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The Senior Alumni Newsletter

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NDSA Board News

The Winter Meeting of the NDSA Board was held on January 18 & 19 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Some highlights of the meeting are:

- Roll-out of the **nationwide** Hospital Support Program will take place during the Alumni Senate in April. The Board approved installing a toll-free 1-800 number that members of the Notre Dame family can call 24/7 to request support when hospitalized. More information about the program is featured on page 2 of this issue of **NDSA NewsNotes**.
- The Internal Affairs Committee of the NDSA Board has developed a presentation to give all incoming Directors a current and consistent orientation at the beginning of their terms. It will help new Directors 'learn the ropes' and is expected to shorten the time it takes to become productive.
- The NDSA Board meets three times during the year: in the Spring during the Alumni Senate, in the Fall during the week following the Senior Football game, and in the Winter during January. Attendance at the winter meeting has been optional in the past. Because of the number and nature of items that come before the Board as NDSA continues to grow, attendance at all meetings of NDSA, including the Winter meeting, is now mandatory.
- The possibility of NDSA establishing a **God, Country, Notre Dame Scholarship** to be awarded to children of veterans of U.S. armed forces is being studied. A minimum of \$100,000 is needed initially to fund the endowed scholarship fund.
- A **How To** manual outlining benefits and offering suggestions for putting each of NDSA's six Initiatives into practice has been completed and is posted on the NDSA website. Each of the pages can be accessed by logging on to **ndseniormalumni.org**, then clicking on **NDSA Initiatives**, then on the desired Initiative (e.g. Hospital Support), and then on **Summary**.

What's New?

- The Alumni Association announced that the month of May each year will be designated as a **Month of Service**, largely because the Month of Service in honor of Fr. Hesburgh's 90th birthday during May 2007 was such a tremendous success.
- 2008 marks the 100th anniversary of the Notre Dame Victory march which was composed and first played in Holyoke, Massachusetts in 1908.

Incoming Regional Directors

Six new Regional Directors have been appointed to take the place of the six Regional Directors listed in the Fall 2007 issue of **NDSA NewsNotes** who will complete their terms of service during April. The new Directors are:

Region 2 - Richard Riegel '58
Region 4 – Robert Johnson '59
Region 7 – John Freneau '71
Region 8 – Peter Lombardo '79 (PhD)
Region 11 – Anthony Wallace '55
Region 16 – John Scully '64

A brief biography for each will be featured in the Spring 2008 issue of **NDSA NewsNotes**. The new Directors will take office on July 1, 2008 and serve a 3-year term.

National Hospital Support Program

Notre Dame's Hospital Support Program is going nationwide following the Alumni Senate in April 2008.

At their Winter Meeting in January, the NDSA Board of Directors authorized a nationwide Hospital Support Program. The National Hospital Support Program, as the nationwide program is called, will roll-out during the Alumni Senate in April 2008. An essential part of this national program is having a 1-800 number that any member of the Notre Dame family can call toll-free 24 hours per day, 365 days per year when Hospital Support for either Emergency Care or Pre-Planned care is needed. Calls to the 1-800 number will ***always*** be answered by a person, not a machine.

Here's how the National Hospital Support program will work. The person needing assistance will call the toll-free 1-800 number. An operator will answer the phone and ask, "Are you calling about an emergency?" If the person calling answers "Yes," after determining where the assistance is needed the call will be patched thru to a Contact Person designated by the Notre Dame Club in that area. The person who called the 1-800 number will then talk directly to the Contact Person in the Club who will arrange the support services that are needed.

When a member of the Notre Dame Family requires treatment in a ***hospital emergency room*** while traveling away from home, the services provided by the Hospital Support Program are called ***Emergency Care***.

If the caller responds that the call is ***not*** about an emergency the 1-800 number operator will record the pertinent information and give the caller the phone number of the Contact Person in the appropriate Club area. The caller can then phone and speak directly to the Contact Person regarding the support services that are needed. Typical non-emergency situations are those that are planned in advance, such as surgery scheduled for a later date in a medical facility away from the person's home. Support for these types of medical conditions is termed ***Pre-Planned Care***.

The Alumni Association is responsible for administration of the 1-800 number system. The NDSA Board of Directors continues to be responsible for the content of the Hospital Support Program.

All Notre Dame Alumni Clubs in the U.S. have been asked to name a Primary Contact Person and, if at all possible, a Back-up Contact Person for their Club's area by mid-February. Some Clubs may not be able to name a Primary Contact by the mid-February deadline. In those cases the Club President will be listed as the Primary Contact until such time as a regular contact person is named.

