and all advertisements and promotions. She works directly with online newspapers, television, and radio advertising agents to promote the resort and everything it has to offer.

Fergus also is responsible for all social media for Mission Point, including Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Elmore Leonard lauds '01 alum

Daniel Drop '01 (NDHS) of St. Clair Shores accepts the first-place award for best screenplay from writer and legend Elmore Leonard during the Elmore Leonard Literary Arts and Film Festival at the Community House in Birmingham in November. (from Detroit Free Press; photo Kimberly P. Mitchell/DFP)



Right-side hitter is all rookie



2010 alumna (NDP) Destiny Tolliver was named to the All-Rookie Team in her first year of volleyball play at the college level. Tolliver is a freshman right-side hitter for the University of New Hampshire. Her sister, current NDP senior Dalton Tolliver, signed to play for UMBC (University of Maryland, Baltimore County). They will play each other in the same conference this coming season.

NDP junior featured in Oakland Press

Current Notre Dame Prep junior Kellen McCormick, a 6'-8" forward on the school's varsity basketball team, was profiled in a January





Kellen McCormick



Tim McCormick

article in The Oakland Press. Columnist Pat Caputo talked to McCormick about his season so far and how his father has been a big influence on his play. McCormick's dad is Tim McCormick, currently a national basketball TV commentator, who starred for Clarkston High School, the University of

Michigan, and had a long NBA career.

The article discusses how McCormick's stock has risen rapidly with college recruiters, including those from Oakland University and the Big Ten. The story also noted that the family chose Notre Dame Prep in part due to its academic reputation.

Alum stars in local play

Stephen Blackwell '97 (NDHS) performed in a production of "La Ronde" in February at the Abreact Theatre in Detroit.

Boasting a salacious history, "La Ronde" is a frank, unflinching look into the psychology of human relations. Written in 1897 by Arthur Schnitzler, published in 1903 and first performed in 1920, it caused riots and was censored. The Abreact, formerly the Abreact Playhouse, was founded in 2000 by two Detroit actors and now is located near Corktown in Detroit. Blackwell is the nephew of musician and White Stripes co-founder Jack White.



Stephen Blackwell '97 (NDHS), top, with fellow cast members

Five NDP students named National Merit finalists

Five students at Notre Dame Preparatory School in Pontiac have been selected as finalists for the 2011 National Merit Scholarship program.

Seniors Alexandra Genord of Rochester, Norman Jin of Rochester Hills, Reine Mager of Sylvan Lake, Joshua Merlo of Rochester Hills and John Soisson of Rochester Hills were named finalists for the prestigious scholarship.

From over three million high-school seniors in the U.S., only about 15,000 earn finalist status. About 8,400 scholarships, totaling more than \$36 million, will be awarded later this year.

To become a finalist, a student must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school; be endorsed and recommended by the school principal; and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance.

U-M earns second victory over MSU at Traveling Irish Dinner

U-M and MSU students gathered for another Traveling Irish Dinner, Friday, February 11th. Notre Dame alumni in the Ann Arbor and East Lansing areas gathered at the Pizza House and Harper's for an Alumni Association sponsored event. The event is designed to connect NDPMA with its alumni and to foster healthy competition between the Wolverines and Spartans. U-M students pulled out a victory for the second year in a row over MSU attendees. Both res-

taurants were well-attended by ND alumni and everyone enjoyed dinner and the reunion of friends. This is the second year in a row that the Traveling Irish Dinners have had competing venues, and the third year since the event's inception. The NDAA Board of Directors hopes to continue this successful event in years to come.



NDAA Alumni Director Kelly (Cole) Patterson with the MSU Traveling Irish Dinner team.

Happy retirement

Marie Place worked for the Marists for 28 years. She started out as the "house mother" at the rectory at Notre Dame High School in a job that included laundry, cleaning, shopping, sewing and cooking. "I think Friday was 'my boys' favorite day of the week because they had snacks before dinner," she recalls. "Of course they could pick what they wanted for their birthday dinner." At one point, there were 14 in the house. When it became too difficult to clean the 34-bedroom house, Place started to work in the school office at NDHS, and then to Notre Dame Prep in 1994, where she worked until retirement in December of 2010. Happy retirement, Marie!

Weddings

Danielle Grace Lewandowski '05 (NDP) and Kyle Louis Fergus, October 16, 2010.

Marisa Linke '03 (NDP) and Evan DiMaggio, October 2, 2010.

Jessica Nadai '03 (NDP) and Paul Jennings, August 28, 2010.

Lara Salahi '03 (NDP) and David DiCrescenzo, on October 2, 2010.

Sarah K. Brown '01 (NDP) and Kevin Baker, October 10, 2010.

Mac O'Brien '99 (NDP) and Sara Marie Raabe, March 27, 2010.

Kathy Kotzan '98 (NDP) and Sean Paul, October 16, 2010.

Announcements

Danielle Kidder '04 (NDP) engaged to **J. Scott Moseley '02 (NDP)** for a June 30, 2011, wedding in Rochester, Mich.

Francine Orow '03 (NDP) engaged to Ethan Ivey for a April 9, 2011, wedding in Sterling Heights, Mich. and Abilene, Tex.

Gerry Mattei '02 (NDP) engaged to Molly Bricton for a July 17, 2011, wedding in Chicago, Ill.

Kaelyn Sullivan '02 (NDP) engaged to Dennis Bullock for an August 13, 2011, wedding in Seattle, Wash.

Lynsey Bramstedt '01 (NDP) engaged to Jason Worthen for a July 16, 2011, wedding in Alhambra, Ill.

Paul Sullivan '99 (NDP) engaged to Jessica Borg for a May 21, 2011, wedding in Plymouth, Mich.

Births

Mason Timothy Munro, born February 8, 2011. Proud parents: Kim (Murphy) Munro '02 (NDP) and Jeff Munro.

Paul Joseph Munter Reimann, born May 20, 2010. Proud parents: Kathryn Reimann '01 (NDP) and Maj. Dan Munter.

Logan Jeffrey Hall, born December 26, 2010. Proud parents: Bobbie

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2010 graduate pens book

The clash between two organizations results in a world-changing paradigm shift in a newly published novel by Brandon Madden '10 (NDP). The 590-page book is called "V.S.A.," and it zeroes in on two young men who, after forming an underground resistance movement to combat the tyrannical forces of a power-hungry leader, must use their wits and cunning to survive in a world filled with war and violence. The domain of "V.S.A." is marked by secrets, lies, and manipulation. Madden currently is a freshman at Michigan State University.

How did you come up with the idea for the book?

I've been working on this idea since middle school when a friend and I were making analogies and anagrams of organizations. We really liked spy movies like Batman and James Bond. We thought it would be fun to create our own spy vs. spy book.

How did that idea take off?

I have written four other small novels, and when we got this idea we thought it could be big. It just started out as two short stories and gained momentum.

Tell us about the characters.

The first story is told by one main character. The second story is told by the other main character. Through the book, the two characters reappear over and over again. Each character has his own specific background and personality. They are not the same from the beginning to the end. Neither character is unharmed or has that "perfect life." Everything goes wrong, or some things go right, but each character has a struggle that dictates the course of the story. And without one character, the story would be different. The characters are fundamental to the story.

Are any of the characters modeled after people we may know?

None are modeled after people we know. Although I kind of put myself as the main character.

Is anyone we know in the acknowledgements?

I put "friends and family" and my parents deserve a lot of credit. My father always would read with me, since I

was young. That's what started my reading. And, I really have to give credit to the NDP English Department and especially Mrs. Bembas for making me into a better writer than I was.

What were the hours of writing like for you?

I worked in Microsoft Word. I wrote. Edited. Wrote again. Edited. There were a bunch of electronic files. I worked a couple hours at a time.

Didn't this get in the way with your school work? How did your survive your first semester at Michigan State while you were writing a book?

It was hard without a doubt! I took four classes and had 600 pages a week to read for class. I was also part of both Republican and Democratic organizations on campus and was highly involved in the campaigns in October. I am also part of the glee club and martial arts team. I had to do a lot of time management, and had many sleepless nights. It all paid off though.

How so?

Well, I still got a 3.7 for my first semester!

You make it sound so easy.

What was the hardest part?

The middle. There was a point where I didn't know where the story would go. So, I stepped away from the project for about four to five months.

I let it sit and collect dust, and then I figured out

where I wanted it to go. From then, it was good!

How did you get it published?

I entered a writing competition called NaNoWriMo.

What's that?

NaNoWriMo stands for National Novel Writing Month. According to www.nanowrimo.org, it's a "fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to novel writing. Participants begin writing on November 1. The goal is to write a 50,000 word, (approximately 175 page) novel by 11:59:59, November 30. Valuing enthusiasm and perseverance over painstaking craft, NaNoWriMo is a novel-writing program for everyone who has thought fleetingly about writing a novel but has been scared away by the time and effort involved. Because of the limited writing window, the ONLY thing that matters in NaNoWriMo is output. It's all about quantity, not quality. The kamikaze approach forces you to lower your expectations, take risks, and write on the fly.

It forces writers to "write so intensely, you are giving yourself permission to make mistakes. To forgo the endless tweaking and editing and just create. To build without tearing down."

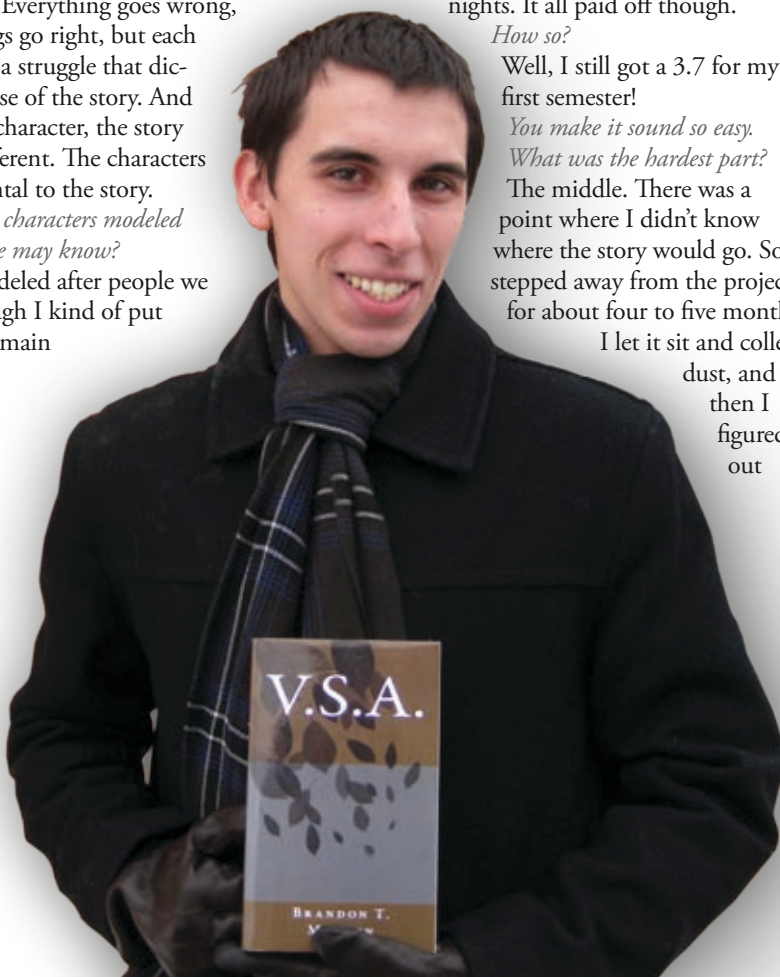
(Madden made it through three editing phases of the competition and was finally picked to receive a sponsorship, plus help in getting the book published traditionally and on the web.)

In 2009, NaNoWriMo had over 165,000 participants. More than 30,000 of them crossed the 50K finish line by the midnight deadline, entering into the annals of NaNoWriMo superstardom forever. They started the month as auto mechanics, out-of-work actors, and middle school English teachers. They walked away novelists.

How do you feel about your accomplishment?

