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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

(Ed Note: On January 18, 2008, the NDNU Board of Trustees appointed Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Judith Maxwell Greig as Acting President, succeeding Dr. John Oblak who resigned effective December 31, 2007. The Board also elected Marc Desautels as Chairman, succeeding Cressy Nakagawa.)



The NDNU spirit is alive and well and still reaching for the stars. That's the message in this issue of NDNU Magazine. We pride ourselves on turning out students with the confidence and skills to set ambitious goals and yet remain grounded in the things that are so important to us all like social justice and world peace.

This month we celebrate an alumna who literally did reach for the stars and who carried our hopes and hearts to the far reaches of outer space. Barbara Morgan earned a teaching credential from then College of Notre Dame in 1974 and has used what she learned here to educate and inspire students in classrooms here on earth and from the heady environment of the space station. Her story inspires us.

So does the story of the five NDNU students who traveled nearly 3,000 miles to Ft. Benning, GA last November to take part in a protest against the infamous School of the Americas. They got a closeup look at a national political movement in action while protesting the massacre, torture, and "disappearance" of so many in Latin America.

Speaking of politics, in this issue we also meet Kenneth Maxey II '01, who dove headfirst into the political process even before he graduated. After gaining some experience on Capitol Hill, he is now the Deputy Political Director for the Democratic National Committee in California.

And finally there is the story of Lyndsay Faye Lehner '02, waiting tables in New York while waiting for the casting call that would launch her career. The casting call never came and the waitress job disappeared. So she finished a novel she'd started years ago. It will be published in February 2009.

All these stories have one thing in common—the individuals in them took something from their NDNU experience and used it to make a difference in their world. They all make us proud.



Judith Maxwell Greig, Ph.D.
 Acting President, Notre Dame de Namur University

LONGTIME TRUSTEE PETER BRUSATI

Members of the NDNU community continue to mourn the loss of longtime Trustee Peter Brusati, who passed away at his San Francisco home in mid-December at age 82. Mr. Brusati, who was awarded the Community Spirit Award by the University in 2006, had served as a member of the Board for over 20 years, a good portion of them as co-chair of its Development Committee. Affectionately known as "the Silver Fox" by his friends throughout the Bay Area, Mr. Brusati was associated with Standard Building Company from 1947 to 1987, when he retired as president of the company. During those years, the San Mateo native evolved into trusted employee, adviser, and confidante of the late Carl Gellert and Celia Berta. From 1958-2001 he served as secretary, director, and foundation manager for the Carl Gellert Foundation as well as the Celia Berta Gellert Foundation, and ultimately the combined Carl



Gellert and Celia Berta Gellert Foundation. Mr. Brusati's many civic activities included St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Immaculate Conception Academy, and St. Ignatius College Preparatory. His wife Alberta, who predeceased him, was similarly active and prominent.

"Having worked with Peter for 23 years at Standard Building Co., and having been associated with him at the Gellert Foundation since 1978, I know how deeply missed he will be," commented Andy Cresci of Menlo Park, a fellow NDNU Trustee and longtime associate of Mr. Brusati. "The one most important and cherished thing I learned is that he taught me through his example how to share one's own good fortune with those less fortunate. Beyond the Gellert Foundation, Peter and Alberta Brusati personally supported numerous charities that will forever be grateful for their generosity."

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Faculty and Staff Corner

Last November the University announced the appointment of **Hernan Bucheli** as Vice President for Enrollment Management.



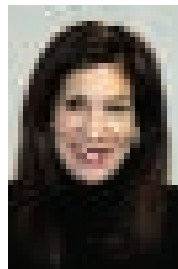
Bucheli comes to NDNU with a wide range of enrollment services experience. He was most recently assistant vice chancellor for enrollment and student affairs at Chapman University, with responsibility for enrollment at all 26 university college campuses. Prior to that, he was director of enrollment management at Alliant International University.

He received a BA in International Relations from San Francisco State University and an MA in Communication from Barry University. He brings particular expertise and leadership in strategic enrollment planning, marketing analysis, new program implementation, and retention initiatives.

Bucheli looks forward to supporting the University's enrollment departments. "As enrollment is primary to the University's success, I plan on providing additional support and direction to the many improvements already underway in the undergraduate and graduate admissions and financial aid offices."

In other news...

The School of Education and Leadership recently announced the appointment of **Dr. Nicole Ofiesh** as Professor of Special



Education and the new director of the Special Education Credential and Master's Programs.

Dr. Ofiesh brings a wealth of experience to her new position. She received her Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University, University Park. Prior to joining

NDNU she was an associate professor of Special Education at California State University, East Bay. She was also a learning disabilities specialist and faculty member at the University of Arizona and Providence College. Her primary area of published research focuses on the accom-

modation of extended test time for individuals with learning disabilities.

She consults nationally on testing persons with disabilities and is dedicated to preparing teachers who can provide effective instruction and assessment for all students. Dr. Ofiesh is also an elected member of the International Academy for Research in Learning Disabilities and is on the editorial boards of *Learning Disabilities Research and Practice* and the *Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disabilities*. More recently she has begun to explore the neuroscience of play and effective instruction.

"Dr. Ofiesh has taught in a variety of university settings and has done extensive research in the field of learning disabilities," said Dr. Joanne Rossi, Dean of the School of Education and Leadership. "We are so fortunate to have her expertise in the area of special education."

Dr. Ofiesh looks forward to upholding NDNU's outstanding reputation in teacher education. "I intend to expand the special education program with the continuation of research-infused coursework and practical skills for teachers," she said.

What Animals Teach Us

Professor Cheryl Joseph spent much of the past academic year promoting the Animals in Human Society emphasis of the sociology major.

This past November she attended the annual conference of the Association of Humanist Sociologists in Las Vegas where several sociologists examined the value of our relationship with other animals from a variety of theoretical perspectives. In addition, Dr. Joseph is writing a manual designed for educators who wish to include issues about animals in their curriculum. The manual should prove especially useful for educators teaching university-level courses.



This summer she intends to participate in the Summer Fellowship Project sponsored by the Animals in Society Institute at the Tom Regan Library in Raleigh, North Carolina. There, selected scholars

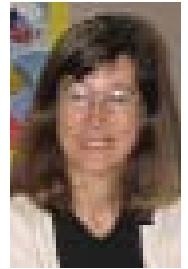
will have the opportunity to engage in research on their particular topics of interest in human-animal studies, from which the scholars will publish their findings and present them in a variety of public forums. Dr. Joseph will mentor the scholars in their research endeavors.

She will also continue to develop community partnerships for the two-semester internship required of the Sociology: Animals in Human Society majors. New partners include VET-SOS, the Oakland Zoo, and the Feral Cat Network. These have been added to existing partners like the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA with which students can choose to intern.

The History of Education

Dr. Kim Tolley has been invited to teach a course as a guest lecturer in Stanford University's School of Education this spring.

The course will focus on the history of education, a topic of professional interest to Tolley. This doesn't mean that she is leaving NDNU. As an associate professor in the School of Education and Leadership, she will simply add this



course to her regular spring duties here.