For further information about the National Hospital Support Program, please contact your NDSA Regional Director.

An NDSA Initiative: Student Career Mentoring Program

The Student Career Mentoring Program is designed to match a Notre Dame student with an Alumni Mentor, both from the same local Club, in a personal, partner relationship that assists the student in selecting a career, developing career goals, and making the difficult transition from college life to the workplace. The Student's needs drive the program. The Student Career Mentoring Program ***IS NOT*** tutoring or job placement.

Mentors in the program assume the role of coach, confidant, counselor and consultant. They have the knowledge, experience, skills, and information in the student's chosen profession and are willing to share these attributes with the student.

The program lasts for a minimum of one entire school year. The student and mentor agree to have a personal, partner relationship involving mutual openness, candor and respect for privacy. A principal key to success is frequent Mentor/Student communication through personal meetings, telephone calls, and/or E-mail.

ND Alumni Clubs wanting to start a Student Career Mentoring Program, as a first step, should inform ND students from within the club-area about the mentoring program and register those who express an interest. Next, communicate details of the program to ***all ND Alumni*** living within the club-area, including career-types of mentoring opportunities indicated by the student registrations. Register those alumni

expressing a willingness in becoming involved with the program. Finally, match student applicants with alumni mentors, basing the match primarily upon career-based judgments.

If possible, hold a kick-off meeting for the students and alumni-mentors who will enter the program for the coming year. If held in conjunction with the annual student send-off, it may interest other students in joining the program.

At the end of the year evaluate the program, making any needed adjustments for the following year.

More information about the Student Career Mentoring Program can be found on the NDSA website at www.ndsenioralumni.org.

Pillars for the 'Age of Returning' - The Six Cs

"As a pastoral theologian, a seminary and university professor, a publisher, a community organizer and especially as a priest, Father Louis J. Putz, C.S.C. profoundly influenced the American Catholics of his generation. Spiritually and intellectually formed in the European theological and cultural climate which gave rise to the Second Vatican Council, the popular and affable German-born priest was a pioneering advocate of liturgical renewal, lay activism, and ecclesial reform." - from the Notre Dame press release upon the death of Father Louie Putz in June 1998.

Father Louie Putz saw life as a chain with three links: the ***age of learning***, the ***age of earning***, and the ***age of returning***, the last being that point in a person's life when there's time available to give back accumulated knowledge, talent and experience to the needy members of society. Turning his attention to what he called "ministries for third Agers", a term he preferred to "senior citizen or "golden ager", Father Louie was instrumental in getting a program for Notre Dame senior alumni off the ground. Called ND's FIRST (Fighting Irish Retired Service Team) this initiative encouraged retired ND alumni all across the country to pool their talents to help solve social problems in their home towns. ND's FIRST eventually evolved into NDSA (Notre Dame Senior Alumni), which today is the largest group of ND alumni. ND's senior alumni are represented by thirteen Regional Directors and a three member Executive Committee who make up and serve on the NDSA Board.

During 2000 **Jamie Eifert '84**, then a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, introduced the "**Six Cs**" – **C**amaraderie, **C**ommunity Service, **C**atholic Christian Spirituality, **C**urrent Student Support, **C**ontinuing Education, and **C**ommunication – to give the Alumni Clubs a better framework to plan events and activities as a way for ND alumni to pool their talents for the good of their communities. Stated another way, these Six Cs are the foundation, the pillars upon which Notre Dame alumni can build a meaningful legacy during their personal 'Age of Returning', keeping alive the vision of Father Louie Putz.

One of the Six Cs will be featured in each of the next six issues of **NDSA NewsNotes** along with a list of ideas taken from Success Stories reported by Clubs around the country. Consider these ideas as '**bones**' that can be assembled by individual Clubs, ***if they choose to do so***, into a '**skeleton**' upon which the Club is able to add its own '**flesh**' creating an event / activity / project / program that is truly the ***Club's own unique creation***.

