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# Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama

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March 2003

## Summer Service Project Wrapup

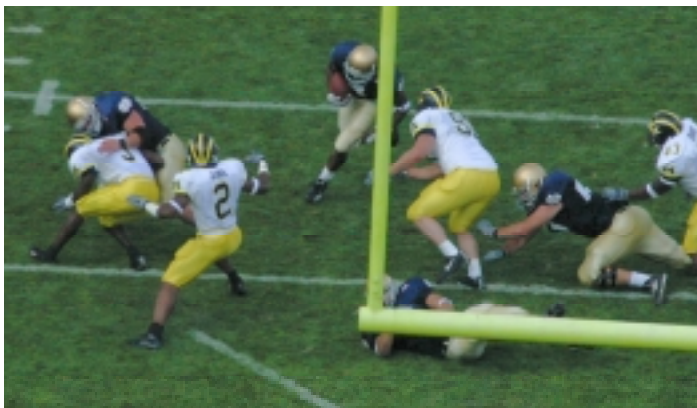
Below is our 2002 Summer Service Project Intern, Elizabeth Asher summary of her time with us; written toward the end of her stay:

During my time here in Huntsville, Alabama, I've had the opportunity to do a variety of different things. Thus, I have gotten to see most of the city. The Volunteer Center of Huntsville and Madison County helped me choose several places at which to volunteer. Each has put me out of my comfort zone (white, middle class, college student, ...), and that is why I am learning so much. I spend Mondays at a place called Interfaith Mission Services - First Stop; a place that provides services to the homeless (food, shower, washer & dryer use, assistance in getting social security numbers, IDs, etc.). I got to visit some of the homeless camps one day. That was really cool. The director, another volunteer, and I took food to  
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## Club Weekend to Michigan Game

You should have been there!!!!!! Fifty club members and their guests spent a rousing weekend on campus for the Michigan game. It started out with our first look at the team and TY at the pep rally on Friday night and our realization that they ARE different. And the game we watched from our great seats in the south end zone just speaks for itself. As usual, the opportunity to be on campus for the entire weekend afforded everyone plenty of time to enjoy the view of the Golden Dome across St Joseph's Lake, to see and feel the excitement of the Notre Dame football experience, and to relax when we 'rode onward to victory'. Stay tuned for news about the plans for this year's Club Football Weekend.



## Christmas in April

On Saturday, April 26, Christmas in April \* Morgan County will be rehabilitating the homes of nine elderly or disabled homeowners. The homes are in Morgan County. Last year only five members of the Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama and their family members participated in Christmas in April. The club members and their family members who participated were Joe Szedula '80 '82 (House Captain), Linda Szedula (First Mate), Eric Lewis '89, Tom Duerr '51, and Brian Duerr. I'd like to see more club members participate this year. If you are going to sign up please do so by March 24th.

Having worked on Christmas in April in the past, I can tell you there is a lot of satisfaction in personally helping someone instead of just sending a check. There are jobs for everyone. If you are a skilled professional, an amateur, or unskilled, there are jobs for you. Jobs include plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and painting. If you have a pickup truck you can help out by picking up last minute supplies.

For more information or to volunteer contact Joe Szedula (email: szedula@mindspring.com, work: 489-5832 x102). You can also find out more about Christmas in April in Morgan County or to find the volunteer sign-up form by visiting the web site:

<http://www.mindspring.com/~rt-mc/>

Or you can call the Christmas in April office at:

(256) 353-4407



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 people living under bridges and in tents in the woods behind places like Applebee's. It was eye-opening to say the least. Though I don't feel especially helpful when I volunteer at this place (I run the front desk - giving out food packs, towels, permission to use the phone, etc.), I love just listening to people's stories.

My Tuesdays and Wednesdays are spent at Girls, Incorporated. Imagine a very well-organized and structured Boys' and Girls' Club just for girls. I'm working with a retired teacher in charge of Operation SMART, which focuses on encouraging girls to succeed and be excited about science and math. I also get to teach the fifth graders softball, which I have played since preschool.

When I first came to Huntsville and until this past week, the Volunteer Center was without an Executive Director and an Assistant Director. I helped the secretary with her office work, since the three remaining employees had to do the work of five people. I got to learn a lot about how non-profit agencies run. Interestingly enough, my time there has gotten me seriously interested in a career in the non-profit world.

The Volunteer Center has an Americorps Promise Fellow working full-time. I am helping her with two groups: Kids Care and Teens Needing Teens (TNT). Kids Care is a group of 10-12 year olds who complete a volunteer activity once a week throughout the summer. We have painted playground equipment, picked up trash in the park downtown, and visited with the mentally ill and the elderly. TNT is a group that organizes volunteer activities and holds public

discussions on issues concerning their community. Their frequent meetings are used to discuss social issues.

Friday mornings, I am always nervous. I tutor mainly math at the CITY program. It is a program for mainly teens (some younger) who have committed crimes and would, if not for this program, be in jail. I was absolutely terrified the first day I went to tutor. I had met earlier with the director, who scared the living daylights out of me, primarily by warning me about what the kids, especially the boys, might say to me. And those were exactly the people I have purposely avoided my entire life. But I was brave, and I went. And I have enjoyed myself. Whatever those kids have done, they're still kids. They have worked with the counselors there to establish short-term and long-term goals. Most see an end to their struggles by working towards earning their GED. They're not dumb, like most of them were probably seen as in public schools. They're smart. And the most amazing part about the whole program is its success rate. Sixty percent of the kids that complete it never commit another crime. How amazing is that? I plan to spend more time tutoring at the CITY program during the end of my time in Huntsville.