I never thought I'd make it public, but after putting so much time in it, "V.S.A." ascended to a new level. It's my best writing in my 19 years. ■

You can purchase the book on www.createspace.com/3445930; or visit www.ndpma.org/alumni



ND doctors heal the sick

ALUMNI DOCS GO WAY BEYOND HIPPOCRATIC OATH AS THEY DRAW

The seemingly endless amount of talent embodied by Notre Dame alumni continues to amaze us in the alumni office. But it certainly doesn't surprise us. We who have been fortunate enough to experience a Notre Dame and Marist education know that it provided a tremendous head start on fulfilling careers and lives. As we take a look at some of our fellow Fighting Irish who have gone into medicine, we can't help but be impressed by what they've accomplished and, yes, be amazed at how much Notre Dame has made a difference in their lives.

Alexis (Burns) Bonucchi, O.D. '97 (NDP) manages to do it all. She is smart, athletic, a wife, a mother, a doctor of optometry,



Alexis (Burns) Bonucchi '97 (NDP)

and she's humble about the work she does. Bonucchi and other alumni doctors share their thoughts on medicine, family, God and their years at Notre Dame.

When IRISH sat down with Bonucchi, it was clear that this woman understands the importance of balance. And clear that her family is a key part of her life. She and her husband, Tom, an engineer and fellow Spartan, live in Ortonville with their eighteen-month-old son, Anthony. They are expecting a second child later this year.

EARLY INFLUENCES AND BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY

For Bonucchi, finding the right balance was something she thought about from the beginning. "I always knew I wanted to go into the medical field, and it was during my sophomore year at Michigan State University that I decided on optometry," she said.

Optometry was a field where she felt

she could manage having a fulfilling life of providing health care while also providing for her family. She has come to find out that in fact her working hours are favorable. "I don't have to work holidays. Especially, now as a mother, optometry is a great profession," she adds emphatically.

William Cirocco, M.D. '77 (NDHS) is the head of colorectal surgery at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. He claims that he "drifted" into medicine as a sophomore in college, after proving to himself that he had the ability, first of all, and excelling favorably in math and science. "We had a pre-med program at NDHS, but I didn't participate, mostly because I didn't really have a 'calling' to health care," he said. "My dad was a Detroit fireman. I didn't have mentors [in the field of medicine]."

But, as he dissected his first cadaver in med school, Cirocco knew this field was for him and he's never looked back.

It was a different story for 1999 NDP grad Kyle Jackson M.D., MPH (Masters in Public Health). Health care was something he had wanted to do for as long as he could remember. Jackson is a pediatric senior resident at Northwestern University Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

"I had always appreciated the ideas behind the science of medicine and the opportunity to help people. Having two knee surgeries my freshman year of NDP gave me further insight into the field and I was hooked. I went into pediatrics because I love working with kids—their outlook and energy beats that of grownups nine out of 10 times, plus, they always think my jokes are funny."

For Jacqueline (McClellan) Moore, D.O. '00 (NDP), she often thought about what career to pursue as

she walked across the NDP campus and was weighing different options in her head. The Pleasant Ridge, Mich.-based internist knew at that time that she liked science and working with people. Additionally, she had a distinct interest in teaching. She especially recalls the day when she was near the chapel and had a distinct feeling or "calling" toward the field of medicine. "When I entered college, I immediately started out on the pre-medicine track and majored in chemistry at Kalamazoo College, where I earned my undergrad degree."

Nineteen-seventy-two NDHS grad Maynard C. Buszek, M.D., was exposed to the medical field very early in life. The former director of rehab services for St. John Hospital System and former president of the Michigan Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation says his parents, two grandparents, two aunts, and two uncles were pharmacists, and he had an uncle and five cousins who were doctors.

"In grade school and high school,



and truly care

UPON THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH AND ND ROOTS



Maynard C. Buszek '72 (NDHS)

"And it also provided a challenge academically as well as a myriad of vocational opportunities. On a personal note, as a youngster, I had a hip disease that resulted in me wearing a brace for two years and undergoing physical therapy. At the same time, my older sister was in physical-therapy school at Wayne State

University. As a result, I was exposed to rehabilitation medicine long before going to medical school."

medicine seemed to be a field that would complement my science interests," the physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist said.

Buszek's specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation also allowed him to tailor his hours to have enough time not only for his family but to coach soccer for 16 years.

NO FRILLS; JUST GREAT CARE

Bonucchi works for Co/Op Optical in Auburn Hills where she has been holding the fort for three years. She explains that Co/Op is a nonprofit, which means all the bottom line goes back into the company to help enhance medical equipment and provide the best experience and care for the customer.

"We do not spend needlessly on cosmetic enhancements to the office," she says. "Our office is small, but we provide name-brand eyewear and we don't mark up our prices like some of our competitors."

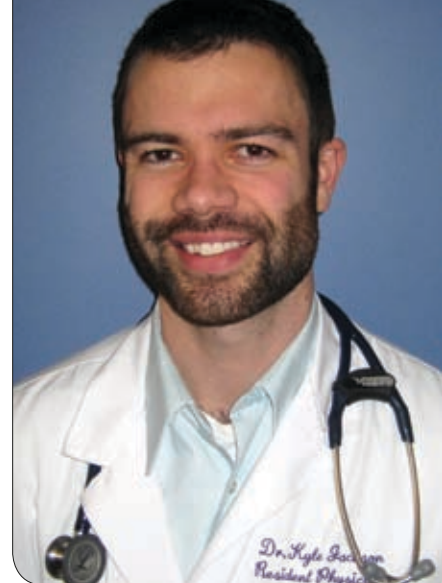
But some improvements in the works at Co/Op include a plan to become more "medically based." Bonucchi says that means

the company will spend more in the future on enhancing offices with more medical equipment in order to provide better care for the patients. Currently, if there is a concern that a patient may have glaucoma, for example, Bonucchi would have to refer the patient to another optometrist or ophthalmologist for treatment. "But if and when the proper equipment is installed in my office, I will be able to treat all a patient's needs and save him or her a trip to another doctor."

According to the American Optometric Association, optometrists are "primary healthcare providers who examine, diagnose, treat and manage diseases and disorders of the human visual system, the eye, and its associated structures, as well as diagnose related systemic condi-

tions."

Bonucchi says that O.D.s also examine the internal and external structures



Kyle Jackson '99 (NDP)

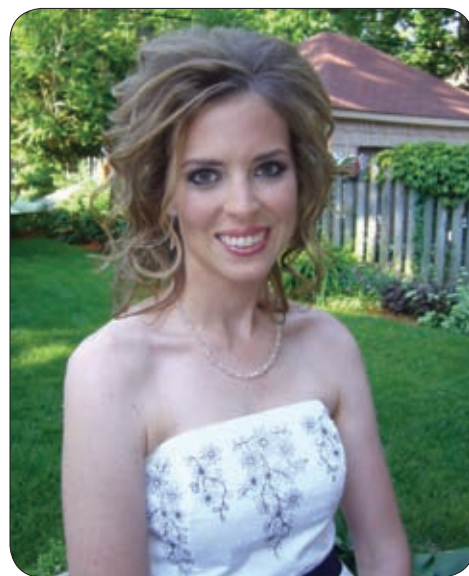
of the eyes to diagnose vision conditions such as nearsightedness (myopia), farsightedness (hyperopia), astigmatism and presbyopia; eye diseases such as glaucoma, cataracts and macular degeneration; systemic diseases like hypertension and diabetes. She said they also perform tests to determine a patient's ability to focus, coordinate the eyes, judge depth and see colors accurately.

BEDSIDE MANNER

In a most humble way, Bonucchi says that she thinks she gets along well with people, one-on-one. "I can empathize with anyone. When I'm giving someone bad news about one's vision, I can empathize and certainly sympathize when

"My Catholic faith and relationship with God fuels my compassion and respect for all patients that I care for. My faith is a constant reminder that Christ is present in every person and in God's eyes we are all equal."

Victoria Butcko, O.D. FAAO, '97 (NDP)



Jacqueline (McClellan) Moore '00 (NDP)

they are upset." But she says she always tries to put as positive spin as possible on the diagnosis, even when it's so hard.

A risk taker by nature, Robert Provenzano, M.D., FACP '74 (NDHS) likes to push the envelope when it comes to models of care. "I

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CLASS CAPTAINS What is a class captain? A class captain serves as a representative of his/her class, promotes the mission and vision of the school, ensures that timely reunions are held, typically every five years, works in conjunction with the Alumni Board of Directors and with his/her classmates to stay connected and keep information updated, encourages alumni to attend events such as homecoming and other alumni events. Are you interested in representing your class? Visit ndpma.org/classcaps for a complete list of class captains and to sign-up.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Alumni Meeting - Tuesday, August 16, 2011

The Alumni Board of Directors will host the annual meeting at Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac. At the meeting, an election will take place to add board members. We have an on-line option for nominating a candidate and for voting. Make your voice heard! Get involved! Visit the web site for additional details and nomination forms.

Homecoming - Friday, September 23, 2011

SUPPORT ALUMNI BUSINESSES Help out fellow alums with our Alumni Business Directory online. William Hammers '68 (NDHS) is owner of Altissimo Recording Studio; Greg Wills '90 (NDHS) is the vice president of Carco Wholesale; Nancy Adams '69 (PC) is the copywriter and owner of Adams Business Communications; Anthony Bartolone '99 (NDP) is a sales manager at Premier Sales & Marketing, Inc.; Kaitlin (Moxley) Edgerton '02 (NDP) is the owner of Details Design by Kaitlin. These alumni—plus countless others—have begun networking using our online alumni directory as a tool to boost their business. This directory of companies and businesses owned by members of the Notre Dame Alumni Association is intended to provide information to other alumni seeking products or services, and who wish to consider doing business with a fellow graduate. The Notre Dame Alumni Association encourages networking and the support of alumni businesses. Visit the web site for a complete listing, and to add your business to the list. ndpma.org/abddirectory

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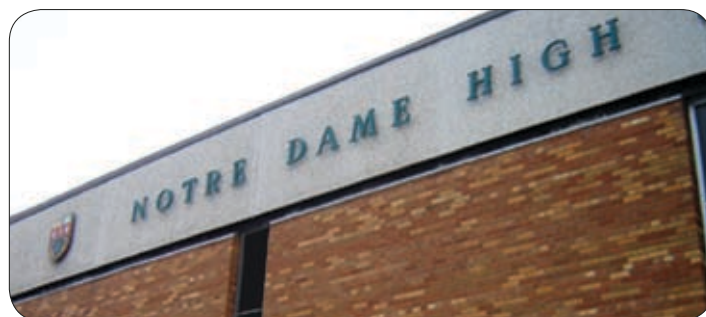
DO YOU HAVE OLD FOOTBALL VIDEOS? Alumni have contacted the office because they are interested in locating a copy of some old varsity-football game videos, particularly the seasons in 1971 and 1960. If anyone has information on these, please contact the alumni office. We will copy them and return them promptly.

15th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Alumni, gather your foursome for the 2011 NDPMA Golf Outing, sponsored by the Booster's Club. 1:00 p.m. shotgun start, scramble format. \$170 for a single golfer and \$680 for foursome; includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, including cart, welcome gift, snacks and drinks on the course, open bar, dinner, and silent auction and raffle. Register by June 1, 2011. For complete information, visit ndpma.org

NEW SIGN COMBINES LEGACY OF TWO SCHOOLS

The recently installed "Notre Dame" sign located on the outside wall of the chapel on the Pontiac campus has been constructed with materials from both NDPMA and the former Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. According to school officials, letters secured from NDHS in Harper Woods were added to an existing logo mark from NDPMA to create an accurate representation of the current school's logo.

Notre Dame High School closed in 2005, but the building was refurbished and reopened this past fall as Chandler Park Academy, a charter school. With the permission of the Archdiocese of Detroit and



the administration of Chandler Park Academy, NDPMA's advancement office was able to gain access to the letters spelling out "Notre Dame High School," which previously were mounted on the north-facing exterior wall of the building's gymnasium.

Gregory Simon, NDPMA's dean of admissions and diversity, graduated from Notre Dame (Harper Woods) in 1989. He was delighted to see such a real and tangible part of his alma mater become part of the Pontiac campus.

"To me Notre Dame was a second home," he said. "ND gave me both a spiritual and professional direction and resulted in some of my most important friendships. My friends from Notre Dame are my brothers. And now, to have an opportunity to return the favor and provide a home for a small piece of Notre Dame High School makes me feel good. Very good."

