



Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama



July 2004

Summer Service Internship

One of the most important Community Service projects our Club supports is the Summer Service Internship, which is run by the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns. This year our intern was Amelia "Meelz" Hoffman of Sleepy Eye, MN. Below is the writeup she sent us summarizing her experiences with us this Summer.

Hi! My name is Meelz Hoffmann. I'm a rising senior political science and history major at Notre Dame. This summer I had the opportunity to participate in a Summer Service Project in Huntsville through the Center for Social Concerns at Notre Dame. I started in mid-May and finished in early July. It was an incredible summer. First of all I would like to thank the Dvorskys, the Richards, the Mingus family, and the Bergs for hosting me at their homes and Sonnie for making sure I was taken care of while I was in Alabama. Also, I would like to thank Hugo Hardt for inviting me on his Meals on Wheels route. It was quite a humbling experience.

While in Huntsville I worked some of the time at the Volunteer Center. The majority of the time there I helped the staff get ready for the annual Father of the Year banquet, one of their major fundraisers. I also helped out with their Kindness In Progress (KIP) Club program for kids. Children ages 8-14 met several mornings throughout the summer and volunteered at various organizations in Huntsville such as the Madison Co. Public Library and the Huntsville Humane Society.

In addition to my time at the Volunteer Center, I also spent a half day to a day each week at least at three other organizations. At the National Children's Advocacy Center I had the opportunity to help in the research department and see the work that goes into funding and running the center. At Legal Services of Northern Alabama I had the opportunity to meet with potential clients two mornings a week. Legal Services is one of many offices around the country that offers free legal help for low income persons. I volunteer at the office in South Bend during the school year, but the office in Huntsville was unique in that I actually met with the applicants face to face. I helped them fill out the paperwork and listened to their problems. Many came in with heartbreaking stories. At the end of their rope, these people showed

me what true strength is. I would sometimes go back later in the week to help with additional office work, calling clients, etc. This project was especially interesting to me as I am hoping to attend law school after graduation.

The rest of my time was devoted to the Edenbrook Assisted Living Center. There I had the opportunity to visit with the residents, help them on outings and run activities during the day for them. They were a such a fun group-when they found out I was from Notre Dame a few would sing the fight song for me every time I came to visit. They shared the stories of their lives with me and reinforced my belief that everyone deserves dignity and respect as they age. It was especially hard to say goodbye on the last day.

This summer is truly one I will never forget. Thank you ND Club of Northern Alabama for your "southern" hospitality and your participation in the SSP project. The people I met and the experiences we shared are something I will carry with me long after I likely forget everything I read and studied as an undergrad.



Welcome dinner for Meelz at Greenbrier's BBQ (May 27)



Farewell dinner for Meelz & welcome dinner for new resident alum Erin Muldoon. (June 30)

ND Summer Social / Student Send-Off

The Notre Dame Club of Northern Alabama will converge on the Wind River Drive home of Club member Hugo Hardt '55 for our annual Summer Social, Student Send-Off, and General Membership Meeting. This gathering will be held on Thursday, August 5 at 6 PM.

The Summer Social is primarily an opportunity for our Club membership to meet and visit. Of course, such endeavors are usually more successful when there's food involved, so the ND Club of Northern Alabama will provide barbecue, "fixins," dessert, and beverages. An additional attraction for this gathering is Hugo's pool, which provides welcome relief from the Alabama August heat, and always helps to keep younger Club members entertained.

Another aspect of this event is the opportunity to meet our local Notre Dame / St. Mary's bound students and wish them well as they head off for their academic year. This year we have several ND / SMC students who'll be at the gathering. I'm sure you'll find these students to be quite impressive young adults, and it is pleasure to support them as they progress through their Notre Dame / SMC experiences. Also joining us will be Erin Muldoon, who just graduated from ND last May and now works at Marshall Space Flight Center.

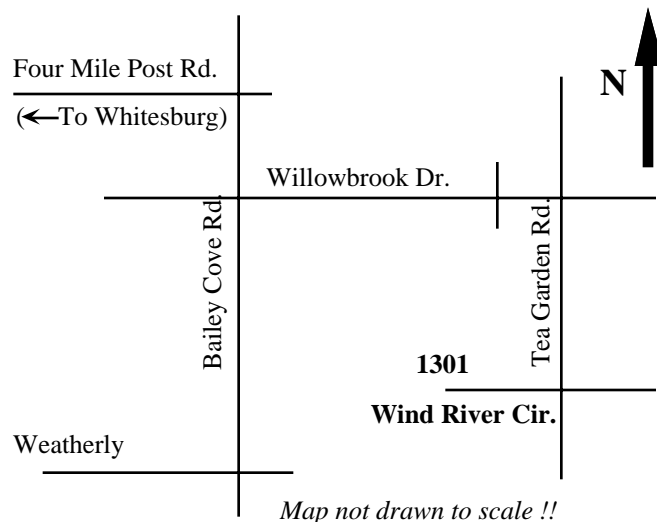
A final aspect of our gathering will be the General Membership Meeting. This will involve addressing Club business.

The directions to Hugo Hardt's home at 1301

Wind River Circle, Huntsville are:

- From S. Memorial Pkwy and Airport Rd., go east on Airport Rd.
- Airport Rd. becomes Carl T. Jones Dr.
- Carl T. Jones Dr. becomes Bailey Cove Rd.
- Go south (from Four Mile Post Rd) on Bailey Cove Road and take a left (east) on Willowbrook Drive.
- Go 2 blocks (past the apartments), and turn right (south) on Tea Garden Rd.
- Travel 2 blocks and turn right (west) on Wind River Circle.
- You will go into a cul-de-sac and you'll be there!!!