Camaraderie is the featured 'Six C' in this issue. **Camaraderie** is a spirit of friendly good-fellowship - people getting together in a friendly atmosphere to enjoy a shared interest. Some ideas follow:

- Luncheon (Monthly luncheon for senior alumni)
- Theater (Attend a summer stock theater production)
- Breakfast (Weekly or Monthly senior alumni breakfast)
- Sendoff (Combine annual student sendoff with family picnic)
- Golf (Have a golf outing)
- Night Out (Plan a theater night for senior alumni and spouses)
- Student Memorabilia (Bring student memorabilia to an event for seniors)
- Basketball (Sponsor game watch get-togethers for Notre Dame basketball)
- Football (Sponsor game watches for Fighting Irish football)
- Spouses (Invite spouses to a monthly luncheon)
- Travel (A nearby place of interest for lunch, shopping, and sightseeing)
- Picnic (Have a family picnic)

- Sporting Event (Attend a local sporting event as a group)
- Game Watch
- Pot Luck Dinner
- Cookout

HINT - Try combining two or more words from the 'bones' in the left-hand column into a 'skeleton' and build an event for your Club. Share your event with your Regional Director and it will be featured in a future issue of **NDSA NewsNotes**.

Chuck Lennon remarked recently that **Camaraderie** is the key to a successful Club activity. An activity should be **fun** for those who participate. Have fun first . . . service will follow almost naturally.

Let's take a Break

A first grade school teacher presented each child in her classroom the first half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder. While reading keep in mind that these are first graders – six-year-olds.

- Don't change horses **until they stop running**.
- The pen is mightier than the **pigs**.
- Don't bite the hand that **looks dirty**.
- A penny saved is **not much**.
- Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry **and you have to blow your nose**.
- There are none so blind as **Stevie Wonder**.
- When the blind lead the blind **get out of the way**.
- If at first you don't succeed **get new batteries**.
- A bird in the hand **is going to poop on you**.
- Better late than **pregnant**.

Feature Stories

A new element is being added to **NDSA NewsNotes** starting with this issue. One or two of the success stories reported by the Clubs will be featured in more detail than is possible in the condensed versions listed under each of the Six Cs. It is hoped that these stories will both inspire and be a source of ideas for your Club. They are reproduced here as passed on by the Clubs with only a minimum of editing.

• Hospital Support

During August 2007, **Cathy Connors '95** received an e-mail regarding **Rex O'Connor '51** from **Mark Day**, a ND alum living in Houston. Mark put Cathy in touch with Rex's daughter, **Mary O'Connor '96** who currently lives in Dallas. Mary said they were having difficulty getting a doctor's appointment for Rex who had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. A phone call to another ND Alum and within a couple of days Rex had the appointment he had been trying so hard to get.

In late August Rex came to Houston to be seen by the specialist. Cathy met with Rex's daughter Mary during that visit and explained the additional assistance the Houston Club could provide to her and her Dad, should Rex opt to have medical care in Houston.

Rex returned to Houston in late September and was hospitalized for about a week. During that time **Martha Skender**, an ND Alum and member of the Houston Club, and Cathy Connors made daily visits to check on Rex and to see if the family members were in need of anything.

Though the ND Alumni network Mary was able to get her father an appointment at the Mayo Clinic to see a pancreatic cancer specialist there as well.

On November 13th Cathy Connors received an e-mail from Rex's daughter, Mary O'Connor. It read

"Dear Friends –

"As some of you already know, we lost Dad this morning. While we weren't able to bring him home, I'm happy to say that we were with him, holding his hand, as he took his final breath and began his journey to a much better place.

"We can't thank you enough for all of the love and support you have given us over the last 4 months. We truly do have great friends and family. Thank you! Much Love, Mary"

- **Diocesan Professional Assistance**

Two years ago, Santa Clara Catholic School in South Dallas, with the help of the Notre Dame Club wanted to start a key Literacy Program to push their students to the highest level in literacy with a goal of all achieving high success in High School and potentially beyond. The Notre Dame Club assembled a team, which at various times had up to ten contributors, to craft and produced financial grants in order to fund the \$200,000 plus program. This effort required a great deal of financial information, i.e., basic accounting help to the school, which included setting up books, budget planning and execution, forecasting of expenses in order to show that the school needed additional resources. **Jim O'Neill '57** put this together and still works with the Principal's Assistant. **Shannon Fitzgerald '90** and **Anna Lamberti Holmes, a SMC Alum**, researched and assembled the information, and wrote the Grants. So far eight Grants have been submitted seeking \$200,000. With \$85,000 awarded by the Dallas Catholic Foundation, the total number of dollars received is \$170,000, enough to be well underway with the program and seeing results already. A Program Director has been hired for a year. One other Grant is pending. This program is being considered or fan out to the other schools in the Diocese, a tribute to the efforts of the Principal at Santa Clara, **Todd Higginbotham** and his dream.