A few years prior, NDHS alums Brian Kelly '77 and Mike Kelly '73 removed the "Tom Kelly Memorial Gym" sign from the east gymnasium wall of NDHS after getting approval from the archdiocese. The sign is now with the Kelly family.

Like Notre Dame Prep and Marist Academy in Pontiac/Waterford, Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods was operated by the Marist Fathers and Brothers. ■

am painfully honest, which avoids the 'political correctness' that too often clouds truthful communication," he said. Provenzano is the vice president of medical affairs at DaVita Inc., the largest provider of dialysis services in the US.

For David Knesek, D.O., '99 (NDP)

integrity and honesty are the tools he carries in his doctor kit. "Medicine starts with knowing your own weaknesses and improving yourself before you begin to have other people place their trust in you." Knesek is in his third year as an orthopedic resident for St. John Health System.



David Knesek '99 (NDP)

GOOD CHRISTIAN PEOPLE

Provenzano admits that any skill he has is God given, and that he thinks of that daily. "But it is my responsibility to hone these skills to serve my patients and my community. Sadly, some doctors feel their skills are there to enrich themselves and, quite often, they never find happiness."

Cirotto says he refers many times to the saying, "They will know we are Christians by our love." He says that as doctors, "We have a

mandate to take care of everyone from every background and religion (or absence of religion)." But he admits that there are times he will "send one up" when things aren't going so well in surgery.

Knesek's brother Michael Knesek, M.D. '01 (NDP) prays with his wife daily to help him through the grueling days and difficult patient cases he encounters. "I continue to have a

strong faith that God will help me grow through challenging situations and change me through my interactions with many of the amazing patients who I encounter on a daily basis." Knesek is in year two of his post-graduate orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Michigan hospitals.

Victoria Butcko, O.D. FFAO, '97 (NDP), says her Catholic faith and relationship with God fuels her compassion and respect for all patients that I care for. "My



Michael Knesek '01 (NDP)

faith is a constant reminder that Christ is present in every person and in God's eyes we are all equal," she said. Butcko works in Chicago as a doctor of optometry and is an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Illinois, Chicago. William Cirotto '77 (NDHS)



NOTRE DAME MEMORIES

We asked many of our alum docs about their high school memories. Alexis Bonucchi says one of her favorite teachers at NDP was Mr. Sigel because he continuously made things easy to understand. "I also loved Mr. Rice. He had such a good way of relating to us as teenagers. He never made you feel stupid. And Fr. Strasz—he came off as a hard-nose, but in the end, he only wanted what was best for us. Fr. Strasz consistently stressed to all his

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five questions for Lara

Lara Salahi DiCrescenzo '03 (NDP) attended Boston University and received a dual undergraduate degree in broadcast journalism and international relations and a minor in French. She received a master's degree in health communication from Emerson College in Boston.

1. What are you doing now?

I am now working at ABC News based out of New York City. I absolutely love that every day is different. I am always learning something new and my work connects me with the world.

2. What do you do on your free time?

I'm a writer, so I love to take on new projects and blog. I also love to spend time and travel with my husband and my family. We recently traveled to Belize for our honeymoon.

3. What was the last book you read?

"How Wars End: Why We Always Fight the Last Battle" by Gideon Rose

4. Was there a certain teacher at ND who inspired you in a special way?

There were so many! Just to name a few, Mr. Simon inspired me to embrace my diversity. Dr. Alkidas inspired me to be a journalist. I wouldn't be who I am without her (gentle) nudges. Mme. Connors [Elbode] inspired my love of French! And Mr. Cannon's history insights

gave me credibility among the best of my international relations professors, especially my advisor... who now happens to be the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan.


5. What do you see as the value of your ND education and of Catholic education in general?

My ND education instilled in me the importance of structure in my life. I learned that anything is possible if I work hard, stay grateful, and give back to my community. To me a successful person is multifaceted. It's not only about getting that great job, but also maintaining a great relationship with family and friends, and a deep personal relationship with God. More on Lara: www.larasalahi.com. ■



the perfect mix of art and science

CURRENT PURDUE UNIVERSITY STUDENT AND 2008 NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL GRADUATE JOE KUBINSKI IS MIXING ART AND SCIENCE WITH HIGH APLOMB

A photograph of Joe Kubinski, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt with 'PURDUE' printed on it and grey pants. He is standing with his arms outstretched in front of a large B1 Lancer stealth bomber. The bomber is dark grey and has its nose section raised. In the background, there are other aircraft, including a white C-17 Globemaster III, and a sign that reads 'THE MUSEUM AND GROUNDS WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 4:30pm. THE PARKING LOT GATES WILL ALSO BE LOCKED AT THAT TIME. VEHICLES LEFT AFTER THAT WILL BE TOWED.' The setting is an airfield with mountains in the distance under a cloudy sky.

Joe Kubinski '08 (NDP) in front of a B1 Lancer jet at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. He spent a recent summer working for ATK, the company that builds the Space Shuttle solid-rocket boosters.

Joe Kubinski '08 (NDP) is majoring in aeronautical/astronautical engineering at Purdue University and also plays trombone in the school's marching band. He says the two disciplines complement each other and keep him very busy.

IRISH: *When do you plan on graduating and why did you choose Purdue?*

KUBINSKI: I plan to graduate in May of 2012 and chose Purdue University due to its strong engineering program, Big Ten reputation, and world-class resources. I wanted to attend a school where I could create my own experience and have the opportunity to stand out among a campus of scientists and engineers. I am very proud to be a Boilermaker.

IRISH: *Do you have any post-graduate plans?*

KUBINSKI: Yes, I plan to go straight into industry working for a premier aerospace company as a design or propulsion engineer. My goal is to work on projects at the prime contract level, where conceptual design and final assembly are done by the same company.

IRISH: *Why did you choose this field?*

KUBINSKI: I have developed a passion for the industry despite the fact that none of my family is or was involved with aerospace. My interest began in grade school, when I realized I could draw airplanes far better than anyone else. Visiting museums, watching air shows, and flying toy planes further confirmed my interest in aviation. Engineering came later—toward the middle of my time at NDP. And I saw what my sister was doing at Purdue in chemical engineering and realized I could be doing the same thing in aerospace.

IRISH: *How did you get involved with the Purdue marching band?*

KUBINSKI: Interest in marching band for me began in middle school when I watched my sister Claire '05 (NDP) perform with the high school band at halftime of football games. I was hooked from the start and participated in marching band all four years at Notre Dame. For me the next logical step was to march at the collegiate level, and Purdue happened to provide a world-class college band experience.

IRISH: *What is it really like "behind the scenes" in a marching band?*

KUBINSKI: Simply put: a model of efficiency. Our job is to put on

a new, entertaining halftime show for every home game each football season. This presents the unique challenge of learning new drill charts and music in only five days, requiring a full effort from all 373 members. Marching band has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career. It is a great release from class work during the week and keeps me busy and focused on weekends.

IRISH: *Do you have any special story or community involvement experience at your college?*

KUBINSKI: Most of the work I have done has been internal to the organizations I am a part of, but there is an event called Jazz Festival in which I participate every year at Purdue. It is a sort of Purdue band "invitational" where middle- and high-school jazz bands have an opportunity to perform for judges (us) and take part in a clinic run by experienced jazz musicians.

IRISH: *Do you feel that Notre Dame Prep prepared you for life after high school?*

KUBINSKI: Yes, I do. The broad exposure Notre Dame Prep gave me to all subjects has been invaluable in my college career. Upon leaving NDP I had a strong sense of direction toward my chosen major at Purdue, and now feel I am in the right place. NDP also conditioned me well for my freshman semesters, having similar course difficulty and homework volume.

IRISH: *Was there a certain teacher who inspired you in a special way?*

KUBINSKI: This was difficult to put a finger on, but I feel there were three teachers at NDP who really pushed me to do my best. Mr. Martin, our band director, provided the inspiration to pursue marching band at the collegiate level. Mrs. Derico, my A.P. Composition teacher, was instrumental to my maturity as an effective communicator. And Mr. McCaskey, who managed to merge comedy with calculus, a feat yet to be achieved by any of my professors at Purdue.

IRISH: *What are your hopes, dreams and aspirations?*

KUBINSKI: Actually two hopes: an exciting internship this summer; the Purdue men's basketball team to make it to the Final Four. Dreams: attaining a private pilot's certificate with an IFR (instrument flight rules). Aspirations: to be a leader in my chosen field and make a positive impact on my team members and community. ■

balanced and marist

ND ALUMS DISCUSS FAITH, PERSEVERANCE AND THEIR MARIST EDUCATION

By Dan Marchese '02 (NDHS)

A good friend of mine in his 50s recently told me that my generation seems to be more balanced than recent generations. I think that balance is a part of our generation's desire to spend more time with our families and serve our communities. Balance does not have to come at the sacrifice of hard work, either. Young people want their hard work to be received as fair and honest, and rewarded with just treatment and equality. Equality is what will allow more people to live the American Dream.

The American Dream starts with a strong faith. Those with strong faith will have more balance in their lives to live according to the Gospel. Having more balance allows younger people to focus on the mission of the Marist tradition, a tradition I was taught. The Marist tradition teaches us that "with God we form Christian People, Upright Citizens, and Academic Scholars."

As a high school student at Notre Dame, I learned first-hand the importance of the Marist tradition. Through good times and bad, the faculty at Notre Dame always believed in me and helped me work toward success. Notre Dame always focused on helping its students achieve success both inside and out of the classroom.

In the last nine years, my success has shown the benefits of the Notre Dame education I received. During my studies, I earned numerous academic awards and scholarships from CMU as well as at U-M, where I received undergrad and graduate degrees. I am now completing my law degree at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and will sit for the Michigan bar exam this July.

My work experience has also helped me develop as an upright citizen. I find great passion in helping others and want to spend the rest of my life doing such. I have decided to find work in the nonprofit sector to use my education and experience to impact the lives of others. For example, I have been externing for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese of Detroit over the last ten months, honoring my commitment to serve. What is most attractive about my work at St. Vincent de Paul is the emphasis on serving the poor and reaching out to others through our Gospel values. My passion for work here truly exhibits the balance I wish to have in my life, all of which started at Notre Dame High School.



Dan Marchese '02 (NDHS)

By Kaitlin (Moxley) Edgerton '02 (NDP)

Living in Michigan, with a bachelor's degree in interior design, like many recent graduates, I find that my job future in this state is a bit bleak. Having the tools to persevere is something that stems from my education at NDP.

What I've found? A bunch of lemons! What I am going to do with them? Make lemonade!

My parents instilled in me at a young age the importance of getting a quality education. I believe that is why after many eye rolls and sighs from their teenage daughter they decided to enroll me at Notre Dame Preparatory School.

Although at times during my four years at NDP, I acted out, spoke my mind, and broke the dress code, Father Joe, it was all in good fun. Somewhere between all of my shenanigans, I truly

Kaitlin Edgerton '02 (NDP)

received a quality education. I realize now, as I near the ten-year mark after graduating, how much the Notre Dame education and values has stayed with me. And I had so many positive influences there! Those influences, many of whom are still at NDP, taught me to look toward the future and persevere.

Why? Because I will always be a Fighting Irish! ■

NOTE: See the NDAA alumni web site (ndpma.org/Alumni) for a list of Marists, faculty and staff who have served at both Notre Dame High School and Notre Dame Prep.