Dr. Tolley is well known in the field of education. She is currently serving as the Division F – History and Historiography Program Chair for the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, to be held in New York this March. She continues to undertake a rigorous program of research and publication. She has recently published an edited book: *Transformations in Schooling: Historical and Comparative Perspectives* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), a collection that brings together an international group of historians to consider periods of educational reform. In addition, this past fall Dr. Tolley presented a paper at the History of Education Society Annual Meeting entitled "Visions for Schooling in the Atlantic World; Joseph Gales and Educational Reform in North Carolina, 1799-1828."

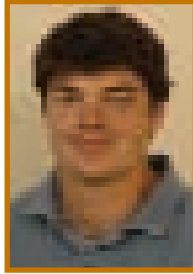
NDNU Hires New Lacrosse Coach

NDNU's athletic department has hired Joe Kerwin as the new head lacrosse coach.

Kerwin comes to NDNU after coaching at the University of Oregon for the past five seasons. Kerwin started at Oregon as an assistant coach for three years before taking over head coaching duties in 2006. He led the Ducks to a 35-8 record the past two seasons and an appearance in the 2007 Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association Championship game. Kerwin was also named MCLA and PNCLL Coach of the Year in 2007.

As a player, Kerwin played for four seasons at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

"I am excited about the opportunity to coach at NDNU and look forward to building on the team's success this season," Kerwin said. The Argos finished last season with an 11-3 record and will begin their 2008 season in February.



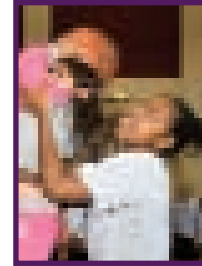
Darice Murray '08

Whether she's driving to the hoop in a basketball game or giving her time as a volunteer, Darice Murray's energy and dedication to others are always present. Darice takes on tasks with an aggressive yet graceful attitude that is well known to her teammates. One of the main goals she shoots for is to help underprivileged kids in the foster care system.

"I want to go into social work and eventually open a foster home," she says. "I like helping children who haven't been given the same opportunities as everyone else. I've worked with them first hand and find it very rewarding."

After she graduates this spring with a degree in sociology, Darice plans on working toward her master's degree at San Francisco State or the University of San Francisco.

Darice has been playing basketball all her life, and before accepting a scholarship to NDNU she played at Highland High School in Sacramento. Over the years she has developed fluidity and grace on the court combined with aggressiveness that often sees her diving after loose balls and engaging in a tug of war with both teammates and opponents. Last year she com-



bined her passion for helping kids and ability on the court as a volunteer at Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Palo Alto. This school year she led a basketball clinic for children at the Tenderloin Child-

ren's Playground and helped organize the annual Thanksgiving in the Park event and the annual Christmas in Boedekker Park event, also in the Tenderloin.

As if practice, volunteer work, and school weren't enough to keep her busy, Darice also helps her fellow students as a resident assistant and a member of the Black Student Union. Her undeniable presence on the court as well as in the community is part of her personal drive to help others.

"I like helping kids. My best friend was in the foster care system, so I've seen both sides of it," says Darice. "People try to abuse the system, and some are only in it for the money. I want to change that."

No one who knows Darice has any doubt that she will.

Michael Reed '09

Four-year-old Michael Reed had no idea that he would find his passion in life by watching one of his mother's favorite musicals, *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

But that's exactly what happened, and as a result Reed, now 23 and a junior in NDNU's musical theatre program, is heading toward what his teachers believe could be a brilliant career. "Michael, oh, he'll be at the Met (New York's Metropolitan Opera)," says Debra Lambert, Chair of the Department of Music and Vocal Arts.

When she saw his interest in music, Mike's mother asked him if that was something he was interested in doing. It was, and so she allowed him to try out for the children's ensemble for *Jesus Christ Superstar*, where he performed for the next seven years until he moved back to Florida.

From the moment Mike sang at his very first audition he's shown unusual promise. But that first step wasn't easy. "I remember

being very nervous about performing, but once it was over I felt this connection, this passion; I fell in love with performing at that moment."

To watch Reed perform today it's hard to imagine him ever being a small, nervous four-year-old child. At a burly 6' 7" he is an unmistakable presence around campus and on stage. His booming voice completely fills any room in which he sings, from the smallest halls to the largest theaters. He has had featured roles in several major NDNU productions, playing Teyve in *Fiddler on the Roof* last year and the Ghost of Christmas Present in the 2007 version of *A Christmas Carol*. He has performed for numerous other NDNU events.

Reed came to NDNU after two years at Foothill College as an already seasoned and acclaimed performer, having appeared in numerous shows around the United States and been named Access Broadway Best

Male Actor/Vocalist 2003, and nominated for the KCACTF (Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival) award.

But for all his success he still carries with him the memory of what it was like for a small child to succeed on stage, and that's an experience that he'd like to give to other children in the future. "I would like to open my own after-school company for children," says Reed, who has spent several summers working with children in theater camps. "I want the children to be given an opportunity in which they won't be criticized or teased."

"When a fan comes up to congratulate you after a show its amazing, but when a child looks up at you like you're a huge star, like you have impacted his life, the feeling is breath-taking" says Reed.





Serendipity in Outer Space

If she hadn't wandered into that bookstore during her senior year at Stanford and stumbled across that book, Barbara Morgan, CRE '74, would never have come to NDNU (then the College of Notre Dame), might never have become a teacher, and might never have gone into outer space.

The 56-year-old astronaut, who became the first teacher in space with her historic flight aboard the space shuttle Endeavor in August 2007, almost didn't become a teacher even though it was a profession she felt drawn to in her early years.

"I really fought against the idea all through high school and college," Morgan recalls. The reason, she said in a recent interview with *NDNU Magazine*, was "I grew up at a time when the roles for women were pretty much limited to teacher or nurse. So, even though I was always drawn to teaching, I really fought against it."

So there she was in her last semester at Stanford browsing the shelves in the university bookstore. She still wasn't sure exactly what she would do with her degree except that she felt it would have to be something to do with public service. "At the time I was studying human biology and the structure of the brain. One of my classes had been in memory and learning theory, and I was fascinated by it. So I was wandering through the bookstore, and I found my way over to the education section."

That was when her life changed; she picked up a book on learning theory by Maria Montessori. "I read it cover to cover and, because of that and the classes I'd recently taken, I began to reexamine the idea of teaching.

I wanted to learn more, and what better place than in a teacher education program. And there was College of Notre Dame, right up the road."

"It was a wonderful experience—the start of my whole career," she says of her year at CND, adding however that "it was a tough schedule because we would student-teach all day and then come back to campus for classes at night. She recalls how helpful all the teachers were but especially remembers Margaret Blackford, her master teacher at North Shoreview School in San Mateo. "I learned so much from her from the moment I walked into her classroom."

