

# Notre Dame Class of 1971



Notre Dame High School

Class of 1971

40th Reunion

November 5, 2011

Club Venetian

Amended for

45<sup>th</sup> Reunion

November 20, 2016

50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

November 20, 2022

# IN MEMORIAM



Martin Andrews  
1/2/2001



Dominic Aquino  
1/8/1993



David S. Barnes  
10/2/2019



John Cavataio  
03/08/19



Robert J. Cindrich



John Cleland  
8/26/2010



Christopher M. Derlon  
9/7/2007



Raymond Etrych  
2/15/2011



Michael Florenzo



Gary G. George  
4/10/2015



Andrew Gojkov  
12/15/2012



William Gorman



Michael Karle  
7/13/2016



Richard B. Kata  
10/10/1993



James H. Kayuk  
11/24/2016

# IN MEMORIAM



Michael J. McEntaggert  
6/25/2015



George P. Menovcik  
4/27/2010



Dennis Murphy  
11/3/2019



Joseph Piscopo  
8/29/2011



Thomas Pomaski



Charles F. Porta  
8/24/2012



Rene Rutkofske  
5/9/2020



Timothy Schrieber  
1/22/2015



Donald J. Sieg  
11/22/2018



Dennis J. Tralka  
3/1/2019



John Wojciechowski  
4/24/2021



# Notre Dame High School Class of 1971 Demographics (2011)

Total graduates 223

Lost contact 36

Deceased 10

## Current residences

Michigan 134

California 6

Florida 5

Arizona 4

Colorado 4

Georgia 4

Ohio 4

Illinois 2

Pennsylvania 2

Alaska 1

Indiana 1

Kansas 1

Massachusetts 1

Maine 1

Minnesota 1

New Hampshire 1

Nevada 1

South Carolina 1

Virginia 1

Washington 1

England 1 (3,583 Miles)

## State stats:

Average current living distance from school is 247 miles

111 alums live within 25 miles of school

26 alums live within 5 miles of school

### Alumni Information Links:

**Friends of Notre Dame:**

<http://friendsofnotredame.com/>

**Notre Dame Prep:**

<http://www.ndpma.org>



Ten Year Reunion



15 Year Reunion





## 1971 Fifteen Year Reunion 1986

*by Dave Richards '71*

The date was September 20, 1986. It wasn't really that important except that members of the Class of '71 came together at the Schmid House to celebrate being 15 years older. No, that wasn't the reason. We got together to share the good feelings we had when we were graduating from good old N.D. Or was that the feeling we had at N.D., well, in any case, when it came to subjects we were taught and the instructors we had, we all shared some of the best remembered moments.

When I was a junior, I had the misconception that middle-aged was 27. Of course with the passing of fifteen years, I now know that I was totally wrong. All those in attendance helped me realize this by dancing most of the night away. Remember the dances in the gym?

I want to say a few words here to thank those who made that night more enjoyable. Mr. Schram, Mr. Raymond and Mr. Kelly took time out of their schedules to share dinner with us. Several of us had a chance to tell them how we were affected (or infected) with their classes or the manner in which they taught us. Fr. Ouellette sent us a letter to share since his duties did not allow him to attend. Thanks for caring enough to be there that night.

The Class of '71 had a ten year reunion. Now we've passed through our 15th. Onward to 20! For those who could not make it, please keep in contact with The NDAA so we can have current addresses and PHONE numbers.

In closing, I want to say that there were three activities that had total and complete participation: eating, taking the group picture and the last dance. Remember the song "Theme from a Summer Place"?



Thirty Year Reunion



Notre Dame High School  
Class of 1971 40th Reunion  
November 5, 2011

Back: Matuz, Oravec, Bury, Buda, Marko, Pscheidl, Bourgeois, Streberger, Tack, Till, Richards, Onderbeke, Scharl, Klimek, McConnell

Second: Connors, Werner, Pomper, Bieszki, Dokianos, Carretti, Zwolinski, Vermiglio, Sieg, Kopacko, Basso

Front: Sulick, Haste, Testori, Wood, Spinnella, Nadar, Perlin, Humenny, Ruddy, Malo, Penar



**NOTRE DAME Class of 1971 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion - Club Venetian, November 20, 2016**



**Bieszki, Basso, Oravec, Shrall, McConnell, Till, Onderbeke, Pscheidl, Monacelli, Murphy, Bury,  
Scharl, Vermiglio, Matusz, Simony, Klimek, Duda  
Connolly, Kopacko, Penar, Testori, Humenny, DeMuro, Werner, Short, Nix, Wood**

GRADE 9

\* ARANOWSKI, R.  
\* BADOWSKI, J.  
\* BIESZKI, J.  
\* BOMMARITO, J.  
\* BRUZZESE, R.  
\* BUDA, T.  
\* BULGARELLI, M.  
\* BURY, R.  
\* CARMODY, D.  
\* CATANIA, F.  
\* CHEVALIER, M.  
\* CONNORS, T.  
\* DOKIANOS, T.  
\* DONOVAN, J.  
\* ETRYCH, R.  
\* FERET, R.  
\* FRITSCH, J.  
\* GARAVAGLIA, A.  
\* GENETTE, J.  
\* GORMAN, W.  
\* GUINANE, G.  
\* HOJNACKI, D.  
\* HOSTE, J.  
\* HUMENNY, R.  
\* HUTCHINSON, D.  
\* KACHNOWSKI, G.  
\* KASPER, T.  
\* KEMPSKI, E.  
\* KLIMEK, T.  
\* KOSTER, J.  
\* LAURENCE, R.  
\* MALO, G.  
\* MARKO, E.  
\* MC COURT, P.  
\* MEHELAS, T.  
\* MLYNAREK, D.  
\* MORELLI, E.  
\* OLANE, D.  
\* ONDERBEKE, G.  
\* OZIMKOWSKI, J.  
\* PAZIN, S.  
\* PERLIN, K.  
\* PIERZCHALA, H.  
\* PITTEL, M.  
\* PRZESLAWSKI, D.  
\* PSCHIEDL, A.  
\* RABENBURG, L.  
\* RICHARDS, D.  
\* SCHARL, M.  
\* SCHERVISH, M.  
\* SORGI, J.  
\* STANISZEWSKI, J.  
\* STANO, J.

Academic Recognition Banquet

May 23, 1968

\* STEELAND, C.  
\* STRUTZEL, M.  
\* SVENSON, W.  
\* TACK, R.  
\* TESTORI, J.  
\* TRASKAL, M.  
\* WERNER, F.  
\* WOJIE, A.  
\* WOLOSON, H.  
\* WOOD, J.

SPRING DRIVE -- Monday -- March 17, 1969 -- DAY 11



SCHOOL TOTAL:  $\$27\frac{1}{2}$  779  
67.7%

HOMEROOM STANDINGS

new record

FRESHMEN

$\$9605$

81.9%

1.	130	--	\$1531 <sup>00</sup>	--	106.8%
2.	101	--	\$1263	--	88.8%
3.	110	--	\$1303	--	83.8%
4.	100	--	\$1161 <sup>00</sup>	--	80.4%
5.	126	--	\$1193 <sup>00</sup>	--	78.0%
6.	111	--	\$1202	--	77.3%
7.	120	--	\$ 923 <sup>00</sup>	--	72.3%
8.	124	--	\$1027	--	68.5%

→ 1. 114 -- 190.0%

2. 130 -- 106.8%

3. 101 -- 88.8%

4. 110 -- 83.8%

5. 106 -- 80.4%

6. 126 -- 78.0%

7. 111 -- 77.3%

8. 112 -- 73.7%

9. 103 -- 73.5%

SOPHOMORES

$\$7815$

81.0%

1.	114	--	\$2402 <sup>00</sup>	--	190.0%
2.	112	--	\$ 931 <sup>00</sup>	--	73.7%
3.	103	--	\$1056 <sup>00</sup>	--	73.5%
4.	106	--	\$ 970 <sup>00</sup>	--	71.2%
5.	104	--	\$ 951	--	65.8%
6.	102	--	\$ 791 <sup>00</sup>	--	53.7%
7.	125	--	\$ 711 <sup>00</sup>	--	50.5%

10. 115 -- 72.9%

11. 120 -- 72.3%

12. 103 -- 71.2%

13. 124 -- 68.5%

14. 104 -- 65.8%

15. 107 -- 62.8%

16. 102 -- 53.7%

JUNIORS

$\$4124$

49.2%

1.	115	--	\$ 978	--	72.9%
2.	105	--	\$ 733 <sup>00</sup>	--	52.5%
3.	121	--	\$ 687 <sup>00</sup>	--	47.8%
4.	122	--	\$ 585	--	43.6%
5.	123	--	\$ 586	--	40.1%
6.	127	--	\$ 554	--	39.7%

17. 105 -- 52.5%

18. 125 -- 50.5%

19. 141 -- 49.8%

20. 121 -- 47.3%

21. 108 -- 43.8%

22. 122 -- 43.6%

23. 109 -- 42.7%

24. 123 -- 40.1%

25. 127 -- 39.7%

26. 140 -- 31.5%

SENIORS

$\$3235$

46.2%

1.	107	--	\$ 888	--	62.8%
2.	141	--	\$ 678	--	49.8%
3.	108	--	\$ 625	--	43.8%
4.	109	--	\$ 606	--	42.7%
5.	140	--	\$ 436	--	31.5%



NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL  
ELEVENTH ANNUAL ACADEMIC BANQUET

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MAY 21, 1970

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GUEST SPEAKER . . . . . REV. ROBERT J. LAM, S.J.  
PRINCIPAL, UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT  
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GUESTS OF HONOR  
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4.0 GPA

JUNIORS:

OLANE, DAVID  
PERLIN, KENNETH  
STANO, JAMES  
STEELAND, CRAIG

SOPHOMORES:

LYCOSTANSKI, JOHN

FRESHMEN:

KILLINGER, JOHN  
SIMPSON, DAVID  
SKRZYNSKI, MARTIN

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HIGH HONOR ROLL

SENIORS:

ANDREWS, KEVIN	CZARNIK, RONALD	HODKINSON, STEVE	RANGER, CURTIS
BESSON, ROBERT	GODDEERIS, JOHN	KOTZAN, JOSEPH	SCHWARTZ, MARTIN
GENOROWSKI, DWIGHT	HICKEY, WILLIAM	KUPFER, GARY	ZAREMBA, ROBERT

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JUNIORS:

BROWNING, RICK	HERBERT, RONALD	SCHARL, MICHAEL	TACK, RICH
CONNORS, TIM	HODOR, LARRY	SCHERVISH, MARK	WESLEY, BILL
DONOVAN, JIM	KACHNOWSKI, GEORGE	STANISZEWSKI, JOHN	

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SOPHOMORES:

BOUFFARD, DON	GARAVAGLIA, PHIL	LORENCE, LEONARD	PAGE, GLENN
BUSZEK, MAYNARD	HOPKINS, NEAL	MICHAEL, DANIEL	POWER, WALTER
FRACASSA, MIKE	JURCZAK, GREG	MLYNAREK, GARY	ROBSCHKE, DAVE
FRANCHINA, GERARD	JURIVICH, DON	MUYSENBERG, JIM	SLOAN, TOM

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FRESHMEN:

BURLAND, BRAD	DUYN, KEITH	HAYNACK, STEVE	MILLIGAN, BILL
COPPOLA, FRANK	GAWLIK, MARK	JACOBS, MICHAEL	PENAR, PAUL
D'AGOSTINI, JIM	HARTNER, DAVE	MILLER, TOM L.	SIWA, TOM

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JUNIORS:

BADOWSKI, JIM	GUINANE, GERARD	MATUSEZ, ARNOLD	SHORT, GERY
BORDERS, MIKE	HAMEL, DAVE	MLYNAREK, DAN	SLIWINSKI, RON
DOKIANOS, TOM	HONACKI, DAVE	NOWAK, JEFF	SPINA, PAUL
FIEDLER, BILL	HOSTE, JIM	ONDERBEKE, GEORGE	SVENSON, BILL
FOLEY, BOB	HUMMENY, RON	PSCHIEDL, ART	TESTORI, JIM
GARAVAGLIA, ALAN	HUTCHINSON, DAN	RICHARDS, DAVE	TILL, KEVIN
GLADYSZ, STEVE	KLIMEK, TOM	RUDDY, MIKE	TRASKAL, MIKE
GROW, MIKE	LAMOTE, JERRY	SCHIOP, JIM	WALILKO, PETER

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ABSENTEE AND TARDY LIST  
 Tuesday  
 December 9, 1969

FRESHMEN:

- 100 Legert, Thomas  
 Kott, James
- 101 Hofbauer, Fred
- 102 Langolis, Craig-T  
 Bednerski, Ted
- 103 Benkstahl, Wm-T  
 Milligan, Wm-T-8:50  
 Doren, Mark  
 Wilkins, Mik  
 Strebbe, Jeff  
 Impullitti, Joe
- 110 None
- 111 LeFier, Frank-T-8:55  
 Lazzeri, John
- 113 Burde, Gery

SOPHOMORES:

- 104 Yenik, Rbt
- 105 Fahey, Mike  
 Grzebyk, Alan
- 106 Dalegeto, Joe-T-8:38
- 112 Rosechke, David  
 Selveggi, Ralph
- 114 Gijbers, Mark-T-8:04  
 Loccrichio, Joe-T-8:05  
 R. Hawley - to 10:15
- 120 Eggert, Mark
- 122 Frugs, Mark  
 Murray, Kevin

SENIORS: Continued

- 140 Arcero, Louie-T-8:52  
 Sheridan, Jim-T-8:55  
 Hickey, Wm
- 141 Day, Joe.  
 Sedowski, Gregg  
 Stocio, Ken  
 Schultz, Tom, (L)8:45  
 Ulrich, Gregg

JUNIORS:

- 121 Laumers, Kurt-T-8:30  
 Nannini, Mike-T-8:03  
 Pomper, John-T-8:18  
 Kats, Richard-T-8:22  
 Lamb, Rbt-T-8:24  
 Scancelaa, Jim-T-8:46  
 Fahey, Frank-T-8:50-ok  
 Bork, Dennis-T-8:57
- 123 Gajkov, Andy-T-8:35  
 Merzola, Sal-T-8:57  
 Lopez, Denez
- 124 McEntaggart, Mike-T-8:04  
 Herbert, Mike-T-8:09  
 Pierzchala, Henry-T-8:43  
 Nix, Terry-T-8:45  
 Kerwin, Jim-T-8:57  
 Pisching, Dennis-T-9:05
- 125 Daerden, Ken-T-8:08  
 Silveri, Richard-T-8:09  
 Kimp, David-T-8:40  
 Dillion, William
- 126 Mazzenga, Robert, (L)1:30  
 Werner, Frank
- 126 Mlynarek, Dan
- 127 Jacob, Mark-8:03-T

SENIORS:

- 107 Latowski, Tom  
 Stasz, Jim  
 Goreki, Jim  
 Brown, Douglas  
 Kupper, Gary-T-9:50
- 108 O'Brien, Tim, (L)2:30  
 Sums, Jeff
- 109 Tomsick, Steve, (L)2  
 Ancona, Ben, (L)8:50  
 Wolff, Charles-T-8:08  
 Perry, Steve-T-8:42  
 Okregleski, Steve-T-8:50  
 Daniels, David-T-8:53  
 Monacelli, Paul  
 Stefantz, David-t-8:55-ok
- 130 Brilleti, Tom-T-8:04  
 Strobl, Brian-will be late  
 Dippel, Jim  
 Marshall, Jim, (L)9:45  
 Hewson, Jim, -T-9:55

THE STUDENTS IN THE PLAY WILL COME IN AT 9:45

J. Cenu, J. Przeslawski, S. Monacelli, S. Myszincki  
 R. Velgoi, P. Walilko, P. Novera, S. Mocerl  
 T. Bruttall, C. Cammarata, G. Kempaki, J. Tourangeau  
 M. LeCharite, D. Bayer, D. Basso, J. Connolly, W. Reese  
 J. McEvoy, M. Scheri, M. Skinner, K. Vermiglio, D. McDonnell  
 W. Champion, V. Licata, L. Dichezi, D. Sieg, J. Gannette, H. Woloson

# THE SHIELD

Volume 16, Number 1  
December 2nd, 1969



Notre Dame High School, Harper Woods, Mich.  
A Marist Fathers' High School

## Harriers Finish '69 Season; Take Fourth in State Finals

For the first time in the school's history another sport has squeaked into the spotlight for recognition. Cross country, a sport known to few students until recently, is a varsity sport in which every member runs a two-mile race.

These races are run everywhere, over hills, through woods, across railroad tracks, and even through water. When a cross country runner finishes a race he knows he has accomplished something, something very few people can accomplish.

Often there is little recognition for cross country runners because unless they are the fastest they are not publicized. Few runners mention this, however, since a personal knowledge of advancement is sufficient.

Because they concentrated on running as a team, and as individuals, ND had one of their best cross country teams this year. As a team they took four straight Invitationals, beating the toughest teams in the state. They won the Catholic Divisional Championship, the Catholic City Finals and the Detroit City State Regionals.

At the Catholic City Finals all five runners were under 10 minutes, the first three places in the meet were taken and an all time low of 25 points were scored.

As individuals, five men made All-City and two reached All-State. All-City went to Don Jurvich '72, Greg Geck '71, and Seniors George Coppens, Ron Champine, and Doug Brown. Coppens and Brown made All-State.

The nine men who have made up the '69 team are Dave Wit, Joe Smyka, Terry Smith and Don Jurvich '72, Greg Geck and Doug Sulick '71, and Captain George Coppens, Ron Champine and Doug Brown '70.

The team took fourth in the State Finals, but this can be very deceiving. The three schools that beat ND had been defeated by ND earlier in the season.

As Doug Brown said, "Although we do not wish to take any of these teams' accomplishments away from them, because they do deserve them, I'm sure in the hearts of the team as well as the school the Cross Country of 1969 will always be remembered as the Number 1 Team in the state."



Mr. Vachon's feet footed crew poses to grace our page



# Kickers Finish Schedule

by DON HABEREK

With three resounding conquests, N.D. successfully completed its initial soccer season.

In the ankle-deep mud of Jayne Field, the Fighting Irish defeated a tenacious Allen Park High squad 4-0. Sparked by Gerry McGuire's two goals, the offense pressured the Mustangs' goalkeeper with shots from all directions. The ND defense also turned in an exemplary performance, allowing only six Allen Park shots to threaten the shutout.

A week later, the Irish scored a season's high of five goals in humbling the Warren Falcons, 5-0. "Colonel" Pat Kopytek commanded the forces to victory with his two-way play and stubborn desire to win.

Goalkeepers Kevin Till and Don Haberek shared the shutout in final conquest, a 1-0 affair over Grosse Pointe University school. Again, McGuire proved to be the difference, scoring on a low show from about ten yards out, early in the second half. Merit Scholarship semi-finalist Bob Skowronek was particularly

effective in keeping GPUS bottled up in their own territory, by thwarting many of their attacks, with alert, heads-up play.

The soccer team concluded play with a combined 7-6-1 record for the spring-autumn season. Some may feel this is a mediocre record when compared with ND's other athletic teams. But as forward Steven Hodgkinson put it, "It's awesome when you stop to consider that three-quarters of this team hadn't touched a soccer ball prior to January of this year."

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SIMPSON, DAVID  
SKRZYNSKI, MARTIN

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CENDROWSKI, DWIGHT

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HICKEY, WILLIAM

HODKINSON, STEVE  
KOTZAN, JOSEPH  
KUPPER, GARY

RANGER, CURTIS  
SCHWARTZ, MARTIN  
ZAREMBA, ROBERT

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HODOR, LARRY  
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SCHARL, MICHAEL  
SCHERVISH, MARK  
STANISZEWSKI, JOHN

TACK, RICK  
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FRANCHINA, GERARD

GARAVAGLIA, PHIL  
HOPKINS, NEAL  
JURCZAK, GREG  
JURIVICH, DON

LORENCE, LEONARD  
MICHAEL, DANIEL  
MLYNAREK, GARY  
MUYSENBERG, JIM

PAGE, GLENN  
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D'AGOSTINI, JIM

DUYM, KEITH  
GAWLIK, MARK  
HARTNER, DAVE

HAYNACK, STEVE  
JACOBS, MICHAEL  
MILLER, TOM L.

MILLIGAN, BILL  
PENAR, PAUL  
SIWA, TOM  
SLOAN, JOHN

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GUESTS OF HONOR

HONOR ROLL

SENIORS:

ARICKX, TOM	FISHER, MARK	LATOWSKI, TOM	PASIAK, RICK
BASTUBA, MIKE	GATT, RICK	LAURENCE, LANCE	PUSKAS, BOB
BURNS, DAN	GOLSKI, GEORGE	LOCIGCHIO, MIKE	SKOWRONEK, BOB
CAVALLO, JOE	HABEREK, DON	MATERKA, STAN	TOMASZEWSKI, MATT
COPPENS, GEORGE	HEWSON, JIM	MCPHERSON, JOE	VERLINDE, GARY
DANIELS, DAVE	KONDEK, MIKE	MICHALOWSKI, GARY	WALLACE, LYNN
EBENHOEH, GUY	KOPYTEK, PAT	MILLER, TERRY	WOJCIK, STEVE
FESSLER, PAUL	LACOMBE, CHARLES	PALM, RICK	ZAJAC, JOHN
			ZWOLAK, BOB

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JUNIORS:

BADOWSKI, JIM	GUINANE, GERARD	MATUSZ, ARNOLD	SHORT, GERY
BORDERS, MIKE	HAMEL, DAVE	MLYNAREK, DAN	SLIWINSKI, RON
DOKIANOS, TOM	HOJNACKI, DAVE	NOWAK, JEFF	SPINA, PAUL
FIEDLER, BILL	HOSTE, JIM	ONDERBEKE, GEORGE	SVENSON, BILL
FOLEY, BOB	HUMMENY, RON	PSCHIEDL, ART	TESTORI, JIM
GARAVAGLIA, ALAN	HUTCHINSON, DAN	RICHARDS, DAVE	TILL, KEVIN
GLADYSZ, STEVE	KLIMEK, TOM	RUDDY, MIKE	TRASKAL, MIKE
GROW, MIKE	LAMOTE, JERRY	SCHIOP, JIM	WALILKO, PETER

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SOPHOMORES:

ABELE, JOHN	GNEBBA, TONY	MERAW, FRANK	ROSATI, DON
AMATANGELO, STEVE	GUINANE, DAVE	NADOLSKI, DAVE	SARPOLUS, ED
BARANSKI, MARK	HERBERTSON, TOM	O'KEEFE, PAT	SCHLEICHER, GLENN
BIESZKI, JEFF	HOJNACKI, PAT	OLIVER, PAT	SELVAGGI, RALPH
BURNELL, RICK	JARDINE, DOUG	PANCZYK, BOB	SHANNON, TOM
BUSUITO, JIM	KACHEL, ALLAN	PEAGRAM, MIKE	SMITH, MARTIN
CONNORS, MIKE	KARAS, TOM	PIOTROWSKI, KEN	SMITH, TERRY
DEBUSSCHER, GARY	MAHONEY, MIKE	POMPEO, CHRIS	ST.ROSTER, BASIL
DIVITA, JOHN	MARASCO, DAN	POPP, MARK	SZYMANSKI, WALTER
FRANK, JOSEPH	MARSHALL, GARY	POWERS, DAVID	TROMBLEY, DAVE
GMEREK, DENNIS	MEQUIO, JIM	ROEHL, TOM	ZYCH, GARY

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FRESHMEN:

ANDARY, RAY	HURST, JIM	McEVoy, TIM	RUGGERI, PHIL
BALDYGA, BOB	KAYUK, BILL	McGreevy, MIKE	SCHANTA, MIKE
BANN, LARRY	KELLY, MIKE	MEGANCK, ALLAN	SCHMIDT, LOUIS
BENTLEY, MIKE	KITTLE, PAT	MITSCHANG, DAN	SCHOENHERR, CRAIG
BORDERS, RAY	KOHLITZ, TIM	MURRAY, JOSEPH	SCHRIEBER, TERRY
CAMPO, GARY	KONDEK, JIM	NANNINI, JOHN	SCHULTE, PAUL
CAVALLO, TONY	KOZON, TOM	NOWICKI, TOM	TOMKOWIAK, STEVE
CICHOCKI, KEN	KUFFNER, JOHN	O'LEARY, PAT	VENTIMIGLIA, MARK
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First Financial Report of the Economics Classes

for

The Last of the Bigtime Spenders (LOTABS)

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George Penovcik	1	Peter Malilko	2
Al Palazzolo	1	Jerry Larote	2
Frank Werner	1	Ken Perlin	1
Robert Mazzenga	1	Mike Trupiano	1
John Genette	1	*Bob Lamb	5
Ron Aranowski	1	Rich Silveri	1
Randy Copeland	1	Joe Bourgeois	1
* Martin Rossman	4	Terry Buda	1
Mark Wittner	1	John Socia	1
* John Nally	10	Rick Tack	2
Craig Steeland	1	Les Tibitowoske	1
John Staniszwski	1	Mike Karle	1
* Rich Tanner	3	Dennis Tralka	1
Mike Scharl	1	*Bill Dillion	3
Jeff Peters	1	Vince Licata	1
Jeff Haezebrouck	1	Mike Gentry	1
Henry Coloson	1	*Robert Foley	3
Jim Canu	1		
Ken Dearden	1		
Den Fischeing	2		
Randy Lang	2		
Joe Connolly	1		
Jim Shonta	1		
Dale Francek	1		
* Frank Viviano	4		
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The seven men who's name is asterik will be the board of directors. They will have the power to make the decisions regarding the liquidating of the stock which the organization known as the (lotabs) have purchased. James St. Arand has contributed 50.00 dollars and will act only as advisory capacity for this board.