ALUMNI RETREAT AND WORKSHOP



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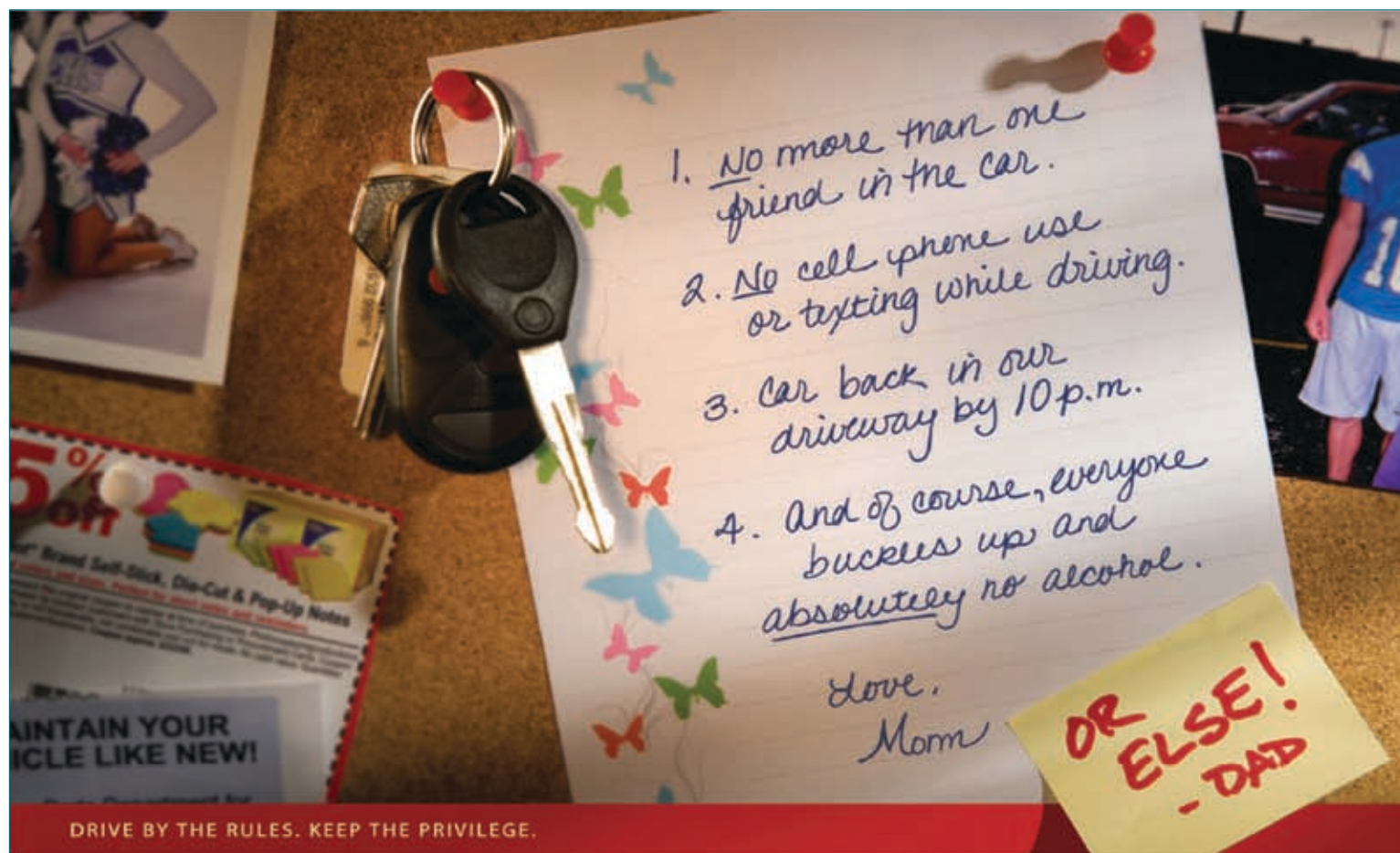
The ND Alumni Association board of directors met January 30th at NDPMA's Pontiac Campus for an all-day workshop. They discussed the budget and schedule of events for the 2011-2012 school year. Some upcoming events to look for in the 2011-2012 school year include a possible Alumni Tigers Outing, an Alumni Memorial Mass and Alumni Night at an NDP basketball game. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for the alumni board of directors, contact NDAA President Jim Gammicchia or call the alumni office (248) 373-2171. The alumni board is always welcoming volunteers to serve on one of four committees: recruiting, marketing, events and fundraising. The NDAA annual meeting and election will take place on August 16, 2011.

ALUMNI DONATIONS UP DRAMATICALLY

We are happy to report that alumni giving to our 2010/2011 Annual Fund is up a whopping 180%. This increase is the direct result of a combination of hard work by our advancement staff, increased participation rates from Notre Dame Prep alums and nearly 200 Notre Dame High School alums who have chosen to support our fund this year.

Proceeds from the Annual Fund are used to enhance student programming at every level of the institution and to provide financial assistance to families in need. If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Fund, it is not too late. You can send in your gift using the envelope included in this issue of IRISH.

All gifts are 100% tax deductible and if received by June 30th, will be included in the school's annual report. The annual report is published each fall and is sent to more than 12,000 alums and families across America. Make sure that your class is well-represented!



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students to live the motto of the school: 'Be good Christian people, upright citizens and academic scholars.'"

NDHS-grad Provenzano agrees with Bonucchi about Mr. Sigel's teaching and added that no matter how hard he tried in class,



Robert Provenzano '74 (NDHS)

"Conrad Vachon routinely flunked me." But he summarized his years on Kelly Road by saying,

"[ND] taught me to be independent, confident, honest and fearless, but most of all to seek out those who have the skills you may not have."

He also vividly recalls his first day at NDHS as well as his last. "I entered a frightened freshman and exited a well-rounded senior. The experience left me many memories, images and sensitivities that continue to serve me well to this day."

Bill Cirocco recalls as one of his favorite

memories from Notre Dame High School the winning of the Catholic League football championship in 1976 as well as upsetting Brother Rice and Catholic Central. And of course "Linus Pauling!" ("You'll have to ask Cendrowski or Coulier about Linus Pauling!")

For Kyle Jackson, Mr. Borton and Mr. Simon were staples of his Notre Dame education. Mr. Borton cultivated an environment of enjoyable learning and taught him enough calculus that for his first two semesters of honors calculus at UM, everything was a review. "Thanks, Mr. Borton!"

Jackson said Mr. Simon was a great teacher, coach, and mentor. "A little Chicken Soup for the Soul goes a long way and he gave the lanky freshman guy on crutches the chance to be part of a team."

Bonucchi and Butcko agree that one of their favorite Notre Dame memories was Irish Week. The Class of 1997 won as sophomores and seniors. "Sophomore year it was a blow-out. And in our senior year, our class was the smallest in the building and we still pulled out a victory!" Bonucchi said. ■

(For the rest of the interviews and to read more about these doctors, please see "ND MDs" at the alumni web site: ndpma.org/alumni.)

Dr. Bonucchi's five tips for healthy eyes:

1. Eat your carrots, and other vegetables—they really are good for the tissue of the eye, along with the rest of your body.
2. Wear UV protection. UV is the leading cause of cataracts and can cause macular degeneration, which is an eye disease that causes blindness.
3. If you see a flash of light or floating spots in your vision that are new—or things all-of-a-sudden appear blurry—please go to your eye care professional ASAP, as these can be a sign of a retinal detachment.
4. If you wear contact lenses, always clean and store with fresh solution; after all, you wouldn't reuse your bath water.
5. Get regular eye examinations. Once you are over the age of 50, you should go annually, due to increased incidence of eye diseases.

eighty-four alum hits the stage

Jerry Nehr '84 (NDHS) has been a busy thespian over the course of the past year. He recently finished a role in the Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Relatively Speaking," a comedy of manners and mistaken identities from one of England's most popular modern playwrights, Alan Ayckbourn, and was also in "Godspell."

Prior to "Speaking" and "Godspell," the Grosse Pointe Woods resident had a major role in the GPT production of "Annie Get Your Gun." He also had a part in the Purdon Studio Theatre production of "The Exonerated." Purdon is an offshoot of the Grosse Pointe Theatre that presents non-traditional theatre in more intimate settings. The Exonerated was performed at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Nehr has been involved with the GPT for about two years, and says his son Quinn got him interested in drama in the first place.

"My son, who is nine, is a high-energy kid and a big 'ham,' so my wife and I figured he needed an outlet. So we got him involved with Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth on Stage program. Shortly thereafter, I took an intro acting class through the theatre and simply loved it. I was cast in "Godspell" a few months later and have had the bug ever since!"

Nehr can't credit Notre Dame with his acting chops, though. "I was never involved in drama at ND, nor at any other time until just recently," he said. "I was always too busy playing sports. I do remember, of course, Matt Servitto '83 (NDHS) being involved with all that

theatre stuff, and thinking, wow, I wish I could do what he's doing. But I was always just too shy and insecure. Of course, I always kicked Servitto's butt in track!"

With a job as a public speaker, Nehr thinks the fact that he is comfortable in front of people led him to the stage.

"I work for myself as a seminar speaker and trainer in the areas of cultural diversity and leadership. I'm also a licensed addictions counselor. I think my love of being in front of people and talking kind of prompted me to get into this."

He said it's one of the most amazing feelings to be on stage and be able to tell a story through a character and have the audience connect with that character and story.

Nehr doesn't see many of his NDHS classmates anymore, but like so many of us, he says that Notre Dame High School played a significant part in his young adulthood, "and for some reason, whenever I see a fellow 'NDer,' there's a connection." ■



Jerry Nehr '84 (NDHS), right, is shown on stage during a production of "Godspell" at the Grosse Pointe Theatre.

(Bieszki) Hall '00 (NDP) and Jeff Hall.

Mallory Dawn Kely, born March 16, 2010. Proud parents: Breanne (Duerr) Kely '00 (NDP) and Matt Kely.

Jonah Nicholas Murphy, born February 22, 2011. Proud parents: Theresa Mlinarcik '99 (NDP) and Matthew Murphy '99 (NDP).

Sophie Carol Cichy, born February 16, 2010. Proud parents: Jennifer (Cole) Cichy '97 (NDP) and Steve Cichy.

Madelyn Lili Mlinarcik, born February 12, 2010. Proud parents: Michael Mlinarcik '96 (NDHS) and Sawsan Mlinarcik

Alumni rest in peace

Nicholas Barbu '99 (NDP), brother of Sarah '02 (NDP)

Barrett, Thomas '65 (NDHS)

Bassil, Christopher '96 (NDHS)

William DeKeyser '83 (NDHS), father of Ronald '02 (NDHS), brother of Ronald '85 (NDHS), son of William R. '62 (NDHS)

Joseph Foxa '76 (NDHS)

William Hall '63 (NDHS)

William Hickey '70 (NDHS)

Donald Holden '60 (NDHS)

Maryann Coolidge Carr '66 (SF)

Michael Kolodge '60 (NDHS)

Gary Mein '60 (NDHS)

George Menovcik '71 (NDHS)

Paul Van Dam, former football coach at NDHS

Fr. James P. O'Hagan '40 (SF), longtime pastor at St. Benedict Church

Mr. William Raymond, longtime educator and administrator at Notre Dame Prep and Notre Dame High School

James Schoenherr, Jr. '69 (NDHS)

Gregory Schultz '76 (NDHS)

Thomas Van Doorne '66 (NDHS) - brother of Paul '64 (NDHS), John '70 (NDHS), Bill '73 (NDHS)

John Vitella '75 (NDHS), father of Jason Vitella '03 (NDHS)

Delano (Del) R. Wise, former NDP faculty member

Gary Canu '72 (NDHS), brother of Jim '71 (NDHS)

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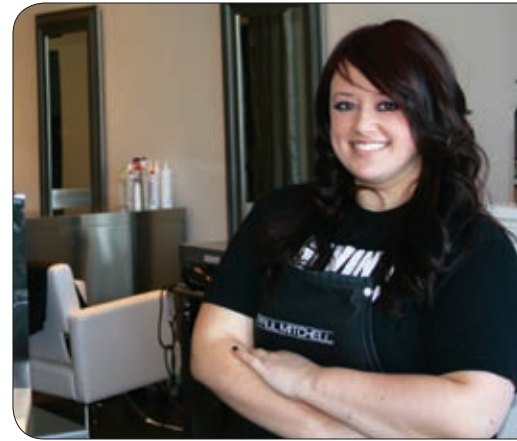
May their souls, and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Special thanks to the many alumni who made a donation to the NDPMA scholarship fund **in memory of Bill Raymond**. Bill was a great friend, mentor and gentleman who will be greatly missed by all. To date, 61 individual gifts were made—at the direction of Bill's family—to support the education of young people in a Catholic, Marist environment. If you would still like to make a gift **in memory of Bill Raymond**, you can do so by including Bill's name on the envelope included with this magazine. All gifts received by June 30th **in memory of Bill Raymond** will be recognized in the school's 2011 annual report, due in the fall of 2011.

cut, color, style

NDP GRAD OPENS A BUSY SALON IN ROCHESTER

After opening her own full-service salon in December, NDP alumna says the doors are open and she's ready for business. Mandy Bieszki '01 (NDP) graduated from Oakland University in 2005 with a major in communications and a minor in business. She then headed to Royal Oak where she started and finished the David Pressley School of Cosmetology in less than a year. Now she's owner/operator of Capelli Hair Salon & Spa located in downtown Rochester. A busy Bieszki took a few minutes to answer a few questions from IRISH.



