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ND's First Asian American Student President

It is not exactly J.Lo that Notre Dame will have next semester. It is more like J. Lao. In January, 2004 the University of Notre Dame will have its first Asian American student body president, Jeremy Lao '05. Jeremy is the current student government vice-president. He will take over from Pat Hallahan who will be taking a position outside the university during the second semester.

Jeremy Lao is a junior with a double major in finance and Chinese. He is part Filipino and part Chinese, and is



the son of Philippine immigrants. When asked how he felt about becoming the first Asian American student body president, Jeremy said he felt honored but was quick to point out that he has not run for any position in student government based on his minority background. He has always seen himself as wanting to represent all students, regardless of their background. He is happy when students see beyond his ethnicity.

Among his plans in his role as student body president is the streamlining of student government so that there can be better coordination and better definition of responsibilities among the different offices and committees. He hopes that eventually, an endowment for some parts of student programming will be established at ND. As for campus diversity, Jeremy points to the increasing levels of programming in this area and the heightened awareness on campus about diversity. He points to the greatly expanded campus-wide Multicultural Fair at Notre Dame (see page 5) and the recent student-sponsored "Church In Africa" conference which featured Nigerian President Olesegun Obasanjo.

The AP Board wishes Jeremy the best as he takes the helm of ND's student government.

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First Asian American Catholic Bishop Visits ND

The most reverend Bishop Ignatius Wang, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco visited Notre Dame, September 29.



Bishop Wang gave a talk, "Reflections on His Personal Journey and Asian American Catholicism," before celebrating Mass at the Basilica.

Bishop Wang, a member of the 13th generation of Catholics in his family was born in Beijing and ordained to the

priesthood in 1959. He arrived in San Francisco in 1974 as the first Chinese-American pastor in that diocese. On January 30, 2003 he became the first Asian American bishop.

The visit, jointly sponsored by ND's Office of Campus Ministry and the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, gave members of the ND community a chance to listen to the perspectives of a man who has succeeded in blending his ethnicity with his strong Catholicism. Bishop Wang encourages both the Church and various ethnic groups to engage in a process of "enculturation" - a process that can

strengthen the Catholic Church in an increasingly diverse world.

Aside from reflecting on his personal journey as an Asian American Catholic, Bishop Wang also touched on the struggles of the Catholic Church to survive and adapt in China under communism. These efforts, including the existence of "underground churches" have not been without controversy within China. However, Bishop Wang remains hopeful that the teachings of Christ will continue to find fertile ground in diverse areas of the world, including his homeland.

Meet the New APAND Board

The elections held last spring brought several new members (and several returning ones) to the APA board.

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You are encouraged to contact any of these board members with your questions, ideas and concerns.

RESERVE THIS DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2004

The APA of ND will be holding its **annual mini-reunion during the Michigan vs. ND game**. A limited number of tickets will be made available to Asia Pacific Alumni after the results of the university-wide ticket lottery are released. Look for details in the next APA newsletter.

The APA held its annual mini-reunion this year during the Washington State game. The APA secured 50 tickets to the game which it made available to AP alumni. This year, preference was given to those who were student leaders during their time at ND. The APA hosted its traditional tailgate before the game giving AP alumni an opportunity to reconnect with friends and classmates. Next year's mini-reunion will be held during the Michigan game on September 11, 2004. Details including ticket information will be included in the next newsletter. Following is a partial list of attendees at this year's event:

Laura Abeln '00	Mia Wang '87	Yuko Kikkawa '00	Hai Quynh Pham '99	Teresa Do '03
Jay Ablian '94	David Warneke '95	Ken Kwak '62	Hoa Quach '94	Michael Wong '96
Lily Mark-Maasdam '94	Bob Lee '62	Andrew Parial '96	Jaclyn-Rey Hipolito	George Felix '02
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Jane Ong '03	Suzanne Kang '86	Emerson Quan	Trisha Garces	Tammy Yu '99
Mathew Vadaparampil '94	Michelle Ferguson '99	Meredith Gonzales '96	Cecilia Lucero '84	

Erica Deiparine-Sugars '94, Co-Founder of the Asian American Association of ND

An APA Interview by Jeannie Wong '94

Next summer will be my 10-year reunion at ND. When I talk to friends with whom I graduated, we always end up asking each other, "Has it *really* been that long?" At ND, I made so many great friends, many whom I still keep in touch with. One such friend is Erica Deiparine. I was thrilled to find out she was moving to the Bay Area. We met during our freshman year in Knott Hall. Even though we did not share the same room, we did both share one thing...we both really missed our mother's home cooking. From that idea and with Henry Mark, we formed the Asian American Association.