The rest, as they say, is history. Morgan spent her first year teaching on the Flathead Indian reservation in Arlee, Montana. From 1975 to 1998 she taught second, third, and fourth grades at McCall-Donnelly Elementary School with time out for a year of teaching in Ecuador in 1978-79 and training as Christa McAuliffe's backup for the ill-fated Challenger flight in 1986. In 1998 Morgan was selected by NASA as a mission specialist and became a full-time astronaut. It would be five more years before she would be named to the crew of a space shuttle and another four before she would finally fly.





Was the experience worth the wait? Most definitely. “It was wonderful,” Barbara laughs. “Everyone should do it.”

Morgan’s job was to operate the robotic arm that was used to load the 5,000 pounds of instrumentation and other gear and supplies Endeavor brought from earth, onto the space station. “The work was challenging and fun,” she says. “In many ways it’s like teaching. It’s very complex work, dealing with complex issues and working with people who have very complex minds. It’s a natural place for a teacher.”

Her most vivid memories of space, besides the floating which she says is “fun and challenging,” are the views. “I quickly run out of adjectives when I try to describe what it’s like,” she says. “I’ve never seen a black as black as space. It’s black like obsidian but without the shine; it looks as if it has the consistency of cream.”

The views of Earth were equally spectacular. Morgan remembers one pass over the Mediterranean. “There were a number of what looked like isolated thunderstorms. But then as you watched you’d suddenly see a flash in one of the cells that would set off another flash in another cell and another and another. They weren’t isolated at all.”

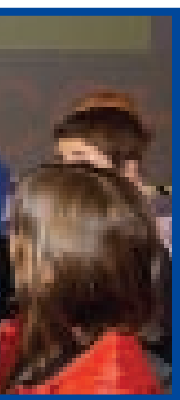
Morgan didn’t get to teach an actual lesson from space, although she and several of her crewmates did field questions from

children in the U.S. But there was an educational piece to the mission. “We took up 10 million basil seeds and will be distributing them to classrooms all over the country.” The seeds will be made available to classes from kindergarten through high school, and the challenge is to help NASA find ways to grow food in an artificial environment such as it might have to create on the moon or Mars.

Morgan would like to return to teaching some day but also wants to continue doing her current work for NASA. “I haven’t figured out how to do that yet,” she says.

Asked what she would teach now that she’s been into space, if she were standing before a class, Morgan replies: “Well, first of all I wouldn’t be standing. I’d be sitting on the floor with the kids. I’ve always tried to instill two main ideas into my classes. First, we’re a family, a family of learners, and we’re going to work hard and work together to learn. Second, always keep the doors open. Opportunity is going to come and knock when you least expect it.”

Which sums up Barbara Morgan’s life pretty well.



Kenneth E. Maxey II '01

Thinking Through Different Lenses



Through his conviction and purpose in political involvement, Kenneth Maxey II hopes to inspire individuals to make the changes and sacrifices needed for a better society. The political science and history graduate credits NDNU's diverse community for helping him to foster a global sense of statesmanship and to think through different lenses.

Many may remember him as the dedicated student leader who involved his classmates in the 2000 presidential election by taking part in presidential candidate Al Gore's travel team. Since Maxey left NDNU he has continued to build bridges and work with the underprivileged through various Democratic political campaigns, including those of Phil Angelides and John Kerry. He currently serves as the Deputy Political Director for the Democratic National Committee in California. *NDNU Magazine* caught up with Maxey recently to see what drives his political fervor.

What's your life story?

I primarily grew up in San Gabriel Valley in Southern California. My mother, Anita, and father, Ken Sr., have worked as K-12 educators for more than 30 years. My brother, Sean, and I grew up as the only African Americans in our neighborhood. As a result, he and I experienced racial bias from our friends' parents who did not know any better than what they viewed from rap videos and the misrepresented media coverage of sensationalism or unlawfulness.

Like many other African Americans, my brother and I assimilated different cultures such as those of Mexicans, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Cubans. At an early age we were introduced to philosophies and religions of the east, such as Buddhism, Taoism, Sikhism, Hinduism, and Islam.

You grew up during the Los Angeles riots and Prop 187. How did they affect you?

The Los Angeles riots, the death of Arthur Ashe from AIDS, Magic Johnson contracting HIV, and Proposition 187 were some, but not all, of the events that were affecting my life. During my teenage years I became socially conscious because of the end of the communist Soviet Union and the Cold War.

I began to realize that change comes through struggle and that most humans are afraid of change and struggle. It takes an issue or a person of conviction and purpose to motivate and educate the populace about making sacrifices for the betterment of the rest of us. I began to believe I needed to involve myself with student leadership. Ever since that moment in youth, I have tried to be a voice of reason and understanding. I felt then, and I feel today, that Americans must do a better job of restoring our history through celebrating our diversity.

After studying at Oxford University, I wanted an education from a university that would provide me with the confidence to succeed in the world. After doing some research, NDNU proved to be the best choice.

What are some of your recent professional/personal accomplishments?

After graduating from NDNU I worked on Capitol Hill with some "Think Tanks," with NASA and with world renowned political science professors and international affairs practitioners from Howard and American University.

In the spring of 2007, I graduated with two master's degrees in International Peace and Conflict Resolution and Development from American University and an MPA from Howard University.

Most recently I was chosen to be an ambassador for Los Angeles County to the Republic of South Korea. During my visit I met with government and private sector business leaders who are mediating the current talks of reunification with North Korea.

To what do you credit your political involvement?

As a young child, my father made it mandatory to teach me about my African American history. In addition, professors like Sr. Pat McGlenn, Dr. Abbas Milani, Dr. Deborah Cooksey, and Dr. Ali Ferdowsi encouraged me to think through different lenses or perspectives. According to Dr. Martin Luther King, in his letter from Birmingham, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." I know my political involvement is my duty. I must make certain that issues like Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and the genocide in Darfur are prevented.

What did you like most about NDNU?

There are many things to like about NDNU. The small class size, the warm campus environment, and being a part of a family are the things I remember. NDNU represents everything other institutions have with a family feel to them: a stellar group of Board members, administrators, faculty, and coaches that all provide the spirit of the Argonaut. I felt that my courses and projects were as important to my professors as they were to me. Professors at NDNU bring with them a global sense of statesmanship and pride in academia that cannot be matched.

Didn't you meet your future wife at NDNU?

No. I met Lara in high school. She is an alumna of NDNU, and we decided to attend together. She is currently working on the Kucinich presidential campaign.

Would you like to share any anecdotes about a favorite teacher?

Dr. Abbas Milani was by far the most influential professor during my Argonaut life. I took at least five of his courses. He provided me with fatherly advice that would eventually encourage me to run for student body president. To my surprise, and his expectation, I was on my way to making a difference. Dr. Milani was and continues to be one of the greatest minds of our century. He is a wonderful person with different roles as a professor, father, and husband.

2008 Upcoming Alumni Events

March

7-9 – Retreat at the SND House of Prayer and Villa Angelica, Carmel. Coordinated by Sister Roseanne Murphy. Contact her at (650) 508-3551 to make your reservation.