# De Boys Debate De Best?

by GARY VERLINDE

Notre Dame's Debate Team has seen some years when it has gone on to victory after victory, but this year was certainly not one of them. Headed by Mr. Cosky, their coach, juniors Guy Ebenhoeh, John Goddeeris, Gary Verlinde, and Bob Brisson have gone through a year of disappointment. But hopefully it will provide an incentive for next year.

The true optimist on the team, John Goddeeris, is still saying that they are going to be state champs, but after last year's experiences, he isn't saying it quite as loudly.

The team had somewhat placed its hopes on the victorious seniors who debated

last season, but their studies prevented them from participating this season. So, the juniors did their best, which amounted to a 5-13 record for three tournaments.

Bob Brisson, the second negative and last year's most valuable JV debater, showed much promise by piling up a considerable amount of speaker's points. Guy Ebenhoeh, a new member of the team, efficiently filled the vacated position of first affirmative.

Backing up the four juniors are sophomores Jim Donovan and Ron Humeney as well as the entire JV team, guided by Mr. Schram. This team consists of freshmen Dave Nadolski, John Lutostanski, Frank Mer-

av, Tom Herbertson, Howard O'Chocke, Chris Rzepka, Don Fortunate, Ed Serapoulis, Dennis Gac, David Trombley, and Chris Kavan.

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May 1969

## Tennis Time

by PAUL CHMIELEWSKI

Tennis has joined the growing list of extracurricular activities at N.D. This "Country Club" sport was added this year to the agenda. The N.D. Tennis Club although not a full-fledged sport here is attracting a growing number of participants.

Mr. Schram, the coach, hopes funds can be acquired for next year in order to put the club into league play.

Said Mr. Schram, "We've got the players and the ability

to be one of the top-rated teams in the area. Right now we're just going over the fundamentals and scrimmaging some teams in the area to see how we do in league play."

Among the members are Ron Sliwinski, Mike Bordors, Randy Russit, Ken Vermiglio, Paul Spina, and Wayne Socceria. Also included in the tennis ranks are Dave Richards, Mike Scharel, Tim Spina, Lynn Wallace, Rob Paedro, Gene Kempiski, and Paul Chmielewski.

## Sticky Start

Under the direction of Fr. Ouellette, a stamp club has joined the ranks of extra curricular activities at Notre Dame. The main purpose of the club is to create an interest in the popular and growing hobby of stamp collecting.

## Sticky Stop

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## Student Beefs

To the Editor:

I don't mind paying \$550 for tuition when I am guaranteed of that much education, but I resent paying for stupidity. Because of a vast number of students (?) here at ND who continually destroy property on their own volition no matter what the item is, many students innocent of this are penalized. Many don't realize these costs only skyrocket the tuition and fees. The cafeteria alone provides a big enough clean-up detail to keep one janitor busy for a

whole day, five days a week. One four-figure salary could be saved if we could keep the premises cleaner.

So I say to the ignorant ones build your city dump elsewhere and let me get more for my money.

Concerned

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## Twelve Angry Men Acclaimed

by GARY KUPPER

Notre Dame has been staging its performances of plays for the past few years at the traditional quota of two a year. This year the task was undertaken by Br. Szal and Mr. Semak. Giving the responsibility of production and direction to students themselves has proved to be highly effective technique, first in "Our Town," and now in "Twelve Angry Men."

"Twelve Angry Men," the story of the deliberation of a jury in a murder trial, was performed May 3 and 4 in the school gym. The acting has to be praised very highly. Twelve different personalities were presented to the audience. Jim Hewson, John Genette, Kim Pitts, Ben Ancona, George Behaker, Mike Nardone, Bob Delisi, Jim Przeslawski, Jim Canu, Pete Walliko, Gene Kempinski and Mike Brennan each conveyed a definite feeling and point of view to the audience. Jack Brutell, student director, deserves recognition for the great effort he put into the play.

During previous plays, such



as "Becket" or "Our Town" the scenery left much to the imagination, perhaps a little too much. In "Twelve Angry Men," the stage crew actually built a realistic set, including a door, a window, flags, an overhead fan, and even a wa-

ter cooler. Rick Cerrini, student producer, is partly responsible for this improvement.

The two epics of this year can give us hope for a dramatic future here at Notre Dame.



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## Students Vent Feelings About War

by Glenn Page

A survey taken by the Shield of the students showed that most students have definite feelings toward the Vietnam War, but that these feelings are mixed throughout the classes. The general concensus is against the war, but differences on more specific questions were evident.

On the first question about President Nixon's Vietnamization policy, the Shield found that all classes except the Freshmen were against it. About 8% of the students had no comment on the question. Asked then who they felt could do a better job, most students could not think of anyone. Those who did were split on

Senators Edward Muskie, Hubert Humphrey, and Edward Kennedy. The question of immediate withdrawal found that about 55% of the students in all the classes favored it.

The most students said the Vietnam War is immoral, with the Seniors having the greatest majority of 72%. When asked if all wars were immoral, most students said no by a 62% majority, with 5% of the students undecided.

Despite their dislike of the war, a majority of the students said they would go if they were drafted.

	YES	NO
Freshman:	64%	27%
Sophomores:	50%	50%
Juniors:	73%	18%
Seniors:	57%	37%

Though 8% of the students were undecided, the dissenters preferred Canada, college, or jail to Vietnam.

Other questions reinforced the students' dislike of the war and the draft. A majority see a volunteer army as better than the present system.

A general distaste for the present situation concerning the Vietnam War was definitely evident. As to solutions for the problem, the students have no more solutions than anyone else.



# New Coach Heads Cagers

by Mark Kaye

This year Notre Dame will begin its basketball season under the direction of new head coach Gunars Vitolins who coached the Wayne State University freshman team for the last four years. He previously coached one year at both Finney and Chadsey, was an all-city player at Chadsey High, in 1956, and played for four years at Wayne State.

One might wonder why someone would leave a coaching job at college level to coach a high school team. Mr. Vitolins has two reasons. First, he will be able to stress his own philosophy of basketball. Secondly, the talent and possibilities of this year's squad influenced him.

When asked about the coming season the coach said, "I'm anxious for the season to start. I know we have a lot of talent and if we have a lot of talent and if we have the time to put it together we can go a long way." Defending champ Catholic Central will be the toughest opponent.

All-league and all-state honorable mention Jerry Guinane leads the returning lettermen, four of whom started last year. They are Terry Buda, Ken Perlin, Gerry Druzinski, George Majelay, and Mark Wojciechowski.

A welcomed addition to the team is transfer student Mike Houlbeck, a third division all Catholic selection and all-state honorable mention from Sacred Heart Seminary, who led his team to the Class B city championship last year.

Coach Vitolins selected Martin Letzmann and Christopher Suurna as his J.V. and freshman coaches respectively. All these coaches played under Joe Mason at Wayne State who stressed fundamentals. Our coaching staff also agrees that fundamentals are a good part of the game. Coach Letzmann won all-conference honors at Wayne and played a half-year of semi-pro ball. Coach Suurna coached a national team in Sweden for two years which placed second in the country. Coach Vitolins believes that the similar ideas of the coaches will provide a good basketball season.

# Hockey Team Is Optimistic

by Jim Hurst and H.W.

Despite having several of last year's all-city and all-league players graduate, the ND hockey team seems assured of a winning season based on their spirited play in the early games this year. In the opening game against Austin, senior Dennis Murphy and junior Gary Cendrowski each scored a pair of goals in Notre Dame's 7-0 victory over the Friars. Terry Nix, and David and Darryl Dipace each added one goal to the Irish total.

The hockey team is coached by Mr. John Giordano and Mr. James St. Amand who both feel the team's chances of taking the championship are very good despite the strength of the teams from Lakeview and Lakeshore. Mr. Giordano stated, "While we may have lost a lot of individual talent we have a number of young players who I'm sure will come through for us."

# Notre Dame Musicale Swings Into Action

by Paul Jarosik

"CATCH HER UNDER THE ARMS!" "DON'T DROP HER!" "WATCH YOUR RHYTHM!" "SING LIKE A CANARY!" These are expressions commonly heard through the cheerful laughter and endless excitement as students prepare themselves for Notre Dame's musical production of "It's A Grand Night For Singing."

Under the adult guidance of Bro. Gerard Timmerman, Bro. George Szal, Mr. Larry Egan, Mr. Dennis East, Miss Denise Szykula, Miss Andrea Tworek, Sister Lucille and Sister Joy, the ND drama club is presently preparing for its stage production of "It's A Grand Night For

Singing," a musical revue highlighting song-and-dance trends from the Roaring Twenties through the Soulful Sixties.

Featured in this production are individuals from Bishop Gallagher, Dominican, and Regina besides ND's own song-and-dance men, John Fallucca, Dale Francek, John Genette, Neal Hopkins, Paul Jarosik, Al Lear, Harry Potvin, James Schiop and Mark Ventimiglia.

"A Grand Night For Singing" will be presented January 9, 10, 16 and 17 at Regina Auditorium, 20200 Kelly Road, Harper Woods, Michigan. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

See you all when Broadway comes to Harper Woods.

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One of the choreographers, Mr. Dennis East, guides Joe Connolly, Jim Badowski and Frank Baretta through warm-up exercises at the tryouts.



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## Letters Comment on School Policy, DSR

To the Editor:

For a long period of time the students of this school have waited for the right of possession to a greater voice on matters of school policy. However, I feel that the present structure of student representation cannot give the students this right. Granted the Student Council is making progress towards liberalization of school policy, but time is of the essence. Many of today's students may never enjoy the benefits of today's Student Council, their Student Council.

To remedy this problem I propose the following: the creation of a Parent Teacher Student Association.

Student Council President Mike Ruddy has stated that the Parents exert a major influence on school policy and are the reason the Administration takes so long to reach decisions on suggestions presented to it by the Student Council. If what Mr. Ruddy says is true, then I believe that the formation of this P.T.S.A. will eliminate the need for the Administration to

appease parental opinion and will give students a greater voice on matters of school policy.

This P.T.S.A. should consist of parents elected at large from all parents of students attending Notre Dame, students, Student Council Officers, and Teachers. Elected by faculty from faculty, Dean of Students or Principal would serve as Chairman. Time of meetings and frequency of these, as well as number of representatives from each group, length of terms, etc. could be determined at a later date.

I strongly urge the Administration, Student Council, Faculty, Parents and all others concerned to give careful, earnest consideration to this idea.

David J. Rathke

Dear Editors,

The outrageous fare increases by the DSR require decisive action. Therefore I'm calling for a boycott of the DSR. The DSR is ignoring the welfare of its passengers in the interest of

financial profit. Notre Dame has tolerated this system long enough.

The DSR has priced themselves out of the market of student transport. The fare increases have made the bus more expensive than car pools. For example, 3 students living within 6 miles of school now pay \$7.50 in bus fares to and from school, without transfers. Those same 3 students could take a car pool, sharing gasoline costs. With gasoline at 33 cents a gallon, and getting a poor 12 miles per gallon, they could save at least \$5.85 a week! Living closer to school, taking more kids, or getting better mileage would save even more.

The point is that the DSR is trying to get the remaining riders to pay for increasing costs. I for one don't intend to pay for running a slow, expensive, widely spaced clunker. Arrange a carpool with your friends, and see how long before the DSR realizes that they don't raise quality or revenues when they raise prices.

—P.W.



# Varsity Places Second



**Carl Skrzynski, Rick Simony, Frank Werner, Eric Kirsten, Jim Komara and Terry Buda demonstrated during the season what it takes to be All-Central men.**

by Henry Woloson

After defeating St. Mary's of Redford and St. Ambrose and losing to Brother Rice, the varsity football team bounced back to sweep their remaining 4 league games.

With the combination of a strong defense and a potent offense that had trounced St. Ambrose 38-6, Notre Dame, led by senior quarterback Frank Werner, defeated Catholic Central 24-0. Werner scored two touchdowns on runs of 10 and 12 yards while Terry Buda added both extra points. Sophomore Mike Piatek scored the other touchdown on a 6 yard run. The defense was also impressive as they stalled one Catholic Central drive on the one yard line.

In the Homecoming Game against De La Salle, the defensive unit was outstanding as Joe Connolly, Terry Buda and Mark Wojciechowski each intercepted a De La Salle pass that set up touchdowns. Junior Terry Cirocco also blocked a punt which led to a 25 yard Irish touchdown pass from Frank Werner to Carl Skrzynski. Scoring touchdowns for Notre Dame were Mike Piatek on a 55 yard run. Randy Copeland going in on a 23 yard run, and Terry Buda scoring the final touchdown on a 4 yard plunge in the 28-8 Irish victory.

In the final league game against winless Austin, Terry Buda turned in his finest performance of the season by

scoring 3 touchdowns, two of them on 32 and 23 yard passes from Frank Werner and one on an 11 yard dun. Randy Copeland ran for another touchdown while Bob Cindrich and Tom Bittner each caused a safety to make the final score 33-0. This gave the Irish a season record of 6 wins and 1 loss for second place in the Central Division.

The last game of the year was against Gabriel Richard. Terry Buda demonstrated his candidacy for All-State honors by scoring three touchdowns and gaining most of the Notre Dame yardage. But costly penalties and two Irish fumbles within the Notre Dame 25 yard line provided Gabriel Richard with too many opportunities to score. With Notre Dame behind 36-24 in the closing minutes of the game, Frank Werner scored the final touchdown from the 15 yard line. The mistakes proved to be the margin of victory for Gabriel Richard as they upset Notre Dame 36 to 30.



# J. B. Speaks

by Jim Badowski

Although indirectly promised, a Notre Dame handbook was never published nor handed out to the students. Consequently, bewildered underclassmen are walking the halls asking themselves pertinent questions like: How high up is the ceiling? How many springs are under the gym floor? It is my belief that these flounders are strangers to their own school. So I'll use my 200 word limit to introduce them to Notre Dame.

**The average N.D.er is 5'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall, weighs 123.24 lbs., has grey eyes, brown hair and is an alcoholic. Three kids at N.D. wear tie shoes. Two hundred and forty-seven have braces. After 4 years a graduate has consumed, on the average: 2,283 french fries, 4,008 cokes, 17,691 beers and 9,210 bottles of Boone's Farm. The majority of N.D. grads receive their college scholarships from parents.**

Ten percent of the senior class have N.D. rings. However 57% of Regina's senior class have N.D. rings. The student's favorite teacher is Pete Dixon. The tallest kid in the school was born May 22, 23 and 24.

There are 1,253 desks and 37 waste baskets in the classrooms. While only 4% of the baskets are ever filled with litter, 73% of the desks are crammed with flunked tests, candy wrappers and ice cream wrappers. (Hope that any of you who were unfamiliar with N.D. now see her as a dear friend whom you know well.)

Coach Vachon announces the following appointments for the 1971 Track and Cross Country Teams:

1971 Track Captains

Don Jurivich, George Mejaly Doug Sulick

1971 Cross Country Captains

Don Jurivich, Joe Smyka

## School Campaigns Against 'C'

by Jerry Franchina

Even though Proposal C was passed, the students of Notre Dame High School will go on record as involved opponents against its passage.

With the exception of seniors Ron Humenny, student co-ordinator against C, and Student Council president Mike Ruddy, the Juniors did the brunt of the campaigning. Notre Dame, Regina, and Lutheran East distributed over 18,000 leaflets.

The N.D. students that worked on the campaign did not limit their work within the area. Instead, with the organization of Humenny, Ruddy and Faculty co-ordinator against C, Mr. Rice, the students set forth to campaign door to door in other parishes withstanding both the rain and bitter cold. The enthusiasm was so great that Ron Humenny afterward declared, "The students showed real determination and spirit. They didn't sit back and let other people do the work, they went out and got the job done."

Notre Dame also supported the state wide organization: "Michigan Students Against C" since its start. Including contributions given by other sources as well as those from the students, N.D. contributed a grand total of \$800.00 for the funding of advertisements for TV, Radio and newspapers.

The students of Notre Dame High School have positively taken part in the state-wide election by endorsing a "no" vote on the proposition that would amend the Michigan Constitution and prohibit public aid to non-public schools.

### REFLECTIONS

*For me getting a haircut is humiliating. "Take off your shirt," my father orders. But repulsed by the hairless, shapeless slab or goose flesh, my chest, he begs me to at least leave my undershirt on. I shudder as the kinky curls that once fuzzed over shirt collar prick the nape of my neck, a stale, sour sweat streaming from under my arms. My father, pinching his nose and paraphrasing Spiro Agnew gasps, "Cripes, you even stink like a tomentose effete student radical." I wince at glowing ashes from his Tareyton singe my pocket hunchback. "You moved." "But, daddy." "Sorry, James, I'll just have to take off twice as much now to even it out," he snickers. Even the electric clippers droning in my ears cannot drown out my little brother guffawing as he toys with his curly hair. When my mother beaming says I look like a Notre Dame man again, I cringe toward the mirror. Shorn of hair the sides of my head are two parallel planes of dark brown stubble. Without the distracting shock of bangs, my crooked Roman nose veers to the left at a 45° angle. As blotches of acne glare at me from my Abraham Lincoln forehead my father sweeps the only thing that I had ever asked for into the dustpan. — Jim Stano*



# CC Outruns Predictions

by Mark Ruth

Although the cross country team ran into trouble at the beginning of the season by losing to Brother Rice 39-22 (low score wins), they finished the regular season with a 4-1 record. They accomplished this feat by taking the next four league meets, thus showing the self perseverance and determination which propelled the Harriers to the Catholic Finals.

The team was led by Captain Greg Geck who was the 2nd fastest runner to compete at Rouge Park with a time of 11:57. But some pretty strong running has come from the Junior section of the team; Joe Smyka and Don Jurvich. Don who has been plagued by injuries throughout the season still demonstrated his strong running ability. The team was rounded out by Doug Sulick and Mike Prainito.

At the Catholic Finals Notre Dame was picked to run no better than sixth or seventh place, but to the surprise of all the Harriers ran themselves to a second place finish only six pts. behind Bishop Borgess.

Coach Vachon summed up the team's performance by saying, "The group is exceptionally good, but because of injuries they just ran out of flank. The injuries hurt us a lot."

Oct. 31 the Cross Country team looked to the Regionals where Junior Joe Smyka said, "Our chances are pretty good. We just missed the Catholic Finals by six points. This will give us more drive." It turned out that Notre Dame did go on to win the Regional with the Harriers taking first place, tying with Grosse Pointe North with 53 pts.

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# BASEBALL: ND - The Team To Beat

by BOB DAVID

This year Notre Dame is the team to beat in the Catholic league, Central baseball bracket.

Coached by Mr. Tom Kelly, the Irish have three All-Central players back on the squad this year; pitcher Bob Makowski, third baseman Steve Karas, shortstop Terry Bulgarrelli, along with Marty Kacius who also started last year. Other veterans of the diamond who are back this year are: Jeff Suma, Rick Amella and Jim Osaer.

Notre Dame now holds a strong 4-0 league record, and a 6-1 overall record.

You might wonder where the Irish are getting all their pitching from? Would you believe Terry Bulgarrelli? You

had better, because Terry now holds a school record, two consecutive no-hitters!

In Terry's first encounter with "the hill," he defeated Detroit Cathedral 4-1. Terry shows exceptional speed and control in striking out 14. Junior Don Bliss showed some hitting punch with a double and a triple.

In his second pitching gem, Notre Dame had no trouble beating a weak Salesian team 15-0 Terry struck out 15 and got plenty of hitting support as the Irish bombarded the Knights pitching staff with 16 hits.

The Irish had a little trouble with a strong U of D club. It took a perfect throw from Jim Osaer with two out in the seventh, to nail the tying run

at the plate, and to give Notre Dame a 3-2 victory. Jeff Suma pitched and helped his own cause with a bases loaded double to account for all of the runs for the Irish.

Against the Friars of Austin, Jeff Suma sparkled, as he pitched a four hitter to give the Irish a 4-0 victory and Jeff's second league victory. Although the Irish only got 5 hits, good base running and great strategy by Coach Tom Kelly proved to be the decisive factor.

In non-league competition, Notre Dame has defeated Harper Wood 7-3, and South Lake 5-0. Rockville Sophomore Frank Werner has shown great promise as a pitcher in these games. Notre Dame's only defeat came against an exceptional Cranbrook team 10-3.



## Crowd Turns Out For Powder Puff Game

by Peter Wallko

Why do people come to Powder Puff games like the one played Oct. 24 between Dominican and Regina? 90% of the spectators come to see helmetless, tennis-shoed, jeaned, lampblacked girls, in oversize jerseys borrowed from ND and the Lions, clash in a blood drawing battle. The other 10% said they had to come because their sisters or friends were on the team, or because they were on the school staff.

Established is that most come to watch a fight. And they saw a good one, on condition they could see over the cheerleaders, ballons, pompoms, posters and constantly enthusiastic specta-

tors. They saw Regina power past Dominican 12-0. The Ravens put forth an excellent pass defense, though they couldn't quite halt the Saddle-lite rushing game or their lateral lob. As the game wore on, tempers flared but no bloodshed, to the disappointment of a few spectators. Half-time activities featured the Regina drill team, a prize-winning precision team, but sadly silent. How much more appealing they could be with a fife and drum corps.

Chosen Powder Puff Prince by the Regina Senior Class, the man among men whose personality distinguished him from the rest of his class, was Jim Badowski.



Prince Badowski reigns over the Dominican-Regina Powder Puff game, rumored to be the biggest battle since the Civil War.

## CC Outruns Predictions

by Mark Ruth

Although the cross country team ran into trouble at the beginning of the season by losing to Brother Rice 39-22 (low score wins), they finished the regular season with a 4-1 record. They accomplished this feat by taking the next four league meets, thus showing the self perseverance and determination which propelled the Harriers to the Catholic Finals.

The team was led by Captain Greg Geck who was the 2nd fastest runner to compete at Rouge Park with a time of 11:57. But some pretty strong running has come from the Junior section of the team; Joe Smyka and Don Jurvich. Don who has been plagued by injuries throughout the season still demonstrated his strong running ability. The team was rounded out by Doug Sulick and Mike Prainito.

At the Catholic Finals Notre Dame was picked to run no better than sixth or seventh place, but to the surprise of all the Harriers ran themselves to a second place finish only six pts. behind Bishop Bergess.

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## Soccer Team Anticipates Future

by David Skoczylas and H.W.

In its first season as a varsity letter sport, the soccer team finished the season with a 4-2 record. Both of Notre Dame's losses came at the hands of the Utica High School team with scores of 5-0 and 5-2. The

Kickers defeated Allen Park High 2-1 and 3-2, and Grosse Pointe University School 2-1 and 2-0.

In addition to the players wearing the white stripe on their new letter sweaters, four

players, Tim McEvoy, Armand Lecomte, Bob Bruzesse and Jerry LaMote have red all-state stripes. These were given them following their selection to a soccer team comprised of players from only 2 of the 6 soccer leagues in Michigan.





1969 Homecoming Queen Sue Swick and Escort John Genette cheer as Irish Gridders battle their way downfield.

## Genette Pilots Juniors

by JOE DiPASQUALE

One of the major reasons the junior class is such a well organized body of students is their President, John Genette. Formerly serving as home-room representative and later secretary of his sophomore class, John has now come to possess the reins of the junior class. His election can easily be understood when his congenial personality is considered.

His goals for his term of office are well defined and display a consciousness of the needs of both his own class and the school as a whole.

In regard to the juniors he is working towards making it possible for them to obtain their class rings early in the year rather than towards its end. He feels this would make the possession of rings an upperclassmen's privilege rather than a senior distinction.

He also plans to organize a junior semi-formal dance, a project which had been attempted in previous years. For John clearly brought out the difference this year as being, "This one will be successful."