Where can we find you nowadays?

I relocated to San Francisco last year from Chicago with my husband, Marc, and our dog, Otto. I am currently working as the Program Director for a non-profit media education organization in the Presidio. We are enjoying the California weather, spending time with family, and reconnecting with old ND friends.

You were a communications major at ND unlike the stereotypical Asian majors, which were predominantly in the sciences. What major influences led you to this field?

My love for film and television was due to my dad, a film buff. To his dismay, I decided to study film instead of pre-med. What really influenced me to work in media was the lack of alternative and original voices. There is a huge absence of multicultural representation. I also got a double major in Sociology at ND. I was always interested in culture and society. I love that I've been fortunate enough to combine both of these areas in my work.

Do you feel there are any advantages and/or disadvantages to being an Asian in your field?

I think I have been lucky in the work I have done. I haven't really felt that my being Asian has been a disadvantage--sometimes it is being a female which is more of a disadvantage. I think it is an advantage whenever an alternative voice is expressed in the media in matters of culture, economics or politics. But I definitely notice that because there are few Asian Americans in media, people think that the Asian American experience is a single, rather than a varied, entity. Many equate it with just the Chinese American experience.

I hear you are working on a documentary film. Can you tell me more about it?

It is actually a short documentary called "Duty" that follows a group of Filipino-American doctors on a medical mission to the Philippines. It specifically focuses on a 1st generation Filipino-American doctor and his reconnection with his "homeland". It was fantastic to shoot in the Philippines. The project is in post-production in Chicago and I am hoping to premiere it before the end of the year.

What a tremendous experience for you! What was your inspiration for choosing this subject?

My family was the inspiration and they are actually the main subjects of my film. I've always wanted to do a piece that dealt with how immigrants to America and their American children connect to their country of origin. So why not start with my own family story? When I was in high school, my parents began joining medical missions to the Philippines. These missions were organized by Fil-Am doctors. I would always hear the stories of the sparse

working conditions and I saw pictures of the long lines of people waiting to see the doctors. Not only was it a view of the medical field I'd never seen before, but it was also a new view of my parents. My older brother became a doctor and when he started his new practice, he expressed an interest in joining my dad on a medical mission. We both grew up in the US and had only been to the Philippines a few times when we were younger. I thought this trip would be a great story.

That sounds like a wonderful film. Are you pursuing other projects?

I would love to continue to make documentaries. I have projects in the works. All I need is time and money!

You were one of the founders of the Asian American Association at ND. How does it make you feel to know that AAA is still very active?

I feel both proud and encouraged. I am proud of the groundwork that we laid as founding members. I always look back at that as a big accomplishment. I am also proud of all the people who have worked hard the past 10 years to make AAA an active organization at ND. Knowing that the AAA is still around is encouraging--it means that the APA population at ND has maintained a voice and presence in the ND community. I know that it is encouraging to prospective Asian American applicants. And when AAA members leave for the "real world", I hope they take that voice and presence with them.

Thank you for sharing with us, Erica. It is inspiring to hear you creating a "voice" to be heard. We will definitely be watching for you in the future!

Help Build Up the APA Scholarship—When you donate to Notre Dame, consider setting aside part of your donation for the **APA Scholarship Fund**. Proceeds from the Fund provide need-based awards to outstanding AP students at ND. For the past few years, the APA of ND has been able to award one scholarship each year using funds from annual donations. You can help the AP Board achieve its goal of raising an endowment to expand the number of scholarships awarded each year and make the scholarships permanent. **Donations to the APA Scholarship Fund are credited towards your football ticket lottery eligibility.** When you send your donation to ND, include a note to earmark your donation for the AP and if your company matches your donation, let the development office know you want the match to be credited to the APA Scholarship Fund as well. Contact Dr. Bob Lee '62 at DrBobLee@alumni.nd.edu if you have any questions.