29 – NDNU 2008 Gala “Bella Notte” honoring this year’s recipient of the Community Spirit Award, Marie Damrell Gallo ‘57. Join us for a bella notte. The evening will feature wonderful entertainment provided by our students, an elegant Italian dinner, and silent and live auctions, all for a wonderful cause! All proceeds benefit scholarships at NDNU. For detailed information, please call (650) 508-4161.

April

5 – Quarterlife Crisis Seminar Surviving Life after College: Quarterlife Career and Life Strategies. Do you ever find yourself staring at the clock and wondering, “Is this what I got my degree for?” Are you still trying to decode your retirement plan while you worry about how you’re going to pay back all those students loans? This seminar is for you. Abby Miller and Cathy Stoker are coming to San Francisco to let you know that you’re not alone and to offer practical advice on how to navigate life in your twenties and thirties. (www.quarterlifecrisis.com)

We are partnering with University of the Pacific, USF and St. Mary’s College to bring this one day series of workshops, including: Finding a Job, Finances 101, Life Outside of Work, and Your Quarterlife Crisis.

Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. (\$10 per person)

Workshops from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on the USF Campus (\$10 per person)

Informal Networking Happy Hour: 5:30 to 7 p.m. (no-host)

Pre-registration is required – call (650) 508-3515 or e-mail alumni@ndnu.edu

16 – Alumni Panel & Networking Events Part of NDNU’s Career in Gear week of events for graduating seniors, we invite alumni to share their experiences and insights on navigating a career path.

June

14-21 – Renaissance in Venice led by NDNU history professor Larry Lujan. \$2400 per person includes airfare, accommodation and breakfast at a 13th Century palazzo by the Rialto Bridge (Rick Steeve’s favorite!). Tour is open to alumni and friends and is also available as a 3-unit elective course in history. For a full brochure, please contact Dan Hanes at Morrison Travel (650) 342-7221 ext. 25.

August

11-15 – Oregon Shakespeare Festival We will see three plays this year at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (www.osfashland.org). New productions of *A Comedy of Errors*, *Othello*, and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* are offered, along with optional backstage tours and accommodations at downtown Ashland’s newest hotel, The Plaza Inn and Suites: www.plazainnashland.com. Join NDNU faculty members Ardavan Davaran and Vince Fitzgerald and revel as we sit under the stars and watch the magic happen again. Academic credit is also available. Call for details: (650) 508-3515.

September

27-29 – Alumni & Family Weekend 2008

Special reunions planned for the classes of 1958 and 1968.

Call (650) 508-3515, or e-mail the Alumni Office, alumni@ndnu.edu.

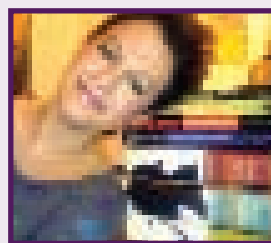
Visit our website: www.ndnu.edu/alumni and click on Upcoming Events for updates and more information. Or call (650) 508-3515. Keep in touch!

Lyndsay Faye Lehner ‘02

Knife Point

It’s elementary that Lyndsay Faye Lehner ‘02 Theatre Arts and English, would find her claim to fame. The talented actor and writer, who appeared in virtually every NDNU stage production during her four years, was always working toward her big break on Broadway. But who knew the clue to her first success lay in a childhood love for Sherlock Holmes.

Lyndsay and her husband, Gabriel ‘02 Fine Arts, have been living in New York for the past three years. She’s spent much of her time auditioning for roles and working odd jobs, while Gabe’s been busy working as an artist in Hoboken, New Jersey. Last year, when Lyndsay was let go from her job as a waitress, she suddenly found herself with six months of unemployment insurance which allowed her, financially, to finish a novel she’d been working on about Jack the Ripper. Simon & Schuster eagerly picked it up in a “pre-empt,” and it should be on bookshelves in February 2009.



“Getting laid off at the restaurant was the best thing for me,” said Lyndsay. “It can be discouraging going to auditions with a thousand other actors who look the same as you do. You have no control. So, many actors try to make their own work. They write or produce their own shows, or direct themselves. My creative process to get my name out there was to write a novel.”

And write she did. It took her one year and six self-imposed re-writes, but 400 pages later she has an historical thriller that would have made Sir Arthur Conan Doyle proud. The book is tentatively titled *Knife Point*.

“The novel’s fictional, but it’s rooted in what was going on at the time in Victorian London,” Lyndsay said. “The story has all the real forensics, weather, street names, press reports, and historical figures. It was a lot of fun to research. I began reading the series when I was ten years old, so it was really a creative joy for me.

“I have no notion as to why things have gone so well,” she added, emphasizing that she’ll return to acting sometime soon. “I just want to see where my writing takes me for now.”

Lyndsay credits her performance and English professors at NDNU for helping to keep her focused on her goal. “The personal level of interaction at NDNU was fantastic,” said Lyndsay. “When I sold my book, I called Dr. Wolterbeek to thank him. I wouldn’t have had that personal touch or opportunity at a larger school.

“I’m always running into NDNU alums in New York who are also aspiring actors,” she added. “It’s great to see everyone doing so well.”

Five students from Notre Dame de Namur University joined more than 20,000 people descending on Ft. Benning, GA to urge the U.S. government to close down the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly known as School of the Americas. Since its founding in 1946 the school has trained more than 60,000 soldiers from Latin American armies and police forces in combat, counter-insurgency, and counter-narcotics. SOA graduates have been implicated in a wide variety of human rights violations in Latin America and allegedly are responsible for some of the worst human rights abuses there.

The students, seniors Mallory Barr, Andres Caballero, and Erica Spacher, and juniors Diana Enriquez and Ismat Yassin, were accompanied by Dr. Bobby Vaughn, associate professor of sociology (pictured below center, second from right).

They participated in workshops and lectures, mixed with other protestors from all over the United States, and participated to varying degrees in the protest march that highlighted the last day of the three-day event. The experience was intense for everyone who participated. Here, in their own words, are the reflections of the students themselves.

Diana Enriquez

I wasn't really feeling much of anything until today (the day of the march), and it just hit me. They read off the names and ages of the people who had been killed. They were from as young as 18 months old on up into their 80s—and they're innocent people. At the end of the march, when I was lying down pretending to be dead, some of the "1000 Grandmothers" came over and were supposed to be mourning us. An older woman was holding me in her arms and we were both crying. It was no act. We were really crying. It was overwhelming.



Mallory Barr

I'm a political science major with a minor in Latin American studies. I found the organization (of the event) very impressive. I also noticed how other organizations tried to use the event

to get more people to join their own causes. I'm pretty sure that this whole experience is going to be very important to me. I like the school's giving me the opportunity to participate in politics on a big level. The march itself was very impressive. I didn't think I'd have the same reaction as the others there, but seeing the reactions and emotions of everyone else was contagious.



Andres

During the first half of my junior year at NDNU, as I sat through an International Relations course, I listened to Professor Ali Ferdowsi speak about the School of the Americas, describing the controversy that surrounds it because so many of its graduates have been linked to murder, torture, and other violations of human rights.