THE CUT

Where is your salon located? It's in Rochester, just off of Main Street, between Third and Fourth streets. By the way, "Capelli" is the Italian word for hair.

What do you specialize in? We are a full-service salon. We are a Paul Mitchell focus salon, and the only one in the area. We offer massage, facials, waxing, makeup and nail services.

What can you tell me about your stylists? Did you hire everyone? Yes, I hired everyone and it's a pretty grueling interview process. We conduct a formal interview and everyone has to do a practical, which means that the stylists have to bring in a model and show me their talents on all the basics as well as some stylish additions.

THE COLOR (When you enter Capelli, you'll notice a rainbow of colors neatly organized on the wall. This is called the "color bar.") *What is a "color bar"?* It's where we mix your color. All Paul Mitchell products are tailored to your actual customized shade through the use of chemistry. We schedule a consultation and

learn about our guests' goals with their hair and then we customize a shade to fit their lifestyle. Paul Mitchell products have the lowest ammonia on the market, for this permanent color.

What are other options, besides the permanent? We offer semi-permanent with no ammonia which is conditioning color. Someone who wants to change tone or go darker, this is the product they would want because it washes out over time. The majority of our guests are color clients. This is something that doesn't get lost in a down economy. No professional person can go without getting their hair done. We have seen less multiple-step process, or less highlights because of the economy, but people are still getting their hair cut and colored.

THE STYLE

How does Capelli measure up to other salons? We strive for the best. As mentioned, we are picky about who we interview and hire. We provide the best customer service. You could go into a big salon and have forty stylists in there and you're just another client, a number. Here at Capelli, you are our guest.

(For the rest of Mandy Bieszki's interview, please see "Bieszki" on the alumni web site: ndpma.org/alumni.)



'the coolest job in the world'

Brian Corteville '99 (NDP) is in Bulgaria in what he says is a very cool job. In an interview with IRISH, he discusses his career in foreign service and how ND helped inspire his interest in cultures around the world. Corteville attended the University of Michigan his freshman year before transferring to the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, majoring in International Politics. He knew very early on that he wanted to join the State Department as a foreign service officer. Corteville talks about his education and experience thus far.

On the most challenging thing for him about attending college:

The most challenging thing was juggling a full course-load, a part-time job and an unpaid internship (and a social life). And I didn't even drink coffee back then!

On any advice he'd offer to a current student who has his/her sights set on pursuing the same field:

Anyone interested in joining the Foreign Service should get as much international experience as they can. Study abroad programs are a great way to experience new cultures and learn a foreign language. And they're a heck of a lot of fun, too.

On his current job:

I'm currently a vice-consul at the U.S. Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria. I work in the Consular section processing visas and passports. I interview Bulgarian citizens who wish to travel to the U.S. for business or tourism to make sure they will return to Bulgaria and not stay in

the U.S. forever. I also assist American citizens who have emergencies abroad or need to renew their passports.

On whether it was as he expected:

I'm convinced I have the coolest job in the world. I get to live abroad in a new country every two or three years, and learn about a new culture, learn a new language and travel often.

On what is the most beneficial part of his job:

I am humbled that as a diplomat, I am able to officially represent the U.S. government abroad. Not only do we perform essential consular services like assisting Americans in need and keeping dangerous people out of America, but we also get to change perceptions about what Americans are like. Through public diplomacy campaigns and outreach events, I've been able to speak for the United States when advocating for the respect for diversity that makes our country such a great place.

On where he sees himself in five or ten years:

I'll be posted at another U.S. embassy in an exotic locale, working in a job that I love.

On being away so long from home, family and friends:

I try to make it back to Detroit to see my parents at least once or twice a year. But everywhere I go, I'm meeting new people and making new friends—and that makes wherever I'm living "home" to me.

(For the rest of Brian Corteville's interview, please see "Corteville" on the alumni web site: ndpma.org/alumni.)



BIG BAND DINNER DANCE All alumni, family and friends are welcome to attend the 2011 Big Band Dinner Dance, sponsored by the NDP Jazz Band and features YOU (alumni jazz musicians). Mark your calendars for Friday, May 13, 2011, at the The Lafayette Grande in Pontiac. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., cost is \$30 per person. Friday, April 22, 2011, is the last day to purchase tickets. The form is on the web site: ndpma.org/alumni

ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT The annual alumni choir concert will be held on May 21, 2011, at Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac. Visit ndpma.org/alumni for more information or join the Facebook Group "NDP Choir Alumni."

\$50,000 GRAND PRIZE SUPER RAFFLE Back by popular demand, the NDPMA Parents Club will be hosting a Super Raffle with a \$50,000 grand prize, \$10,000 second prize and \$5,000 third prize. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available this summer. The raffle itself will take place at the "Oktoberfest – Irish Style" celebration on October 1st.

CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER Thank you to everyone who participated in the Alumni Association Christmas Tree Fundraiser. Families who participated printed the \$5 coupon on-line and brought it to Addison Oaks Tree Farm in Oakland Township, Mich., to purchase a tree. Five dollars from

every tree sale went directly back to the Notre Dame Alumni Association. Frank Rimi '71 (NDHS) wrote in a letter, "We were able to mutually benefit in this fundraiser because of your leadership and support to the Notre Dame Alumni Association. We want to commend you for a job well done, and we look forward to serving the fundraising activities of the Notre Dame Alumni Association again in the future."

ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE PALACE Thank you to everyone who attended the December 29th Alumni Night at the Palace. Those in attendance enjoyed the exclusive Club 53 suite, complete with an array of food and beverages, big-screen TVs, comfy sofas, and Pistons giveaways, and best of all great lower-level seats. The Pistons defeated the Celtics 104-92. Thank you to Julie Kherkher '01 (NDP), our corporate account executive at the Palace, and to Trent Thiry '00 (NDP) for helping organize this successful event.

ALUMNI HOCKEY The annual alumni hockey game took place on January 1st. They played a tough and tiring game while families and fans looked on. The event began with a family free skate sponsored by the current NDP hockey team. A special thanks to Mike Lesnau '06 (NDP) who helped organize this event. Save the date for December 26, 2011, for the next Annual Alumni Hockey Game.

Notre Dame's lower division earns IB authorization

Authorization brings a rare distinction to the school. NDPMA is now the only Catholic school in the United States and one of only ten schools, public or private, in the U.S. to offer all three levels of the prestigious curriculum.

After a long, tedious, but ultimately rewarding, application and approval process, the International Baccalaureate Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, voted to extend the IB program of study to Notre Dame Preparatory and Marist Academy's junior-kindergarten through fifth-grade students.

The lower division is now fully authorized as a world school for the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP). Last year, NDPMA received authorization to offer the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) to its middle division and in 2007 received the IB Diploma Programme authorization.

According to lower division principal Diana Atkins, the progression leading up to authorization was a thorough and intense process, but ultimately, very rewarding.

"It allowed the faculty to look at exactly what we say we do, in terms of curriculum and teaching, and to authenticate it with well-written documents," said Atkins. "There were items we needed to tweak along the way

entire student body at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy. This distinction makes NDPMA the only Catholic school in the United States and one of only ten schools in the U.S.—public or private—with such a range of IB programs.

Currently, NDPMA is the only Catholic school in Michigan with any level of IB curriculum. This in a state that has seen an explosive growth in IB programming, going from a total of four schools with IB as recently as 2004 to 33 schools today.

"We are extremely proud to now present this demanding program to every single one of our students," said Fr. Leon Olszamowski, president of NDPMA. "Like our existing IB programs, the inquiry-based instruction of PYP will serve to expand the range of possibilities in our curriculum, which is built on already very high academic standards. Our faculty and staff have made an outstanding effort towards this achievement, and we truly appreciate their commitment to expanding our academic offerings."

Lower division principal Atkins seconds that sentiment.

"When we received word of our authorization from Jeffrey Beard, the general director of International Baccalaureate, I was not only very pleased that we had been approved, but extremely proud of the faculty for all their dedication in preparing and going through the sometimes grueling PYP authorization process."

According to Fara Galati, IB coordinator for the PYP program at Notre Dame Marist Academy, junior-kindergarten through fifth-grade students who participate in PYP will be very well prepared to move into an IB course of study in middle school.

"Though knowledge is a key component of this program, we are also intensely focused on skills, concepts and attitudes, which are fully integrated across all of our grades through the 12th," she said. Galati added that PYP and the curriculum framework the school uses is designed to

help children succeed in an increasingly competitive, global society.

Students who graduate high school with an International Baccalaureate diploma generally benefit from much higher acceptance rates at competitive universities and can earn college credit in the process.

Summing up very well the benefits of an IB education, principal Atkins quotes Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Emerson said that 'All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better.' Our students now—even those in junior kindergarten—have the opportunity to be immersed in an environment of healthy risk-taking learning," she said. "It's an environment where visionaries of tomorrow are learning today that their decisions and actions can impact their community, both locally and globally. And our already strong student-teacher bond helps to further mold the children into becoming good Christian people, upright citizens, and academic scholars."

Galati adds that she's noticed that the students have become real "thinkers," even at such a young age. "They truly analyze things through different lenses," she said. "The students also have become more reflective of their learning and their actions. In the PYP there is a model called the 'Action Cycle' (choose > act > reflect >), which the students and teachers use for anything from a research project to discipline. The Action Cycle has helped with the students' development of being good reflectors."

Olszamowski recalls a recent conversation he had with ND Marist Academy fifth graders on North American martyrs, including Isaac Jogues and Jean de Brebeuf. "I was astounded by the depth of their responses," he said. "When speaking of the rough treatment and suspicion of the Huron and Iroquois tribes, one student said, 'This shows us how important it is to learn about other cultures so that we do not view them with suspicion.' That was quite a nice transfer of the IB principle of International Understanding to a specific instance." ■



Troy Sassack, a junior and member of the Notre Dame Prep varsity football team, reads to first-grade students at the Waterford campus in September. Sassack was joined by seven teammates on the International Day of Peace in reading to ND Marist Academy's younger students.

to ensure our students were taking delivery of the material presented, and although it was tedious and time-consuming, the entire faculty knew the important benefits it would have on our students' learning."

Those benefits now are afforded to an

'a truly memorable experience'

CLASS OF 1960 HAS A GREAT TIME REMINISCING AT THE BANQUET HALL AND ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD

By Don Chiodo '60 (NDHS)

What a grand 50-year reunion! Eighty-two classmates of Notre Dame High School's Class of 1960 met to recall fond memories of days gone by. Led by their reunion coordinator, Eddie Kay, and supported by his 14-member committee, 152 people attended a well-organized event over the weekend of September 24th.

Beginning on Friday with the introduction of members of the 1960 football team at the Notre Dame Prep football game in Pontiac (NDP was defeated by Dearborn Divine Child 21-7), to the fun-filled get together on Saturday evening at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights, to the Sunday morning mass at St. Blaise for our 40 deceased classmates,

relationships were re-established if only for this brief moment in our lives.

It was fun for everyone to see class pictures, look at various yearbooks, and receive the well-done reunion booklet. The booklet provided classmate listings, senior pictures, contact information, pictures of the cars we drove back then, and comments that were shared by various classmates about our lives since we graduated. Fortunately, we were provided name tags with our senior pictures from 1960. It helped us to recognize each other as there have been a few changes such as hair color, hair amount and other additions since graduation. Recognition was given to those who traveled the farthest, such as Don Dugal, who lives in Honolulu, to Dennis Savageau, Eddie Kay, Ron Steffens, Gary Bright, Don Chido and Joe Blum, who were married the longest (48 years); to Mike Lueck

for having the most children (8) and grandchildren (17); to Joe Genette for having the most great-grandchildren (4).