Thanks again to the Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama for everything! Special thanks to the families who hosted me, and to the others who were nice enough to come out and meet me. I've been telling everyone about my wonderful summer! :)

Elizabeth Asher

**26th Annual  
 St. Patrick's Day Parade**

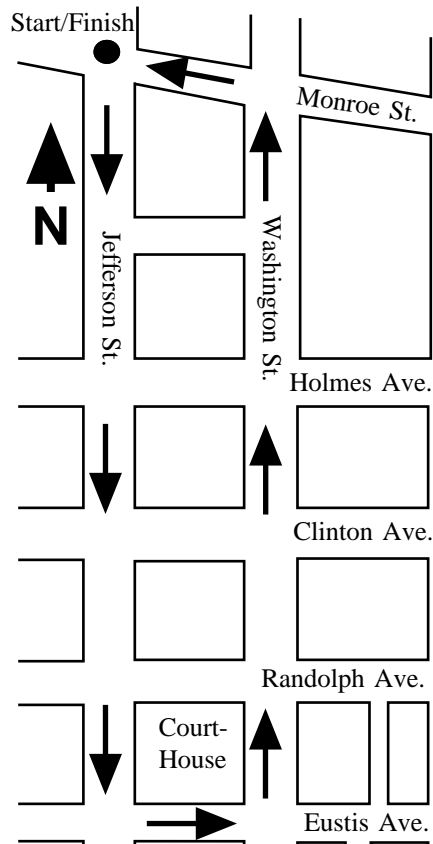
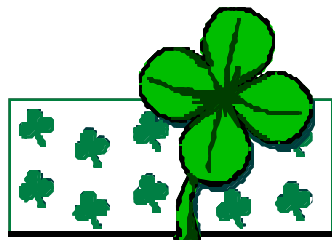
Start: 11:30 Am,  
 Monday, March 17, 2003

Staging: 11:00 Am

Staging Area: Intersection  
 Of Monroe & Spragins Streets  
 (One Block West Of Jefferson St.)

Route: Jefferson/Monroe,  
 South On Jefferson,  
 Around Courthouse,  
 North On Washington,  
 West On Monroe To Starting Point

For more information, please contact  
 881-9732 or 539-4941 or 520-0240



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 (You'll receive e-mail messages about club activities.)

Membership Year 2002-2003

Graduation Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25/year/person)

Scholarship Amt.\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership**

It's that time of year...time for ND Club dues. The Board of Directors has voted to increase the dues this year to \$25. The reason for this change is to better cover the costs of running the club and supporting its projects. For example, the Summer Service Project costs have increased from \$1500 to \$1700.

Payment of dues will keep a member in good standing until July 31, 2003. One of the benefits of membership will be an opportunity to purchase Game Trip packages (tickets & rooms on campus) for the Michigan at ND game in 2003. Members also receive regular newsletters.

Remember, all ND supporters are welcome; membership is not limited to alumni. Please tell your ND-supporting friends about the Club!

Make checks out to ND Club of Northern Alabama, and send your \$25 payment per member to: ND Club of Northern Alabama/7806 Bridgewell Run/Huntsville, AL

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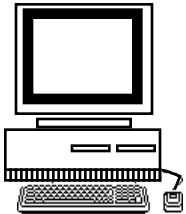
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## Coming Events

<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where/Who</u>
• St. Patrick's Day Parade	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Downtown Huntsville
• Sign-up for Christmas in April	now thru March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Obtain forms from: <a href="http://www.mindspring.com/~cina/">http://www.mindspring.com/~cina/</a> Or call Christmas in April office: (256) 353-4407
• SSP	June - July	Contact: Sonnie Hereford



**Updates to the club's "Coming Events" are regularly posted on our web site. This newsletter and information on club activities can also be found on our web site. While you're there you can sign up for the club's e-mail list. When you sign up you'll find out about the club's activities sooner. Our web site is located at:**



**[http://alumni.nd.edu/~ndc\\_n\\_al/](http://alumni.nd.edu/~ndc_n_al/)**

### Summer Social & Student Send-off

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed at the home of Sandra and Hugo Hardt '55 for our annual Summer Social and Student Send-off. About 30 club members and families joined two of our students who were preparing to set out for a new school year. Senior Kimberly Talianko, an accounting major, took freshman Matt Dvorsky (Bob Jones HS) under her wing to explain the important details of life under the Golden Dome. We also have two other students from the area who were not able to attend; Wyetta Palmby, a sophomore chemistry major and Laura Bauer, a law student. In addition to a lively discussion of the much anticipated football season, we enjoyed a barbecue dinner and the awarding of the evening's door prize. The winner of the prize, 2 tickets to the Michigan game donated by Joe Szedula, was Lynn Lewis.

### Membership E-mail List

We are trying to compile a list of e-mail addresses for our club membership. This list will be used to keep you informed of club activities. We have also used the e-mail list to send out notices when game tickets are available. It is easy to add your name to our address list. Simply:

1. Go to our club's web site at:  
**[http://alumni.nd.edu/~ndc\\_n\\_al/](http://alumni.nd.edu/~ndc_n_al/)**
2. Click on the "Subscribe to our e-mail list" link
3. Send the e-mail message

Sending this message will automatically add your e-mail address to our list of members. You can also send an email to "szedula@mindspring.com" with the subject "Subscribe to ND Club Newsletter" (no quotes). Using either method, your e-mail address will be added to our address list.