Over a year later I found myself among 25,000 human rights advocates at the gates of Fort Benning Army Base in Georgia, calling for the SOA to shut down its operations.

Because of my background and passion for human rights advocacy, I felt the obligation to be a part of the 2007 SOA Watch along with fellow students, faculty and staff representing the vision of our university.

I grew up in Argentina, Bolivia, and Ecuador, nations subject to oppression and violence perpetrated by leaders trained at the SOA. Through my experiences in Latin America I was at times indirectly affected by the social injustice brought back to Latin America by SOA graduates.

As I stood among the thousands of passionate activists and observed them closely, I was led to a better understanding of the force that drove this movement.

I began to truly appreciate the gesture of solidarity of thousands of Americans towards their Latin American neighbors. People were shouting, "No more!" to





Caballero

the SOA's contribution to the violation of human rights.

It was extremely encouraging to see activists in the United States holding their government responsible for atrocities and massacres funded with U.S. tax-payers' dollars.

After being among so many politically active individuals thirsty for social justice, I became inspired and highly motivated. This is an essential group of Americans who stand up for peace and for change, Americans who are willing to get arrested simply so that their cry for social justice will be heard. In my eyes this is worthy of respect and admiration.

Perhaps within the next two years the battle at the gates of Fort Benning may be over and the SOA's operation halted. However, after the SOA shuts down, another institute with the same purpose and curriculum may open in a different part of the world.

Regardless of all of this, it is our duty simply as human beings to continue to move forward with what at times seems like an endless battle for social justice and the upholding of human rights.

If they continue to open similar institutions, wherever they may be, I want to be at those gates and—hopefully along with hundreds of thousands—be able to demand their closure.

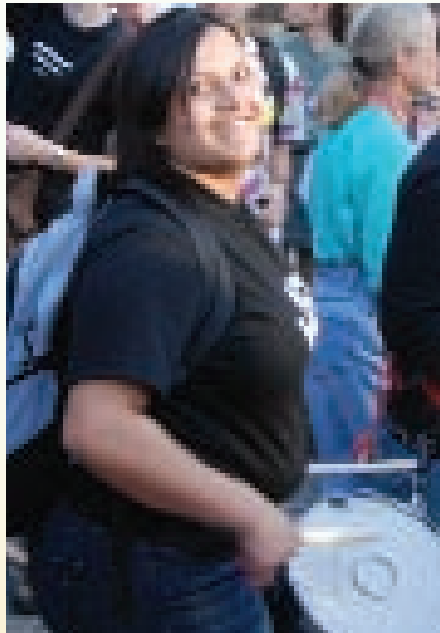
(Ed. Note: Andres Caballero (pictured below, second from left) is a senior. He will graduate in May with a degree in Business Administration.)



Photos: Richard Rossi, Bobby Vaughn

Erica Spacher

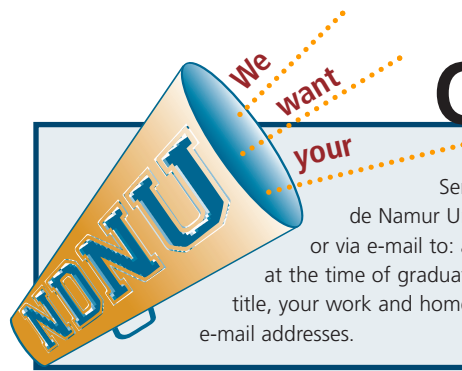
The march was intense. I marched with the organization called "1000 Grandmothers." I was almost in shock when I got to the place where everyone was lying down and playing dead. I started wailing and crying, and it hurt so bad that I began to feel physically sick. One thing I learned over the weekend was that I, like so many others, have become desensitized to violence because we see it in the media, movies, and video games. I've never had it (real violence) pushed in my face. I don't know how I'm going to hold onto that feeling, but I have to find a way.



Ismat Yassin

I think that participating in the protest and being wholly involved has made this experience even more powerful for me. I wanted to be there and I wanted to help, and the only way I thought I could make a difference was to make sure that I was a part of the communal voice. Being part of the puppetiestas and the music which was created from what other people see as trash was amazing and I was overcome with emotion. The harder I hit the drum, with more force and power each time, the more I felt I was making a difference.



**Keep your fellow alums up-to-date!**

Send your news to the Alumni Office, Notre Dame de Namur University, 1500 Ralston Ave., Belmont, CA 94002, or via e-mail to: alumni@ndnu.edu. Please include your name at the time of graduation, your graduation year, your occupation and title, your work and home street addresses, and your work and home e-mail addresses.

'47

Marian Howe Looney, AA Sociology, has moved from the Bay Area to Redding, CA to be closer to daughter Brooke and grandchildren. Marian joined classmates Dorothy Grier Jones, Sr. Margaret Hoffmann, Marilyn Dallara Tobiner, and Peggy Hauss Steel this past May for a luncheon in celebration of their 60th reunion.

'53

Maria Godoy de Castaneda returned from Guatemala especially for the September 2007 Alumni & Family Weekend reunion activities for the 1953-57 classes. It was her first time on campus since graduation. Ms. de Castaneda is retired with six children, 19 grandchildren and a great grandchild.

'57

Clara Mossi Morrissey, BA English, roommate of Maria Godoy de Castaneda '53, continues to live in San Francisco, "high atop Mount Davidson." One of the dozens of graduates returning during Alumni & Family Weekend 2007, Clara keeps busy as a docent at the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco.

Linda Chapman Mandy, BS Pre-Professional Medicine, writes: "My husband, Mario, and I have been married for 49 years. We have five grown children, all of whom have graduated from college, three with masters. We have five grandchildren who all are doing well in school. We moved to Brentwood, CA two years ago and are involved in IHM Church and the Italian Catholic Federation. I volunteer in my granddaughter's 4th grade class once a week. Mario is assistant tennis coach at the local high school. Life is great!"

'58

Class members: next year is your golden anniversary. Watch for details on your reunion and save the date of September 26-28, 2008!

'59

Olivia Bianucci Haley, BA English, and her husband Daniel,

celebrated birthdays and their 45th wedding anniversary by having children, spouses, and grandchildren join them for two weeks in Italy this past summer.

'60

Mary Elliot, BA French, has retired from her full-time position at the San Mateo County Department of Child Services. She has seven grandchildren.

'62

Mary Carr Chapman, BA Social Science, CRE '70, recently organized her 45th class reunion, which took place over a weekend in Monterey, CA. When she is not organizing reunions or traveling, Mary is executive director of the Elderly Wish Foundation for Contra Costa County elderly who are critically ill. Mary organizes an annual event, a dinner dance and auction, which raises funds to make the wishes happen - about 25 a year on average. Website is www.elderlywish.org.

'66

Eileen C. Riley, BA English, MAT '75, was married to Michael Hill on September 21 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fresno. Writes Eileen, "I retired from my elementary school principal job in October 2004. I was widowed in 1998, losing my husband, Tom Riley, to leukemia. On September 21, 2007, I married my nextdoor neighbor, Mike Hill, who also lost his wife to cancer. We have been enjoying and celebrating our marriage and new partnership by traveling. We flew east for two weeks to see the change of colors in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. We then enjoyed a ten-day tour in China traveling to Beijing, Suzhou, Hangzhou, and Shanghai. We are planning a few more short trips in and about California and then a three-week drive back to Florida. In short, I am really enjoying retirement and married life!"