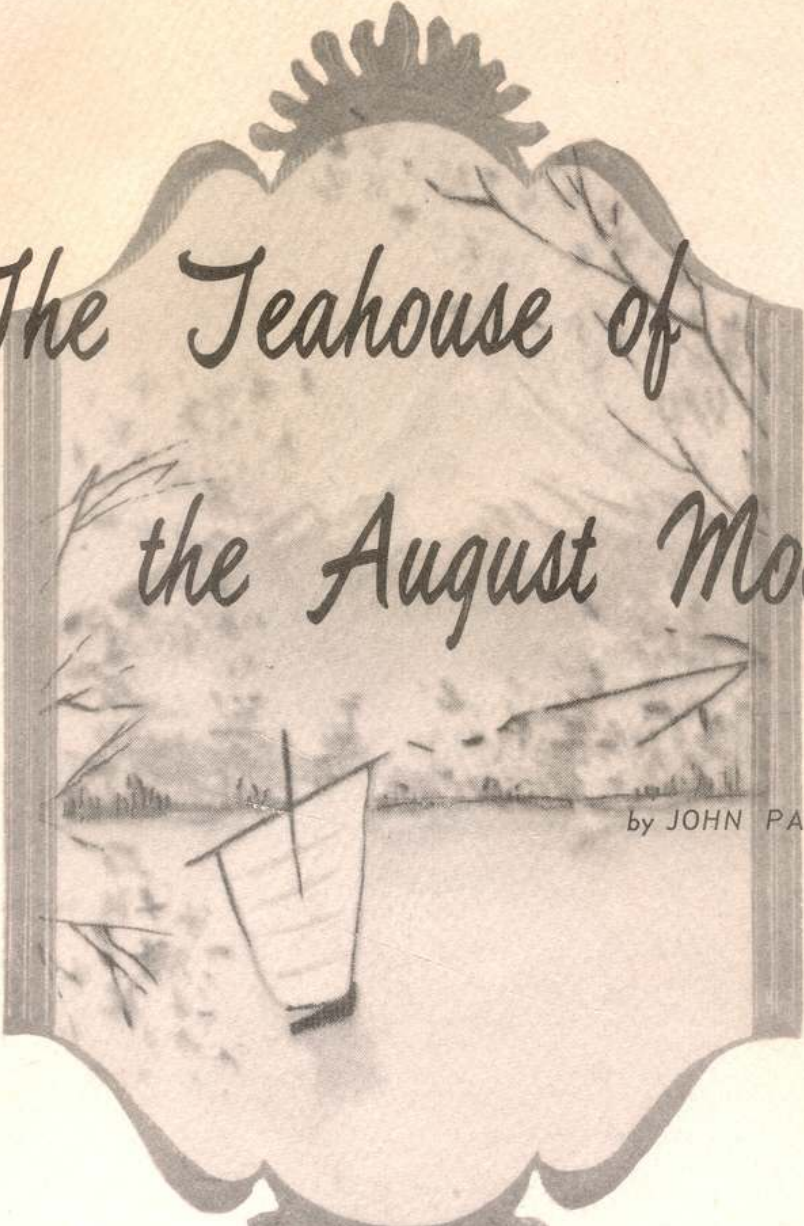
President Genette's other goals encompass the entire school.

First he hopes to maintain the spirit generated thus far at ND. Secondly, he is determined to see that the dress codes be made more liberal.

Though these plans seem very consuming, John Gen-

ette's energy is also poured into some extra-curricular activities, the foremost being drama. He is currently holding the leading role in Regina's play, "The Skin of Our Teeth." At the same time he is involved in N.D.'s upcoming play in the capacity of the publicity committee.

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*"The Teahouse of  
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by JOHN PATRICK

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SCENE 2 ----- OUTSIDE CAPTAIN FISBY'S QUARTERS,  
GHQ

SCENE 3 ----- TORIKI VILLAGE

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(12 MINUTES)

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ACT TWO

SCENE 1 ----- TORIKI VILLAGE

SCENE 2 ----- COLOREL PURDY'S OFFICE,  
GHQ

SCENE 3 ----- CAPTAIN FISBY'S OFFICE, TORIKI

SCENE 4 ----- TORIKI VILLAGE

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ACT THREE

SCENE 1 ----- THE TEAHOUSE OF THE AUGUST MOON

SCENE 2 ----- CAPTAIN FISBY'S OFFICE, TORIKI

SCENE 3 ----- THE TEAHOUSE OF THE AUGUST MOON

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MA, HE'S MAKING EYES AT ME..... LAURA KNOTH  
YES SIR, THAT'S MY BABY..... CHORUS

THE '30S

SIDE BY SIDE..... LAURA BURR  
I'VE GOT RHYTHM..... DALE FRANCK  
ON THE GOOD SHIP LOLLIPOP..... DANCE CHORUS  
LAURA BURR  
OVER THE RAINBOW..... LAURA BURR  
R. DOMENICUCCI  
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THE SENTIMENTAL '40S

SAINT LOUIS BLUES MARCH..... DANCE CHORUS  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES..... MARTY ANDREWS  
IN APPLE BLOSSOM TIME..... GAYLE BANTLE  
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GIVE MY REGARDS TO BROADWAY..... ENTIRE CAST

THE '50S: BROADWAY

ANOTHER OP'NIN', ANOTHER SHOW..... CHORUS  
TONIGHT..... LAURA BURR  
SHALL WE DANCE..... DALE FRANCK  
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GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME..... HARRY POTVIN  
DANGERS..... JOHN GENETTE  
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GAYLE BANTLE  
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GEORGY GIRL..... ENTIRE CAST  
DANCE SOLOIST..... LAURA BUTTON  
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TEACH YOUR CHILDREN..... NEAL HOPKINS  
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ELANOR RIGBY..... JOHN FALLUCCA  
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ENTIRE CAST

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Colonel Pickering.....	John Genette
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Selsey Man .....	Matt Ciemerych
Hoxton Man .....	Al Grrebyk
1st Cockney .....	Joe Connolly
2nd Cockney .....	Jeff Wood
3rd Cockney .....	Dave Rathke
4th Cockney .....	Dale Francek
Bartender .....	Mike McEntaggart
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Jamie .....	Joe Connolly
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Mrs. Hopkins .....	Debbie Valentic
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Mrs. Higgins.....	Diane Maurizio
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Lady Boxington.....	Pat Snyder
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## "My Fair Lady" Rates Four Standing Ovations

by Paul Jarosik

"You did it, you did it, we knew that you could do it and indeed you did," is a line that not only compliments the tedious efforts of Professor Henry Higgins but the entire Notre Dame production of "My Fair Lady."

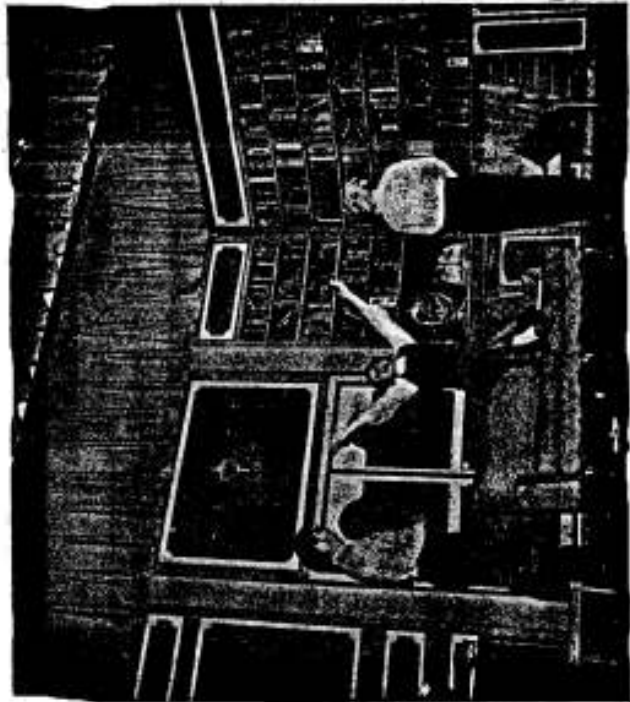
Not until a thorough casting of parts was conducted by having each prospect act, sing and dance did the Producer, Br. G. Timmerman fill the various roles. Landing the lead male role of Professor Henry Higgins was Senior Dave Hamel. Even though appearing in his first play, Dave's acting would probably have pleased Rex Harrison himself. Mary Lou Zuelch characterized the problem-prone flower girl, Eliza Doolittle. Her experience and performing ability stems back to her many roles in other pro-

ductions such as the recent Dominican play, "The King and I," "West Side Story," "Half A Sixpence," and others. Notre Dame's most experienced actor, John Genette, channeled his efforts by becoming the ever-polite, dignified Colonel Pickering. Many regard him as one of the better actors in Notre Dame's Drama History. John Fallucca, superstar from "It's A Grand Night For Singing", once again shone as he became the intoxicatingly funny, Alfred P. Doolittle.

Contributing to the splendor of the play was finely detailed scenery. Constructed as peractoids in order to simplify scene changes, each set had been artistically painted by Dominican art students. Everything from lifelike books to the front of a bar had been created to add realism to the play. Eliza

borate costumes that ranged from shabby rags to exquisite gowns also highlighted the evening as women in the audience were stunned as they saw "fashion styles" reappear before their eyes.

"My Fair Lady" owes much of its success to the song and dance ensemble. Their energetic group routines consistently received applause from the audience. The individuals who did so much to organize and assist were as follows: Producer, Br. G. Timmerman; Director, Sr. L. Hamacek; Choreographers, Mr. D. East, Miss D. Szykula; Band, Mr. Larry Egan, and all those who participated on crew, and shared the same success as the actors. "We knew that you could do it" and indeed you did!



Eliza Doolittle finally proclaims that "the rain in Spain stays mainly in the 'plain'" to an amazed Colonel Pickering and Professor Higgins.

Senior Skip Day

Friday May 21.  
At: Stoney Creek (white Pine)  
Meet at Conay Island 8 mile  
side at 8:30 or at Stoney  
Creek.

## SENIOR SURVEY

1. **Are you glad you came to Notre Dame?**  
66% yes 23% no 10% undecided
2. **Do you think Notre Dame has trained you for college?**  
68% yes 28% no 4% undecided
3. **Do you think the school (Notre Dame) treats the students as children or as young men?**  
66% children 15% young men 19% undecided
4. **Do you think going to Notre Dame involves pride and prestige?**  
46% yes 51% no 4% undecided
5. **Are you going to college next year?**  
94% yes
6. **Do you regret going to an all-boys school?**  
70% yes 29% no
7. **Have you won any scholarships?**  
37% yes 63% no
8. **Who was your favorite teacher?**  
Mr. Vachon 25 votes  
Mr. Rice 20 votes  
Mr. Bob Kelly 14 votes  
Mr. St. Amand 14 votes
9. **If you had High School to do over again, would you come back to Notre Dame?**  
46% yes 49% no 3% undecided

(Percentages based on answers from 160 seniors)



# ND's Master Linguist Inspires Language Students

by Ron Sliwinski

Is it Room 222? Well not quite, but the world of 101 is unique in the annals of Notre Dame High School. In case you aren't familiar with it, 101 is known as Father DesRosier's private "petite France". Just as in its famous ABC counterpart, the guiding light of 101 is a remarkable teacher and man. Anyone who has had a class with Father DesRosier (notably French or Latin) can recall the relaxed and congenial atmosphere of his "sessions." Father DesRosier manages to set his students at ease with a potent brew of humor and wit. So much so that often you're not even aware that you're actually involved in a learning process.

As Father puts it, "If people aren't comfortable they don't learn as well. No one wants to make pain and pressure a part of his life. Growing up and learning have to be enjoyable and interesting. I try not to teach boredom." Another reason students can identify with "bonus pater" is because of the honest and exuberant manner with which he faces each day. "I enjoy what I'm doing and the life that I'm living. I like it here. I do have days when I'm down, but on those days I usually give the class a study; why have the kids absorb your feelings and troubles, life is hard enough already."

The real effect of Father DesRosier's style is not manifested in the amount of knowledge that his pupils glean from his teaching but in the breakdown of the traditional barriers between professor and student. There is no antagonism or distrust. His classes acquire the aspect of a personal exchange between you, the other students and the "good father." "Communication has to be an interpersonal relationship," says Fa-

ther DesRosier, "the more students can come up with themselves the better it is. Real learning only takes place individually in an atmosphere of openness and lack of fear. Teaching is facilitation. My job is to promote learning and encourage a free and open environment for my students." The student loses his "40-minutes-of-class-then-I'm-through" attitude and becomes more fully involved in his studies.

From the amount of involvement Father DesRosier fosters to his relationships with his students and from the acute insight he displays into Notre Dame life and the pressures that affect the way a student performs, I believe it can be safely said that Father DesRosier is one of the most respected and well-liked teachers (lay or Religious) at N.D. today. After all where else could you find a 4 ft., multi-lingual philosopher who reads Tolkein!



Fr. DesRosier, a living example of the vim, vigor and vitality that a glass of milk contains, brightens up the life of the foreign language student at ND.

# EXPERIENCED

by Jimi Donovan

Lately the recording industry has been pretty miserly. For at least six months, few good albums have been released. In the last two months, however, I've come across two good jams. The Moody Blues' new album, and Jimi Hendrix-Otis Redding live at Monterey. Well, I'll admit that I'm prejudiced in favor of Jimi. Consider with me how "A Question of Balance" sounds.

This album starts with "Question" and, after a few soft bars, the song suddenly hits, pounding at your ears, in a note as hard and sudden as a gunshot. This technique is reflected in many songs, with the Moody's building up into mighty crescendos and dropping back to their normal volume. The Moody's are less of the soft rock players they have always been.

The Moody's still have about the same writing style, but they use their instruments slightly

differently. They are much more rock now than ever before but still retain the touch of classical influence from "Days of Future" passed. Their background music is still the mix of old and new, whereas their lead is more of the new style.

The Moody's have also adopted a new cause. They're ecology freaks now. Just as their songs have always had meaning, several of the songs on this album deal with man's destruction of his environment. "Why Is It" sings of the depletion of the world's resources and the generosity of Mother Earth. They speak of "her" love and "her" giving to man. Then they mention pollution and the necessity to do something, for the average man to speak up in "Don't You Feel Small?"

This new subject matter gives them two of the best songs on the album, a plus for them (besides I'm an ecology-freak too) and they make music as beautiful as before.

## THE SHIELD



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# LaLutte



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PRICE

This is our third issue and as you can see we have had no hassle from the teachers as many of you thought would happen. We would like to thank Fr. Bancourt who could have barred the passing out of the paper in the school and let us pass it out 100 feet in front of the school but instead he is letting us pass it out in the school. We saw the new edition of the shield and we have read the interviews and article by Jim Rudowski which we consider very funny. But after reading the interview we were left with a few questions. First concerning Mr. Stark's comment on open meetings. He says he approves of open meetings as long as they are open to all students and not just a few. Well our staff were probably the first people to go to open meetings. Later our paper came out with a member of the SC saying the SC was a farce. When we tried to go to the next meeting (this time even the Shield was there) we were informed it was an executive meeting by Mr. Stark and that we would have to leave. Well maybe it was an exec meeting but how come this wasn't announced over the PA like they usually are. We were later informed that they discussed the possibility of having a donkey basketball game with Regina. Was this so important that the meeting had to be closed? We didn't give in though and again we went to the SC meeting. Here Mr. Stark informed us we couldn't go to this meeting. He said why should we be allowed he wants "all the students to show up or none." Well Mr. Stark maybe because we are interested. Remember that open Curriculum meeting you had, Steve Henser and Jan Schroeder from LaLutte were the only people to show up out side a few SC members and not even all of them showed up. (not even the Shield made this one) So we are interested and we will continue to try to go to SC meetings. We are not stopping anyone from going to SC meetings.

Note to J.B.- how does it feel to have an article censored in the Shield.

## Alternative newsletter "LaLutte"



## Seniors Win Top Scholarships

Notre Dame Seniors traditionally capture one of the largest amounts in scholarships of any high school in the city. The class of '71 upheld this tradition by gaining some \$20,000 in cash scholarships to several members of the graduating class.

One of the largest scholarships awarded is the Evans Scholarship. Ken Perlin won a four year Evans Scholarship to Michigan State University covering tuition and room and board valued to be an almost \$6,000 prize. Stephen Gladys, another winner, will use his money from the Evans Scholarship, \$500 per year, to pursue his education also at State.

Mark Shervish coveted a Michigan State University Merit Scholarship of \$1,000 per year for 4 years in addition to his Detroit News Carrier Scholarship of \$500 for academic high school excellence. Jim Donovan, another Merit Scholarship winner has received \$1,500 a year from the Shell Oil Company. Jim plans to attend Notre Dame University in the fall.

The highly competitive U of M Regents Alumni Scholarship, basically an honorary award, was earned by Rick Tack, Tim Connors, and Craig Steeland, who all plan on attending the University of Michigan in the fall.

Other seniors meriting scholarships include Russ Capaldi from the University of Detroit, Dave Richards from Lawrence Tech, John Genette from U of D, and Bob Foley who received U of D's Father Hugh Smith Scholarship.

Numerous other seniors received Michigan Competitive Scholarships, both monetary awards and honorary "handshakes." These winners received recognition at the Awards Day program and Academic Banquet held recently in the school gym.

The academic excellence for which Notre Dame is known has, once again, been reasserted by this large volume of scholarships won by the class of '71.

## PBK Lauds Top Seniors

by Mark Schervish

This year the Detroit Association Phi Beta Kappa has invited a record number of Notre Dame students to their annual honors convocation. Thirteen seniors met students from 103 other high schools in the Metro Detroit Area on May 13th in Ford Auditorium. For 23 years Phi Beta Kappa has honored high school seniors who have maintained averages of 3.6 or better through grades 10, 11, and 12 (first semester only).

Phi Beta Kappa Certificate of Commendation winners have achieved one of the highest honors that more than one student in each school can attain. And be assured that this was not a slight task. It was the product of two and a half years of doing more than what was called for. Notre Dame is not for the student who merely wants a high school education. It offers the challenge of a college-preparatory school, and the Phi Beta Kappa scholars have proven that they have accepted that challenge.

Phi Beta Kappa is not just for the brilliant student. Every Freshman and almost every Sophomore at ND today can be a Phi Beta Kappa scholar before he graduates if he puts his nose to the grindstone right now. I don't mean that you must spend nights upon end with the books. But when a teacher gives an assignment, don't say, "I already know all that," just do it. That makes learning a lot easier, and you'll still have Friday nights to . . . do whatever. If you don't believe me, ask any one of this year's Phi Beta Kappa scholars: Richard Browning, Tim Connors, Jim Donovan, Al Garavaglia, Dan Hutchinson, Dave Olane, Mike Scharf, Mark Schroll, Mark Schervish, John Staniszewski, James Stano, Craig Steeland, and Richard Tack.

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Mr. Rice



# Jim Badowski Reminisces Four Years

by **Jim Badowski**

“Okay, since your late again for the staff meeting, you get to write a recap of the four years at N. D. of the Class of 71.” Stunned, I single-handely saluted my editors, grabbed my attache case, went home, opened my closet, threw my shirt and jacket into the closet, took three Jugglers from the top shelf and plunked myself down on the kitchen table. I then pushed the yearbooks to the other side of the table. Got two pieces of fried chicken, a slice of Awrey lemon-merangie pie out of the refrigerator and stuffed myself. With the important things out of the way, I began my four year recap. And so, these are the years that were.

## 1968 — Freshmen

Remember, that's the year you took your group picture in the gym for the Juggler next to your locker partner. (He was the only other guy in the school you knew) 1968, the year in which on the first day of school, you went thru the front door for the first and last time, then waited in a line formed at the second wing (which was really the first) to buy an elevator pass. 1968, who would ever think this would be the last year you'd ever wear tie shoes and pants with cuffs. During this year, Fr. Bryson not only introduced 100 freshmen to rosaries but every Friday night to girls. Fr. DesRosier had 100 15 year old kids walking around saying "Wee Wee" and "Maria nautam videt." Fr. Martin and Mr Kelly had 50 freshmen limping around with broken ankles. (Touch football; my eye) Br. Nalley and Br. Sajdak talked all the little freshmen into going out for the play "Becket." Low on the seniority list, the talented freshmen got roles as messengers and guards, the less talented guys got to be the floor, tents, or walls. One real tall guy got to be an arch. 25 freshmen never made it past their freshmen year. I'm talking, of course, about the kids who had Mr. Vachon for freshmen Eng-

lish. One orderly at Little Sunshine Hideaway Sanitorium who works where they are staying to "recover" described them as, ". . . the worst paranoid cases I've seen in 35 years. We didn't know where the football team had been so we blindly joined in on the Homecoming celebration. Homeroom reps picked Debbie Valentic from Dominican as the Freshmen Queen. And before the N.D. band had played the N.D. fight song announcing the end of the half, Debbie had been named Homecoming Queen. We played U. of D. that day and every freshman who worked on the float wanted "creamed cubs." Dress in a leprecon suit, we put Barry Shaudt between two goal posts and next to a can with N.D. on it (our float) and pulled it the length of the parade route only to come dead third in the competition. All in all it was a good year. Our experiences were all different except for, maybe, wearing black crew socks to Phys. Ed. or mistaking Fr. Saunders for a Senior. One thing we all agreed on, we had to come back in '69.



## 1969 — Sophomores

It took us two weeks to learn to spell sophomores with three o's. We were really bigshots now, we only had to take Phys. Ed. 3 times a week. That year we found out that you really don't have to sign out books from the library. Although one important question was still left unanswered; "Who is Peter Chanel?" That year the administration gave us new teachers. They gave us Mr. Mike Shaw. In him not only did we get a teacher to teach us the contents of the yellow book with the bees on the cover (which sold for \$7.50 at the booksale) but we got our first cause. Sophomores united to protest the pitching of frogs and the taking of goldfish out of water for long durations. We shall overcome and all that stuff. We were given a new, revised Br. Bruce Szal who taught Shakespeare like no other. Br. Szal used to sing "When I'm 65" with banjo accompaniment to calm us sophomores. They gave us Mr. Recor. Unfortunately, we didn't find out why until the next year. Br. John Helie also fell prey to the sophomores. He fought back by jumping on a desk and pretending to be a rock during his drama class. We kept our distance. The front office let us

have class officers in '69. Frank Werner was elected Vice-president because he played football. John Genette was elected because he knew more than 5 girls and he could print good. And Ron Humenny was elected because he had more than 4 shirts. Henry united our class for an Inner City project. A group went to St. Edwards Parish for a Christmas party thrown for the little kids of the neighborhood. We also were given a sophomore sodality with Jeff Wood at the helm. Jeff got his boys together for a Faculty-student volleyball game. Once again Homecoming came around. Only this time we knew

where the team was; in the locker room. Sandy Palumbo from Regina was picked as our Soph queen. Later that day she was picked Homecoming Queen. Two years in a row for the Class of 71. That years float, suggested by Br. Nalley, was a bench beneath an arc before a fountain. It didn't take first prize, but those of us who spent the time in the garage by the football field, it was a masterpiece. It was a good year just as we had anticipated and the next year was just as goes.



## 1970 — Juniors

We finally found out what it's like to be taught by Mr. Schram (the upper class professor). Mr. Rice and Mr. Schram got together to teach us kids about American History. We learned American History well, but we forgot everything we learned if not by the day of the exam then by the day after. Fr. DesRosiers French boys, by now, were either going to Whoppers and ordering in French or had given up studying French figuring that if ever in France and approached by a mademoiselle they would say "Wee Wee" to anything she asked. One by one the number of Class of 71ers with cars got larger. The daily junior activity was getting into a car and driving 300 times around Regina gawking at the girls. With no Phys. Ed., 98% of the class went stir-crazy by sixth period. The cafeteria became the Juniors gym. All sorts of games were devised: Volley-orange, Brown paper bag, ½ peanut butter sandwich (much like basketball). For Homecoming, John Genette escorted Sue Swick from Dominican. Sue not only met the Juniors standards but also the judges and for the third year in a row the Class of 71 claimed the Homecoming Queen. By early March almost every 71er had his official N.D. Class Ring. By late March 200 lucky girls or sewer

grates had N.D. Class Rings. Br. Helie provided a junior filled cast for the production, "The Man Who Came to Dinner". Although not the lead roles, the roles given to the Juniors were better than the ones given to them in their freshman year. John Genette played the self-centered Beverly Carlton and Al Garavaglia played the small town sophisticated, Bert Jefferson, to name a few. In 1970 we found out that the reason we got Mr. Recor as a teacher was to discourage us from planning to stay 5 or 6 years at N.D. to avoid the draft. But in a way, it was not the draft we wanted to avoid, it was 1971.