Along with the Grant Writing, the Diocesan Professional Assistance Program has been in the form of Marketing to increase enrollment for this year, which resulted in about 80 new enrollments for the South Dallas sector of Schools. Meanwhile, Jim O'Neill '57 continues his financial and accounting support for three schools on a continuing basis.

Also, **Ed O'Connell '59**, a Past President of the Dallas Club, who did most of the start up, is now Senior Alumni Co-Coordinator with Jim O'Neill.

Success Stories from the Clubs

The items presented below, grouped by the 6 C's, are taken from reports of successes, best practices and newsworthy items reported by the Regional NDSA Directors at the Winter NDSA Meeting.

CAMARADERIE

- The Cincinnati Club's Senior Alumni held a joint luncheon meeting with the local alumni chapter of the U.S. Naval Academy on the Wednesday preceding the ND vs Navy game. About 150 persons attended the luncheon including some 65 ND Senior Alumni. Several of those in attendance were retired Naval Officers who received their degrees from ND during and after World War II. They expressed their love and respect for the two schools. **Gerry Motl, USNA '68** and also a **Domer**, gave an interesting and informative presentation on the complete history of Notre Dame – Navy football. The respectful relationship between the two schools was emphasized during the event.
- In a textbook example of "**Camaraderie first, then Service**" senior members of the Rockford Club have been meeting weekly for breakfast and conversation for a number of years. During November attendees were invited to bring a non-perishable food item each week for the food pantry at St. Elizabeth Catholic Community Center. Since then, most of the seniors have been donating several food items each week, filling an average of 3 - 4 large grocery sacks. The group, with an average attendance of 10 seniors, plans to continue the weekly food collection throughout 2008.
- The Seniors Group of the Greater DuPage County Club sponsored an outing for all Club members at a Chicago suburban area horse race track during September. A good time was had by all who attended.
- The Greater DuPage County Club hosted a 'Rudy Dinner' that featured an inspirational talk by Rudy's teammate who gave up his own jersey so that Rudy could dress for the final home game of his senior year. The 50 Club members who attended are eager to make the 'Rudy Dinner' an annual affair.
- **Dick Jacob**, Senior Alumni Coordinator for the Lake County Club mailed a letter to each of the 125 senior alumni living in the Club's area for which the Club does not have e-mail addresses, telling them about the senior's monthly breakfasts. Dick has received several favorable responses and there are some 'new faces' on the Club's membership list. "It's not a ground swell as yet," Dick remarked, "but it's off to a good start."