'67

We welcomed the class of '67 40th reunion participants with a reception at Ralston Hall on campus as well as a BBQ at the Oaks, recreating the Saturday night dinners which were a favorite feature of the weekend when they lived on campus. Many thanks to **Mary Chiorini Martinson, Kathryn Caruso** and their sterling committee for coordinating this great weekend with the Alumni Office.

'68

The class of 1968 is planning their 40th reunion during Alumni & Family Weekend, September 26-28, 2008. The activities planned will be a brunch hosted at an alum's home, dinner out, and a party to be hosted in Belmont. Information will be sent to all 1968 alums of record after the first of the year. For additional information, contact **Mary Ellen Drohan Horwath**, me.horwath@stanford.edu.

'70

Cora Jean Kleppe, BA Social Science, reports, "I have been retired from teaching for 10 years and love every minute of it. I am busier now than when I was teaching. I have two adult sons and two grandsons, one in college and the other a senior in high school. Both are athletes so I enjoy going to their games. I lost my only daughter in June, 2007."

'71

Maryann Iversson, Cred, has retired after years as a master teacher. She writes that she found candidates from Notre Dame were the best prepared for elementary education. She still brags about her Notre Dame education. Since retiring, Maryann finds herself busy. She and her husband, who was also a teacher until his retirement, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in November.

They have 12 grandchildren, all of whom, they write, are doing well.

'72

Luann C. Fragulia Sauer, BA Spanish, MAT '75, teaches Spanish at Los Alamitos High School in Los Alamitos, CA. Luann and husband Paul travel and participate in trade shows in the summer and on weekends. They have three college-graduated children in the fields of computer technology, music, and marketing.

'77

Janet Chun, BA English, CRE '99, principal of Crocker Middle School, Hillsborough, has been selected as the 2006-07 Community Care Award winner by the school district's Associated Parents Group. At the awards luncheon held last October parents, teachers, and staff praised Janet for her unwavering commitment to children and as a true professional who is beloved and respected by all three groups. During Janet's tenure as principal for the past six years Crocker has been recognized as a California Distinguished School, a National Blue Ribbon School, and has won several Kent Awards. Congratulations, Janet!

'78

Georgina Gambero-Reynolds, MBA, BS International Business '77, says, "Just before graduation my dad passed away, and in 1980 I moved to Fresno. I met my husband Jeff at a wedding in Santa Rosa and we were married in January 1984. We have two children, Marcella who is a senior at Santa Clara University and will be graduating with a double major in June, and our son Santino who is currently a freshman at NDNU. It is very exciting to have him walk many of the same paths I did so many years ago. We look forward to his journey over the next four years. I am in my 11th year as the registrar and administrative assis-

tant at St. Anthony's School in Fresno. Thank you for your great magazine."

'79

Barbara (Paoletti) Hendryson, AA, says, "My poetry has been published in literary magazines since 1983 and has won numerous awards. My recent collection of poetry, *Luminosity*, is from Finishing Line Press and is at Amazon.com. She adds, "I owe a great deal to my wonderful experience as a student at NDNU!"

'81

Moirá O'Hara Jones, BM Music, tells us, "I started with the class of 1980 but finished with the class of 1981 (after taking a semester off and going away for a semester). I have been doing a lot of work on my house these past two years, starting with an addition, which made it seem necessary to do the whole house over. My job as database manager at Buxton School, a 9-12 boarding school located here in town, is going well. My son (the baby of the family) has just started this fall in middle school."

'82

Tadashi Akimoto, BS International Business, is business development director for Asian accountants at the CAT Group (Vehicle Logistic-Global Sales and Marketing), based in Boulogne, France. Tadashi joined the company as a management trainee. For the next 13 years she moved from accounting clerk to sales director, working overseas since 1999 until now. Tadashi has married and has two children who have grown up in Europe. During 2008 the whole family will be moving back to Tokyo for Tadashi's next assignment. She writes that living in so many countries and learning about new cultures has been a wonderful experience, and she hopes to return to the US to work some day. She'd love to hear from her classmates from the class of 1982. If you'd like to contact Tadashi, call or e-mail the alumni office for her information: (650) 508-3515/alumni@ndnu.edu.

'85

Muriel Brennan, BA English, continues as a faculty member of

the College of San Mateo, where she teaches English and Irish literature. Dr. Brennan, who went on to secure her Ph.D. in 1999, has been teaching at CSM for approximately twenty years. Her inspiration for teaching stems from the academic excellence she received at CND through classes with Shirley Morrison, Dr. Mary Ellen Boyling, Sister Roseanne Murphy, Sister Pat McGlenn and Father Stan Parmisano. While continuing to teach she is presently becoming a member of the Dominican family as a lay Dominican.

'86

Richard Dioli, MPA, has been appointed director of Sacred Heart Schools after serving as principal of Sacred Heart Prep in Atherton for 14 years. Mindy Rogers, chair of the board of trustees, cites Richard's "enormous energy and contagious enthusiasm" as a driving force behind Sacred Heart Prep's success.

'89

Madeleine Conui, MPA, writes, "I was one of those older people, with four kids, at the time I took classes at Notre Dame. My three girls were in Notre Dame High School while my son was attending Serra High School. I finished my BS in behavioral science as valedictorian. I continued on for my MPA and retired from the City and County of San Francisco as a Nurse Supervisor in 2001. I am enjoying my retirement with many activities. I recently returned from a South African safari. I have nine grandchildren to keep me young and busy."

'90

E. Gustavo Plumlee, BA History, has earned another BA in music and two MA's in education and music. Gustavo moved to Hinkley, Ohio in 1991 with his wife of 15 years, Diane, and children Ana, Carlton and Antonia. Currently he teaches private music lessons and music at St. Ambrose School in Brunswick, Ohio, where he is part of the music ministry team. He is also an adjunct music coach for two local colleges.

'91

Bernard J. Putz, MBA, is currently associated with Kalypso, where he helps clients in the high tech, medical device, and energy industries improve innovation and new product development. Prior to joining Kalypso, Bernard was cofounder of Terra Guild and Terra Group, an eco-innovation and eco-building firm. Dr. Putz also has authored *Business Beyond Base Camp: A Tale for Business Leaders*, described as a "fast-paced business novel that provides useful insights to help CEOs and executives of growing companies as well as executives of divisions or business units." Bernard also holds a Ph.D. from Alliant International University.

'92

Debra Jensen-Davis, MCP, writes, "After earning my master's degree I moved to Sacramento, where I provided leadership both in adolescent group homes and in a large complex foster care agency. Currently I am serving as director for a large agency which serves the day program needs of adults with developmental disabilities. I recently coached at the state-wide Special Olympics bowling tournament."