We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Social / Student Send-Off !!!



College Days - 2004

Each year Notre Dame and St. Mary's Alumni participate in College Days for the City of Huntsville high schools. This is an opportunity to represent ND/SMC by meeting local high school seniors and juniors (and sometimes parents) and answering questions. Most of the questions concern curricula and financial aid. Notre Dame and St. Mary's send plenty of literature, which makes answering these questions an easy task. The College Days schedule is listed below. If you are interested in representing ND/SMC at one or more of these events, please contact Bill Mordan on 883-1701 (home), or bill.mordan @ msfc.nasa.gov (work)

Sept 13	Grissom High	7:45 am
Sept 13	Butler High	1:30 pm
Sept 14	Lee High	8:30 am
Sept 14	Johnson High	12:00 pm
Sept 14	Huntsville High (City-Wide)	6:45 pm
Sept 15	Huntsville High	8:45 am
Sept 15	New Tech (Calhoun Lobby).	1:00 pm

Help our Club Grow !!!

ND Club Members,

We are always looking for ways to expand our Club's membership. If you know of any Irish fans in the area, please make sure they know about us! Remember, it is not necessary to be an ND or St. Mary's alumnus to join our Club. In fact, most of our members are not alumni.

If you meet a prospective member, have him/her contact me at:

- 256-658-2346
- SWHereford @ knology.net

or direct him/her to our Club website:

http://alumni.nd.edu/~ndc_n_al/

Thanx !!!

-- Sonnie

Notre Dame vs. Michigan Game Ticket Raffle

(Game is on Sept. 11th)

Proceeds Support Scholarship Program

Raffle Tickets must be purchased by August 20th

Drawing to be held August 21st

Ticket Cost: \$5 per raffle ticket (\$25 for 6)

Contact: Dave Tarkowski
Email: ddtark@comcast.net
Home phone: 883-4868
Cell phone: 520-4917

Announcement:

Club Sponsored Tickets to Tennessee Game

40 Members and their friends and family have taken advantage of the Club's allocation of tickets from the Alumni Association for the ND game at Tennessee on November 6. We are accepting requests for additional tickets as they become available from Northern Alabama Alumni Club members. Please make your request to Dave Tarkowski.

Electronic Newsletter

For a number of years now our club has been producing both a printed and electronic newsletter. In order to save money and time we would like to encourage every club member to sign up for the electronic newsletter only. You can do this by following these easy steps:

1. filling out the membership form and including your email address
2. including a check for \$20 per dues paying member (saving \$5 per member)
3. sending your membership form and check to the address on the form
4. keeping your email address up to date by using the "Unsubscribe" and "Subscribe" links on our web site:

http://alumni.nd.edu/~ndc_n_al/

We'll continue to send out both paper and electronic newsletters to all members for the remainder of this calendar year. Starting in 2005 we will only send a paper copy of the newsletter to those members who have elected to receive the paper copy.

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Address: _____	Work No: _____
	Date: _____
E-mail Address: _____	
(You'll receive e-mail messages about club activities.)	
Membership Year 2004-2005	Club Use Only <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Membership
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Membership Amt. \$ _____	\$25/year/person-paper newsletter \$20/year/person-electronic newsletter
Scholarship Amt.* \$ _____	Please make check payable to: ND Club of Northern Alabama
	Clip and Mail to: ND Club of Northern Alabama 7806 Bridgewell Run Huntsville, AL 35802
* Contributions to Scholarship Fund are tax deductible. Also, remember to check for the availability of matching funds from your company.	

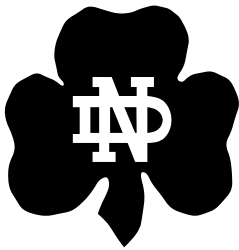
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Membership
(thru July 31, 2005)

Payment of dues will keep a member in good standing until July 31, 2005. The dues are used to cover the cost of club activities. The Summer Service Project and the Student Send-off are two such activities. Another benefit of membership will be an opportunity to purchase Game Trip tickets for the game in 2005. Members also receive regular newsletters. If you only wish to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter please let us know. You can save \$5 on your membership dues.

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 (or \$20 for electronic newsletter) payment per member to: ND Club of Northern Alabama/7806 Bridgewell Run/Huntsville, AL 35802



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Coming Events

<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where/Who</u>
• Summer Social / Student Send-off	August 5 at 6 PM	1301 Wind River Drive (home of Club member Hugo Hardt '55)
• Game Watches	Game weekends	Chips & Salsa, located in "The Creekside Corner" at 10300 Bailey Cove Road (just south of Weatherly Road)
• College Days	mid-Sept.	various Huntsville locations, Bill Mordan on 883-1701 (home), or bill.mordan @ msfc.nasa.gov (work)
• Club Game Trip	November 6	Knoxville; Dave Tarkowski '68, '70; H 883-4868, W 890-3318, dtarkows @ mitre.org



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/



Notre Dame Football 2004 Game Watches

Irish fans, the 2004 ND Football schedule is shown below. We'll send out e-mails each week translating the starting times into Huntsville time, for those of you who are "time zone challenged."

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	
09/04	@ BYU	7:15 PM	MDT
09/11	Michigan	2:30 PM	EST
09/18	@ Michigan State	7:00 PM	EDT
09/25	Washington	2:30 PM	EST
10/02	Purdue	1:30 PM	EST
10/09	Stanford	1:30 PM	EST
10/16	@ Navy	12:00 PM	EST
10/23	Boston College	1:30 PM	EST
11/06	@ Tennessee	TBA	
11/13	Pittsburgh	2:30 PM	EST
11/27	@ USC	5:00 PM	PST

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/
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.