- The Minnesota Club continues to sponsor a Senior Luncheon each month. This long-running program, run by **John McShane '68** and **Chris Flynn '55**, has fostered considerable camaraderie within the Club.
- Young alumni in the Austin, Texas area have been successful in reenergizing the Austin Club, and are now devoting their attention to other areas of the Club that need their help.
- The Fort Worth Club is becoming more active thanks to efforts of the newly elected Club President and the Club's Senior Alumni Coordinator, **Dick Malahowski**.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Three senior members of the Knoxville Club led an effort to clean carpeting at a Catholic Charities of East Tennessee facility. Called **Parent Place**, it provides a safe location for parents in difficult family situations to meet with their kids.
- The two Senior Alumni Coordinators of the Eastern North Carolina Club – Kirk Wagenseller and Pete Campbell – are helping senior club members stay involved. The **T.A.P. Program** is very popular, involving over 30 people at three locations to assist people with tax return preparation. In the past the Club's **P.A.C.E Program** has been well received and now needs a fresh approach. The Club has an active **Hospital Support Program**, and is assisting with the Interfaith Food Shuttle. A majority of the Club's members are senior Alumni.
- The Staten Island Club has developed a number of community service programs. One that especially stands out is called **Bread of Life**. The Club found that, with the exception of holidays, donations to local food pantries fall off sharply each year in the in the spring. Enlisting the cooperation of schools in their area, the Club collects an average of 60,000 non-perishable food items and distributes them to several food pantries. The exceptionally well-organized collection and distribution takes place on a single Saturday. The Club has a manual on the program which they are willing to share. For further information contact NDSA Regional Director **Emil C. Herkert** by e-mail at bige978200@aol.com.
- Senior members of the Cleveland Club are tutoring and working with abused children at the Westside Catholic Center. The project continues to be a great success and brings credit to both the University of Notre Dame and to the Cleveland Club.
- The Indianapolis Club is expanding their successful **T.A.P. Program**, and has established a senior alumni committee to explore additional NDSA Initiatives.
- Members of the Kokomo and Tri-State Clubs in Region 8 are involved in Habitat for Humanity projects.
- **John Freitas '67** chaired the Ann Arbor Club's **One Can Make a Difference** food drive at the Club Mass. John was also in charge of the Club's Notre Dame Day of Service event, a **Fix-Up Project** within the Ann Arbor community. Twenty members of the Club were involved in each of the two projects.
- **John Chmeil '52** Heads up the Kalamazoo Club's Community Outreach Program that serves meals to 250 persons four times each year. John is the Club's Senior Alumni Coordinator.
- **Mark Levandoski '66, Joel Blair, Tim McMorro '71, and Kevin McDonald '73** are active volunteers for the Grand Rapids Club's Habitat for Humanity project.
- **George Koch '54**, with support from **Tom Lyman '56** and other parish seniors, directed and participated in a Detroit Club project to 'pick up' 360 turkeys at the Lighthouse of Oakland County and deliver them to the Knights of Columbus in Clarkston for distribution to people in need.
- **Dave Hennessy '69** is coordinating the Detroit Club's **T.A.P. Program** that is being conducted at two inner city parishes. During the past five years the Club's program has netted \$344,000 in tax refunds for the program's clients.
- **Fred Gade '60** directed the Detroit Club's efforts at Gleaners Community Food Bank, an organization that turns surplus food into meals for the needy. In a single year the Food Bank collects 25 million pounds of food, equivalent to 65,000 meals each day of the year.
- Senior Alumni Coordinator, **Mark Levandoski '66**, continues to coordinate the Grand Rapids Club's Outreach Program tutoring young people and adults in literacy reading.
- The Rockford club has kicked-off its second annual **P.A.C.E.** cancer awareness program. Using information and data furnished by the American cancer Society, the Club's senior Alumni Coordinator, **Ken Robison '58**, has prepared a series of e-mails that are sent to each OF THE Club's present and former members.
- The Houston Club's **Golden Dome Mentors**, who have been enormously successful in their work to combat 'under-education', are now joined by St. John Vianney Parish in the **Golden Dome**

Alliance. The Alliance has 60 active members – 30 from the ND Club and 30 parishioners. The Alliance is currently reaching out to St. Cecelia and St. Jerome parishes, the goal being to recruit more members so the program can be expanded, particularly in minority communities. The program received the Crystal Award, a statewide recognition for excellence from the Texas Association of Partnership in Education.

- The Las Vegas Club conducts an annual **Blanket Drive**, collecting jackets and cool weather clothing in addition to blankets and providing these items to Father McShane for distribution to the homeless. Members of the Club also assist Father McShane with distribution of these and other items, helping him in other ways as the need arises.
- Arrangements are being made by the San Diego Club to present a **Cancer Awareness Information Program** (prostate, breast, colon) in at least two San Diego county locations during March 2008.
- The Las Vegas Club, in partnership with the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, hosted a fund raising dinner with the net proceeds going to the Foundation to help research a cure for Niemann-Pick Type C disease.

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

- The Greater Louisville Club has established a cadre of 15-20 senior members who began a visitation program for surviving members of deceased club-member families. The group, led by four enthusiastic seniors, is expanding into the Hospital Support Program. At the present time they are concentrating on the support of hospitalized members of the Louisville Club.
- The Detroit Club conducted two seminars at the Sacred Heart Seminary, one on **Ethical Leadership** by **Chris Walsh '59** and the other by **Don Condit '60** on **Organization and Business Practices**.
- The Detroit Club has completed a marketing plan for the Everest Academy, a Catholic elementary school in Clarkston, Michigan. Club members **Charlie Kitz '58, Pete Higgins '54, Ron Wagner '59, Steve Harvath '59, John Hammond '73,** and **Stacy Peterson** were involved with this **Diocesan Professional Assistance Program** project.
- Thirteen senior members of the Detroit Club mentored at-risk students during 2007, bringing the total to 67 graduating from high school, a graduation rate of 99%. Many of the graduates are going on to college, many of them with scholarships.
- Each year the El Paso Club has their annual 'Border Mass' on November 2. the mass gives Club members the opportunity to discuss ways to approach immigration issues as Catholics.
- Senior members of the Ann Arbor Club continue to visit veterans in the local VA Hospital on the third Sunday of each month as the Club's God, Country, Notre Dame outreach.
- The Las Vegas Club has an annual Mass for the Immaculate Conception at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church.
- The Los Angeles Club arranges two day-trips per year to visit Catholic Orphanages in Mexico, scheduling the trips through the Corazon de Vida Foundation, the foremost U.S. charity providing funding, services and support to aid the plight of Mexico's abandoned and orphaned children on the some 50 orphanages in Baja, California. Club members making the trip play with orphan children, work on craft projects, read to and with the children, help with building projects or simply hold an infant who needs love.
- The Dallas Club is meeting troops returning home from Iraq at Dallas Fort Worth Airport on Saturday, February 16th. Club members and their families p children are welcome – are encouraged to wear "Notre Dame stuff." The Club plans to meet the troops on a recurring basis as a part of their God, Country, Notre Dame initiative.