Asia Pacific Student Activities on Campus

Chinese Friendship Association

The Chinese Friendship Association of Notre Dame held a Chinese Culture and Art Exhibition at the Hesburgh Center, October 17-18. The event was co-sponsored by the Association for China's Development (ACD) and the Office of International Student Services and Activities. The ACD is a non-profit organization that supports educational development and cultural preservation in the rural areas of China. Proceeds from the event were earmarked for the support of China's economically disadvantaged children and for youth who need support to return to school. Every year, it is estimated that 3 million school age children drop out of schools in rural China for economic reasons. The exhibition included sessions on Chinese painting and calligraphy, folk art displays, Chinese language colloquia, and a virtual tour of China.

Hawaii-Guam Club—Relay for Life

The Hawaii-Guam Club of ND participated as a team in Notre Dame's Relay for Life project—a project that celebrates cancer survivors and raises funds for cancer research. The 18-hour program required the participation of many groups on campus and the Hawaii-Guam club was glad to be part of an effort that raised \$65,000 for cancer research. More than 1,000 luminaries lit up Stepan Center during this year's Relay for Life.

India Association - Evening of Prayer

On October 16 the India Association of APA and the Campus Ministry organized an evening of Hindu prayer and meditation in the Coleman-Morse Center. Students and various people in the community participated in the chanting of mantras and "bhajans" and in Sanskrit prayers. The meditation session concluded with the Sarva Dharma Prayer (unity of all faiths) and the Gayatri Mantra. The event closed with a "prasadam" or communal meal of grace. On October 24, the India Association also held a potluck to celebrate the day of Diwali.

Filipino American Student Association (FASO)

FASO held its traditional "Lumpia Night" for the fall in Lewis Hall, October 16. The students served lumpia (Philippine egg rolls) and other native



dishes, free to all comers. In the picture are students working off the lumpia they ate using the "Disco Dance Revolution" (DDR) music pad. On October 29, FASO also

hosted a talk given by Princess Emraida Kiram on "Being a Muslim in Christian Philippines." Ms. Kiram, the daughter of a Sultan and Sultana in the Southern Philippines touched on the cultural and religious implications of the Muslim secessionist movement in the Philippines.

Asian Allure

The 2003 edition of Asian Allure, a premier event organized by AP students at ND will be held on November 22. The evening of music, dance, costumes and other cultural presentations has attracted a growing audience through the years. It has now outgrown its original venue in Washington Hall and for the first time ever, Asian Allure will be held off campus in the Century Center in downtown South Bend to accommodate the expected larger audience.

AP Student Leaders Present to Board

The APA Board received an update on the various AP campus activities undertaken by students. AP student leaders who presented to the board included: KristiAnna Santos, president of the Guam Club; Jonathan Lau, the Asian International Society president; Stephanie Cheng, vice-president of the Asian American Association; Soo Han Park, Korean Student Association; and Alex Liu, Chinese Culture Society president.

In Focus Conference

The 3rd Annual "In Focus Conference on Asian and Asian-American Issues and Awareness" will be held January 30-31, 2004 on the ND campus. The event is organized by the Asian American Association.

ND Club of Tokyo

Brian Muskus, president of the ND alumni club of Tokyo happened to be in South Bend during the APA Board meeting. He was able to give board members an update on activities of the ND club in Japan.

Brian Muskus (far right) at a dinner hosted by the APA board



for alumni and faculty. He is shown with ND economics professors Lee and Kim and Ashok Tripathi, APA board member.

Scholarship Raffle a Success

The first ever APA football ticket raffle was successful in raising almost \$3,000 for the APA scholarship fund. Binh Huynh, a former APA board member, spearheaded the fund-raising effort. Raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win various packages to football games. The board hopes that through such fundraisers and donations throughout the year, enough funds will be raised to permanently endow the AP scholarship. Binh has volunteered to run the raffle again next year and the APA Board is very grateful to him for his efforts on behalf of ND and the APA. Anyone wishing to donate to the AP scholarship should contact Dr. Bob Lee at DrBobLee@alumni.nd.edu.

