



# The Leprechaun



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Keeping the Spirit of the Fightin' Irish Alive Since 2005!  
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## Eight Dogs Named Jack Nominated for Book of the Year

Joe Borri's '80 Book *Eight Dogs Named Jack: and Fourteen Other Stories from the Detroit Streets and Michigan Wilderness* has been nominated as a finalist for book of the year in Fore Word Magazine's Book of the Year competition. Joe's book is listed as a finalist in the short story and biography categories. After years of working as an artist, *Eight Dogs Named Jack* marks the writing debut of ND's Joe Borri '80. This collection of short stories is

inspired by the East Side Detroit neighborhood where Joe grew up -- a mythical place called "Copper Corner" -- and



Joe Borri '80 at a book signing in January.

its predominantly Italian denizens. The Book of the Year competition was established to bring increased attention to the achievements of independent publishers and their authors

and take into consideration editorial excellence, professional production, originality of the narrative, author credentials relative to the book, and the book's value to its genre. Winners will be announced at Book Expo America in Los Angeles on May 29, 2008. *Eight Dogs Named Jack: and Fourteen Other Stories from the Detroit Streets and Michigan Wilderness* is available at Borders, Barnes and Noble, and at Amazon.com. **Congratulations, Joe!**



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## 2009 Alumni Directory Update

The information gathering and research phase is underway! Harris Connect will be doing research with our alumni database. They will make every feasible attempt to contact all of our living alumni by e-mail, U.S. mail, or phone. You will receive contact from them, and if you hear of someone who may not have, please let us know. We want to make sure no one is left out of the new directory. The directory will be sorted into easy-to-use sections. To make networking easy with other alumni, we will be including residence and business information, as well as e-mail addresses. When contacted, please take a few moments to update your information. The alumni directory will be available in regular edition, deluxe edition, and on CD. Combo-pricing will also be available if you are interested in purchasing both a print and electronic version of the directory. Please consider purchasing an alumni directory -- a great reunion planning resource!



Visit our eBay Store!

<http://stores.ebay.com/Friends-of-Notre-Dame>



Have a story to share about an achievement that you would like to see featured in The Leprechaun?  
E-mail Jim Mandl '90 at [jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com](mailto:jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com)

## Reunion News

The class of 1988 has formed a reunion committee and is seeking classmate information. If interested, email Jim Pettyes '88 at [James.pettyes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:James.pettyes@sbcglobal.net).

A 50 year reunion for the class of 1958 from St. Veronica is being planned. Please contact Tom Nagle HWND '62 at [corvette61@verizon.net](mailto:corvette61@verizon.net)

A 50 year reunion for the class of 1958 from Notre Dame is being planned. Details to come.

The class of 1989 is beginning to gather information for their 20 year reunion. Members of the class of 1989 who are interested in assisting with the planning or who would like to update their contact information are asked to contact Dave Bourgeois '89 at [db10101@aol.com](mailto:db10101@aol.com)

Interested in forming a reunion committee for your class? Email Jim Mandl '90 at [jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com](mailto:jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com).

## Upcoming Events

### 1st Annual Friends of Notre Dame Golf Outing

Friday, June 6, 2008

(Details on page 7 of newsletter)

### Harper Woods Notre Dame Alumni Night @ Comerica Park

Monday, August 25, 2008

(Details on last page of newsletter)

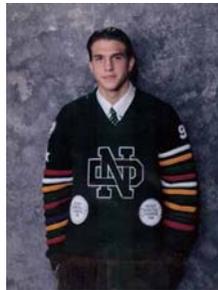


Marge Mandl (Regina '66), Paws, John McCabe '63, and Jim Mandl '66 all say:  
"Join us for ND Alumni night at Comerica Park!"

Interested in hosting a Notre Dame Alumni night at your establishment?  
E-mail Jim Mandl '90  
at [jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com](mailto:jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com)

## Athletic Wall of Fame

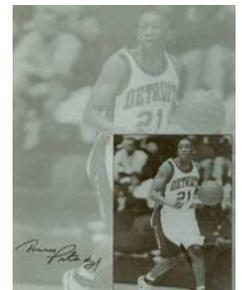
In 1982, athletic director, Joe Spada, began gathering photos of Notre Dame athletes who continued their athletic careers in college or beyond. The majority of those photo plaques have been uploaded to the Wall of Fame page in the photo gallery. Unfortunately, we do not have all of the photo plaques that adorned the Fightin' Irish Wall of Fame. If you would like your Wall of Fame photo plaque, please contact us and we will make arrangements to get it to you. Wall of Fame photo plaques will only be released to the graduate or immediate family - siblings, spouse, sons, or daughters. If you do not see your photo in the gallery, we will be more than happy to add you. Just email or U.S. mail a photo of yourself from your playing days and all the pertinent information, and we will add you to the Fightin' Irish Wall of Fame page.