## 1971 — SENIORS

Our year was here. It was our turn to get thrown out by our ears. Some of our dreams had come true in 4 years. We picked another winner in Gayle Petrie of Regina who became the 1971 Homecoming Queen. Somehow the whole year seemed ironic. By excelling as individuals, we did more for the school than we had done in the other years. Jim Komara and Eric Kirsten both had excellent seasons in football. Both men received scholarships to Xavier. Terry Buda had an excellent year in football, basketball, and track. Greg Geck kicked up a storm to become All-City in track and cross-country. Jim Stano's writing talent emerged in the schools best class, Essay Writing. These men plus many others among the 71ers excelled in what they could do best. By doing this, they have made N.D. a place in which one can entrust his pride. It was pride that brought us together as a class. Now that I've written my recap, I find that I can no longer say, "I've spent four years at Notre Dame." I think I've invested four years; but for once the dividends I've received vastly exceed the investment. Don't you agree?

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# Notre Dame High School Athletic Wall of Fame



Gerry Druzinski



Mike Ruddy



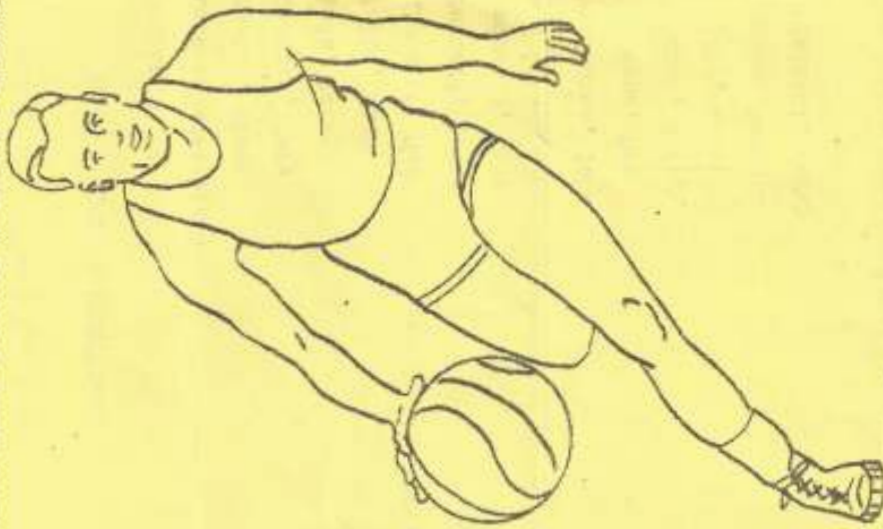
Terry Buda



Gerry Guinane



MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



District Basketball Tournament  
Number 38

March 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 1969

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, March 6, 1969

7:30 p.m.

HARPER WOODS-NOTRE DAME

10	Perlin, Mike
12	Lutostanski, Frank
14	Taylor, Frank
20	Cookley, Gary
22	Buda, Terry
24	Peltz, Mike
30	Mlynarek, Dan
34	Ferrari, Steve
40	Sadowski, Greg
42	Karas, Steve
44	Vandoorne, John
50	Kruszyna, Den
52	Guinane, Gerry
15	Mejaly, George
5	Perlin, Kenneth
3	Druzinski, Jerry

COACH: Roy Johnson

Monday

Detroit-Austin 58  
Grosse Pte. South 66

Tuesday

H. Wds. -Notre Dame 61  
Grosse Pte. North 54

*Notre Dame High School*



*Baccalaureate Mass*

AT

NOTRE DAME HIGH

JUNE 4, 1971

**CELEBRANT AND HOMILY**

FR. RICHARD ROTONDO S.M. - GUIDANCE DIRECTOR

*Commencement*

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

JUNE 6, 1971



# *Commencement Exercises*

## PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL . . . . .	NOTRE DAME BAND
"STAR SPANGLE BANNER" . . . . .	NOTRE DAME BAND DIRECTED BY MR. LARRY EGAN
WELCOME . . . . .	MR. MARK SCHERVISH SALUTATORIAN
INVOCATION . . . . .	FR. JOSEPH CHASSE S.M. RECTOR
ADDRESS . . . . .	MR. ALAN GARAVAGLIA VALEDICTORIAN
PRESENTATION OF SENIOR GIFT . . . . .	MR. TIMOTHY CONNORS CLASS PRESIDENT
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER . . . . .	MR. ALAN GARAVAGLIA
ADDRESS TO GRADUATES . . . . .	MR. RICHARD AUSTIN SECRETARY OF STATE
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS . . . . .	FR. HENRY RANCOURT S.M. PRINCIPAL ASSISTED BY FR. RAYMOND BOULANGER S.M. CLASS ADVISOR READING OF NAMES, WILLIAM RAYMOND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
AWARDS . . . . .	MR. ALAN GARAVAGLIA DONATED BY MARIST COMMUNITY MR. MARK SCHERVISH DONATED BY FR. OMER ST. ONGE PROVINCIAL
BLESSING OF GRADUATES . . . . .	FR. JOSEPH CHASSE S.M. RECTOR
RECESSIONAL . . . . .	NOTRE DAME BAND
INFORMAL RECEPTION IN CAFETERIA . . . . .	MOTHERS' GUILD

GRADUATION 1971

1. Star Spangled Banner  
rise  
cap off  
sing  
cap on  
sit
2. Welcome  
remain sitting
3. Invocation  
rise  
cap off  
prayer  
cap on
4. remain sitting till  
time for diplomas
5. Diplomas  
watch your captain  
for directions
6. Tassels  
rise  
change  
sit
7. Awards  
remain sitting
8. Blessing  
rise  
cap off  
remain standing
9. School Song  
after songs  
finished, put cap on
10. Recessional  
begin with front row...
11. Exit  
go to balcony to deposit  
your gown.....keep your  
cap.....then go to  
cafeteria with parents..

Best of Luck





# cool visit

Fr. Ray Coolong recently paid a visit to the Pontiac campus of NDPMA. He spent the week relaxing but had some time to sit down with IRISH and share a few stories about his career and life teaching at Notre Dame.

A well-traveled priest who has dedicated his life to service, Fr. Coolong answers questions in a typically humble Marist way, laughing as certain memories come back to him about Notre Dame. He is quick to note those who have helped him out along the way. And it's clear, that in his simple way, he has worked through Mary's intercession.

Father Raymond Coolong started teaching at Notre Dame High School when he was a seminarian. He was ordained in 1972 and stayed at NDHS until 1976, when he began his worldly travels of service and peace.

He bounced around quite a bit at first—from an exchange program in New Zealand to Washington, D.C., then to Ireland, back to D.C., a parish in Massachusetts, then to a 10-year stint in Peru—you could say that he has certainly seen much of the world while humbly serving God through his ministry.

He retired from Notre Dame High School in 2003 and served on the Board of Trustees until the school closed in 2005. He retired to the Marist House in Framingham, Mass., but still served in a management capacity at the house. In June of this year, he moved to Tampa, Fla., where he will serve as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.

**IRISH:** When did you decide to become a priest, specifically a Marist?

**COOLONG:** I grew up in a Marist-administered parish in Lawrence, Mass., so I had the idea of being a priest about the age of eight—it was always the only thing I had in my mind. And of course it was the Marists because it was the only order of priests I knew.



**IRISH:** What were some challenges you discovered along the way, both as a missionary and as a teacher?

**COOLONG:** In my missionary work, to see the people in poverty was very difficult. And trying to alleviate their poverty—especially materialistic poverty. Most lacked proper food and clothes and had houses made out of bamboo and adobe. Some had grass roofs or metal roofs. Just trying to help them out was challenging. One thing I was grateful for was the help I received from some of my former students from Notre Dame. When they found out I was there in the missions in Peru, they helped me. When I asked for money for the missions there, they helped me. A lot of them helped me.

**IRISH:** How was it when you started teaching?

**COOLONG:** Starting off as a new teacher is the hardest. As time went on and students got to know me, things got easier. They start to respect. But kids being kids, they sometimes tried to pull the wool over your eyes until you know the ropes of teaching. ■

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# marist mission in jamaica

## FATHERS BOLDUC AND RIETER PART OF THE MARISTS' WORK IN THIS PREDOMINATELY POOR COUNTRY

by Paul Carr, *Marist Outreach*

Back in 2005 the Marist Fathers and Brothers took on a new mission in Jamaica. The call had come from the local bishop there, requesting help in St. Catherine Parish County, where there were only four priests spread among 16 Catholic churches and 17 Catholic schools in a population of a half million people.

The island of Jamaica is located 500 miles south of Florida, and only a small section includes the sun-drenched beaches and idyllic lifestyle portrayed in tourist literature. Poverty and economic depression, the ensuing crime, and desperate living conditions are more the norm. In a recent year, there were 1,496 murders recorded on the island. It is a land where HIV/AIDS cases are on the rise, and unemployment is chronically high. The nation's minimum wage of \$50 per week does little to cover the costs of food and other essential items due to government-imposed duties on imported goods.

In 2005, Fr. Roland Lajoie, the Marist provincial, visited Jamaica to explore the possibility of helping there. He was taken throughout the Diocese of Kingston to visit parish ministries. The tour included a home for the poor and elderly, and a program for youth living in the streets to help with job skills.

Jamaica's poverty has led to much despair among young people. Fr. Roland was asked to consider sending Marists to serve four churches and two parish schools in the Diocese: St. Helen's Church is located in the mountains in the Town of Ininstead; St. Catherine of Sienna Church is located 15 miles away in Fwarron; Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a forty minute drive from Fwarron on a narrow winding road rising up into the mountains and built along the edge of a cliff; and the most remote church, Sacred Heart in Donnington, has a school and enjoys a lively community in what can only be described as the jungle. Due to the isolation and poverty, this is an area of Jamaica tourists rarely ever experience.

The call for Marist missionary work and desperate need for pastoral staffing was clearly evident and it didn't take long for the Marists to spring into action. Former NDHS faculty member Fr. Frank Reiter, s.m., was the first Marist to take on the Jamaica mission but has since moved back to Alaska. Fr. John Bolduc, s.m., who also taught at NDHS, picked up the work in Jamaica in 2006 and is currently devoting himself to the re-evangelization of the Catholics in the central part of the Diocese of Kingston. ■

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Local deaths

# John Bryson: DJ priest a favorite among students

By the Staff  
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The good news called all night long with plenty of great music, dancing and teenage adulation! Notre Dame High School's DJ priest, during the 1970s and '80s, and the Rev. John Bryson, affectionately known as the DJ priest, was responsible for the energetic atmosphere.



The Rev. John Bryson

A member of the Notre Dame staff for 30 years and a favorite among students, the Rev. Bryson became famous for serving the school activities and a variety of services for local youth clubs.

He died suddenly at the Mount Carmel Convalescent Home, at age 87. The cause of death remains unclear.

"Though he was a very gentle and unassuming, he was a dynamic and fun man to work with," recalled the Rev. Tom O'Connell, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1964, became the school principal in 1987 and is the current president of Notre Dame Preparatory School and Notre Academy in Florida. "He was very personable and had a nice way of getting along with his teachers and students. He was the best of the great teachers of the school."

After serving at the Notre Dame Convalescent Home in 1986, where he was assigned to teach religion and oversee the activities, the Rev. Bryson also was named to organize the Friday night student activities at the school.

In the 1970s, many NDHS boys joined the school activities and were supervised by a variety of staff members. The school also included Notre Dame Day, the Summer, Linda Marie Young, the International, Bob Baker and Ted Baker.

Over the years, the school has had many other staff members including, MARY and MEMO who had the same exciting careers and interesting lives.

Rev. Bryson was a de-

voted priest, scholar and community leader who played an important role in the lives of many of the NDHS of Notre Dame. As he said, reflected in his, "I would like to be remembered as a priest who was a good person and throughout the life of our community. I've tried to be able to do that. It has been the joy of the life of a priest."

His role was the joy of serving the community and the parish. He was a great person and a great priest. He was a great person and a great priest.

Recalling his memories of the Rev. Bryson, the Rev. O'Connell said a priest who was a great person and a great priest. He was a great person and a great priest.

Born in Worcester, Mass., on Dec. 5, 1928 — graduated of St. John's Seminary in 1954, he was a priest in the Society of Jesus in 1954. He was a priest in the Society of Jesus in 1954. He was a priest in the Society of Jesus in 1954.

The Rev. Bryson left Notre Dame in 1980 to become personal secretary of Pope John Paul II. He died in Rome, Italy, on Dec. 4, 1986.

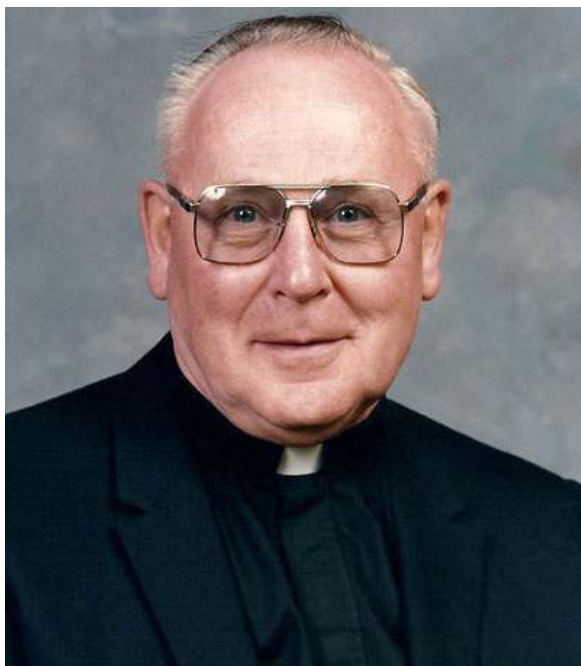
His funeral was held at St. John's Seminary and burial was in the cemetery of St. John's Seminary. The funeral was held at St. John's Seminary.

For those who wish to contribute to the Rev. Bryson's memorial fund, please contact the Rev. Tom O'Connell at Notre Dame Preparatory School.

A memorial mass will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 3 at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Notre Academy, 3000 Old Bridge Road, Florida.

The NDHS staff is very sorry for the loss of Rev. Bryson.

Rev. Bryson was a de-



## Robert "Pops" Kelly

(1928-2008)

Former Harper Woods Notre Dame teacher Bob Kelly passed away in Florida on March 29, 2008. His wife Barbara predeceased him in 2006. He is the father of Sean '83 (ND) and Judy Casinelli, grandfather of Quinn, and brother of Rita. Mr. Kelly taught for 39 years, the last 28 at Notre Dame. As everyone at Notre Dame knew, he loved teaching English and

was fond of golf.

Mr. Kelly also loved art. After retiring, he did volunteer work as a docent at the Detroit Institute of Art. He also volunteered over 2000 hours for Readings For the Blind.

Fr. Gerry Demers, a former English teacher and HWND rector, wrote, "I remember a time in the 1960s and 1970s when Bob Kelly was one of two great pillars of the Notre Dame Senior English Department. Their contrasting personalities and styles complimented

each other and added to the effectiveness of their teaching.

"Bob was always a true Marist in spirit and a quiet but effective example to the students.

"Bob left his mark on many. He was a true 'Son of Mary!' May he rest in peace!" ■



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**Reverend Raymond A. Boulanger, s.m.**, age 88, an ordained priest with the Marist Fathers in Framingham, MA, died Friday, February 12, 2010, at St. Patrick Manor in Framingham. Fr. Boulanger served at Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods from 1957 to 1975. Born and raised in Haverhill, MA, he was the son of the late Napoleon J. and Olina (Gauthlet) Boulanger. His first profession into the Society of Mary came September 8, 1945. He completed his theological studies at the Marist Seminary, Framingham and was ordained on February 2, 1951. Fr. Boulanger earned his Masters degree in Sociology from Boston College in 1956.



After his ordination, Boulanger taught at Maryvale Seminary in Bedford and Van Buren High School in Van Buren, ME, until 1957. In 1957 he moved to Michigan where he taught at Notre Dame. In 1968 while missioned in Michigan, Boulanger was hired by the city of Detroit to work in the areas affected by the riots and was then hired by the city of East Detroit to teach social issues as a curriculum course in the adult education school program. From 1971-1975 he served the Queen of Peace Parish in Harper Woods, MI. After moving back to the east coast, Boulanger served in a number of assignments in both Massachusetts and Maine. He was the brother of the late Norman Boulanger and Gloria Bourdon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Marist Fathers Senior Religious Fund, 518 Pleasant St., Framingham, MA 01701.



## Message from Ken Parent

### "Thanks for the memories"

I know I'm stealing Bob Hope's line, but those four words best sum up my sentiments after 39 years of teaching—36 at Notre Dame and three at Notre Dame Prep.

From "green" first-year teacher to "greying" retiree—what a rainbow of colorful experiences teaching has been.

Teaching, obviously, is academic, but to me, it has been so much more. It's been about building relationships with students and colleagues that transcended the classroom. It was about building relationships that last a lifetime.

Perhaps, once you graduated, our paths



did not cross for years, but I always cherished seeing alumni at reunions, sporting events, and other gatherings. I loved hearing your stories about something I said or did in class—and couldn't even remember. As a teacher, that always reinforced the importance of paying attention to every detail of what I said and did in the classroom.

I think of the Honor Roll of alumni who have gone on to be the best at who you are and who you have become. I'm so proud to have been part of your growing up. Does "Christian persons, upright citizens, and academic scholars" ring a bell?

I feel privileged to have been the alumni director. It gave me a first-hand chance to reconnect with students I once taught. Hearing about your families, children, parents, jobs, successes—and even failures—have been heart-warming. I guess that's what this alumni publication is all about—sharing our lives with those who once touched us in a special way.

I've been asked what I'm going to do when I retire, with all that time on

my hands. As many of you know, I'm from New England. It will be nice to spend more time with my family in Maine—and eat more lobster, of course. Also, it's time to give back. I'd like to do more volunteer work locally, especially with the poor.

As I told some students at the end of the school year, "I'm not dying. I'll be back to haunt you."

Teaching Phys. Ed., French, Sociology, Religion, Health, U.S. History; coaching tennis and gymnastics; attending hundreds of games, plays and concerts; chaperoning dances and rock concerts; encouraging students to sell raffle tickets; talking to alumni at festivals; keeping students in line during fire and tornado drills ... and on, and on.

Again, great memories! Keep in touch. Thanks!

Ken

## Hal Rice retires: taught at ND Prep and Notre Dame High School

After 52 years of teaching, 13 at ND Prep, 33 at Notre Dame High School and six at St. Sebastian in Dearborn Heights, Harold Rice has decided to hang up his chalk.

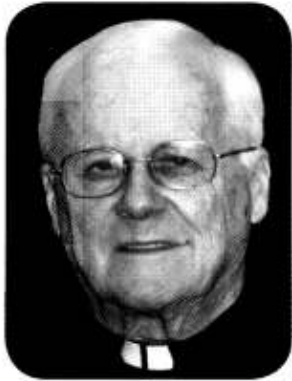
Rice had been teaching Religion (History of Christianity) at ND Prep for the past several years. He taught Social Studies when he signed on at the Pontiac school in 1995 and his social studies classes at Notre Dame High School were legendary with many alumni fondly recalling their time spent in his classroom.

He wrote in a recent note to faculty and staff of NDPMA that it has been a wonderful experience to have worked with everyone at ND Prep. "It is a great group of teachers," Rice said. "Young teachers with fresh and innovative ideas. Master teachers giving valuable knowledge and experience to the kids. You have all been kind and gracious to me and I thank you for your friendship."

We also thank Mr. Rice for his friendship and years of dedication to the mission of Marist and Catholic education.



## Fiftieth for Brother Leonard



Br. Leonard Haley, s.m., recently celebrated his 50th anniversary as a Marist. Br. Leonard was at Notre Dame High School from 1961-1973, working in the attendance and school office. He now lives at the Marist Retreat House in Framingham, Massachusetts, with other Marists, some of whom taught at Notre Dame: Frs. Ray Coolong, Robert Champagne, Joe Chasse, Robert Graham, and Walter Gaudreau.

After leaving Notre Dame, Br. Leonard was pastoral assistant in a number of parishes in Michigan and Massachusetts. He also worked as a hospital chaplain. At the Marist House he now hosts retreat groups, drives some of the older Marists around town, visits Fr. John Bryson in a nearby nursing home, and cares for flowers and plants around the property.

Br. Leonard's anniversary Mass was celebrated by NDP principal Fr. Joe Hindelang, the Vicar Provincial, along with several Marist priests from around New England.



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# hearts and souls

Norm Kotarski, 65, Ken Parent, 62 (and recently retired), and Hal Rice, 75, truly can be called the hearts and souls of Harper Woods Notre Dame and Notre Dame Prep. Between the three of them, they've spent 110 years teaching young men and women at both schools. They recently sat down to discuss those years and what it means to be educated at Notre Dame.

**IRISH:** *How long have you been teaching at Notre Dame Prep?*

**KOTARSKI:** Twelve years.

**PARENT:** Three years.

**RICE:** Twelve years, from fall 1996 until the just-completed 2008.

**IRISH:** *How long did you teach at Notre Dame in Harper Woods?*

**KOTARSKI:** Fourteen years.

**PARENT:** From fall '69 to spring '05—36 years.

**RICE:** June 1963 to June 1996—33 years.

**IRISH:** *Who was principal at HWND and NDP in the year you moved to NDP?*

**KOTARSKI:** The principal at HWND was Rick Kuhn, and the principal at NDP was Fr. Leon '65 (ND).

**PARENT:** Mike Reece '78 (ND) was the principal at HWND during the last year of

the school's existence. Fr. Joe Hindelang '69 (ND) was the principal who hired me at NDP.

**RICE:** At HWND, it was Rick Kuhn and at Prep, Fr. Leon, who asked me to be Assistant Principal and later Vice-Principal.

**IRISH:** *How long have you been teaching in total?*

**KOTARSKI:** I have just completed my 44th year in education, and I still love it

**PARENT:** Thirty-nine years; 36 at HWND and three at NDP.

**RICE:** Counting this past year, 51 years.

**IRISH:** *Where did you teach before HWND?*

**KOTARSKI:** I taught at Saint Andrew High School in southwest Detroit for 16 years.

**PARENT:** I came to HWND straight out of college (Boston College, '69)

**RICE:** St. Sebastian, Dearborn Heights.

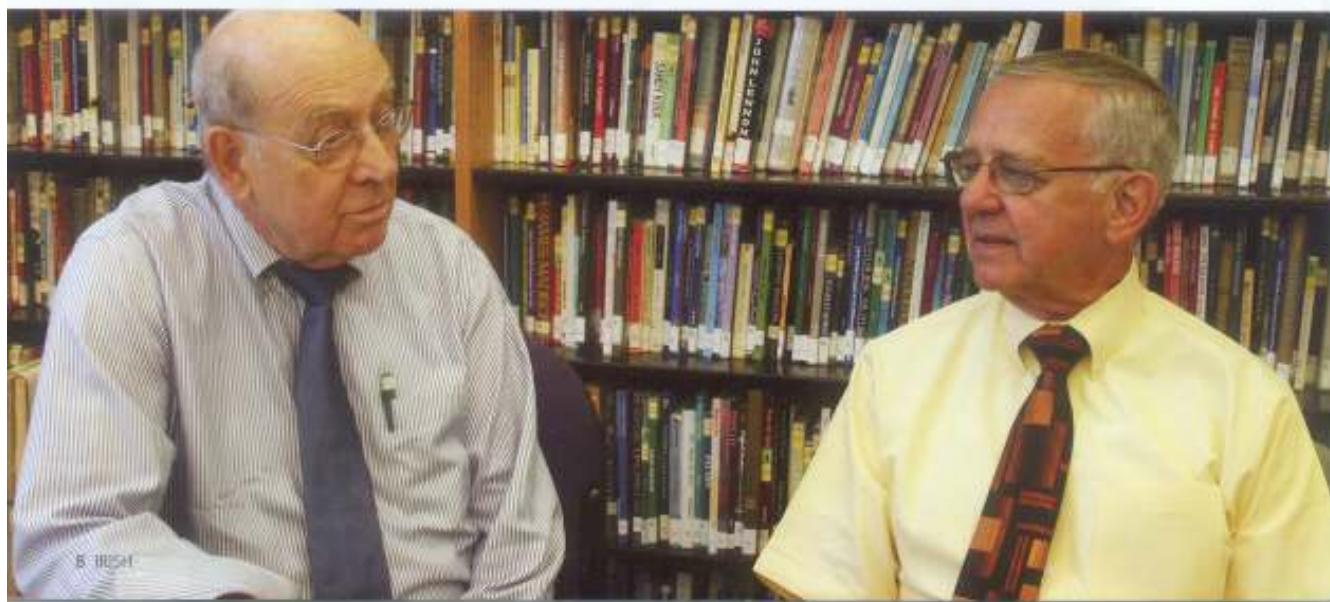
Third grade first year and then seventh for the next four years. My first experience in teaching was to those third-graders; I was the fourth teacher to teach these 56 nine-year olds. A challenge, but it was great!