Asian Americans in the Band

With the increasing number of Asians and Pacific Islanders at Notre Dame, it is not surprising to see their greater participation in various clubs and activities on campus. One of the most visible and greatly appreciated groups on campus is undoubtedly the Marching Band - the Band of the Fighting Irish. This year's edition of the Marching Band, which has grown to more than 370 members includes several Asian Americans.



Brian Ching '07 from New York, is a student manager of the band. The trumpet section has two Asian American seniors,

Elise Brown '04 and Francine Barley '04. Elise and Francine are both



from Michigan. Sarah Daly '05 plays the saxophone and is from New Jersey.

Liz Kelly '07 from Illinois plays the flute. The Falto section of the band has three Asian Americans this year,



Yan Huang '06 from NY, Trevor Gass '06 from Michigan, and Michelle Manrique '07



from Minnesota. As any Domer or visitor to Notre

Dame on a football weekend knows, the campus just would not be the same without the rousing and all so visible presence of the band. In this regard, the presence of more AP students in the band helps to project the increasing diversity of the campus.

If you were in the Band of the Fighting Irish, (or if you know AP alums who were in the band) please let the AP newsletter editor know.

ND's Campus - Wide Multicultural Fair

Asia Pacific groups were well-represented at the 3rd Annual Multicultural Fair co-sponsored by the Student Government of ND, the Student Union Board, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, Student Activities, Campus Ministry and the Class of 2006. The event took place during the afternoon of October 4 at the North Quad. The fair involved more than 40 clubs. Aside from the numerous booths set up by various cultural groups on campus, the fair also featured ongoing entertainment that included the Hawaii Club, the First Class Steppers, and the Irish Dancing Club. Multicultural fairs tend to be food festivals as well and this was no exception as students from various backgrounds provided free samples of food from their respective communities. Pictured below are some of the AP groups represented at the multicultural fair.



APA Board Members Hold Career Presentation

During the fall meeting of the AP Alumni Board, several members took time out to give presentations on their individual careers to AP students. David Ha, student relations director of the AP Board organized the event to give students a chance to hear first hand from AP alumni about their jobs and the paths to their present careers. Among the careers that were discussed



were careers in medicine, law, engineering, optometry, finance, business consulting, and academia. Held in conjunction with a pizza lunch hosted by the board, the event was part of the continuing efforts of the AP Board to connect with current students at ND.

A Domer Traces Her Roots

Crooked Road Home *By Cathy Babao Guballa, Inquirer News Service*

Rona Reodica was 16 when she first came to visit her parents' homeland back in 1995. She had grown up in New Jersey and Palm Coast in Florida. Her parents, who had migrated from Laguna to the United States in 1977, thought it was time to show the children their roots.

Though Rona enjoyed meeting long lost relatives and had fun on the beaches of Boracay, she was appalled at the general squalor of life in these parts. "I started



questioning why people lived like that and thought that if my parents had not migrated to the US, I could have lived like that. That could have been me living by the railroad tracks," she says.

Their plight inspired Rona to pursue architecture at the University of Notre Dame where she graduated in 2001. In October of that same year, she was granted a Fulbright scholarship and found herself back in Manila. Not surprisingly, she chose Housing Development for the Urban Poor in Metro Manila for her field of study.

She immediately went into on-the-job training with the National Housing Authority, sat in during architecture classes at the University of the Philippines and began visiting housing sites for the poor. However, it was her experience with the young boys and girls of the Unang Hakbang (*First Step*) Foundation that changed her perspective on Manila's poor, and eventually gave life to her Fulbright project.

She had been in the country close to six months when she learned about this foundation that helps educate and provide the basic necessities for Manda-

luyong's street children. "God really works in crooked lines. I had been living across the street from the UHF headquarters in before I heard about it!"

Working with the UHF children opened new doors and gave Rona insights that she couldn't have gotten with her limited Western experience. "My parents used to tell me stories of what life was like when they were in the Philippines, and now, I appreciate those stories even more because I can understand what they were trying to share with me," she says. "To experience the culture firsthand and live it everyday has really been an adventure. Little things like commuting, buying quail's eggs and banana-cue from street vendors, interacting with kids on the streets, and seeing how far one can go with such simple means—it is these little encounters that make my experience in Manila whole," says Rona, smiling.