Among those who attended were eighteen graduates of Regina High School including eight who were part of the school's first graduating class of 1960.

They were all able to get reacquainted through this impromptu reunion.

REFLECTIONS FROM ATTENDEES

Don Chiodo: "I just wanted to thank you for all your help in making our class of 1960 50-year reunion a great success. Everything was perfect from the planning meetings, the dinner, meeting old friends, etc. What I really enjoyed was going to the football game with some of my old teammates. Running (some limping) onto the field with the current team was great. I told one of the current players, 'See what you are going to look like in 50 years.' I thought he was going to start crying."

George Garascia: "I enjoyed working on the planning committee to help organize the reunion events. My participation enabled me to reunite with Notre Dame alumni who I had not seen since our high school years. The Notre Dame Prep football game on Friday was a highlight event for the alumni who were on the football team. It was great being honored on the field in our jerseys with the current team. The fact that we were all able to jog on the field was amazing. Saturday's party gave me the opportunity to reconnect with other classmates. The reunion booklet that we each received is a great keepsake that will enable me to keep in touch with alumni. The distance that some alumni and families traveled to participate in our reunion showed the true spirit of the Notre Dame class of 1960."

Roy Slongo: "It was great working with the reunion committee and reacquainting myself with numerous classmates who I had not seen in 50 years and who all seemed to be enjoying themselves. Molly and I enjoyed every aspect of the reunion from the moment we arrived until we left; however, the highlight of the evening for me was when all our classmates stood up and sang the 'Notre Dame Fight Song.' It was a great evening except for the fact of the loss of so many of our classmates."

Eddie Kay: "The class of 1960 50-year reunion was a truly memorable experience. Everyone was so ENTHUSIASTIC and in such great spirits! There were a lot of very happy people there. The time went by so fast because there were so many people I wanted to see and talk to. I expected the reunion to be a wonderful experience, but it was far better than I would have ever imagined. I honestly feel that this was the best social function I have ever attended. The classmates who chose not to come missed out on a really great party. Approximately 200 pictures taken at the reunion are on our website: notredamehw1960.org." ■



Class-of-1960 reunion attendees and wives enjoy reminiscing at the reunion dinner.



Members of the 1960 Notre Dame High School football team are honored before NDP's game with Divine Child during their reunion weekend.



Fred Zamon '60 (NDHS) with Notre Dame Prep cheerleaders after the Divine Child game.



Eddie Kay '60 (NDHS), no. 30 for NDHS, with Aiden Cullen, no. 30 for 2010 NDP team.

NOTRE DAME PREP ALUMNI

Taylor Berry '10 (NDP)—A student at University of Wisconsin-Madison. "My entire family is from Wisconsin and I fell in love with the school. The school has the best of everything, from the city to the lakes to the diverse people." Berry is not sure which area she will study, but is interested in art history. She is glad she went to NDP, in general, because it makes college such a smooth transition. She recalls her close relationships with the teachers at NDP, especially Mr. Devine and the Kairos Retreat. She is enjoying freshmen year and enjoying school. She misses seeing everyone every day at NDP.

Yunjae Cho '10 (NDP)—I have permanently moved to California.

Maria Lograsso '10 (NDP)—I am very involved on campus, but I recently found out about some major back problems and am having surgery in December 2010. Being [at school] is good, but I've been in and out of a wheelchair since I got here, and it's hard when my friends from high school are not here. It'll work out, though. Prayers are powerful. Are there going to be any Alumni events in Ohio this year?

Destiny Tolliver '10 (NDP)—2010 alumna from Notre Dame Prep, Destiny Tolliver, was named to the All-Rookie Team in college volleyball. Destiny [pictured on website] is a freshman right-side hitter for the University of New Hampshire. Destiny's sister, Dalton Tolliver (senior, NDP), just signed to play for UMBC; both will play each other in the same conference next year. Tolliver made an immediate impact for the Wildcats as a freshman, ranking seventh in the America East in blocks (65). Tolliver finished her first year among the team leaders in several categories with 125 kills, 91 digs and 182 points. Tolliver was named America East Rookie of the Week on back-to-back weeks on Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. The Wildcats ended their season on November 12 with a 3-2 win at UMBC. UNH closed out 2010 with a 10-17 overall mark and a 5-7 record in America East play.

Shelby Schwarzkoff '09 (NDP)—I attend Grand Valley State University. I live with Bre Luther '09 (NDP). Classes are going great; I am getting all As this semester and last year I made the Dean's List (I hope to this semester as well!) My major is Public Relations with a double minor in theatre and hospitality. I was in a play this semester; and recently I was cast in another play for next semester, which I am super excited about. On the side, I am in two different dance groups and one happens to be Grand Valley dance troupe. It is a student-run organization and has over 200 members. I teach a hip-hop class throughout the semester (I did last year, too) and at the end of the semester we put on recitals. Each semester we do fundraisers for various organizations like American Red Cross. This year we raised school supplies for the Grand Rapids public school system. It's a really fun club where I get to dance and I've met all my friends through the club. Next semester I plan to join the executive board committee to help out the organization. The other dance group I am in is called Move to the Beat, and I was one of the first members of the group that started last year. I was on the executive board this semester and we basically do the same thing as dance troupe. It is a small group of only 13 members of advanced dancers and we put on a showcase each semester. Plus, we do community service around Grand Rapids, such as performing and teaching dances at elementary schools or at churches. We plan to start entering in competitions to compete against other dance groups at other universities. Both dance groups keep me really busy, on top of

We get letters and notes

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my classes. Ha ha. Overall, school is going great! I absolutely love GV. I plan to get more involved on campus and possibly attend an alternative spring break or something like that. For now, I stay pretty busy with dance, school, and theatre, but I'm always looking for new things :) My sister Mackenzie '06 (NDP) is back in NYC for the Radio City Rockettes season and has been doing great...I definitely need to make a visit out to Prep; it's been a while...

Malinda Killu '08 (NDP)—After doing recent service trips to El Paso, Texas, and Jamaica, I thought that this would be a good idea to help get other people interested in Alternative Spring Break and even International Service Experiences. In March, I was in the Michigan Catholic. It was the first page and it was titled "Spring Break is a Time for Service for UDM Students." [View story on www.ndpma.org/alumni] I just think that in the type of world we live in today, the world needs help from people who are able to give. At first, I thought the El Paso experience gave me a different view on the world. I thought it had completely flipped my world around so I can see it in a completely different perspective. However, it really didn't flip my world. Yet. My world was completely flipped when I went to Jamaica, and it was there where I realized how many new and different perspectives I can have on the world. I hope you'll take interest in the stories I have to share. It was a phenomenal experience and if I am able to advertise it so other people will gain interest in it. I would love to do so. Also, if you need a representative for the Class of 2008, I may be interested. However, I'm curious to know what is required to be one and how much involvement do I need to have. Thanks again!

Sajal Tremblay '08 (NDP)—I opened my old e-mail account for the first time in over a year and saw I had an e-mail from NDP, so I figured I could update my information. It's great to hear from you. I am currently studying biochemistry and French at DePauw. I am involved with the Timmy Organization, which raises funds and medical supplies to plan a yearly medical brigade to Ecuador as well as advocate global-health issues. I played on the varsity volleyball team for three years and now I'm joining the track and field team. I am also involved in a group called Athletes in Action, which is a fellowship of Christian athletes on campus. I am studying abroad next semester in Senegal, taking classes and hopefully securing an internship in public health. I am looking into medical school or a master's in public health degree as options after DePauw. I am interested in working to solve development and health issues in francophone countries. School is going well but I am really looking forward to Thanksgiving break and can't wait to hop on the plane for Africa in January.

Andrew Woodcox '08 (NDP)—Updated his e-mail address. Is currently attending Oakland University, studying Mechanical engineering. He recently began an engineering intern for Faurecia Interior Systems in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Marie Tashjian '07 (NDP)—I am interested in being the class captain for the class of 2007.

Daniel Brickley '06 (NDP)—After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in May, I spent four months working for the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska. The job allowed me to travel all around the state and see its beautiful landscapes. Now, I'm back at Penn, working as

the project coordinator for a grant researching the effects of climate change in Mongolia, happy to be living in Philadelphia, and loving life. I'd be glad to hear what other '06 graduates are up to. **Dennis Strach '06 (NDP)**—Updated his e-mail address and says: "As many of you know, I begin studies this month at Moreau Seminary on the campus of Notre Dame in Indiana...I'm going to attempt to update this blog from time to time with my latest endeavors, hope this helps to keep you up to date with the latest "news." Please check back often! <http://www.dennisstrachii.blogspot.com/>. Thanks for your prayers, love and support.

Sarah Wenner '06 (NDP)—Won the top Albion College/Prentiss M. Brown Honors Thesis Award for her research "Mimetic Aletheia: Using Dance as a Catalyst for Archaeological Comprehension of Culture." She started research in May 2009 after receiving a FURSCA grant. The thesis utilized archaeological theory to uncover an ancient Nabataean dance culture, and later choreographed a piece of the same name for the Albion spring dance concert. Sarah graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa, with a double major in Anthropology and Economics and a minor in dance. She plans to pursue a doctorate in archaeology after working for a few years. She is moving to Madison, Wisconsin, to start her career.

Heather Evans '05 (NDP)—Kindergarten teacher at Holy Cross School in Marine City, Mich., and was featured in the city's newspaper, The Voice. For the story, visit www.ndpma.org/alumni.

Danielle (Lewandowski) Fergus '05 (NDP)—Danielle Grace Lewandowski was recently married to Kyle Louis Fergus on October 16, 2010. Kyle and Danielle were married at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Lake Orion surrounded by friends and family, including maid of honor Kimberly Lewandowski '08 (NDP), bridesmaids Kelly Sullivan '05 (NDP), Jackie Dowd '05 (NDP), and groomsmen Christopher Lewandowski '10 (NDP). After a wonderful honeymoon in Jamaica, they are now back at home on Mackinac Island. Kyle and Danielle both work at Mission Point Resort on the island, where Danielle is the director of media.

Amanda Murley '05 (NDP)—Attended law school in Chicago. I survived the first half of law school with pretty solid grades—just a year and a half left now (scary). I spent last summer working as a court clerk for Judge Gorcyca at the Oakland County Circuit Court. That was a pretty awesome experience and I learned A LOT being in the courtroom every day. I just found out this week that I was offered a placement for an internship for next summer. I have to meet with the St. Clair County Prosecutor's Office in February to finalize everything (and make sure they really want to let me work there) but once that's done it will really be official. The internship is through the Prosecuting Attorneys' Association of Michigan. They would send me to Lansing for a week and kind of give me a crash course training (with their other interns they've placed across the state) and after that I would spend 11 weeks working under an Assistant Prosecutor in one of the county offices - they placed me in St. Clair County. The experience is supposed to be similar to what you would do in your first 11 weeks on the job as a new APA—negotiating

pleas, conducting bench trials, handling formal hearings on traffic violations, appearing in family court, and potentially even the opportunity to prepare and try a jury trial. Kind of scary to think someone's willing to trust me with all of that -- ha ha. But, barring any issues when I meet with St. Clair County or any other unforeseen issues, that's what I'll be doing this coming summer. I'll let you know in mid-February after I've met with them! After that it's one last year of law school, taking the bar, and hopefully getting a job as an assistant prosecuting attorney somewhere!

Ashley Murphy '03 (NDP)—Via Facebook: I sky dived off the Empire State Building, protested in Egypt for democracy, won a Nobel Prize, and cured cancer, all while teaching special education in Bay City, Mich.

Jessica (Nadai) Jennings '03 (NDP)—I got married this past summer, August 28, 2010, in Chicago, Ill. Michael Johns '03 (NDP) was in the wedding party. It was a wonderful day and we couldn't be happier. We really enjoy living in Chicago and I'm blessed with a good job that is also fun and exciting. How are things back in Michigan? I haven't gotten back home much recently, especially with a whirlwind year of wedding planning, so haven't been able to go to any alumni events. It's really great that ND has such an active alumni group though. Hope all is well!