'93

Ruby Tsang-Cheung, BA Business, married Ken Cheung shortly after graduation. Her first son, Kevin, was born with cerebral palsy in 1995 and they were blessed with daughter Jasmine in 1998. Ruby says, "I have worked in the same medical office off and on since graduation, but I find that my greatest joy is being active in the PTA at my children's school. Making a difference keeps me busy. Shortly after I turned 40 I had a stroke and was diagnosed with lupus. I have not returned to any kind of full-time work since. Last year I walked my first walkathon for the Alliance for Lupus Research."

Kevin Dufault, BS Biology, MAT '94, writes, "Since getting my BS I have earned my teaching credential from Notre Dame and then moved to Mountain View. While there I worked for the Palo Alto Unified School District at Jordan

Middle School, teaching science for six years, and earned my MAT. I moved to Salinas, CA, where I earned a job teaching at Harden Middle School in the Salinas Union High School District. While at Harden I have taught 7th and 8th grade science, served as activities director, taught AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), and served as the AVID coordinator. While working with middle school students I am reminded daily about what I do not know while appreciating how lucky I am to have traveled the journey I took to get where I am today."

'96

Brandy Williams Rowden, BA Communications, and Randy Rowden are happy to announce their marriage. "Our special day was wonderful as we were able to share it with close friends and family. We honeymooned in Tahiti." Classmates **Stefanie Lopez** '96 and **Romando Nash** '95 were among those in attendance. Brandy recently accepted a position at Tyco Electronics in Menlo Park as Global MarCom project manager. She says, "I am excited about the new challenges and opportunities that Tyco has in store."

Erich Matola, MS Information Systems, has recently accepted a position as chief information officer for Alliant International University in San Diego, moving from New College of Florida, in Sarasota, where he was also CIO.

'97

Elizabeth Hawley, MBA, is currently working for NDNU as a senior accountant for finance and administration. Elizabeth has a seven-year-old daughter and resides in Burlingame.

Sara Nash Liebert, CRE, writes: "After I got my teaching credential I started working in the Cupertino School District. I was there for nine years. I met my husband while I was in Cupertino. We were married in Lake Tahoe in July 2005. We then moved to Auburn and bought the house where we live now. We were blessed to have our first child this last summer."

'98

Christopher Danna, BS Business-Marketing, moved to Los Angeles in March of 2007 and bought a home in the Hollywood Hills. He writes, "Since then I have been selling real estate with Coldwell Banker in Los Angeles and most recently delivered the keys to a very special buyer who writes and directs films in Hollywood. I have been with Coldwell Banker for five years, four in San Jose and one in Los Angeles."

Garth Krieger, BS Business-Management, lives in San Diego now. Since graduation Garth has been self-employed as a financial advisor, which leaves him "lots of time to golf and travel."

Danika J. Wise Hill, BA Behavioral Science, began teaching preschool after college. Danika married Jason Hill in January of 2001. In 2000, she and husband-to-be Jason moved to Montana, where she continued teaching and Jason ran BrightBlades.com, a website offering reproduction swords and armor from a variety of periods and movies. In 2005 the couple moved to Portland, Oregon, where Danika is studying at the Multnomah Biblical Seminary. She is now in her third year of their master of divinity program, concentrating in spiritual formation. "I am active in my local church and establishing relationships to work with those on the diocesan level in youth and camping ministries. Life is full. God is good. I can't wait to see what the future brings."

Oscar Laguna, BA Communications, and **Amy Canillo Laguna**, BA Latin American Studies, welcomed their second child, Olivia Marie, on March 14 in Walnut Creek. Her sister Marcella Grace turned two on March 30. Oscar reports that big sister Marcella has adjusted very well.

'99

Ron Crider, CRE, is professor at the Art Institute of Philadelphia and lives in Philadelphia, PA.

David Andere, MSM, lives in Albany, Oregon. David reports, "I retired from Northrop Grumman in 2006 and am giving back some

time to society through participation in community service projects. I am currently applying the systems management lessons I learned at NDNU on a program called Democracy in America 2008 with the faculty and students of Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) with, we hope, cooperation from our neighbors at Oregon State University in Corvallis. The program will go through 2008 with special classes, activities, events, speakers, town hall meetings and a possible student convention in the fall on campus. The multi-media information from the program and a final report will be archived to the LBCC Library at the end of 2008 by the students, and the core student group responsible for the program will attend the January 2009 Inauguration in Washington, D.C. We are looking forward to a vital and enthusiastic program that will invite community participation and sponsorship. One of the inspirations for the program was the book *Democracy in America* by Alexis de Tocqueville on the United States in the 1830s and its strengths and weaknesses. This program will try to find out what strengths and weaknesses we have in America in 2008, in this very important presidential election year. My time at NDNU provided me with knowledge, skills, experience and contacts that have been a valuable contribution to my work life and now my retirement in the form of community service. My very best wishes to everyone at NDNU."

'00

Amalia Collins, MA, graduated from the Art Therapy and Marriage and Family Therapy master's program in 2000. After marriage to her husband Tony Collins with a reception at Ralston Hall, the couple moved to Dallas, Texas. "I have received my ATR-BC as well as my LPC and LMFT and currently work full-time in a group practice with people of all ages who have behavior problems. I deal with children and adolescents and do marriage and family counseling."

Casie Killgore, BA Liberal Studies, writes, "After graduation I continued my studies, received a teach-

ing credential and taught for seven years. I also received a master's in education administration and am now an assistant principal in Santa Barbara, CA, working with 750 kids daily. I am married to Hugo Flores and have a 17-month-old daughter named Andrea (after classmate **Andrea Canchola** '01). I am the proud sister of an NDNU student, Lauren Sova, '09."

'01, '02

Gilbert Rodriguez, BA English, and **Maggie Rodriguez** '01 welcomed their second baby, Alejandra, in May, 2007. Maggie is truancy program manager at Alum Rock Counseling Center. Gilbert is currently an English teacher.

'01

Manuel Nungaray, BS, MBA Finance '05, has been promoted to the position of director of development at Notre Dame de Namur University.

'02

Alicia St. Louis, BA Theatre Arts, was accepted into New York's famed Stella Adler Studio Conservatory Program. After starring in David Mamet's *Reunion* at the American Theatre of Actors, she is now with the Samsara Theatre Company and appeared most recently as Lesly in the cast of Wendy McLeod's dark comedy, *The House of Yes* (www.samsaratre.com). "The House of Yes run was great - thanks! It ended in late October. Updates: I appeared in *Law and Order: SVU* recently and in various Internet promos. That's about it, just auditioning like crazy and havin' fun!"

Sheri Marty Yasuna, BA Psychology, says, "I recently graduated from Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, where I earned both an MS and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. I also received a certificate in forensic proficiency as part of my Ph.D. program. I graduated in June of this year. Also in June, my husband and I moved to Hawaii. Eight days after my graduation we were on a plane to our new home. In August we flew back to the Bay Area, where we were married in Santa Clara. So

this has been a very big year for us both. We are back in Hawaii now, trying to settle into our new life as a married couple. I am currently in negotiations with Child and Family Services to begin working there as a clinical psychologist. We also recently had the pleasure of attending the NDNU Alumni Dinner held here in Hawaii, which was a lot of fun."