Admittedly, the most memorable part of her Manila experience has been the time she spent with the UHF children. "I've gotten attached to them and it will be hard to leave, but I will always remember little moments like running into these kids while they're calling for jeepney (converted army jeeps) passengers whenever I passed by at night. Sometimes we'd go have a quick meal together and it's amazing how much I'd learn from them in one short conversation!"

Spending time with the children has kept her grounded, adds Rona. "It's funny because whenever I'd have a bad day here in Manila, the only people I could really turn to were these kids because their simplicity helps to keep me in check." Rona taught the children art and dance classes at the UHF center during its annual "Talon, Takbo, Likha" summer program last year. "The best part about teaching Step (a kind of rhythmic dance popular in the US among the African-American community) was seeing how quickly the children learned the moves

and how well they executed them during performances. It's been a year since I taught that class and some kids still remember the moves."

This summer, Rona and her "kids" focused their energies on an art exhibit, one of her last projects with the UHF and the high point of her Fulbright project. Titled "What Home Means to Me - An Art Exhibit by Children from the Streets and Urban Poor Communities," the project yielded insights that touched Rona's heart deeply. Through their drawings and essays, one could see how humble these young children's aspirations are and how positively they viewed their homes despite the fact that they lived in informal settlements. "An outsider may view their homes as mere shacks, but to the children, it's a haven where what matters most is that the family would always be together under one roof."

Rona believes that art and dance therapy is very important in helping street children as it gives them escape—no matter how brief—from the daily struggles of life, and lets them get in touch with their inner selves. "When I watch the kids draw or dance, I see their innocence as children coming out, something some of them try to hide through a tough exterior when they are on the streets," she says.

After her grant is over, Rona hopes to return to the US and participate in the Notre Dame-Puerto Rico Program where she will be volunteering in the second poorest town in Puerto Rico, working on community development to help build a school.

Clearly, wherever God places you there is always the opportunity to better someone's life. "God's crooked lines eventually straighten out," says Rona. "And when you look back you realize that's the road He wanted you to take all along."

Domer Receives UNESCO Award—Augusto Villalon '68, one of the Philippines' leading architects, was the recipient of a 2003 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation. The honorable mention award was for his work in restoring the Gota de Leche building in Manila. This building is one of a few architecturally significant buildings that survived the devastation of World War II. Today, Gota de Leche (drop of milk) still continues with its original mission of providing free milk and medical care to indigent children.

Faculty Focus: Dr. Kwan S. Kim by Zach Thundy' 69

Kwan S. Kim, a distinguished Asian-American faculty member at Notre Dame, is originally from Korea and has been here since 1967 after receiving his Ph. D. from the University of Minnesota. He is a professor of economics and a fellow of the Kellogg Institute at the University of Notre Dame.



As an international development economist, he has occasionally served as an economic consultant for governments of developing countries and for international agencies. His career includes four years as a Rockefeller Foundation scholar in Kenya and Tanzania; two years as a senior economist with the US Agency for International Development (USAID); semesters at the Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon in Mexico, the Maastricht School of Management, and the American Graduate School of Business in Arizona; a year as a Monbusho scholar at Hitotsubashi Institute of Economic Research in Tokyo; and short stints as a researcher and consultant at the East-West Center in Hawaii, the Hudson Institute, UNIDO in Vienna, the National Productivity Center in Singapore, and Nacional Financiera in Mexico. He has also served as a co-editor of the Macmillan Series on the Korean Economy.