Kyle Pfeifer '03 (NDP)—Is currently studying at Wayne State University School of Medicine and graduating from Wayne State Medical School this year. He is in the top 10% of graduates at Wayne State, and has been selected to the prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, which recognizes the top 10% of medical students nationally. He also has won several service awards for community service to the Detroit Metropolitan area. Currently he is being recruited for radiology at Cleveland Clinic, University of Michigan, and Yale University. He is also scheduled to be married late fall to Katherine Thornton.

Kristin Syverson '03 (NDP)—After receiving your last alumni update I took a look at the class captains list and was so surprised to see NDP only had one person signed up. I was not involved with Student Council during high school, which I thought might be a desired characteristic in a "class captain," but figured, since there was still such a need, I would sign up. So, I wanted to let you know that I am volunteering to be the 2003 class captain for NDP, if one is still needed. I also wanted to talk to you about some of the specific requirements, expectations and desired characteristics of the class captain. Look forward to talking with you and good luck with the class captain search.

Tom Campbell '02 (NDP)—I graduated from Florida State Law in May 2009. I am now a senior attorney in the Office of General Counsel for the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (State of Florida) in Tallahassee. Hope things are well at NDP.

Charles Ouellette '02 (NDP)—Came home from Iraq in May 2010, and is settling back to life in the states. Currently an engineer and working toward a master's degree in Geological Engineering. He and his wife are expecting their fourth child in March.

Sarah K. Brown '01 (NDP)—Married Kevin Baker on October 10, 2010, in Charleston, West Virginia. The ceremony was held at the State Capitol, and fellow NDP grad Meghan O'Donnell Podolny ('00) was in attendance. In January, Sarah started working for Mountain State Justice, a non-profit law firm representing low income

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'a loving and caring man'

BILL RAYMOND, LONG-TIME EDUCATOR AND ADMINISTRATOR AT NDHS AND NDP, PASSES AWAY AT 76

Bill Raymond, who was much beloved at both Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac and Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, passed away January 22, 2011, after battling a serious illness. He was 76.

Born in Marquette, Michigan, on May 23, 1934, he was the son of the late William and the late Martha (nee: Manty) Raymond.

Bill Raymond devoted his entire professional career to teaching at Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, Macomb Community College, and Lawrence Technological University. He was a teacher with abiding faith in the potential of all students. He hoped they believed that he contributed something to their lives—not merely excellence in physics and calculus, but moreover in self discipline, study skills and a willingness to stick to it. Even after retiring from Notre Dame High School, he continued to handle the puzzle of scheduling all classes for Notre Dame Preparatory School in Pontiac for 17 years.

According to Ken Parent, former faculty colleague at NDHS and NDP, Raymond was one of the most brilliant men he's ever met. "I was always amazed at Bill's ability to organize arena scheduling in 'the old days' before computers did the work," Parent said. "And he was an imposing figure to the young men at school until they met him and got to know him. Many young men wanted to drop his difficult classes like calculus and physics, but stayed the course through both his cajoling and kind manner, and most did very well in the long run."

NDPMA President Fr. Leon Olszawski says Raymond was a loving and caring man who always put the students first. "What a great mind; what a shame," Olszawski also said. "Bill worked with the Marist Fathers since 1962 and was my physics teacher at NDHS. That should tell you how long he's worked with the Marists at NDHS and NDP. He was NDPMA's school scheduler for 17 years."

Raymond entered retirement with great enthusiasm, and enjoyed many interests, including taking casino trips near and far, playing cards with lifelong friends and family (he was a whiz with numbers), cheering loudly for his favorite sports teams, the Red Wings and Tigers, and feeding his sweet tooth with the ever-popular lemon cake. And not merely a fan of professional sports, there was no greater supporter sitting in the stands than when he attended his grandkids' baseball games. He also found great delight in their artistic talents through the many concerts they performed as well. He was also renowned for being an avid reader, and was very well known at the local library.

But of all his interests and pastimes, Raymond's greatest passion in retirement was found in traveling. For close to five months a year, he traveled extensively throughout the U.S., to places such as Florida, the Berkshires, and west to Utah, Arizona and Las Vegas. He was also a huge fan of cruising the high seas and enjoyed 29 voyages with Carol, his wife of 46 years. Many of those seagoing excursions also included dear friends from their college days as well as from ND, including Doreen and Jim Vermiglio.

Raymond enjoyed healthy life until this past September when a lethal brain tumor was diagnosed. He battled hard through rehab, but the enemy within ultimately won the fight.

Raymond was the beloved husband of Carol. Dear father of Karen (Josef) Wainz, Maureen (Frank) Roth, Renee (Bryan) Adams and Kelly Raymond. Loving grandfather of Jeff, Tim, Frank W. and Amanda.

Memorial donations, in William's name, may be directed to the Notre Dame Preparatory School Scholarship Fund. Notre Dame Preparatory Scholarship Fund, 1300 Giddings Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48340. ■



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April

- 1-3 NDP Play "Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon"
- 12 Alumni board meeting

May

- 10 Alumni board meeting
- 13 Big Band Dinner Dance
- 21 NDP choral and alumni concert
- 22 NDP Baccalaureate mass/commencement (Welcome 2011 alumni!)

June

- 6 NDP Golf Outing
- 14 Alumni Board Meeting

July

- 12 Alumni Board Meeting

August

- 6 10-Year reunion, NDP class of 2001
- 13 Pontiac Catholic reunion, classes 1980, 1981, and 1982; 25-year reunion, NDHS class of 1986
- 16 Annual alumni board mtg/election

September

- 10 35-Year reunion, NDHS class of 1976; 20-year reunion, NDHS class of 1991
- 11 St. Frederick all-class reunion
- 23 Homecoming football game at NDP (vs. Bishop Foley)

Additional information for all events on www.ndpma.org/alumni.

PARENTS If you're reading this, ask your alumni if they have updated their new address, new name, or recent graduation/job placement. We still have only parents' addresses for many alumni who are no longer at home; so please help pass the word along to your sons or daughters. Thank you!

VISIT NOTRE DAME Visit Notre Dame any time! We welcome our alumni to come back, see former teachers, and tour the school. Many enjoy visiting the new Irish Café and Bookstore and receiving a complimentary cappuccino, coffee or tea. Others just want to see all the changes that have taken place since they graduated. Some want to see for themselves for the first time what a great school this is. Whatever your reason for visiting, we welcome you home!

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West Virginians in predatory lending and other consumer cases. Sarah enjoys life in West Virginia, and is active on the boards of the YWCA of Charleston and the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences.

Lauren O'Brien '01 (NDP)—After graduating from Western Michigan University in 2005 with degrees in Organizational Communications and Comparative Religion, I moved back to Detroit where I worked as an account executive for WWW/WKBD-TV CW/CBS Detroit and WDIV-TV NBC Detroit. After spending some successful and cherished years in Detroit, I made a tough decision to leave television advertising to take on a new challenge and career path in Chicago. I am currently the director of educator relations at Discovery Internships and Dream Careers. Discovery Internships provides high-achieving, motivated high school students from across the world the opportunity to explore their career interests in an all-inclusive summer academic internship program in five amazing cities including NYC, Chicago, Boston, London and Los Angeles. Discovery Internships is a career focused experiential learning program that helps students improve confidence and gain a competitive advantage in the college admissions process by working together with Dream Careers, the world's leading provider of internships for college and high school students, placing more than 10,000 interns over the past decade. Enjoying every minute of Chicago with siblings Mac O'Brien '99 (NDP) and Brittany O'Brien '06 (NDP) and although sister Katie (O'Brien) Spezia '97 (NDP) is settled in Linden, Mich., with her family, we are hoping to convince Erin O'Brien '03 (NDP) to make the move from Boston to Chicago! For more information on Discovery Internships, visit www.highschoolinternships.com. Online brochure: www.highschoolinternships.com/brochure. (more at www.ndpma.org/alumni).

Kellie (Skalnek) Gehringer '01 (NDP)—Volunteered to be class captain for her class. [Thanks Kellie!] For a complete list of class captains, visit www.ndpma.org/alumni.

Deanna Murphy '00 (NDP)—Via Facebook: Updated her address and added: I am living in Atlanta, Ga. I finished my dual masters of Architecture and City & Regional Planning in August of 2010 and am now working as an Urban Designer for the Georgia Conservancy. I spent the summer doing a study abroad in Europe (Barcelona, Berlin, several cities in the Netherlands, and Paris) and spent a couple weeks in Shanghai, China, in December of 2010.

Michael Niemczyk '00 (NDP)—I just registered online. On another note, I happened to be looking through the alumni website and noticed the section of alumni college athletes. I was a walk-on athlete on the cross-country team for Oakland University starting in 2000. I must say though that the website sure has come a long way. I have been receiving the alumni magazine also and have been looking at different alumni events and opportunities to take part in. I hope all is well.

Jeffrey Sidor '99 (NDP)—Currently working for Med Tronic as a "senior clinical specialist." As a clinical resource, I help vascular surgeons plan endovascular aortic aneurysm repairs specific to each patient and help guide the surgeons as well as troubleshoot during graft implantation.

Carol Evola '99 (NDP)—Updated her address and is living in Lake Orion, Mich., with husband Ryan and daughter Chloe.

Kathy Kotzan '98 (NDP)—Married Sean Paul at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Bob Lesnau '98 (NDP), Matt Urbanski '98 (NDP), Mike Juszcakiewicz '98 (NDP) and Emily Flajole '98 (NDP) were among those in attendance.

Brian Maraone '98 (NDP)—It's very sad to hear about Mr. Raymond. He was such a nice guy!

Shannon Murphy '98 (NDP)—Via Facebook: Living in Bay City and writes for The Bay City Times.

Nicole (Shoopman) Garvin '96 (NDP)—Updated her information and is living in Keego Harbor with her husband David.

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Jeffery Smith '78 (PC)—I want to thank you for your outstanding alumni newsletter. I would like to come over to the HS and meet with you. I was in Michigan earlier in the month and I met with Mr. [Gregory] Simon '89 (NDHS), dean of admissions and diversity. By the way, the school looks great. I wish I lived in town so I could be more involved with the school and possibly the sports program. I have been coaching high school basketball for over 25 years here in California. Well, have a great year.

Mary Rouleau '74 (PC)—Was in town in February and visited the school and sat in on a few classes. She teaches social studies in Arlington, VA.

Kathryn Skosich '70 (PC)—Updated her information

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Dorothy Cauley '40 (SF)—Sent note to school: "Both approaching ninety and can no longer see to read. We both met at St. Fred's and graduated in 1940. We wish you a great future."

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Stephen Kuclo '03 (NDHS)—Hey everyone! Thanks for all the support and backing over this past weekend! I really can't say enough about what a wonderful support group I have and really the best friends and family one can ask for! Between all the messages, texts, calls and having the Kuclo Krew there made it a complete weekend! Many have asked me what my next plans are and I have a lot to figure out about what's next for me. I am going to sleep on it but if I can do it financially and with work, along with my health (body and joints are feeling a little over trained) and be able to compete at nationals, that's where I will be making my final destination for in pursuit of my pro card (October 14th weekend Atlanta, Ga.). Like always, I like to take away something from the show that I learned and something that I can improve or change. I finally am going to listen to my wife and not cut water. As soon as I do, it shocks my body and I begin to get a film of water (a.k.a., hold water) under my skin and get that smooth look. I was in shape but those last 16 hours sure can change what 16 weeks of work does for you. Be prepared for me to bring the biggest and best yet next time I step on stage! Love you all!

Michael Rivers '94 (NDHS)—Updated his information. Is living in California as a journeyman plumber for United Airlines in San Francisco.

Mark Zahringer '85 (NDHS)—I love reading the newsletter and keeping up with alumni news. We've been busy the past few years! Pam and I adopted Grace and Abby two years ago, so Max and Ryan would have a couple of sisters and now our family is complete. We still live in Colorado but we come back to Michigan every couple of years. I never forget how blessed I was to attend Notre Dame, and because of that blessing, I am a successful and honest businessperson today and try to give back to the community whenever I can. God bless you!

Joseph Caretti '84 (NDHS)—From Lisa Caretti on son Joey: Joey continues to receive chemo treatment at Children's Hospital. The family is very appreciative of all the thoughts and prayers. They ask for continued prayers for not only Joey, but for all children that are sick and suffering.