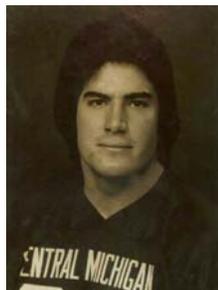
Greg Stempin  
Class of 1997  
Toledo Basketball



John Ureel  
Class of 1958  
ND's First 3 Sport  
Varsity Letter Winner



Terrance Porter  
Class of 1993  
U of D Basketball



Tom Gallus  
Class of 1997  
EMU Baseball

## Bands

The Ugliest Band in the Land... *The MUGGS*  
*Danny Methric '90 and Tony DeNardo '90*

- ♣ APR 4 - Augie's, Madison Heights, MI
  - ♣ Darren McCarty Cancer Foundation Benefit
- ♣ MAY 9 - The Magic Bag, Ferndale, MI
  - ♣ CD RELEASE PARTY!
  - ♣ With special guest - Très Bien

Interested in having your band promoted in our newsletter? Just ask!  
[jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com](mailto:jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com)

# In Memoriam

♣ McAtamney, Eugene - Class of 1983

Thanks to all who continue to keep us updated on alumni passings. It is important to honor their memory.



# Fr. Bryson Update

Fr. Bryson is still in a nursing home and recently had part of his right leg amputated, but is in good spirits. Fr. Raymond Boulanger has recently joined him in the same nursing home. Fr. Chasse recently had surgery and is getting around, but needs more care than they are able to give at The Marist House.

Fr. Bryson and Fr. Boulanger would appreciate a card or letter of well wishes.

*The nursing home address is:  
Elizabeth Seton Residence  
125 Oakland St.  
Wellesley MA 02481*

Bro. Leonard would be happy to get any cards or letters to Fr. Chasse.

*Bro. Leonards address is:  
Bro. Leonard  
The Marist House  
518 Pleasant Street  
Framingham MA 01701*

# In Need of Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Don Renkert, class of 1969, suffered a serious brain injury in a fall on ice this winter. Don has been Jeep design team manager at Chrysler for over 30 years. If you use his name to do a google search, you will find several stories about his work. Don, his wife, Lynn, daughters Emily and Julia all need our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



# Stroll Down Memory Lane...

Scanned from the November 1962 Alumni News

## THE ALUMNI CONGRATULATES THE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHING STAFF



JOE PRZYBYCKI  
End JUNIOR

NOTRE DAME VARSITY PLAYS BEFORE 60,000  
The Notre Dame football team broke all previous attendance records. About 60,000 spectators were thrilled at all of the eight games played by our varsity team. The games with the largest crowds were: Austin, 6000; Salesian 7600; Boys' Bowl 18,000; Soup Bowl 20,000.



DAVE BERARI  
End SENIOR



DAVE BONIOR  
Back SENIOR



WALT BAZYLEWICZ  
Coach of the Year



PAUL VERSKA  
Guard SENIOR

NOTRE DAME PLAYS IN SOUP BOWL  
After winning all of its seven league games the Notre Dame Varsity football team was invited to play in the Soup Bowl. After leading at the half 13-12 Notre Dame found itself on the losing end at the final whistle by the score of 33-13. There was a crowd of 20,000 at the game.

### ALL CENTRAL

JOSEPH PRZYBYCKI F. P. D. N.  
DAVE BONIOR F. P. D. N.  
DAVE BERARI F. P. D. N.  
PAUL VERSKA F. P. D. N.

### ALL CITY D. N.

JOSEPH PRZYBYCKI

### ALL CATHOLIC

JOSEPH PRZYBYCKI F. P. M. C.  
DAVE BONIOR M. C.  
DAVE BERARI F. P.