**IRISH:** *Why did you decide to become a teacher?*

**KOTARSKI:** Actually it was the principal at St. Andrew who called me after I graduated from Wayne State University and asked if I would be interested in joining the staff of my Alma Mater. The rest is history.

**PARENT:** It's a long story but I'll make it short. When I entered the seminary, part of the training included teaching for two years between philosophy (undergrad) and theology (master's). I chose to come to Michigan to teach at HW Notre Dame. Immediately, I fell in love with teaching—and eventually, coaching.

**RICE:** It was not my first choice. I majored in History and Poly Sci. in hopes of working for the government. After finishing my BA and starting a Master's at Wayne State, I got a position with the MESC as an Administrative Assistant. It was the most depressing job I ever took. There was a recession going on and I wasn't able to help literally hundreds of people seeking jobs. In the midst of that,





a pastor (St. Sebastian) began a search for a teacher, and after an interview with him, on December 8th (feast of the Immaculate Conception), I took the job. I later went on and received credentials and an MA in History from U of D.

**IRISH:** *Where did you grow up and attend grade school or high school?*

**KOTARSKI:** I grew up in southwest Detroit and attended St. Andrew schools K-12.

**PARENT:** I grew up in a small farming community in Maine called Hamlin. The local big town was Van Buren. The Marist Fathers ran the public high school (for boys) at the time. And a group of nuns ran the local public high school (for girls) across the street. The nuns also ran the public grade schools.

**RICE:** Grew up in Detroit, east side (area of Harper and Gratiot) in an all-Italian neighborhood. I attended some public school early, then Patronage of St. Joseph where I had Felician nuns. In the sixth grade, my parents moved to Warren Township on a small farm at 12-1/2 Mile and Dequindre. I completed grade school in Warren and attended Warren High School.

**IRISH:** *Do you have an idea when you might be fully retired?*

**KOTARSKI:** I "semi-retired" one year ago on July 1, 2007. As long as my health holds on and the school can use my services, I would like to continue challenging students to read, discuss, and write about good literature.

**PARENT:** I have always worked full time until full retirement now.

**RICE:** I stopped full-time teaching (and Administration) in June 1999 and have taught three classes a day since that time. I have no firm plan for full retirement at this time, but it certainly is on my mind.

**IRISH:** *How has it been teaching at Notre Dame Prep?*

**KOTARSKI:** You know, I can honestly say the same good things about both schools: great kids, interested parents, extensive academic, athletic, and social programs, and a very dedicated staff.

**PARENT:** Phenomenal academic program,

driven by an excellent teaching staff. Very good athletic success for such a young school. Outstanding band, choral and drama programs.

**RICE:** The kids are wonderful. That is not to say the guys at HWND weren't also great—they were. We have a dedicated staff here, and on the young side (of course they would be in the eyes of a 75 year old!). But they are dedicated, spend lots of time with kids, are willing to take on the challenge of the International Baccalaureate Programme. We have some wonderful women administrators here. Kim Rose (now Anderson) in attendance and discipline—just a very fair, kind gal; Donna Kotzan, vice principal (and married to a HWND grad).

**IRISH:** *Did you have any favorite "era," or time that you enjoyed more than others at HWND?*

**KOTARSKI:** The mid-eighties were really a jumping time at HW Notre Dame. The students were all involved in activities, and it was a pleasure to work with a great faculty.

**PARENT:** No one era stands out in my mind. But I remember the '70s fondly as the "years of my youth." Those were exciting times. The Vietnam War was thankfully coming to an end. And the "make love, not war" hippies abounded. Long hair, leisure suits and polyester shirts were where it was at!

**RICE:** I think the era of Conrad Vachon's principalship. Never a dull moment. I have to mention, though, that the late 60s and early 70s were the most difficult for me, as the Vietnam War claimed many of our guys. I was also dean of discipline and those were protest times. (hair, wide pants, Banlon shirts!)

**IRISH:** *What do you miss about HWND?*

**KOTARSKI:** I guess the thing I miss



most is the spirit among the young men. It seems that nothing was done half way by the boys. They went all out for games, Irish Week, and even such activities as forensics. I remember the many members of the forensics team and the great trips we made to Chicago, to Fort Lauderdale, and to several other cities for the National Catholic Forensic League tournaments. We had good times and good competition. Even at local competitions, the boys would pile into the van on early Saturday mornings and review their scripts just one more time before facing the judges. On the way back there was always a lot of self evaluation, good-natured ribbing, and even a song fest. Good times!

**PARENT:** The camaraderie, above all else. As the school population shrank, one of the positive aspects of the school was that it was a much closer, tight-knit community. Each student knew most of the other students in school, not just his classmates. This was also true for the staff and parents. There was a real "family" feel to the school.

**RICE:** The people. So many great kids I got to know in debate, coaching track; years in sports medicine. Buddy teachers—Vachon, Bob Kelly, Sister Rosemary, Tom Kelly and his wife Gini. Plus a host of priests, many of whom are now gone. Also missed working with Doreen Vermiglio, Delores Lynch and so many more.

**IRISH:** *Can you name the other faculty members (or staff, etc.) who were at both HWND and NDP?*

## The students at both schools were very much aware of the philosophy of the school, and at both schools the name Notre Dame is very special.

Norm Kotarski

**KOTARSKI, PARENT, RICE:** Here is what our collective memory tells us: Joe Spada, Father Strasz '70 (ND), Hindelang, Leon, Bro. Louis, Fr. Gonzalez, Bill Raymond, Roy Johnson, Eddie Cackowski (R.I.P.), Larry Sigel, Kim Rose (now Anderson), Sylvia Mulrenin, Ken Engler '61 (ND), Kirby Smith, John Parthum '63 (ND), Dwayne Holmes, Tony Borton, Bill Welliver, Tony Block '80 (ND), and us, of course. A couple of alums on staff are very active: Greg Sinton '89 (ND), Mark McGreevy '76 (ND) (teacher Marist Academy), Mike Kelly '73 (ND) and Andy Guest '84 (ND).

**IRISH:** *Aside from the Marist connection and the name, what do you see as the common "threads" connecting both schools?*

**KOTARSKI:** Number one thread is the "great kids." They want to have fun, and they know why they are in school. Visit a pep rally for the enthusiasts; visit a classroom for spirited discussions; visit the cafeteria for all the small talk that never seems to end. The students at both schools were very much aware of the philosophy of the school, and at both schools the name Notre Dame is very special. Alumni from both schools are pleased with the education they received, and if they worked hard with the knowledge they acquired, they are happy and successful. I think a teacher never really knows success unless students come back and express their appreciation. Teachers have received a lot of thanks from students at both schools. That's a great thread of success.

**PARENT:** The Marist mission—the same philosophy of teaching. "With God, we form Christian people, upright citizens and academic scholars." I see the same rigorous curriculum, the same high standards and expectations for a college-prep school.

**RICE:** Clearly the curriculum. But it has even been much improved since I first came to Prep, especially with the addition of the International Baccalaureate Programme and the host of A.P. programs. Also the strong spirit of Harper Woods Notre Dame is here at Prep, and it shows especially during Irish week!

**IRISH:** *What do you see as the advantages of*

*attending a Catholic high school?*

**KOTARSKI:** Catholic high schools have reputations for producing good people and good scholars on a very high level. Beginning the day/class with prayer has a calming effect on the students. The opportunity to participate in retreats, masses, and other religious services gives the students that extra phase of a whole education that they just wouldn't get in the public school. There is more to a complete life than a good academic record and an outstanding athletic performance.

**PARENT:** It sounds so cliché, but a Christian values-laden education can't be beat. Students learn how to put into practice what they are taught in school, at church and at home. Discipline is much less an issue in Catholic schools. Self-discipline is the standard.

**RICE:** Like HWND, we have an active "faith filled" life at NDP. Students are doing so much Christian service (over 10,000 hours this past year). I don't know that all students appreciate the beauty of their Catholic faith, or the freedom to express it, but it is a marked advantage from our perspective.

**IRISH:** *Can you provide any anecdotes, stories or memories from back in the day at HWND that still resonate with you?*

**KOTARSKI:** Teaching English classes with the masters, Conrad Vachon and Bob Kelly, was always a real trip, if you know what I mean. Those guys knew their stuff, were laid back, and really knew how to get the best out of the students. I enjoyed both of those guys; we were good friends, and I still think about them both. There are so many good things and good people to remember. Sometimes Hal Rice and I come across something that makes us reminisce about the good days at HWND.

**PARENT:** To name only a few: Raffle ticket drives, Fr. Bryson's "sock hops" and rock concerts in the gym with Bob Seger, Ted Nugent and others. Senior proms at Greenfield Village and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. A school with no bells. Attending hundreds of games, meets and matches. The spring ritual of throwing students into the pool behind the rec-

tory. Irish games. Senior pranks at graduation time. Senior trips to the Bahamas and Jamaica. Fall and spring festivals. Bleach burn-outs in the dip by the caf. Seniors running through Regina after Irish games. Dave Coulter's '77 (ND) gut-splitting comedy improves for the students. Homecoming games





and dances. Volunteer days at the Capuchin kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, and other needy places.

**RICE:** For fear of recalling embarrassing situations, I will always remember the streakers at Dominican High School ("our boys"); the mooners from both N.D. and

Regina, the exciting competitions such as the one when N.D. played Brother Rice for homecoming, and lost the game in the last seconds on a Rice field goal, only to go into the gym for the dance and face a huge poster showing N.D. defeating Rice by a field goal. Or the time I was teaching

a sex-ed chapter in Psychology and when I finished, one gentlemen came up to me and said, "Boy Mr. Rice, that was bad!" It was.

**IRISH:** Any "Conrad" stories?

**KOTARSKI:** Conrad Vachon, Bob Kelly, and I would play golf once in a while; Kelly



was the only golfer, but we always had a good time. By the time I arrived at HW Notre Dame, I think Conrad had mellowed, so any stories I have are all second hand. Bill Raymond hired me during his first year as principal.

**PARENT:** No real stories, but I remember riding with Conrad in one of his "souped-up" cars. You really did take your life into your own hands with him behind the wheel.

**RICE:** Well, we took the track team to a Saturday meet downriver and the coaches stopped at a Howard Johnson Restaurant for breakfast. Conrad didn't like the way his eggs were done and called the waitress over and demanded to see "Howard." She was flustered and we were doubling over. Or the time coming home from the Central Michigan Relays, Conrad was behind me in his green Mercury with Doug Brown '70 (ND) in the front seat (I believe) and all of a sudden I didn't see him in the rear-view mirror. A few seconds later he came out of a ditch on the left and was now ahead of me. We couldn't believe it! Or the time we were on our way from state final in Saginaw and decided to stop in Frankenmuth and have a chicken dinner, without a reservation. We showed up at Zehnders and all 20



of us went in and Conrad told them our name and that we had a reservation. They got flustered and said they could not find the reservation, at which time Conrad became indignant. We were promptly seated! I can tell you no other teacher had a greater impact on my teaching style than he did. Great man.

**IRISH:** *What were some of your thoughts at the time you found out HWND was closing?*

**KOTARSKI:** Sad, sad, sad. However, I think just about everyone saw it coming. Nothing good can last forever, and I'm glad that HW Notre Dame kept its excellent reputation as a very positive influence on the thousands of young men who passed through its corridors. I thought of all the history of a great school and of all the service that it rendered to the community for so many

years.

**PARENT:** I knew that, inevitably, the school would have to move or close because of the changing demographics around the school. Most of the feeder parishes had closed their schools and it was increasingly difficult to recruit new, qualified students. With an active group of alumni and parents willing to step forward and pursue moving the school eventually, the future seemed hopeful at the time.

**RICE:** Because of the suddenness, I was angry. I knew the situation had slowly changed with feeder schools closing, enrollment falling, and neighborhood changing, and the opening of De La Salle in Warren creating more competition. All these played into a financial situation that was becoming strained; but to suddenly have it closed the way it did just seemed wrong.

## At Notre Dame Prep, I've taught sons and daughters of Harper Woods Notre Dame grads and it is something I will always treasure.

Hal Rice



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It was probably inevitable that it would happen, but it could have had a much more Christian approach to it.

**IRISH:** *What are your thoughts on the disconnect between NDP and HWND? Why hasn't there been closer ties through the years?*

**KOTARSKI:** Too many negative attitudes were promulgated by some of the very people who should have tried to create closer ties with NDP. The transition that some of the HWND students made to NDP went very smoothly. They were welcomed; they wore their jackets, one of them even became athlete of the year in his first year. The last of the transfer students graduated this year. No distinction was made, and they seemed well adjusted and happy. Students adjust to change much more quickly than do the adults. Those students who transferred to the Prep are alumni of Notre Dame.

**PARENT:** There never was a strong tie between the two schools for various reasons. First, there was confusion in the minds of many people, especially the alumni, because both schools bore the same name. Did that mean they were one school, in two parts? Did that mean that the older, more established school (HWND) was supposed to support the new NDP financially? (Many grads thought that a gift to HWND meant a gift to NDP.) Some HWND alumni think that if NDP wants their support, NDP's name should become Notre Dame.

**RICE:** Naturally, because of my close feelings about thousands of HWND grads and the hundreds I have accumulated here at Prep, it is painful for me to see strained relations. These are all good people; that is the shame of it. If only they would talk to each other, communicate, and be willing ultimately to share so many good things between them. At Notre Dame Prep, I have taught sons and daughters of HWND grads and it is always something I treasure.

**IRISH:** *Why do you think there are problems with getting the two schools' alumni groups together?*

**KOTARSKI:** I think the biggest problem is lack of communication. How do you get

people who displayed so much anger very publicly to moderate their emotions and at least come together to talk? There are many, many Notre Dame High Schools throughout the country; I bet they all sing, "Notre Dame our Mother..." and I bet they all "Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame..." The history of each school will always exist; it is the philosophy that is carried forward by those who lived it in the past to those who live it in the present. It just seems sad that the students who gained so much from that philosophy can't bring themselves to personally help those who are part of it today.

**PARENT:** I think the first step is to get the HWND alumni to truly understand what we are trying to do. What type of communication will best appeal to them? Does it take an attractive looking magazine like this? An e-mail? A postcard? The question is—what will they read, if anything? And will they respond to our inquiry?

**RICE:** I think the most important way to start to clear up things is to talk. Get everyone together and talk. Clear up the rumors and misinformation. ■

# Addendum for 45<sup>th</sup> reunion

## POTATOES ARE THE ‘MAINE’ THING FOR RETIRED TEACHER’S FAMILY

July 21, 2016

Retired Notre Dame teacher still helps out on the family farm in New England.



*Ken Parent retired in 2008 after nearly 40 years teaching at both Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods and Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac. In the photo above taken July 20, Parent is in a field of potato plants on his family’s farm in Maine. This variety of potato is Blazer Russet, which typically has many blossoms, according to Parent.*

Potatoes arrived in the pre-U.S. colonies in 1621 when the governor of Bermuda, Nathaniel Butler, sent two large cedar chests full of potatoes and other vegetables to governor Francis Wyatt of Virginia at Jamestown. The first permanent potato patches in North America were established in 1719, most likely near Londonderry, New Hampshire, by Scots-Irish immigrants. From there, the crop spread across the country, including due north to what is now the state of Maine, which has been growing potatoes for more than 200 years.

In recent years, Maine potato growers have produced between 1.5 to 2 billion pounds of potatoes annually. Included in that total are the 17 million pounds of potatoes grown by the family of longtime Notre Dame faculty member (now retired) Ken Parent, who said that there have been eight generations of Parents involved in the potato business.

“My father was the sixth generation,” he said. “My three brothers were the seventh, and now, my nephew, who currently is managing the farm, is the eighth.”



## Marist-educated

Parent said the farm today, which is located near the town of Hamlin, Maine, on the U.S./Canadian border, has nearly 2,000 total acres of which about 1,200 are tillable for growing potatoes.

“Six hundred acres are potatoes and 600 are grains, such as oats, barley, and rye grass with clover,” he said, “which are plowed under every year to enrich the soil for the following planting season.”

Parent, who grew up in Hamlin and attended a Marist Fathers-run high school nearby, had nearly 40 years experience teaching and coaching at both Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods and Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac before he retired in 2008.

His trips back to Maine to see his family have become a bit more frequent since then.

“Now that I'm retired, I usually get back to the potato farm three times per year,” he said. “From Thanksgiving through the holidays, then Easter and again for about a month during the summer, usually July.”

### Potatoes are ‘us’

The Parent family, which was selected recently as a “McCain Top Ten Grower,” also was named “Farm Family of the Year” in 2012 by the Maine Potato Board. It has been supplying potatoes for nearly 30 years to McCain Foods USA, which processes them for use in restaurants around the U.S., mostly in the fast-food market.



*The Parent family farm in Hamlin, Maine, produces 17 million pounds of potatoes annually. (Photo copyright: Paul A. Cyr)*

“Beside McDonald's, our potatoes end up at Wendy's, Burger King and Friendly's, among others,” Parent said. He noted that the potato is northern Maine's primary agricultural product and at one time the state's potato production was tops in the nation.

The Maine Potato Board says that potatoes play a vital role in the economic prosperity of the region because of its large farms and fertile land. The total number of acres of farm land devoted to potatoes, however, has decreased in recent years because of rotational crops, conservation and fewer farmers. Fortunately for the Parent family, nearly 90 percent of Maine's current potato crop comes from Aroostook County, which is where the family farm is located.

Ken Parent said the growing season in Maine typically lasts about 120 days.

“Depending on the severity of winter, they are usually able to plant in early May and then harvest sometime in mid to late October. Different varieties of spuds require varying growing seasons, but the average is usually around 120 days.”

## Working the farm

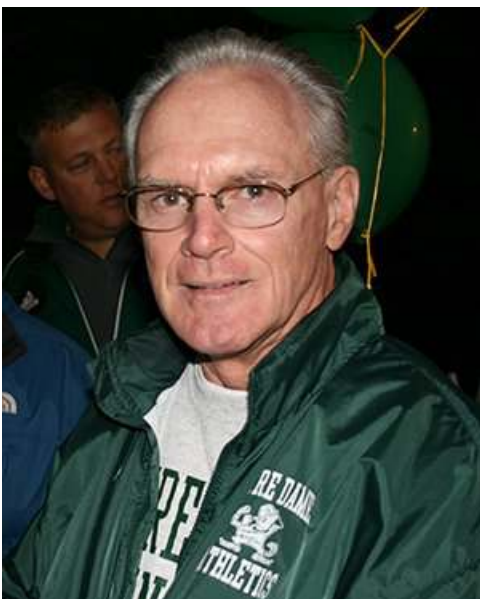
The oldest of eight children — five boys and three girls — Parent said three of his brothers were initially involved in farming. “But today, the torch has been passed on to one of my nephews whose brother also works for him.”

But what about “Uncle Ken?” Does he still do any farm work when he’s back in Maine?

“It’s always great getting back to my roots on the farm, but it’s been years since I attempted to operate any of the big machinery,” he said. “It’s so computerized today, with GPS, etc. I wouldn’t trust myself — and neither would my nephews likely trust me anymore, I’m sure! The extent of my involvement now is landscaping — on a John Deere mower, of course — and painting around the farm, which I’m very happy to do.”



*Parent poses in front of a tractor equipped with special sprayer booms that can spray forty rows of potato plants at one time.*



*When he’s not in Maine, Parent lives in St. Clair Shores and visits Notre Dame regularly. Here he is at the school’s homecoming football game in 2015.*





## Guzzardo '71 Named Top Chiropractor

*Dr. David Guzzardo '71* is different from many other chiropractors in that he not only has an amazing ability to relieve pain, but he also has a true talent for teaching his patients how to begin leading a healthier lifestyle. By advocating a proper diet and exercise regimen, he helps patients' bodies work more. "The spine is our lifeline; when it is misaligned, it compromises the patient's nervous system," said Guzzardo. The brain-body connection, as he calls it, is the key to understanding the bigger picture of health. Dr. Guzzardo believes that visits to a chiropractor aren't just for people in pain — they're also for those who want to keep



**David Guzzardo '71**  
**One of Hour Magazine's top Chiropractors**

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"Chiropractors are like the IT guys of your nervous system," Dr. Guzzardo says. "I help make sure that your nervous system is functioning as it should. Many of my patients enjoy a sense of greater well-being from regular chiropractic adjustments and

have reduced health care costs," he added.

All of Dr. Guzzardo's new patients receive a comprehensive examination — including digital X-rays of the spine and a nerve function test — to deter-

mine where the nerve interference lies. Since the areas of the spine are interrelated biomechanically, a full spine adjustment is necessary to cor-

rect the problem. Inter-segmental traction tables are used to gently stretch the vertebral segments and relax the muscles along the spine. Of course, with 25 years of experience, Dr. Guzzardo's skillful hands are often enough to make the necessary spinal adjustments.

Among Dr. Guzzardo's most satisfying cases is an infant who was just 24 hours old when he corrected a spinal misalignment through a light adjustment, using only his index finger. Another case involved a 102-year-old woman whose spine he realigned, allowing her to regain the feeling in her hands and letting her return to her favorite pastime of knitting socks.

A man of true dedication and deep caring for people, Dr. Guzzardo is a chiropractor who will help provide you with a healthier lifestyle and a better outlook on life.

David Guzzardo was named to Hour Detroit's list of the top Chiropractors in the metro Detroit area. ■

*Source: Hour Detroit Magazine*

# Harper Woods school history



## A new school on the eastside — the first 20 years (1954 – 1974)

*In an excerpt from "Mantle of Blue – History of the Northeast Province Society of Mary 1924-1974" by Rev. Lionel F. Beaudoin, s.m., published in 1974, and used by permission from the Marist Fathers & Brothers of the United States, Boston, Mass., the following is a fairly detailed account of what went on behind the scenes before Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods was built and the roughly 20 years thereafter.*



## **A NEW HIGH SCHOOL ON THE EASTSIDE – THE FIRST 20 YEARS**

Harper Woods, Michigan, is a relatively new little city tucked in between Detroit and Grosse Pointe Woods. It was Gratiot Township until 1951, when the voters decided to incorporate as a city. What has given Harper Woods added importance is the huge regional Shopping Center called "Eastland" that the J.L. Hudson Co. has built there at an estimated cost of \$20,000,000. The center is situated in the northwest corner of Harper Woods at E. Eight Mile and Kelly roads. The city is a community of homes with only two building sites zoned for manufacturing. It is a prosperous and growing area with a population of 20,186. (1970 census)



The very first stirrings on the question of building a high school in the Harper Woods section of Detroit were felt in 1948 when Rev. Leo Huver, pastor of St. Veronica Parish, began to mull over the idea of a high school for parochial school graduates of the area. Six parishes were interested in the project and willing to get involved financially. The first step taken by Father Huver was to call on the Holy Cross Fathers at Notre Dame. The second step was the approbation and blessing of His Eminence, Cardinal Mooney. Buying the property on the advice of Rev.

Father Steiner and the neighboring pastors was the third step. The last point was to reaffirm the interest of the six pastors and form a board. During the intervening years, these concerned priests met often to discuss various phases of the problems, sometimes with the Cardinal, at other times among themselves. When it became evident that the Holy Cross Fathers could not undertake the project, other congregations were sought, until the Marists Fathers offered some hope in the matter.

The board of six pastors, anxious to have a fine school in the area, consisted of the following: Reverend Leo Huver, St. Veronica – president; Reverend Joseph Ording, St. Jude – vice-president; Reverend Joseph Schuler, Guardian Angels – secretary; Reverend John C. Jordan, St. Joan of Arc, St. Clair Shores – treasurer; Reverend Emil Capano, Our Lady, Queen of Peace; and Rt. Reverend Joseph Marx, Assumption Grotto.

A series of meetings was held, culminating in a private interview between Cardinal Mooney and Father Parent, Provincial. The year of 1953 was a time of decisions and happenings for the Marists in Detroit, Michigan. One of the first things on the agenda was to form a corporation entitled: “Marist Fathers of Detroit, Inc.” The articles of incorporation were drawn up, signed on February 9, 1953, and duly filed before the State of Michigan, through the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission, Lansing, Michigan, on March 17, 1953. Bylaws for the new corporation were approved and signed on April 14, 1953.



Early in 1953, another vital document was agreed upon and signed:

### **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

Made by the pastors of the parishes covered.