'03

Vinayak "Vinnie" Murti, BS Biology, has been working in the diagnostics industry for the past three years, in the quality control department as the lead analyst for Cholestech, a Hayward-based medical device company. His current focus on career building and the fast-paced world of diagnostics has left little time to focus on family; but he enjoys hiking when time and weather permit. The highlight for this past year was a four-day trip to Tecate, Mexico, with a dedicated group of co-workers, to help build houses for deserving families in that area. "This trip has left a lasting impression on me, and I am looking forward to a similar event for next year."

Santino Prado, BA Political Science, writes, "I am in my final year of law school at Santa Clara University. After taking the Bar in July 2008 I will be looking for a job. So if any CND/NDNU alumni are practicing attorneys or work in the legal arena I would love to be contacted at prado109@aol.com"

'04

Eric Shapira, DDS, MA Clinical Gerontology, is a clinical gerontologist consultant with Aging Mentor Services Inc. He recently received an award from Rotary International Foundation for meritorious service, for humanitarian work in third world countries. He also began an orientation for ambassadorial scholars going abroad worldwide from the West Coast.

Kristy Hughes, BA Liberal Studies, writes that she has just received her special education credential. She has been teaching high school special education for the past year

and is loving every minute of it. She is working on her master's at the University of La Verne.

'05

Stacey Greenberg, BA Theatre Arts, and **Cody Hart** were married August 11 in Sparks, Nevada. Cody played lacrosse at NDNU before transferring to Albertson College in Iowa. He is now in the master of education program at Albertson College. They will be moving to Reno next summer, where Stacey will be pursuing a master's degree.

Sr. Cordelia Onyenagubo, SND, has just been made the principal of the first secondary school of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Nigeria. The school is Notre Dame

Academy for Girls in Kulende Llorin. She reports that they are starting with 35 students, two Sisters of Notre Dame, and seven other teachers.

Yasmine Kury, BA, was ASNDNU president for her graduation year and received the First Annual Student in Community Service Leadership Award from the City of Belmont. She is now living in Burlingame and working as the youth minister at Saint Gabriel Parish in San Francisco. Yasmine tells us that she enjoys teaching catechism and preparing the high school teens of the Parish for the sacrament of Confirmation. She will be continuing her education and beginning a teacher credential program this fall.

'06

JoEvelyn Brookter, MA Clinical Gerontology, is now employed as a service coordinator with Crane Place Apartments in Menlo Park, an independent living facility for older adults and adults with disabilities. She says that, with her master's degree in gerontology, she is "exactly where she wants to be" and is loving it!

'07

Diane Marie Herte, BS Business Administration, writes, "Shortly after graduation Professors Peter Young and James Fogal recommended my application for a fellowship via my membership in Sigma Beta Delta, which is our International Honors Society for

In Memoriam

Patricia Lunny Zanger '59

Nancy Biagini '62

Phyllis Hertel '79

Gay C. Leal Rodrigues '47

Jacqueline Brunschwylar '55

Business Management and Administration. I went through the application process in addition to writing a personal essay. In July I was named the Sigma Beta Delta Fellowship recipient as approved by its board members. I was very surprised and honored. It is the second year in a row that a student from Notre Dame de Namur has won this fellowship award.

Class of '62 Reunion



Under the expert organizational skills of Mary Carr Chapman, the Class of 1962 celebrated its 45th class reunion with a weekend gathering at the Monterey Beach Resort in Seaside, CA. Thirty lifelong friends who began their college careers at (then) CND attended the reunion, sharing stories, laughter, and even a few tears. This class has held a reunion every five years since 1972. Members of the class chose to fund a new bench outside Cunningham Memorial Chapel; the bench is dedicated to the memory of classmate Winnie Thorpe Cooper.

Former Faculty, Staff, and Friends Gather

University emeriti faculty (l to r) Dorothy Sanford, Mark Sullivan, and Mary Ellen Boyling reconnect at a recent reception held for former NDNU faculty, staff, and friends. Hosted by Dr. Elaine Cohen (former Dean of Graduate Studies), over 50 individuals enjoyed sharing news, catching up, and discussing campus highlights.



Wondering how your classmates are doing?



Interested in setting up a reunion for your class or program?

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Events Calendar February - May 2008

FEBRUARY

- 1-29 **Student Art Show**
Opening reception 2/7; noon-2 p.m. Community Gallery, San Mateo County Center, Redwood City
- Thru 3/1 **Melissa Meyer in Black and White**
Works on Paper, 1984-1994; Wiegand Gallery; Tuesday – Saturday, noon-4 p.m.; free admission
- 16 **VOCI**
NDNU's music and musical theatre students celebrate Valentine's Day with songs, arias, and ensembles; Ralston Hall Ballroom; 7:30 p.m.; \$20/\$15 students and seniors, \$1 NDNU students, faculty, and staff
- 22, 23 **Orpheus in the Underworld**
NDNU and Pocket Opera; NDNU Theatre; 7:30 p.m.; \$25/\$10 students and seniors, \$1 NDNU students, faculty, and staff
- 26 **Diversity Speaker Series: Dismantling Systemic Racism**
Angela Oh; NDNU Theatre; 7 p.m.; \$20/\$10 students and seniors; NDNU students free admission

MARCH

- 7-9 **Alumni Retreat in Carmel**
Call for details: (650) 508-3551
- 26-May 3 **Hardy Hansen Art Show: Materials and Meaning**
Opening reception: Sunday, March 30, 2-4 p.m.
- 29 **The NDNU Gala**
Honoring Marie Damrell Gallo '57; Evening of dinner, entertainment, silent and live auctions; Walter Gleason Center; 6 p.m.

APRIL

- 4-13 **Children of Eden**
Presented by the NDNU Theatre Arts and Dance Department with NDNU Vocal Arts and Music. NDNU Theatre; 4, 5, 11, and 12, 7:30 p.m.; April 13, 2 p.m.; \$20/\$10 students and seniors, \$1 NDNU students, faculty, and staff
- 6 **Ralston Performers Series**
Pocket Opera, Handel's *Xerxes*; Ralston Hall Ballroom; 2 p.m.; \$34-37/\$31-34 seniors, \$20 students rush

17

Diversity Speaker Series: Dismantling Systemic Racism
Anthony Romero; NDNU Theatre; 7 p.m.; \$20/\$10 students and seniors; NDNU students free admission

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Ralston Performers Series
Henry Mollicone; *Beatitude Mass for the Homeless* and *Misteria*; Cunningham Memorial Chapel; 7 p.m.

MAY

1-3

NDNU Moves 2008 Dance Concert
Dance performance by the NDNU Dance Company; NDNU Theatre; 7:30 p.m.; Tickets \$20/\$15 seniors and non-NDNU students.

6

Musical Theatre Workshop
NDNU Theatre; 7:30 p.m.

10

Commencement
Koret Field; 10:30 a.m.

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