Dr. Kim has published a dozen books and has written extensively in over fifty professional journals in the areas of development studies, interna-

tional economics, and quantitative analysis. His published books include *Papers on the Political Economy of Tanzania* (Heineman); *Korean Agricultural Research: the Integration of Research and Extension* (USAID); *Debt and Development in Latin America* (Notre Dame); *Politica Industrial y Desarrollo en Corea del Sur* (Nacional Financiera); *Estrategias de Desarrollo para el Futuro de Mexico* (ITESO); *The State, Markets and Development* (Edward Elgar); *Acquiring, Adapting, and Developing Technologies: Lessons from the Japanese Experience* (Macmillan & St. Martin's); *Trade and Industrialization* (Netherlands Institute for International Management); *Economic and Corporate Restructuring: Experiences and Challenges of the Decade* (Lansa Press); *Economic Cooperation and Integration: East Asian Experience* (Kellogg Institute); *El Ecuador en el Mercado Mundial* (Quito: Corporacion Editora Nacional); *Growth, Distribution and Political Change: Asia and the Wider World* (Macmillan); and *Political Economy of Inequality* (Tokyo: Toyo Keixai Shinbun, 2000 - in Japanese).

A few days ago I stopped by Professor Kim's office at the Kellogg Institute in the Hesburgh Center for a short visit. In the sparsely decorated but neatly organized office I met a congenial, effervescent, outspoken scholar with boundless energy. His enthusiasm and vitality infects those around him - obviously, in the classroom, in professional organizations, during political meetings, and in his discussions on Asian Studies at Notre Dame.

Like the Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen, Professor Kim has devoted most of his professional life to

the study of the economies of the developing countries in Asia and Africa. He continues to advocate his long-cherished view that Asia, on account of its ever-growing economic potential and political clout, deserves more serious attention and respect, rather than feigned praise and continued neglect on the part of the Western nations. In the wake of globalization in trade under the aegis of WTO, he argues that the developing nations should be treated as equals in trade and not as colonial fiefdoms by the developed nations.

Unbeknownst to many, Professor Kim has also been quietly working for rapprochement between the economists from South Korea and North Korea towards achieving the dream of the vast majority of the Koreans, the reunification of both Koreas. However, recognizing the reality of political unification of the divided nation non-feasible at this point, he is urging for functional cooperation between the two Koreas in all areas especially on the economic level.

While he appreciates the good work the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures and the Committee for Asian Studies are doing, he would like to see the Notre Dame administration do more to promote Asian Studies on our campus.

Professor Kim can rest assured that the marvelous work of promoting Asian Studies at Notre Dame that the late Father George Minamiki and he have been doing is in the good hands of their younger colleagues. As Rabbi Ben Ezra in Robert Browning's writing would put it, "The best is yet to come."

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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR DISTINGUISHED ASIAN PACIFIC ALUMNI AWARDS

In 2005, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, the Asian Pacific Alumni of Notre Dame (APA) will recognize and honor **50 Distinguished Asian Pacific alumni**. These special awards will be bestowed on those Asian Pacific graduates who have served as exemplars in the spirit of "God, Country and Notre Dame."

The APA, along with the other Minority Alumni Boards, was established to help the University improve cultural diversity within the Notre Dame family. The lack of cultural diversity has been identified by the University as a major concern and its improvement has been designated a top priority.

Over the past few years, the enhancement of Asian Pacific culture has been visible on campus - this year the largest class of Asian Pacific students entered Notre Dame, the Asian curriculum is improving, and the number of Asian faculty members is increasing. This coming winter, Notre Dame will have her first Asian-American student body president (see story on page 1).

The number of Asian international students number over 300, mostly in Graduate School and the MBA program. The Asian Pacific student organizations, which have grown in number, are more than just support groups. Today they are major contributors to campus diversification as they focus on events to share their ethnic culture with the rest of the student body.

Within this context, it seems timely to celebrate and showcase the contributions and achievements of Asian Pacific alumni to further reinforce the enhancement of diversity within the Notre Dame family.

Everyone is encouraged to help identify and nominate deserving candidates. All Asian Pacific Notre Dame graduates (all-degrees, American or international) may be nominated. Posthumous nominations are welcome. Awards will be considered in all age groups - from the oldest alumnus to recent graduates. Each will be selected based on their accomplishments. Anyone can nominate a candidate and self-nominations are acceptable.

Look around and find someone deserving. Watch for further information and the nomination form in future APA newsletters, website and alumni publications. For further information, contact Suzanne Kang, APA Vice Chairperson and Distinguished AP Alumni Award Chairperson at email: suziek86@alumni.nd.edu.