1. The Marist Fathers agree to erect a high school for at least 750 boys and to expand these facilities as their finances permit.
2. The Marist Fathers will be given a free and clear deed to 15 acres of land for the purpose of erecting a high school.
3. They will be given the sum of \$120,000 as needed, contributed by the parishes in equal proportions, as follows: St. Veronica, East Detroit \$20,000; Guardian Angels \$20,000; Assumption Grotto \$20,000; Queen of Peace \$20,000; St. Jude \$20,000; St. Joan of Arc, St. Clair Shores \$20,000.
4. The students of the above-named parishes will be given priority in admission to Notre Dame High School conducted by the Marist Fathers.
5. The proportion of new students allotted for each parish shall be equal each year for each parish.
6. The Marist Fathers agree that no other students from any other parishes will be admitted to the school until the above quotas are satisfied. In the event one parish does not fulfill its quota by May 1st of each year, the remaining openings are distributed among the other parishes according to the proportion agreed upon.
7. In addition to the gift of land and money, mentioned above, the parishes further agree to pay for the period of four years, the interest on the loan of \$400,000, which is incurred by the Marist Fathers, to build the original building. The proportion for each parish is to be the same as the original contribution.
8. The Marist Fathers are allowed to retain the occupancy of the residence on Boston Boulevard for a period of seven years. This period may be prolonged by mutual agreement.

9. The tuition charge—exclusive of that for textbooks—will not exceed \$100 per student per year. If revision of this charge becomes necessary, it will be enacted only after agreement with the pastors.

10. If any student with priority admission rights is unable to pay his tuition, the pastor of his parish will provide it, or the student will lose the priority.

(SIGNED) L. A. HUVER, pastor of St. Veronica, East Detroit

J. SCHULER, pastor of Guardian Angels

JOSEPH S. MARX, pastor of Assumption Grotto

EMIL A. CAPANO, pastor of Queen of Peace

J. J. ORDING, pastor of St. Jude

JOHN C. JORDAN, pastor of St. Joan of Arc

CHAS. P. DECKER, s.m., Marist representative

Approved by: (SIGNED) EDWARD CARD. MOONEY, Archbishop of Detroit.

It is an enormous undertaking to erect a modern high school, meeting all specifications and requirements of the complex programs essential to the educational development of our advanced times. An obvious and essential need is money. It was to obtain the necessary funds that a mortgage loan was made through The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by the services of Mr. S. C. Turner, loan agent of the Company in Detroit, Michigan.

Negotiations were long, complicated and exhaustive. Participating principals were:

- The Sacred Congregation of Religious, Vatican, Rome
- Very Rev. Alcime M. Cyr, s.m., Superior General, s.m., Rome
- Very Rev. Cyr J. Parent, s.m., outgoing Provincial, Boston Province
- Very Rev. James Lambert, s.m., newly-appointed Provincial
- Very Rev. Charles Decker, s.m., Superior of the Notre Dame



## Community

– Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by: Mr. S. C. Turner, Mortgage Loan Regional Office, Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Stuart C.

Woodworth, Lyne, Woodworth & Evarts, Att., Boston, Mass

In petitioning the Holy See for approval to negotiate a loan, Very Rev. James Lambert, s.m., succinctly exposed the matter thusly:

“The Provincial Superior of the Boston Province of the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers), with Provincial House in the Archdiocese of Boston, incorporated as “The Marist Fathers of Boston, Incorporated,” requests permission of the Holy See to borrow \$350,000 in order to build a high school for boys in the Archdiocese of Detroit (Michigan). It is proposed to borrow this sum from the Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as being the most reliable and as offering the best terms. The obligation will be secured by a mortgage on the proposed building and a mortgage on a property owned by the Marist Fathers in Framingham (Massachusetts) valued at \$618,000 or a property owned by the Marist Fathers in Bedford (Massachusetts) valued at \$335,000 according to the requirements of the loan agency when final arrangements are made. Interest on the loan, at current market rates (4-1/2% at present: this rate may vary approximately 1/2%) will be paid for the first four years by the six parishes served by the school; thereafter from current revenues of the Boston Province of the Society of Mary, including the revenue from the new school. An amortization fund will be established and maintained for the payment of the mortgage. Payments on the loan would be made quarterly over a period of twenty years.”

(Signed) JAMES LAMBERT, s.m., Provincial

Following the original loan of \$350,000, the amount was increased to \$835,000, September 19, 1955, to cover the cost of added facilities, and eventually amplified to \$1,200,000 on June 15, 1965, when the new gymnasium and cafeteria additions were completed. The loan was made through the same Northwestern Mortgage Loan Regional Office in Detroit, and using the same mortgage arrangements.

It naturally devolved upon the Provincial of the Boston Province to obtain needed permissions, and upon the treasurers to keep a finger on the financial pulse of the Detroit project.

The official authorization came from the General House and was as follows:

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28th of April 1953.

Feast of Blessed P.L. Chanel

My dear Father Parent:

This is to bring you the official authorization of the General Administration, to proceed in the realization of the project for the (East) Detroit High School as outlined in your communication of April 21, which gave the results arrived at, in the deliberations of the meeting of your Council held on that date, with Fr. Menard, the Provincial Treasurer, present. This decision was taken with the unanimous consent of the Council this morning.



We are very much pleased to note that the local parish priests have agreed to pay the interest on the initial loan for a period of four years. This is fine encouragement indeed. With this in mind, we see the great advantage to the Province in building now the added classroom space that is marked "for future expansion" on the preliminary floor plan, and more so, that the Archdiocesan School Authorities and the Local Superior and his Council in Detroit are all in favor of putting up all these sections at one time, thus saving considerable expenses that would be entailed later.

We hope that you will succeed in negotiating a loan at a fair rate of interest. The permission of the S. Congregation of Religious will be necessary to make this loan. Though you could obtain this permission from the Apostolic Delegate in Washington, D.C., I personally am of the opinion that it would be better for us to apply directly to the S. Congregation here, for you. However, I do not insist on this, for there may be new regulations in favor of religious congregations in the U.S.A., of which I am not aware, and which make it easier by applying to the Apostolic Delegation. In any case, we will want to be informed on the exact amount of the loan, the rate of interest, the terms for repayment of the capital, and the securities given.

With cordial greetings and prayerful best wishes, I am yours sincerely in Christo et Maria,

A. M. CYR, s.m., Sup. Gen.

## **GROUND IS BROKEN**



Armed with the first vital loan, plans for the new school were drafted, and construction began with groundbreaking ceremonies on Sunday, October 4, 1953. Taking part in this official launching of the project were Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry E. Donnelly, head of the Eastern Deanery of the Detroit Archdiocese; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carroll F. Deady, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools; and Very Rev. James Lambert, s.m., Provincial of the Marist Fathers.

The following item appeared in the Michigan Catholic diocesan paper, October 1, 1953: "A regional Catholic High School to serve Northeast Detroit and suburban East Detroit, St. Clair Shores and Harper Woods will be launched with the breaking of ground Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at the site of Kelly Rd. near Eight Mile Rd. in Harper Woods.

"Details of the proposed new school, to be known as Notre Dame High, were announced Thursday, by Msgr. Carroll F. Deady, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools. The first unit, for 800 boys, will be ready for service next September. A companion unit for girls is planned for September 1955. The boys high school is a cooperative project of the Marist Fathers and six parishes: St. Veronica, East Detroit; Guardian Angels; Assumption Grotto; St. Jude; Queen of Peace, Harper Woods;



and St. Joan of Arc, St. Clair Shores. It will enroll 200 students in the ninth grade next September, and add a grade each year until the full high school course is established.

“The school will be located on 15 acres. There will be 25 classrooms and cafeteria in the present unit. A large athletic stadium is part of the first unit, with a football field, baseball diamond, and track. The girls’ high school will occupy the 10 other acres of the 25-acre plot.



“Msgr. Henry E. Donnelly, dean of the eastern deanery, will officiate at Sunday’s groundbreaking. The speaker will be Very Rev. James Lambert, Provincial of the Marist Fathers and Rev. Charles Decker, representing the Marist Fathers who staff Cathedral Central High School here.”

The site chosen for Notre Dame High School was at 20254 Kelly Road, Harper Woods, just around the corner from Eight Mile Road and Eastland Shopping Center. The architect for the school was Mr. Walter J. Rozycki of Detroit, Michigan, and the contractor was the Krieghoff Co., General Builders, also of Detroit. There were adjustments and readjustments to

the original plans (totaling \$25,000), and fluctuations on the estimated costs, but construction began in the fall of 1953, and continued apace.

### **AND THE BOYS ROLLED IN**

Notre Dame High School opened its doors to a freshman class for the first time on September 7, 1954. The following year, Regina High School, a new establishment for girls, was built adjacent to Notre Dame High, to complement the educational center at Harper Woods.

The first Marist staff at Notre Dame was: Rev. Austin E. Verow, s.m., Superior; Rev. Robert Graham, s.m., Vice-Superior; Rev. Robert Champagne, s.m.; Rev. Raymond Ouellette, s.m.; and Rev. James Kiley, s.m.

Living quarters for the Notre Dame Marist faculty became an acute problem that was temporarily solved by buying a house on Juliana St. nearby. As time went on, however, some fathers were obliged to live in several empty classrooms at the school, and then in apartments that were rented or bought outright.

In the Boston provincial circular letter dated Dec. 1, 1956, the following entry is found: "Notre Dame, Detroit, really has an eye-opener in its first yearbook, 'The Juggler.' On Sunday, Oct. 21, a record-breaking crowd of Notre Dame football fans was on hand to witness the dedication of the school's new stadium, and the homecoming game of Notre Dame's team."





In the Oct. 1, 1957, issue, the provincial letter carried this item: "Notre Dame has 980 students for 1957-1958. It is the school's first year with all four grades—nine through 12. The faculty consists of 16 priests, two scholastics and 17 laypersons. The 1957 'Juggler' is again an impressive yearbook."

A milestone was passed on March 3, 1961, when accreditation was accorded Notre Dame High School by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, for a period of two years, 1961 to 1963. This was a prelude to accreditation by the State of Michigan, which came in the fall of 1961.

### **GYMNASIUM IN THE WORKS**

The year 1964 marked another memorable milestone in the short history of Notre Dame High School. It seemed appropriate that the construction of the new gymnasium should coincide with the tenth anniversary of Notre Dame. A congratulatory message from the Very Rev. Marist Provincial, Austin E. Verow, s.m., said in part: "The culmination of this 'dream come true' is an achievement that must be deeply rewarding to everyone associated with Notre Dame in the years past and at the present time. . ."



It was under the rectorship of Rev. Francis Frechette, s.m., from 1960 to 1963, that the gymnasium "dream" was submitted to the architects for

preliminary consideration. Rev. Omer St. Onge, s.m., principal, from 1957 to 1963, visited several gymnasiums, to observe their features and he incorporated many of them into the new Notre Dame building.

The gymnasium was originally planned for 1958, and money was raised for the much-needed facility. It was only on April 29, 1964, however, that the digging of the foundation began, and the official dedication took place on November 1, 1964. The opening was finally held on February 18, 1965.

The groundbreaking ceremonies, "engineered" by the students of Notre Dame were mildly unusual. In place of a few dignitaries going through the traditional procedures and ritual, the Notre Dame hopefuls who had sold their quota of tickets in the Spring Fund Drive, were each given a spade. On a fired signal by Rev. James Kiley, s.m., principal of Notre Dame, 250 eager students struck their spades into the muddy earth and went at it with a vengeance! A caterpillar tractor then moved in to continue the spading, while the Notre Dame Band played several lively selections to help the work along.

In 1964, Notre Dame High School added a gymnasium and cafeteria facility, which was constructed by Donaldson & Meier, architects; Thomas J. Black, mechanical and electrical engineers; and Matthew Lalewicz, Inc., general contractor. The cafeteria extension also housed an enlarged locker room, shower room and an extra-long rifle range. The new construction was named the Notre Dame Memorial Gymnasium as a tribute to the sacrifices and generosity of the many friends of the school; it cost approximately \$400,000.





## **NEW RESIDENCE FOR THE MARISTS**

The year 1965 was judged to be the year for the building of a residence for the Marist personnel. A commodious, modern and attractive building was planned and constructed by the Charles M. Valentine Associates, Inc., at a cost of approximately \$250,000. The accommodations included 32 rooms, bedrooms with bath, chapel, dining room, kitchen, indoor and outdoor recreation areas (the outdoor swimming pool was a gratuitous gift from the builders), and a complete suite for the domestic staff. Construction of the Marist residence was done by Mr. Edward Wagonsomer, one of the associate builders from Detroit.



The house is situated directly behind the school building with ample parking space, and forming part of the Notre Dame compound. There are reception and counseling offices at one end of the building, which are separated from the living quarters, assuring privacy and quiet to the regular occupants. Air conditioning throughout, and its location away from the noisy traffic on Kelly Road contribute to making this Marist residence one of the finest in the Boston Province.

With the completion of the Marist faculty residence, the building program at Notre Dame, Harper Woods, Michigan, came to an end. There remains the liquidation of the large debt, but the future is confronted with courage and with trust in Divine Providence.

Notre Dame High School boasts a completely modern educational facility. Built entirely on a ground-floor plan, it has all the required equipment and the comfortable classrooms needed to carry out an impressive program: theology, English, foreign languages, mathematics, sciences, social studies, physical education. Student activities list no less than 12 possibilities with art, music, dramatics, etc.; services are available in chapel, guidance, speech; and the athletic program takes in some ten different sporting events. There is a large library and a well-equipped laboratory. There is an alumni association, a mothers' guild and a dads' club, a dozen different students' clubs, and a brass band that has consistently won awards in music competition. The religious program is evidently of top priority, with spiritual services and a vocation club that began in 1957.

### **GROWTH WAS SWIFT AND DRAMATIC**

The development of Notre Dame High School has been rapid and satisfying. At the present time (1974), the faculty numbers 48 and the



student enrollment is about 1,000. The Marists who are members of the faculty are dedicated priests and religious, progressive and energetic. They deserve commendation for a task generously and expertly done in this vital and far-reaching apostolate.

As the years pass swiftly by, Notre Dame continues to be outstanding in its field: in its academic programs, its cultural and artistic endeavors, and its trophy-winning sports teams.

Notre Dame High School, Harper Woods, Michigan, gives all indications of vitality and social involvement. In its own words: "Notre Dame student policies aim at Christian formation, academic development, social consideration and dynamic citizenship...striving to promote a climate of personal growth, creativity, responsibility and freedom."

Its motto is alive and promising: "Valor Virtusque" or "Courage and Virtue."

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(8)	1.	THE UNICORN	IRISH ROVERS	DECCA	3
(13)	2.	HONEY	BOBBY GOLDSBORD	U.A.	2
(4)	3.	THE SON OF HICKORY HOLLER'S TRAMP	O.C. SMITH	COLUMBIA	6
(3)	4.	I GOT THE FEELIN'	JAMES BROWN	KING	4
(1)	5.	SINCE YOU'VE BEEN GONE	ARETHA FRANKLIN	ATLANTIC	7
(6)	6.	SWEET INSPIRATION	SWEET INSPIRATIONS	ATLANTIC	5
(2)	7.	SCARBOROUGH FAIR	SIMON AND GARFUNKEL	COLUMBIA	8
(16)	8.	THE BALLAD OF BONNIE & CLYDE	GEORGIE FAME	EPIC	3
(19)	9.	LADY MADONNA	BEATLES	CAPITOL	3
		INNER LIGHT	BEATLES	CAPITOL	3
(7)	10.	LOVE IS BLUE	PAUL MAURIAT & ORCHESTRA	PHILIPS	11
(15)	11.	LOOK AT WHAT I ALMOST MISSED	PARLIAMENTS	REVILOT	3
(10)	12.	DANCE TO THE MUSIC	SLY & THE FAMILY STONE	EPIC	7
(HB)	13.	TIGHTEN UP	ARCHIE BELL & THE DRELLS	ATLANTIC	1
(8)	14.	CRY LIKE A BABY	BOX TOPS	MALA	5
(22)	15.	THE WAY OF A MAN	DARROW FLETCHER	PREVUE	6
(12)	16.	THE MIGHTY QUINN	MANFRED MANN	MERCURY	6
(14)	17.	VALLER!	MONKEES	COLGEMS	5
		TAPIOCA TUNDRA	MONKEES	COLGEMS	5
(9)	18.	KISS ME GOODBYE	PETULA CLARK	W. B.	7
(HB)	19.	I AM THE MAN FOR YOU BABY	EDWIN STARR	GORDY	1
(21)	20.	YOUNG GIRL	UNION GAP	COLUMBIA	3
(29)	21.	DOES YOUR MAMA KNOW ABOUT ME	BOBBY TAYLOR & THE VANCOUVERS	GORDY	2
(25)	22.	FOREVER CAME TODAY	DIANA ROSS & THE SUPREMES	MOTOWN	3
(26)	23.	FUNKY STREET	ARTHUR CONLEY	ATCO	3
(28)	24.	PLAYBOY	GENE AND DEBBIE	TRX	2
(HB)	25.	SHOO-BE-DOO-BE-DOO-DA-DAY	STEVIE WONDER	TAMLA	1
(HB)	26.	THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY	HUGO MONTENEGRO	RCA	1
(30)	27.	U.S. MALE	ELVIS PRESLEY	RCA	2
(HB)	28.	LOVE IS ALL AROUND	THE TROGGS	FONTANA	1
(HB)	29.	THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM	HESITATIONS	KAPP	1
(HB)	30.	IF YOU DON'T WANT MY LOVE	ROBERT JOHN	COLUMBIA	1

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# 1971 All-Star Game Official Ballot

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# We Get Questions... or "FAQs"

## ***When and why did the Friends of Notre Dame High School form?***

The Friends of Notre Dame High School formed in the spring of 2005 as a vehicle to try to save Notre Dame High School from closing.

## ***Who formed the Friends of Notre Dame High School?***

The Friends of Notre Dame High School was formed by a group of dedicated students, parents, teachers, administrators and alumni, in an effort to save Notre Dame High School from being closed.

## ***When and why did the Friends of Notre Dame become the Notre Dame Alumni Association?***

The Friends of Notre Dame High School became the Notre Dame Alumni Association in June of 2005. At the time of Notre Dame's closing, discussions took place between the parent's club, the administration of ND, the Marist's and the alumni who were involved in the 'Save Notre Dame' effort. It was decided unanimously by all of these parties that an effort needed to be made to keep the Notre Dame family intact. After a few meetings, a vote was taken. That unanimous vote decided that the Friends of Notre Dame should and would become the Notre Dame Alumni Association.

## ***Who decided who would run the Notre Dame Alumni Association?***

After it was decided that the Friends of Notre Dame would be transformed into the Notre Dame Alumni Association, a meeting took place to decide the way in which it would be run. Those in attendance at this meeting included members of the parent's club, members of the administration of ND, a Marist representative, and a handful of alumni who were dedicated to the 'Save Notre Dame' effort. Ideas were discussed in 'round table' fashion. After a call for nominations was made, a vote was then taken to decide who would lead the Notre Dame Alumni Association. That vote resulted in Jim Mandl '90 being elected to run the alumni association along with his father, Jim Mandl '66.

## ***Who decided the manner in which the Notre Dame Alumni Association would be run?***

After Jim Mandl '90 was elected as President of the Friends of Notre Dame High School, he met with members of the

parent's club, members of the administration of ND, a Marist representative, and a handful of alumni who were dedicated to the 'Save Notre Dame' effort. At this meeting, Jim Mandl '90 committed to preserve the history and legacy of Notre Dame and to continue the traditions of the Notre Dame Alumni Association indefinitely. He gave his word that he would lead the Notre Dame Alumni Association until he could no longer do it. All parties involved in the meeting agreed to allow Jim Mandl '90 to lead the Notre Dame Alumni Association for an indefinite term. At this time, all email addresses and the ND alumni database were turned over to Mandl '90.

## ***Why did Notre Dame High School close?***

While it is true that declining enrollment, financial problems, and the shifting demographics of the east side Catholic population contributed to ND's demise, there are other factors that could not be controlled that contributed. The number one additional factor was the desire to see it close by a contingency of Marists, who were no longer involved with Notre Dame.

## ***What's the story behind the "new Notre Dame?"***

There is no "new" Notre Dame. There is a school in Pontiac that opened in 1994, nearly 11 years before Notre Dame closed, with a similar name, similar colors, similar fight song, and similar philosophy as Notre Dame. But, "new?" No. Since late 2007, this school has been trying to convince Notre Dame graduates that they are the new Notre Dame.

## ***Why didn't Notre Dame close in 1994 when Notre Dame Preparatory opened?***

Notre Dame didn't close in 1994 because that was never the original plan.

## ***What happened with Notre Dame between 1994 and 2005?***

In 1994, when the school in Pontiac opened, many of Notre Dame's long-time and well respected teachers were courted to teach in Pontiac by the founders of that school. While Notre Dame was still a fine educational institution, due to this pilfering of the faculty, within two years, Notre Dame was left a shell of its former self. In 1997, a Marist who ended his involvement with Notre Dame in 1994, approached the Archdiocese of Detroit and asked that Notre Dame be closed. This Marist was reminded that closing

Notre Dame was not a part of the original plan when the AOD allowed the Marists to open a school in Pontiac. Also in 1997, Notre Dame needed funds for desperately needed building and parking lot improvements. When they approached the AOD regarding a loan, a deal was struck to sell the Harper Woods property and building to the AOD. This infusion of cash permitted Notre Dame to renovate and remain open for the foreseeable future. The Marists first began discussing closing Notre Dame in 2000 when they no longer had the financial resources to operate both schools. Debt was accumulating and they could no longer afford to keep Notre Dame and the school in Pontiac open. Although the AOD owned the Harper Woods property, they were not interested in helping to keep Notre Dame afloat financially with additional loans. The AOD, and the Catholic Church in general, were having their own financial difficulties at the time. Then, in 2005, the enrollment of Notre Dame dropped to 295 students and the administration at Notre Dame began working with the alumni and parents on a plan to move Notre Dame to more viable location in Macomb County. On the same day that the alumni and parents were to have their final meeting to finalize the plans to move the school, the AOD announced they would be closing Notre Dame.

## ***Why didn't the Notre Dame alumni association get moved out to Pontiac in 2005 when Notre Dame closed?***

All parties involved in these meetings regarding the Notre Dame Alumni Association, including a Marist representative from Boston, agreed that the Notre Dame High School Alumni Association should function independently and not be merged with the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School.

## ***Why did some memorabilia, uniforms, and equipment from Notre Dame end up at the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School?***

In 1997 the Marist's sold Notre Dame and the property to the Archdiocese of Detroit. Between 2005 and 2007, many Archdiocesan schools were given the opportunity to rummage through Notre Dame once it was closed. A lot of items ended up in catholic grade schools and catholic high schools throughout the Archdiocese. Some items were sent di-



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rectly to the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School because, in 1994, that school was established with similar colors and a similar name as Notre Dame High School. These items could be put to use by this school, so they were sent to Pontiac rather than to a dumpster. We also know that representatives from the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School went through Notre Dame, twice, looking for items they could use after the closing. The Archdiocese of Detroit controlled all of this.

### ***How did the Friends of Notre Dame end up with so much of the memorabilia, uniforms, yearbooks, etc. from Notre Dame?***

Prior to the closing, the Friends of Notre Dame was given permission to remove many items from the school. Among them were the letters from the front of the school, the cross from the front of the school, two (2) complete sets of yearbooks, all of the clothing from the school store, ND cookbooks, team uniforms including football jerseys, banners, and other items. Once all other catholic schools, including the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School, had a chance to go through Notre Dame, we went back into Notre Dame to salvage more items on five (5) separate occasions. At this point, everything that was left behind by the other schools was deemed "junk" and was destined for a landfill. We rescued all of the school's trophies, over 1,000 yearbooks, the Wall of Fame photos, class photos from the library, and various other items.

### ***What's the connection between Notre Dame alumni and Notre Dame Preparatory?***

After seeing how successfully the Notre Dame alumni association was functioning as an independent entity, in 2007, a representative from that school attended our annual basketball tournament and announced to the participants that Notre Dame Preparatory was going to be the new home of the Notre Dame alumni. A small percentage of Notre Dame alumni identified with and chose to make the school in Pontiac their new home. However, for the overwhelming majority of Notre Dame alumni, there is no connection or feeling of connection to the school in Pontiac at all.

### ***How did the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School get my e-mail address / mailing address?***

They did not get them from us. There are two possible ways that we can hypothesize how they acquired your contact information. 1) In 2009, we did the Notre Dame High School alumni directory project. They may have gone through a copy of that directory and recreated the ND alumni database or 2) The Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School hired a few people who were on staff at ND when it closed. At least one of these people is known to have had a copy of the ND alumni database. It is possible that this person turned the ND alumni database over to the administration at the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School.

### ***Why won't the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory school leave me alone?***

They will. All you have to do is ask them and they will remove you from their records.

### ***Why haven't you attempted to work with the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory school?***

Since 2005, we have successfully functioned without the involvement of a school. We don't see any beneficial reason to work with them now or in the future.