Todd Grzelewski '84 (NDHS)—My daughter just finished her first semester at WMU with a 3.6 GPA and is loving college life. My son Paul is a sophomore at HF II and is eligible to start college classes next fall. He may attend Oakland University or Macomb next fall along with high school. Sheila and I are very busy working and keeping up with our kids. I am currently working on the new initiative from Archbishop, "Changing Lives Together." I am also on a number of committees at St. Isidore. Please give my best to all our friends, teachers, priests, etc.

Timothy Lotito '84 (NDHS)—I married my beautiful wife, Lori, in November 2008 in the church where we met years before, St. Martin DePorres in Warren, Mich. We have a wonderful son, Joseph Timothy, who was born in November 2009. I know I married up. I am not so sure my wife did!

Brian Barney '83 (NDHS)—It is a sad day for all Notre Dame alumni (in regards to the passing of Mr. Raymond). He was a wonderful man. He will be dearly missed. My prayers go out to the Raymond family. God bless!

Robert (Chris) Hoerauf '83 (NDHS)—Appreciate you forwarding this very painful news regarding Bill DeKeyser. Since we were in the same graduating class together, this really hits home. It's always a shock to lose someone special, especially when they are your exact same age! Makes us place things in its proper perspective. On a lighter note, it really means a lot for those of us living out-of-state (Chris lives in Manassas, Va.) to receive these NDHS updates. Although we may never again live back in Michigan, it's great to feel a bit of a connection with the entire NDHS family. You all are doing a great job! For most of my time at ND (79-83), Mr. Raymond served as both the principal and my part-time calculus teacher. Just goes to show you how smart and committed Mr. Raymond was to the young men entrusted to his care. This one ranks right up there with the loss of Mr. Vachon not too long ago. God bless you, Mr. Raymond.

David Farina '82 (NDHS)—Married with two kids.

Bryan Ureel '82 (NDHS)—Thanks for putting on such a nice opening [art] reception and show. Would you believe that is the first one I have been to? Even so, I know it was a lot of work and I think you did a great job. Thanks again. I had a wonderful time.

Robert Binge '80 (NDHS)—Thanks for helping Ralph make the Class of 1980 reunion a success. My wife and I had a great time. It was good to see people that I haven't seen in a long time. Thanks again.

Joseph Borri '80 (NDHS)—To Ralph and everyone who attended (and those who couldn't make it), it was truly a great night spending time and catching up with all of you. It's funny how you can pick back up again even though many years have passed between visits. And while some of you (not me of course!) have changed physically, the essence of your personalities seem to have remained largely intact. Really enjoyed hearing about everyone's lives since 1980. The food was great as was the company. There are photos on my Facebook page. Those of you who have pages please "friend" me and tag yourself. Those who aren't on FB, step into the 21st century, bro' (8 tracks are no longer

around). Seriously, it's a great way to stay in touch. Ralphie, again, I truly appreciate that you took the reins and arranged everything. Time is a commodity these days, so I know it wasn't the cakewalk you made it out to be. Thank you. God bless all of you fine gentlemen...

David Edwards '80 (NDHS)—Thanks, Ralph. If you didn't step up, it wouldn't have happened! We appreciate all that you did and look forward to you organizing a 35th or 40th reunion. It was sure good to see so many familiar faces. I only had trouble recognizing about two or three people at first, and that was good. I can't remember people whom I worked with five years ago, but I can remember people from ND. It's amazing that so many could be there, especially those who came from out of state. It was nice to hear about peoples' kids, from college-age kids down to little ones. I guess that if we have a 35th or 40th and we're still alive—last night I found out that ever more of us have already gone on than I was aware of—we'll be talking about grandkids!

Stanley Guest '80 (NDHS)—Thank you for all your help for the reunion. We had a wonderful time. You're doing a great job.

Mark Cendrowski '77 (NDHS)—He is the producer and director of the TV show "Big Bang Theory" and has done others, including the 2011 TV movie "Billion Dollar Freshmen," 2010 TV movie "Who Gets the Parents," and "The Desperation Emanation," "The Hot Troll Deviation," "The Zazzy Substitution," "The Cruciferous Vegetable Amplification," "The Robotic Manipulation," "The Suite Life on Deck," "Rollin' with the Holmesies," to name a few...

Brian Monfils '76 (NDHS)—Is a corporate accounts executive and living on the west side of the state. It is a bit crazy to hear stories of our children in college, etc. I tend to think (occasionally) that I am still 25. My oldest (Kate) just left this past Sunday to move to Taiwan where she is teaching high school math and biology at a college prep high school. My youngest (Addison) will be leaving tomorrow to return to college for his junior year where he is double major in Economics/Political Science and playing NCAA golf.

Ronald Mack '72 (NDHS)—I am still hoping to locate a copy of the 1971 varsity football game videos. I remember Joe Spada transferred the reel-to-reel tape to VHS and showing it on a TV in the cafeteria at the 40-year anniversary/ mortgage-burning weekend celebration. He was offering the VHS recordings of most years for sale for \$20. This was in the summer/fall of 1994 or 1995 at NDHS. If anyone has information on these videos, please contact the alumni office.

Richard Caretti '71 (NDHS)—Rick was just re-elected to his second full term as a Macomb county circuit court judge. He is a former chief judge of the court.

Paul McGrath '69 (NDHS)—Via Facebook: Thanks to Jane [Dika '02 (NDP)], Lou [Perlotto '74 (NDHS)], Andy [Guest '84 (NDHS)] for coming out to A2 (Ann Arbor) and entertaining the alumni youth and a few "old-ones!" Although I didn't hear the results, I assume A2 had a better showing than East Lansing. [Yes, Ann Arbor won again this year! Congrats!]

Carl Fucinari '68 (NDHS)—I am enjoying retirement.

Joseph Muller '67 (NDHS)—61 years old and all kids through college. The boys are married, and the girls need to get married so Michelle and I can start saving for retirement. I suppose being a registered professional engineer in almost every state in the country gets me out of this cool state more than my fair share but I

am truly looking to retire somewhere warm. If only they taught us in high school and college what not to be if we want to retire before age 70. Best to all my old classmates and friends from ND and if you are in my neck of the woods give me a call—I'm buying.

Thomas Marcetti '65 (NDHS)—Was honored as the State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus in September 2010.

Rodney Peters '64 (NDHS)—My wife Jill and I have been living in Traverse City for the last 29 years and we have one son who will turn 33 in January. I have been working for a division of ITW (Illinois Tool Works) for the last 27 years as a business unit manager and strategic account

development manager. I am excited to say that I will be retiring in April 2011 and look forward to more fly-fishing, golfing and traveling.

Gary Popiel '64 (NDHS)—Retired four years ago and have traveled, traveled, and traveled. Bought a home in the Villages and first person I met was a ND graduate from the original first graduating class.

Conrad Koski '63 (NDHS)—Interested in helping to form a reunion committee.

David Pierce '61 (NDHS)—The senior class of Notre Dame High School in 1961 took a trip to Washington, D.C., and this week, exactly 50 years later, my son Bobby, was sworn in to be a part of the Agency for International Development and

work in Foreign Service.

Alan Enderle '60 (NDHS)—Updated his information and is retired.

Jim Snodgrass '60 (NDHS)—I attended the Notre Dame Class of 1960 50th Reunion at the Sterling Inn. I want to personally thank you for all your help with the organizing and printing, and for linking us with Notre Dame Prep.

Jeffrey Bidigare '59 (NDHS)—We moved and are now permanent residents of Nevada.

Bill Welliver (retired NDP and NDHS)—I'm a retired, long-time teacher at both Notre Dames. I started in NDHS in August 1968 and retired from NDP in June 2004. I'm writing to ask to have my e-mail address added to your

contact list. I'm a Wolverine and Lion fan living in Madison, Wisconsin, surrounded by Badger and Packer fans. It's not easy. Please give my best to all my former colleagues, especially the science department, and Fr. Leon, Fr. Hindelang, and Fr. Strasz. Tell Fr. Leon I still miss you all. ■

CLASS REUNIONS

NOTRE DAME PREP

Class of 2001 10-year reunion. Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011, at JD's Key Club in Pontiac. 6 p.m. until whenever with snack bar. Club opens to the public at 8 p.m. A family-friendly event has been scheduled at the Kiddie Klub in Rochester Hills at noon (\$7/per child, adults free) on the same day. Committee: Pamela DeMartinis Bishop - demartinisp@hotmail.com; Jennifer O'Rourke Bennett - jlbennett@gmail.com; Lynsey Bramstedt - lbramstedt@yahoo.com; Vicki Sidor - sidorvictoria@gmail.com

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Class of 1961 50-year reunion. Committee forming now. Contact the alumni office if you would like to help.

Class of 1965 50-year reunion in 2015. The committee is looking to update e-mail addresses and contact information. Dennis Berger: 909-223-4483 - dennisaberger@aol.com

Class of 1971 40-year reunion. Saturday, November 5, 2011, at Club Venetian, Madison Heights. Committee: Mike Scharl - notredame71@att.net; Jim Bieszki - jamesbieszki@aol.com cell: 734-604-1112; office: 734-457-0545

Class of 1976 35-year reunion. September 10, 2011, at Comerica Park (Detroit vs. Minnesota) We will be sitting in the Tiger Terrace beginning in section 116, which is along the first-base side, in right field. Bring your family. The reunion is open to alumni, family and friends. Tickets are \$45 each. 30 seats have been reserved and more can be made available based on demand, but act quickly—seats fill up fast. Send checks payable to "Dean V. Ricci" to: 1976 Alumni Tiger Game, 30917 Dorais, Livonia, MI 48154. March 31, 2011, is the deadline for sending in payment for tickets. 734-421-0059. www.deanricci.com/ndhs76/index.htm

Class of 1986 25-year reunion. August 13, 2011, at TBD. Committee: John Kaminski home: 612-822-4759; cell: 952-261-5546 - jkaminski1700@yahoo.com; Dan O'Brien 248-840-8391 - dobrien734@comcast.net; Paul Arnone - paul.c.arnone@gm.com; Stephen Schultz - stephen2000_fl@yahoo.com; Jonathan Zaidan - jkmzc@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1991 20-year reunion. September 10, 2011, at Comerica Park (suite) Detroit vs. Minnesota. \$100/person. Spouses/guests welcome. 60 spots available. 20 spots already filled. Get money to one of the committee members to reserve your place. We will try to accommodate more if needed. Committee: Ron Stempin 586-243-6457 - ronald_stempin@ml.com; Eric Woodhouse 586-945-0390; Rick Nowicki 586-295-1338

PONTIAC CATHOLIC

Classes of 1980, 1981, 1982 August 13, 2011. Venue: Crowne Plaza, Auburn Hills. Other Details: Starts at 6:30 p.m. Contact the reunion committee for your class to ensure your information is up-to-date. Contact People: Lynn (Dumeah) Behr '82: 810-348-1712; Mary (Anderson) Cottrell '81: 248-673-2502; Ken Johnson '80: 586-709-2587 Cell

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All-Class Reunion September 11, 2011

Looking for your reunion? Want to plan a reunion? Contact Director of Alumni Relations Kelly (Cole) Patterson '99 (NDP) for all your reunion information. alumni@ndpma.org. For complete reunion information, visit www.ndpma.org/reunions. ■

BASKETBALL TEAMS ENJOYING GREAT SEASON

The Notre Dame basketball teams are in the midst of a good year, with boys and girls varsity basketball setting or closing in on a number of records.

The varsity girls team, coached by Patrick Battani (CHSL coach of the year), have won back-to-back Catholic High School League division titles for the first time in school history. The Irish lost to number 1-ranked Country Day in the regional final of state tourney play and finished 18-6 overall, beating the school record for victories in a season (1998-99). NDP senior Brooke



Borowski, lower left, has set NDP individual records this season, including points in a game (29), three-pointers in a game (6), assists in a game (10), and steals in a game (10).



The boys varsity team, coached by Brandon Jezdimir (CHSL coach of the year), was 17-5 overall at press time and looking for their fourth straight MHSAA district championship. The school record for victories in a season for boys varsity is 19 set in 1997-98.

(For more on ND athletics, please click on "Athletics" at ndpma.org.) ■



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