CURRENT STUDENT SUPPORT

- The Cincinnati Club had another successful **Reverse Raffle** that raised over \$25,000 for the Club's scholarship Fund. The raffle was chaired by a senior alumnus, and the entire event was run mostly by senior alumni.
- The Ann Arbor Club collaborated with the Lansing Club to co-host a pre-game tailgate gathering for current students prior to the ND – Michigan game that was attended by over 1,000 students. The event was intended to prevent previous confrontations with Michigan students and their supporters and was successful in achieving the objective.
- The Phoenix Club is engaged in organizing the 5th Annual Dan Devine Memorial Golf Tournament. In past years over 120 golfers have participated in the tournament, and over 200 people attended the dinner and auction that rounded out the day's activities. To date the

tournament has contributed more than \$50,000 to the Club's Endowed Scholarship Fund which provides financial assistance to students attending Notre Dame from Arizona.

COMMUNICATION

- The Savannah, Georgia Club is conducting a membership drive in an effort to generate renewed interest in the Club's activities. A key goal of the initiative is attracting new members.
- The Buffalo/Western NY Club is conducting a survey of its members and will use the results to plan future senior alumni activities.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- During April the Knoxville Club will host a Hesburgh Lecture by Dr. James VanderKam on "The Amazing Dead Sea Scrolls" in partnership with the University of Tennessee Department of Religious Studies and the John XXIII Catholic Center on the UT campus. The event is being coordinated by **Lee Blank '54**.
- The Knoxville Club continues to host a book discussion group that, so far, has appealed mostly to seniors. Recent books discussed by the group include *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and on about the life of St. Francis of Assisi entitled *The Reluctant Saint*.

Senior Moments

One enterprising student solved the high cost of meals during the summer semester of 1949. In those days there were two dining halls and a cafeteria located in what today is the South Dining Hall. During the regular school year the cost of student meals in one of the dining halls was included with tuition in the semester charge. In the summer of 1949, however, only the dining hall at the east end of the building (nearest Dillon hall) was open for student meals as a limited-choice, pay-for-what-you-eat cafeteria.

Each morning our enterprising student, a slide rule case hanging bayonet style from his belt, came to the dining hall for breakfast with a box of corn flakes tucked under his arm. On his tray he placed a bowl, a glass of water, a glass of milk, two spoons and a napkin. At the condiments station after the cash register our featured student shook catsup into the glass of water, stirring it with one of the spoons. Seated at a table, he filled the bowl from his box of corn flakes, poured some milk from the glass over the cereal, added a liberal amount of sugar from the dispenser on the table, and proceeded to enjoy a breakfast of tomato juice and sweetened corn flakes, washing it down with about half of a glass of milk – all for the price of a glass of milk.

On The Horizon

The Spring Meeting of the NDSA Board will be held on the Notre Dame campus on April 23 - 26, 2008. The Alumni Senate will convene during this time, April 24 – 26.

For up-to-the-minute news of the NDSA please log onto our website at www.ndsenioralumni.org. New features are being added continually. You can even listen to Notre Dame music while you explore the website. It don't get no better than this!!

A Last Laugh

Jake is 5 years old and learning to read. He points to a picture in a Zoo book and says, "Look Mom! It's a frickin' elephant!"

(Mom takes a deep breath) "What did you call it?"

"It's a frickin' elephant! It says so on the picture!"

Mom reads ... "A frican Elephant"

Hooked on phonics!!! Ain't it wonderful?

A Parting Thought

There is a bench in honor of Father Louis Putz, C.S.C. located immediately north of the Alumni Association offices in the Eck Center. The next time you're on campus please consider pausing at the 'Fr. Louie Putz' bench, then sit down and relax. While there say a little prayer asking Father Louie's intercession for your Club's Community Service project that isn't going too well.

Believe . . . and watch good things begin to happen!