### ***Who designed, created, and maintains the Friends of Notre Dame Website?***

The Friends of Notre Dame Website was created by Ricky Winowiecki '04 and Randy Walters '05 with input from Jim Mandl '90 and other alumni. It is administered primarily by Randy Walters '05 and Jim Mandl '90.

### ***How long do you (Jim Mandl '90) plan to preside over the Friends of Notre Dame?***

Jim Mandl's '90 original plan was to preside over the Friends of Notre Dame for a period of five (5) years. At that time he was going to reflect and decide to either step down or recommit to presiding over the Notre Dame Alumni Association. At the five (5) year mark, Jim Mandl '90 decided to commit to presiding over the Notre Dame Alumni Association indefinitely. Jim Mandl '90 is committed to preserving the history and legacy of Notre Dame and to continuing the traditions of the Notre Dame Alumni Association indefinitely.

### ***Are there costs involved in running the Notre Dame Alumni Association? If so, what are they?***

Yes. As with any organization, it does take money in order to function. A list of items we pay for each year is as follows: Our website, our website hosting our email program, our on-line store, paypal fees, office supplies, memorabilia storage, postage, shipping supplies, and mileage.

### ***What do you do with the funds that are generated via donations, events, and sales from items in the on-line store?***

First, the Friends of Notre Dame is a not-for-profit 501c7 organization. We do not seek to personally profit in any way, shape, or form in presiding over the Notre Dame Alumni Association. Regarding money, from day one, we committed to the following philosophy: never ask the alumni for a penny unless we are giving them something of value in return. We continue to live by that philosophy. Second, each year, we seek out worthy causes and donate funds. Whether it be a charity, a scholarship, an athletic team, or directly to someone in need, after we cover our expenses, left-over monies are always donated. Since 2005, we have been able to donate well over \$5,000 to various causes.

### ***What services do you provide to ND alumni?***

Some of the services we provide:

- Reunion planning support
- Four to seven issues of The Leprechaun annually
- Monthly e-mail newsletters
- An open invitation to participate in events including:
  - Alumni basketball tournament
  - Golf outing
  - Alumni database management
  - Yearbook archive and storage
  - Alumni web site administration
  - ND Facebook administration
  - ND memorabilia archive & storage

### ***What do you expect of the ND alumni?***

We don't *expect* anything. However, it is our hope that ND alumni will speak positively about the Friends of Notre Dame, take pride in our accomplishments since 2005, keep your contact information up-to-date and support our motto of *Keeping the spirit of the Fightin' Irish alive since 2005!*



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## Harper Woods Notre Dame Remains Unoccupied

This August, our alma mater was sold to a Baptist church on the east side of Detroit. Their goal was to give students in Detroit an opportunity to attend a good school. The rectory was to be turned into a boarding facility for those who lived far away and lacked transportation. The building was re-opened as South Shore Educational and Boarding facility. After just two weeks of operation, the building was forced to close. Students in the building noticed the smell of gas in the air and the fire department was called. Unfortunately, a furnace problem was uncovered - one that existed prior to the sale. The fire

marshal forced the evacuation of the building and slapped a notice

on the front door. The notice states the building is not safe to

be occupied until necessary repairs have been met. This was a crushing blow to the new owners who were unaware of the problem at the time they completed the purchase of the building. Unable to fund the repairs, the school was closed until further notice leaving nearly 400 students scrambling to re-enroll in the Detroit public school system.



This photo of the empty vending area in the cafeteria says it all.



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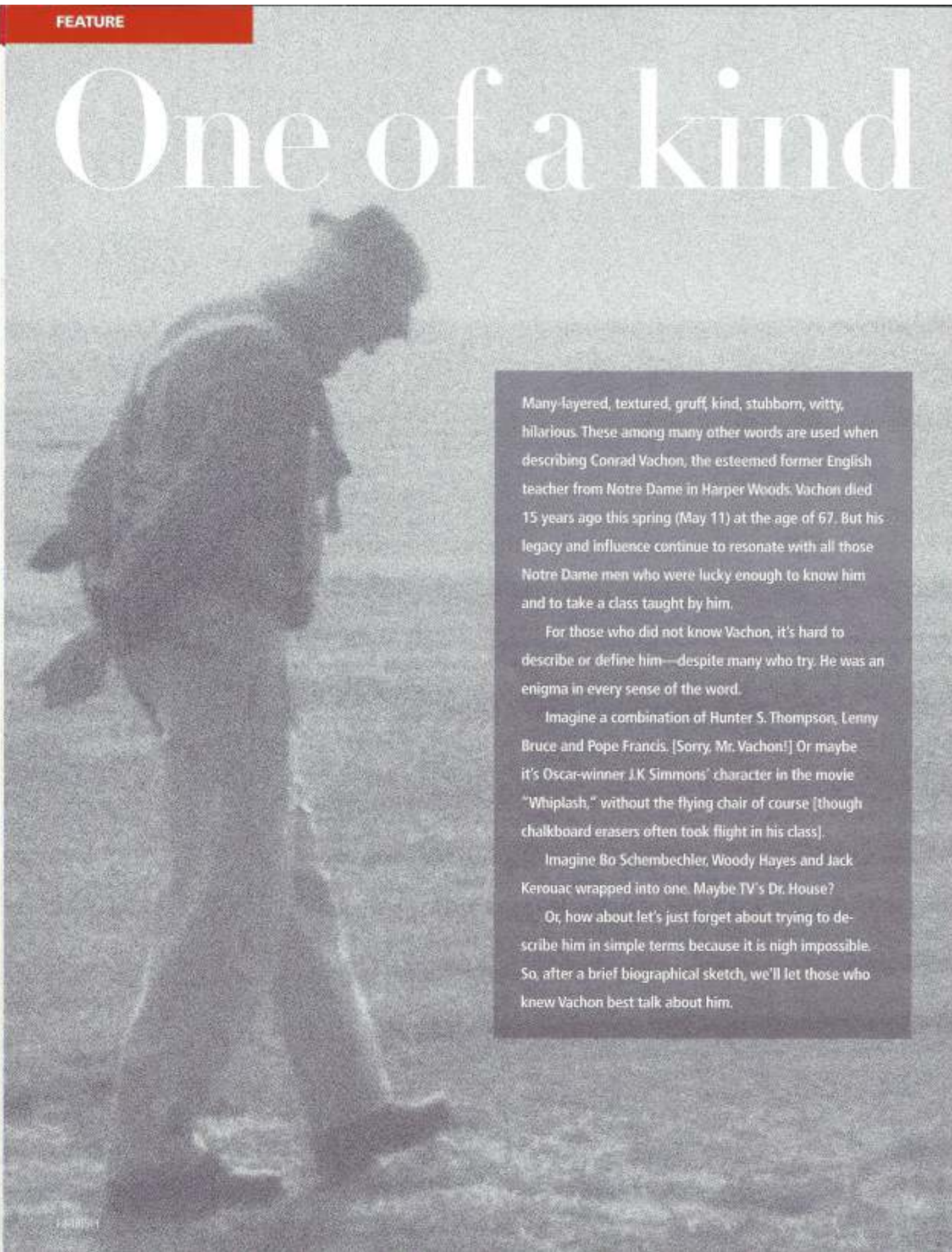
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# One of a kind



Many-layered, textured, gruff, kind, stubborn, witty, hilarious. These among many other words are used when describing Conrad Vachon, the esteemed former English teacher from Notre Dame in Harper Woods. Vachon died 15 years ago this spring (May 11) at the age of 67. But his legacy and influence continue to resonate with all those Notre Dame men who were lucky enough to know him and to take a class taught by him.

For those who did not know Vachon, it's hard to describe or define him—despite many who try. He was an enigma in every sense of the word.

Imagine a combination of Hunter S. Thompson, Lenny Bruce and Pope Francis. [Sorry, Mr. Vachon!] Or maybe it's Oscar-winner J.K. Simmons' character in the movie "Whiplash," without the flying chair of course [though chalkboard erasers often took flight in his class].

Imagine Bo Schembechler, Woody Hayes and Jack Kerouac wrapped into one. Maybe TV's Dr. House?

Or, how about let's just forget about trying to describe him in simple terms because it is nigh impossible. So, after a brief biographical sketch, we'll let those who knew Vachon best talk about him.



Conrad G. Vachon was born on November 24, 1932, in Detroit to parents Rudel and Alice. (His older brother Maurice currently lives in suburban Detroit.) Vachon attended Detroit's St. Rita grade school and graduated in 1950 from Catholic Central, which at that time was still in Detroit. He received his undergraduate degree in English from Assumption College, in Windsor, Ontario, and his graduate degree, also in English, from the University of Detroit.



Irene Vachon, Conrad's sister-in-law and Maurice's wife, said she first met Conrad around the time he was in the Basilian Seminary, which she said he entered out of high school, but didn't finish.

Irene and her family were close with Conrad throughout his life. An avowed life-long bachelor, Irene said her brother-in-law was always included in their family gatherings.

"Conrad was in many ways more like a brother to me than my own brothers," Irene recalled. "And he was a very good uncle to my children. We would never think of having a birthday or holiday celebration without him."

She said he was also generous to a fault to her family.

"He really loved books and the arts," Irene said. "In fact, every year on my birthday and Christmas, Conrad would always give me a book. Same with the kids. And he would always write something on the flyleaf." She said they still have all those books.

Conrad Vachon started teaching at Notre Dame High School in 1957 just a couple of years after it opened in Harper Woods and he was on staff there until he died in 2000. He taught English from the get-go and coached track and cross country for most of his years at the school. From 1974 until 1981, he also served as principal.

So, between those years at Notre Dame—1957 and 2000—Conrad Vachon touched the lives of many students and staffers. We reached out to some of them and what follows are their thoughts, remembrances and anecdotes. And we wrap it up with a special, touching essay written in the year 2000 by a 1965 graduate. It really does capture the special essence of a special man.



Conrad Vachon is with his nephew, Guy Vachon, in the 1970s.

VACHON FAMILY PHOTOS PROVIDED BY ALICE VACHON



*Doug Brown, a 1970 graduate of NDHS, qualified for the Olympics three times (1972, 1976, 1980) and was a two-time American record holder and five-time national college champion (Tennessee) in steeplechase. During his senior year at NDHS, he won the Michigan class A state championship in cross country. Vachon was Brown's cross-country coach and his number-one mentor.*

"Simply put, Conrad Vachon was one of the most influential people in my entire life. It's not a cliché to say he was like a father to me. He would kick my butt when it needed kicking, hug my neck when it needed hugging, and taught me so many things that could never be learned in the classroom. He always believed in me and for

that reason I was willing to run through walls for that man—pun intended!"



*Fr. Leon Olzamski, S.M., is a 1965 alum of NDHS and current head of school at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy.*

"Conrad Vachon was the quintessential English teacher. I enjoyed him immensely in class. Additionally, he was a wonderful support to me when I became principal at Harper Woods Notre Dame. God bless Conrad for the many good things he did for his students."

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*Mark Binelli, who graduated from NDHS in 1988, is an author and journalist based in New York City.*

"I remember how Vachon would refer to Joseph Conrad as 'Joe Conrad,' and how he told us never to leave a movie before the credits ended, and of course, the poems we'd recite at the beginning of every class. Funny enough, my girlfriend teaches high school English here in New York and I mentioned Vachon's poetry regimen—and she loved the idea and started doing it with her kids! She even used Tennyson's 'The Eagle,' the very first poem Vachon had us memorize in 12th-grade English class, which I'm sure he chose in part because he knew how much he looked like a balding bird of prey himself. So anyway, because of Vachon, now there are a bunch of tough New York City public school kids who can recite 'He clasps the crag with crooked hands. . .'"



*Tom Novak, a 1958 graduate of NDHS, is a former cop, businessman and author of a number of novels. He talks about what got him interested in writing and, of course, Vachon.*

"Actually, it started in grade school where I wrote essays for the ADF (Archdiocesan Development Fund) while at Ascension School in Warren. I won a rosary in the fifth grade, I think, for an essay. Then, during my senior year at NDHS, Mr. Conrad Vachon, my English teacher, wanted us to write for a Detroit Free Press or Detroit News contest. I did not win, but Mr. Vachon said, 'You can write, Tom. Don't waste your talent.' Much later, I sent him a copy of an outdoor magazine published out of Cincinnati that bought two articles from me in the late 70s just to show him I was trying to follow his wishes. I also loved the way Mr. Vachon read Macbeth, changing voices for all the characters. And he was a sharp dresser. Being the class clown, I always had to make comments about his Robert Hall wardrobe."



*Gini Kelly worked at Conrad Vachon's secretary when he was principal of NDHS. She and her husband, Tom, the former teacher, coach and athletic director at Notre Dame, were very good friends with Vachon.*

"To say working for Conrad was a challenge is definitely an understatement. But he always put the kids first, always had their best interests in mind. I will always remember, though, what to me was a very funny episode near the end of one particular school year. I'm sure he'd have a different take on it, however. One afternoon, he came flying out of his office, almost screaming, 'Gini, call the police! Those damn girls from Regina are driving around our school and mooning the boys!' He was beside himself. He'd go back into his office and then come back out a few minutes later. 'Gini, call the police! Did you call them yet?' While nearly falling out of my chair laughing, I told him 'you call the damn police. I'm not calling them!' What he was conveniently forgetting about was the call we got the week before from the principal of Regina complaining about the ND boys mooning the girls—and that he had told me, 'Oh well, boys will be boys.'"



*Bob Artymovich, a 1970 alum of NDHS and owner of EA Graphics, recalled an encounter with Vachon on his graduation day.*

"I went up to Mr. Vachon after the ceremony and said that I'm sure happy to see this diploma because I wasn't sure I was going to make it. He said 'Until last

night, you weren't.' I didn't know if he was joking or not!"



*Gregory Simon, a 1990 NDHS grad, is currently director of The Notre Dame Fund.*

"I found my inner scholar because of Conrad Vachon. I learned to think and critique the world around me. I learned to never hold my tongue when I saw indifference, arrogance or authority running amok. And, of course, I learned living with passion, humor, and a bit of an edge is not to be shied away from..."



*Norm Kotarski taught at both NDHS and NDP for more than 30 years. He also directed the drama departments at both schools.*

"Conrad Vachon = unconventional and effective.

"As a member of the English department, I observed Conrad use some classroom strategies that could only be used most effectively by Conrad. He had a way of invading the students' minds by creating some tension without provoking animosity. His swing from formality to informality could keep a class of students on their toes.

"He prodded students to view literature on a different slant. Students created the questions and then answered them with often an intellectual reversal to the point of the story. Did this lead to argument? Of course! Only the students who took part in the discussions were the winners of the argument.

"Tensions were relieved with nicknames, trips to 'check the flag,' and crazy 'window' rules. Who else could ask a class of senior boys to memorize the first fourteen lines of Chaucer's introduction to The Canterbury Tales in the original Old English dialect and then hear them spontaneously shout it out as part of a cheer at a sports rally. That made even Conrad smile.

"Why do the alumni remember Mr. Vachon? Because he was full of surprises and successfully rode that line between boys and men."



*David Bonior, former U.S. Congressman and author of four books, graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1963.*

"Conrad Vachon was as good a teacher as I've ever had. I remember he made me miss a baseball game once. Kept me after school. But he did the right thing. I was mad at him, but it was the right thing to do. Also, I had a habit of silent reading with my lips. He cured me of that by sticking a pencil in my mouth!"



*Fr. Joe Hindelang, s.m., who graduated from NDHS in 1968 and is the current principal of Notre Dame Prep, had a "very Vachon" story to tell. It was during the time Hindelang was on staff at Notre Dame and Vachon was teaching English.*

"When I was an assistant principal at ND in the mid-to-late 80s, near the end of the year, one day I was walking innocently down the main hallway and I smelled smoke. So I was a bit concerned about that and determined that the smell was coming from the end of the middle wing.

"So I walked to the end of the wing and there was Conrad's class of seniors and they were all sitting there smoking cigars. So I figured Conrad knows what he's doing and I turned around and walked back to my office. Three or four hours later I saw Conrad in the hall and I said, 'Conrad, I was walking down the hallway at 9:05 this morning and saw a bunch of guys smoking in your room.'

"Conrad said, 'Did you see that?' That was the damndest thing!"



And I said, what was going on, and he said, 'I was standing there teaching and all of a sudden this Barr kid lights a cigar.' And I said, what did you do? And he said, 'Nothing. I didn't want him to know it bothered me.' Then what happened? He said, 'Everybody else took out a cigar.' And I said, then what did you do? He said, 'I kept teaching. I didn't want them to think it was bothering me.' After a long pause, he said, 'But when it got to the end of the period, I said, put those things out and open the windows. We've got freshmen coming in here next and we don't want them scandalized.'

"Come to find out, three or four days later I was talking to Mr. and Mrs. Barr and I said something about this to them. They said the class wanted to do something special in Conrad's class since it was the end of the school year. But they all thought they would get expelled. 'So our son said, 'Look, I'll light the cigar and if he is going to do anything, he'll just throw me out, and then you guys are all set. But if I don't get into trouble, then you guys light up.' They had this all worked out."



*Comedian and actor Dave Coulter, a 1977 NDHS alum, recalled Vachon's writing class.*

"He would give out a gold star if your paper was the best of that week's assignment. I would usually write something funny about a serious subject matter. Well, my first four papers in his class were Ds. He told me (insert naally Conrad Vachon impression here): 'David, not everything in this world is funny.' And I said, 'Yes it is.' He laughed, shook his head and walked away. I stuck with it though, and for the next assignment I wrote something that I thought was really funny about the Vietnam War. The following week he was giving out our papers and I thought, here comes another D. He threw my paper on my desk with a look of sheer disgust on his face. I looked down. I got the gold star! Before I read my paper to class, he told everyone what guts I had. The moral of the story for me? STICK WITH WHAT YOU BELIEVE even though there's going to be some failure on the way to success."



*Duane Holmes taught, coached and was the dean of students at NDHS before he came to work in NDP's athletic department in 2005. He began his Notre Dame career in 1978 when then-principal Conrad Vachon hired him to teach at the Harper Woods campus. Holmes had been at Detroit Assisi High School for two years before that school closed.*

"I thought Conrad was a very interesting individual, to say the least, when I first met him at my interview. But he was a wonderful, wonderful man."



*Tom Schusterbauer taught English at NDHS for nine years before a 30-year stint at Meny High School. Many former Notre Dame students to this day compare him to Vachon. Schusterbauer said that when he first got to ND, he was scared to death of Vachon.*

"I told fellow English teacher Bob Kelly that I was struggling with teaching advanced comp. He suggested that I sit in on CV's class. When I asked Vachon if he minded, he said, 'I don't give a damn what you do.'"

"But later that same year, as I was walking to the library for the faculty Christmas party, Vachon came up to me and said, 'I'm hearing great things about you, Schusty.' Nothin' meant more to me."



*Fr. Jim Stratz, S.M., is on staff at Notre Dame Prep. He graduated from NDHS in 1970 and was at Notre Dame for his first few years of teaching.*

"I was grateful to Conrad for his kindness when I first went to teach at ND. He was the principal then and was always very enthused about the school. And he was most helpful in my first year or two giving advice on teaching. I especially remember after Vachon gave up the principal's job and was back in the classroom. Across the hall from me in the second wing I could hear him boom to his students, 'Don't you dare look out that window!' It brought back memories of when I was at NDHS and had him as a teacher. He often would bellow to unsuspecting kids, usually freshmen, 'Go out to the football field and see if the flag is flying!'"

*Bob Gausen is a 1965 alum of Notre Dame as well as a writer and college professor. He wrote the following after a visit to Notre Dame to hopefully catch up with his favorite high school teacher.*

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## The Gift

*By Bob Gausen*

"On May 17, 2000, I entered the back door of Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, Michigan, holding a paperback copy of Shakespeare's Hamlet. Although this book was faded and worn, held together with yellowed mending tape, it was in remarkably good condition, considering the service it had given to me. I had first used this book in 1965 as a senior at Notre Dame. Three years later, as an English major, I made use of the critical commentary at the back of the book while I studied Shakespearean tragedies. Then in 1976, I again used the reference works when studying Shakespeare as a graduate student in English. On numerous occasions, I have used



*Conrad Vachon also coached track and cross country at Notre Dame.*

this old Signet Classic Hamlet when teaching Introduction to Literature at Hutchinson Community College in Kansas. After teaching English for thirty years, I decided to give this book to Mr. Conrad Vachon, my senior English teacher at Notre Dame. This book, along with a number of others that I had saved from high school, undergraduate work and graduate study, meant much to me. To some extent, it was symbolic of my scholastic attainments, and I wanted to give this worn copy of Hamlet, one of the crowning achievements in the English language, to the man who had introduced me to the power of language.

"At the end of my junior year in high school, the dean of studies at Notre Dame asked me about my career plans. Although

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I had no career plans, I told him that I wanted to become a writer. English was one of the only courses in which I had earned a B grade. I enjoyed writing and put occasional effort into it. On the strength of my remark to the dean and my Bs in English, I ended up in one of Mr. Vachon's senior English classes with the smart kids, those who enrolled in fourth-year Latin and calculus and were prepping for colleges such as Brown, Boston College and Michigan. My only impression of Mr. Vachon prior to my senior year was of a skinny guy with a hooked nose and an almost continual scowl, a no-nonsense teacher who walked quickly through the halls. He reminded me of a rooster wearing black, horn-rimmed glasses.

"Conrad Vachon praised me once during my entire senior year of English. Before starting class one morning, he saw Ernest Hemingway's *A Moveable Feast* on my desk. 'You're reading *A Moveable Feast*. I'm impressed, Gassen.' That was the only time he was impressed with me. What I didn't mention to Mr. Vachon was that, the day before, I was killing time in study hall, which was located in the library. While doodling in my notebook, I noticed a book with a multi-colored dust jacket on one of the shelves and began reading it out of curiosity. Just before the end of the hour, I checked out *A Moveable Feast* and read it all. Hemingway made writing seem like such an adventure that I even wrote some of my essays for Mr. Vachon in a drugstore restaurant to imitate Hemingway's account of writing in restaurants. I didn't know who Hemingway was and had no recollection of reading any of his fiction, but at that time, I was only beginning to really care about anything.

"If a young person is lucky, he becomes involved with the right adult at the right time. In my case, I was doubly lucky. As a cross country coach, Mr. Bill Raymond made me believe that mediocrity was my lot in life only if I allowed that to happen. From him, I learned that if I wanted to excel as a runner, I would have to have the determination to win and put in the requisite hard work. As an English teacher, Mr. Vachon demonstrated what commitment and passion for a profession and a field of study really meant. In Mr. Vachon's classes, we didn't take study halls or discuss any issues not pertinent to the lesson at hand. Under him, we studied the craft of writing—such as formulating a thesis and improving verb density. We read and discussed such works as Sophocles' *Antigone*, Beowulf, Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, and Thomas Hardy's *The Return of the Native*. We memorized John Donne's sonnet 'Death, be not proud,' Shakespeare's sonnet "That time of Year," and Hamlet's 'To be or not to be' soliloquy. I still remember sitting at an old Formica kitchen table writing Donne's 'Death, be not proud' sonnet over and over until I had, to use Mr. Vachon's phrase, 'committed it to memory.' At that time, I had no idea what this poem meant. It could just as well have been written in a foreign language. But what was important then was that I was beginning my apprenticeship in the profession of language. Several years later, I came to appreciate Donne's ingenious Italian sonnet, and a few years after

that, I took an entire graduate course entitled *Age of Donne*. But I had memorized 'Death, be not proud' in 1965, and to this day, I can recite it and the other poems that I memorized in Mr. Vachon's class.

"I'm not suggesting that requiring students to memorize a number of poems and read a voluminous amount of literature is a necessary characteristic of good English teaching. However, Conrad Vachon brought such intense passion and conviction to his teaching that I really didn't mind the work. In fact, years later, when preparing certain works of literature that I previously studied under Mr. Vachon for college classes that I was taking, I would hear his phrases and ideas echoing in my mind. When discussing Joseph Conrad's *Lord Jim* in a college class, I remembered Conrad Vachon lecturing in the cafeteria while team teaching with Mr. Robert Kelly and Father Richard Cochran. His emphasis that Jim was 'one of us' still reverberates in

my memory. By the end of my senior year at Notre Dame, I knew that although I had a long way to go, I wanted to teach English like Mr. Vachon.

"During the first semester of my freshmen year at college, my mother sent me an article about Mr. Vachon as the new coach of the Notre Dame cross country team. I knew that Coach Raymond had taken a sabbatical to study at Arizona State University and was wondering who would coach cross country. When I read the article, I scoffed at the idea of Conrad Vachon being a coach. I should have known that he would put forth the

same passion and commitment to coaching that he put into teaching English. As a student at Notre Dame, I dedicated myself to running. Coincidentally, when I went to college, I channeled that dedication into the study of English, and Conrad Vachon dedicated much of his energy into coaching cross country and track, eventually producing championship teams and nationally renowned runners. Perhaps it is just as well that Mr. Vachon began coaching the year after I left Notre Dame. I don't think that I could have dealt with such intensity both in the classroom and on the track.

"As I passed through the gym and began walking down the main hallway, I looked into the room where I had Mr. Vachon for senior English. Farther on, I approached a faculty member walking in the opposite direction. 'Excuse me, I'm looking for Mr. Vachon.' He gave me a solemn look before telling me that Mr. Vachon had recently passed away.

"Before leaving, I spoke briefly with the principal, Father John Sadjak, about Mr. Vachon. As I walked out the back door, still holding the book I had intended to give Mr. Vachon, I remembered Horatio's famous line to the dead Hamlet: 'Good night, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.' ■

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## Teacher creates music, volunteers in spare time

Jane O'Malley  
Reporter

Brian Derowski is active in hospice work, community science projects, and the community band.

He was recently awarded the Sheldon Stockton Award for contributions to the State Hospice Organization.

Derowski, the science teacher at the Sanilac County Science/Math Center, has been involved with the hospice program for nine years.

He has worked in patient care, presented workshops, assisted in volunteer training, and coordinated fundraisers.

"Because of family commitments and school schedule, I have not been able to give as much time (recently) as I have in the past," said Derowski.

Derowski has a long list of other volunteer activities.

He is a guide at the Minden City Bog; gives opportunity science-related workshops; taught backpacking courses; and hosts the annual Science and Math Expo at the Career Center each year.

One of the more interesting jobs he volunteers for is a Frog Courier for the Department of Natural Resources.

He said he actually goes out into the swamps at 2 a.m. and counts frogs! There are four teams of frog couriers in Sanilac County!

"It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it," laughed Derowski.

He is also vice-president of the Sanilac Community



Brian Derowski

Symphonic Band. He plays bass clarinet for the band, which puts on free concerts and workshops for the community.

"Brian was one of the founding members of the symphonic band. We consider him the backbone," said band President Joan Juhl.

"He has worked very hard in getting students involved in the band. He's really good at bringing up morale and keeping it a cheerful place. He is very dedicated to bringing about his students' learning," Juhl added.

Before his teaching career, Derowski was involved with

Leukemia research in children through Children's Hospital of Michigan and Wayne State University Department of Pathology, where he received his master's of teaching degree.

His first teaching job was in Caxsonville-Pon. Sanilac, where he spent six years as a physics and physical science teacher. He then moved on to the Career Center, where he has taught for the past 10 years.

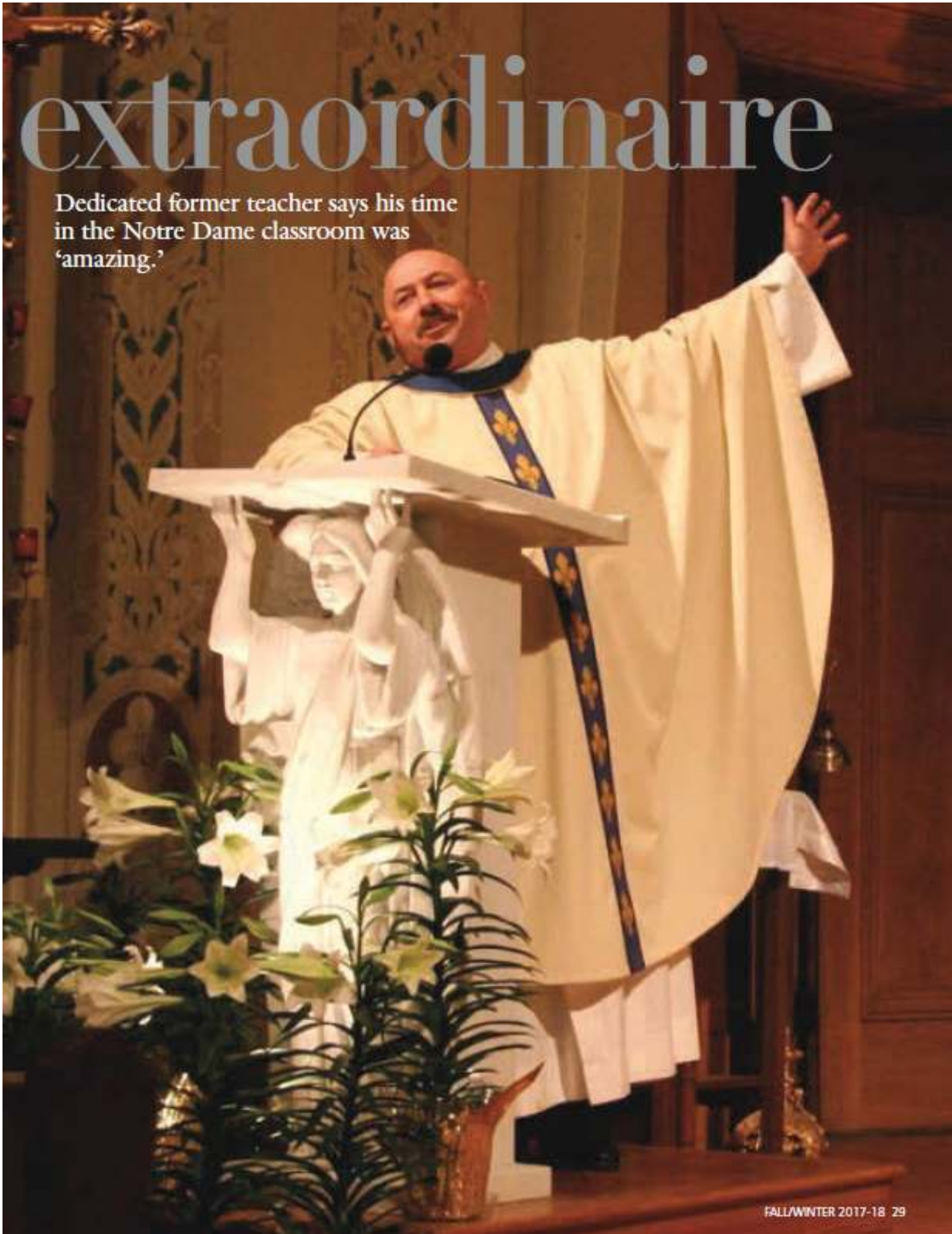
He also teaches off-campus courses for Wayne State University, Central Michigan University, Siena Heights College, Saginaw Valley and St. Clair County Community College.

"How and why does one man do so much?"

"I don't like to watch TV. Life is what you make it. Many in the community do so much more than I. They are my friends and role models," said Derowski.

# extraordinaire

Dedicated former teacher says his time in the Notre Dame classroom was 'amazing.'





# Marist educator



Former Notre Dame teacher Fr. Ron DesRosiers, s.m., kept his students entertained through many French and Latin classes.

**F**r. Ron DesRosiers, s.m., is currently assigned to St. Louis, King of France, a Marist-run parish in Saint Paul, Minnesota. It's the most recent stop in a career that has had many.

Over the years, he's taught school at Harper Woods Notre Dame, St. Bede's College in New Zealand and Cours Sainte Marie de Hann in Senegal, among others. He also spent some time in Antarctica. His most recent teaching gig was as an assistant professor of philosophy and ethics at Madonna University in Livonia from where he finally retired in 2013 after 50 years in the classroom.

He had been assisting at the St. Louis parish off and on over the years when needed, mostly during the summer months. But when he retired from teaching, his Marist superiors, naturally, thought it was time to go full-time at the parish.

"Amen, said I, and I've been here ever since, helping with masses and confessions," said DesRosiers, who noted that the parish is a very busy downtown church with 16 masses, countless weddings and funerals and 14 sessions of confessions each week.

He no doubt is busier than most retirees, but unlike perhaps most retirees, he loved — and loves — his job.

## IT WAS THE SISTERS

"I began thinking about becoming a priest in the 5th grade because one of my teachers, a Sister of Saint Joseph, said I'd be a good one," DesRosiers said. "I thought it'd be a great adventure. Actually, it's turned out to be even better."

Growing up in Framingham, Mass., about 20 miles west of Boston, DesRosiers was aware certainly that the Marists ran a seminary in his hometown. He said he ultimately decided to join the order as a priest because he was most familiar with them and more importantly, he said, they were the ones who kept his family's parish alive when it was failing.

After his ordination, DesRosiers, who speaks fluent French, was assigned initially in 1963 to Notre Dame in Harper Woods, where he taught French and Latin ultimately for about 20 years over three different stints — the last of which ended in 1990.

## MOST ANIMATED

DesRosiers used the word "amazing" to best describe his tenure at NDHS,

and he remembers well what it was like to face a large group of high school students right after leaving school himself.

"When I first started teaching at Notre Dame, I was only about 10 years older than my senior French students. I was petrified! Nonetheless, it all worked out for the best."

Dwight Cendrowski, a 1970 NDHS alum, loved taking classes with DesRosiers, who had a huge reputation for in-classroom hijinks.

"One of my favorite teachers was Fr. DesRosiers," said Cendrowski, who is a professional photographer based in Ann Arbor. "I took Latin from him and he was one of the funniest and most animated teachers I've ever had. He later officiated at my brother Mark's wedding, which was 25 years ago."

## LIFELONG LEARNING

Like Cendrowski, DesRosiers also fondly remembers his Latin classes at Notre Dame.

"One of the mnemonics I utilized back then to help the kids remember Latin preposition and case usage was, 'Put the ablative with de, cum and coram, ab and e; in and sub with the ablative case tell about a resting place.'"

He said that one of his former Latin students at NDHS who he had lost touch with over the years recently reconnected with him.

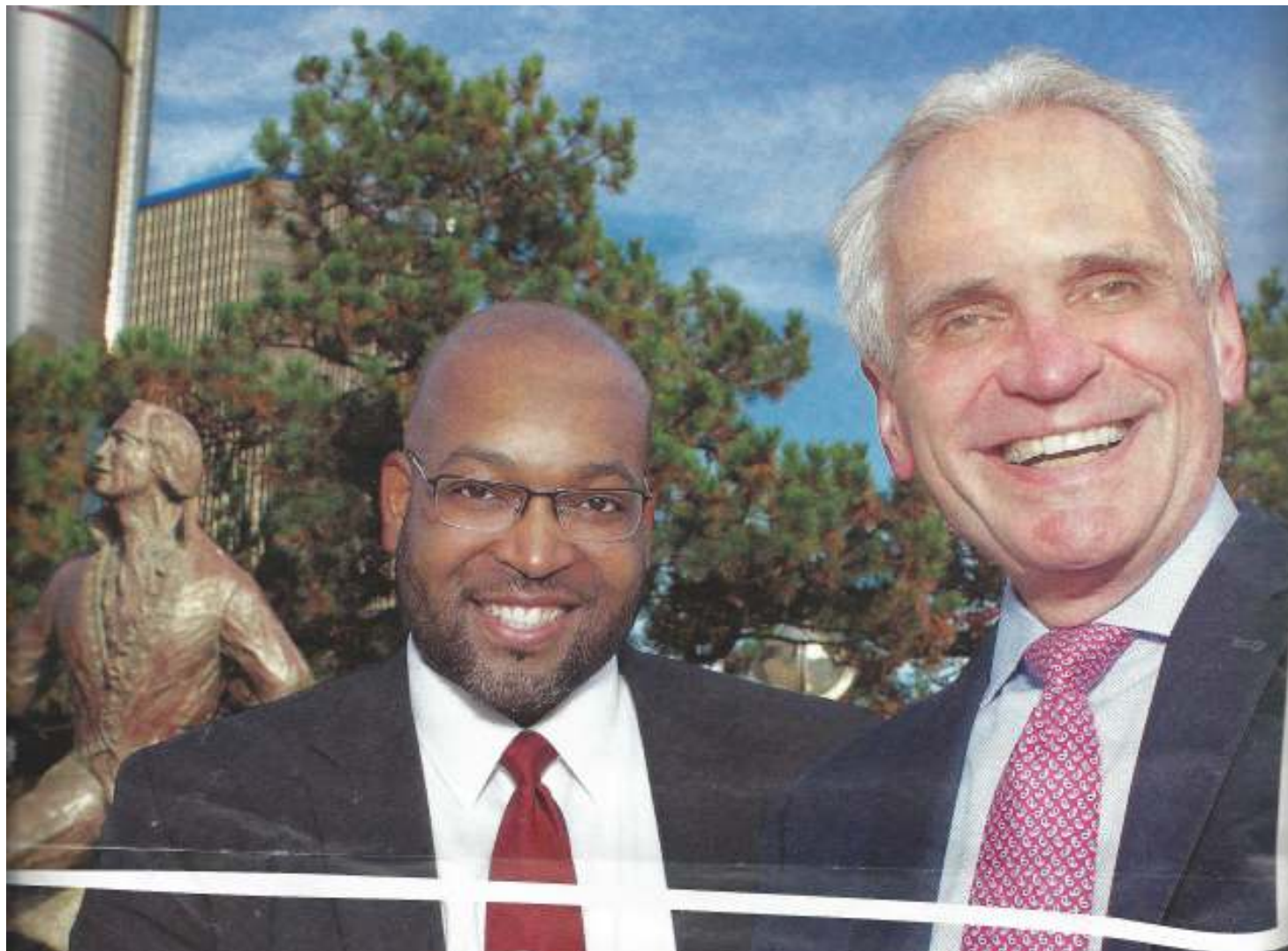
"He was a deacon in the Archdiocese of Detroit and when we crossed paths in a local sacristy, even before saying hello, he broke into a wide smile," DesRosiers said. "Just like a cheerleader, the alum said 'Put the ablative with de, . . .' and he recited the whole thing flawlessly! Talk about lifelong learning."

Another of DesRosiers' favorite memories of NDHS was "le vrai diner français," prepared every year by a team of his 4th-year French students.

"Cooked in the cafeteria kitchen and served in the faculty dining room to others in the class, it was the highlight of each year of French," he said. "I also remember the time I had to shave my beard completely off in front of the entire student body — but that's another story for another lifetime."

If DesRosier's next "lifetime" is as fulfilling and entertaining as the one he's living now, a couple of new generations of students will most "certinement profiter et bénéficier." ■





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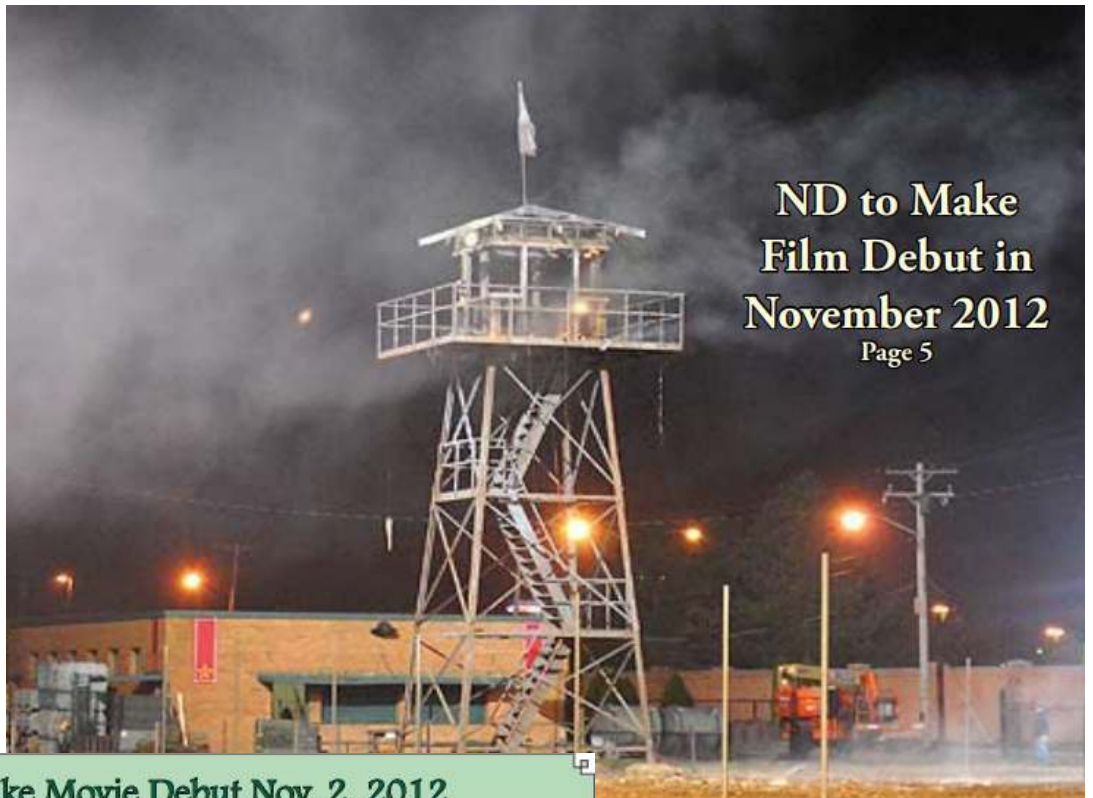
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### ND Set to Make Movie Debut Nov. 2, 2012

As FilmDistrict continues to establish its identity as a distributor of titles that need careful handling like "Drive" and Angelina Jolie's "In the Land of Blood and Honey," the company is taking on its biggest marketing challenge yet, as it negotiates to acquire the remake of "Red Dawn" from MGM.

Shot on location in the metro Detroit area, Red Dawn is a political hot potato. The mid-budget pic made headlines earlier this year when its producers decided to digitally change the nationality of the film's villains from Chinese to North Korean, for fear of offending the Chinese government.

A source close to the production confirmed the negotiations and said that "Red Dawn" will hit U.S. theaters November 2, 2012.

The original "Red Dawn" was released in 1984 before the Soviet Union collapsed, revolving around a group of teens who fight off Soviet and Cuban invaders.

Dan Bradley directed the "Red Dawn" remake, which was produced by Beau Flynn, Tripp Vinson and Vincent Newman. Chris Hemsworth ("Thor") stars alongside Adrienne Palicki, Josh Hutcherson, Josh Peck, Isabel Lucas and Connor Cruise, the son of Tom Cruise.

Also starring in the film is *Notre Dame High School*. The parking lot and football field at

ND served the setting for a high school football game and for a battle.

The movie began production two years ago and has been in limbo since MGM emerged from bankruptcy in late 2009. Opting against releasing the film, MGM wasn't able to interest any majors in distribution.

FilmDistrict also released the Guillermo del Toro-produced "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark," a Miramax title that Disney decided against releasing following the former company's sale to a consortium of investors led by Ron Tutor.

These photos were taken during the filming of the movie. ■



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Source: Variety

# Notre Dame judge

Hard-working alum and former police officer now enforces the law in the courtroom



**R**ichard Caretti '71 (NDHS) graduated from Wayne State University in 1975. Since then, he's been traveling a very robust legal-career road: first stop was as a Detroit cop while pursuing a law degree. His road-trip now includes a current stint that sees him presiding over the civil and criminal

division of the Macomb County Circuit Court in Mt. Clemens, Mich.

His other stops along the way include 23 years of private law practice with firms Dickinson-Wright and then with his own firm, Strobl, Cunningham, Caretti and Sharp. He also once served as chief judge of the Macomb County 16th Circuit Court, part of a truly stellar judicial journey.

But he reserves a special shoutout for one of his first stops in life... the one on 20254 Kelly Road in Harper Woods—Notre Dame High School.

"My time at Notre Dame taught me the value of hard work," Caretti, who graduated in 1971, said. "This work ethic prepared me well to complete a rather grueling schedule of work as a Detroit police officer while attending both WSU and the Detroit College of Law, where I received my J.D. The excellent curriculum as well as the tremendous teachers at Notre Dame also contributed greatly, I believe, to my academic success and to my career success."

As a young man, he says he was pretty much convinced, even in high school, that his future was law. "While at Notre Dame I took the usual aptitude tests, and my test scores revealed that I apparently had strong verbal and communication skills," Caretti recalls. "This led me to the conclusion that I wanted to become an attorney."

Others at Notre Dame also noticed his legal leanings.

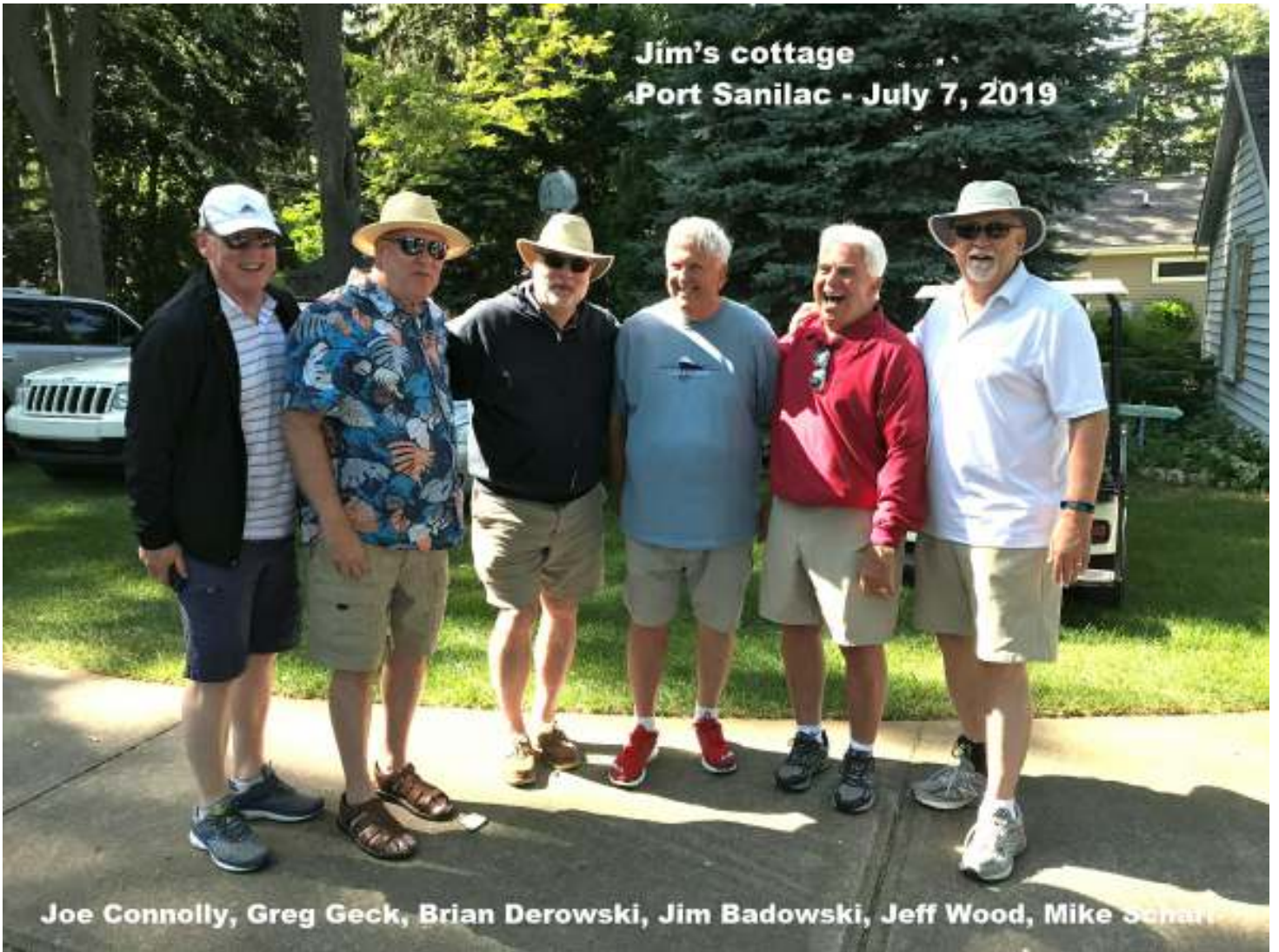
"I remember discussing my high school aptitude scores with Fr. Saunders, who I had for English and who also was my counselor," Caretti remembers. "Fr. Saunders agreed with the results and encouraged me to pursue a career in the law."

Even though his busy schedule doesn't leave much room for anything other than enforcing or interpreting the law, Caretti nonetheless believes it's important to stay connected to the extracurricular community at large. And connected he is, with active memberships in the Michigan Judges Association, Macomb County Bar Association, Michigan State University Alumni Association, Detroit Athletic Club, the Italian American Bar Association, and the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies.

Back on the subject of Notre Dame, Caretti expresses sadness and regret that his alma mater closed (in 2005), but he still has "extremely fond" memories of his four years at the school. "I really do believe my time at Notre Dame prepared me well for my career path and whatever success I have achieved thus far. And I also forged many strong friendships while there, some of which persist to this day." ■



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