F. P. FREE PRESS D. N. DETROIT NEWS M. C.  
MICHIGAN CATHOLIC



# Support Alumni Owned Businesses!



Jim '00, Joe '04 and Jeff '06 Riehl



of Macomb  
Daniel Stross '78 - Owner



Samir Thomas '89 - Owner



Joe Vicari '75 - Owner



Dave Bourgeois '89 - Owner



David Moroz '76 - Owner



# Martini Lounge and Wine Bar

Open 6 nights Live Music Thurs-Fri-Sat

Appetizers Big Screen TV Over 185 Martinis

Scott Baumgart '84 - Owner



← Jeff Meldrum '02 - Owner



# Old Eastside Alumni Basketball Tournament Champions!



*In the first athletic event between Notre Dame and DeLaSalle in nearly three years, the Fightin' Irish emerged victorious!*

The first annual *Old Eastside Alumni Basketball Tournament* took place March 1, 8, and 9 at Bishop Foley and DeLaSalle. The tournament renewed the rivalry between Harper Woods Notre Dame and DeLaSalle in a double elimination basketball tournament. Alumni from both schools competed in each school's respective tournament, with the champions of each tournament meeting for the right to claim the title of *Old Eastside Alumni Basketball Tournament Champions*. After stumbling in the quarterfinals, the team comprised of members of the classes of 1996 & 1998 emerged from the loser's bracket to claim the 21st annual Notre Dame alumni basketball tournament championship. The 1996 & 1998 team defeated the class of 2002, the defending ND tournament champions, twice en route to the championship. In doing so, the 1996 & 1998 team earned the right to take on the DLS class of 2005 -- champion of the DeLaSalle alumni basketball tournament. This game was the first ever *Old Eastside Alumni Basketball Championship*.

Trailing by six with just two minutes left in the game, the ND 1996 & 1998 team needed a time-out to re-group. After trailing most of the game, they used the time-out to devise a strategy to stop the DLS class of 2005, while scoring on each of their own possessions. They employed an attacking defensive and offensive strategy that erased the six point deficit in three straight possessions. The ND 1996 & 1998 took the lead on their next possession and never looked back, racing to a six point lead with less than a minute left to play. With about 45 seconds left, the DLS class of 2005 began putting the ND 1996 & 1998 team on the foul line, hoping to erase their own six point deficit while stopping the clock. This strategy failed miserably, and the DLS class of 2005 began the post game hand-shakes with 18 seconds left on the clock. As the 1996 & 1998 team hoisted the *Old Eastside Alumni Basketball Tournament Trophy*, a crowd of about 50 ND faithful spontaneously broke into a rousing rendition of the *Notre Dame Victory March!*



**Old Eastside Alumni Basketball Tournament Champions - ND 1996 & 1998!**



**Old Eastside Alumni Basketball Tournament Champions - ND 1996 & 1998!**



**The ND 1996 & 1998 team takes a time-out near the end of the championship game vs. DLS.**



*Check the web site for all of the photos from the tournament!*



**The class of 1991 takes on the class of 2003 at Bishop Foley!**



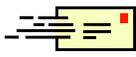
**1996 & 1998 - 21st Annual ND Alumni Basketball Tournament Champions!**



**The Class of 1992 takes on the team from the early 1970's**







# We Heard From...



## **Dave Moroz, Class of 1976:**

I can't thank you enough for getting the word out about the Festival and Clean Guys show. The Festival overall was a huge success and the Clean Guys show sold out and was standing room only! I saw several alums and even got to see my old locker partner. You went above and beyond and Dave and I both sincerely appreciate your effort.

## **Bill Dixon, Class of 1965**

Thank you again for taking the time to keep us posted on alumni activity & for keeping *our* Notre Dame alive.

## **David Kuntz, Class of 2003**

I would like to announce that on May 7, 2008 I will be being commissioned in the United States Marine Corps as a Second Lieutenant after completing my Bachelor's at Loyola University Chicago. I would like to recognize that many of the reasons I decided to join were because of the standards of excellence and service instilled in me during my time at Notre Dame. On a side note, I'd like to thank you for your work and dedication in keeping the spirit of Notre Dame alive. It's great to get the monthly update and to remember how lucky I was to have attended such an institution.

## **Tom Manney, Class of 1982**

Does anyone remember when principal Conrad Vachon showed the film "Joe" to the entire school in the gym? I think it was around 1978. Talk about a vivid learning experience. Jim, I just want you to know how much I appreciate your efforts to keep alive the spirit of the "Fightin' Irish".

## **Chris Guzman, Class of 1997**

I just wanted to thank you again for organizing the Alumni Basketball tourney this year again. It was nice having the tourney at De La Salle, and the twist of competing against La Salle in the final was a good addition. Thanks again!

## **Kevin Lao, Class of 2003**

I just started a new job with the Detroit Red Wings. If anyone is interested in purchasing tickets for games, or has groups of 20 or more, please contact me. My work email is

[Kevin.Lao@hockeytown.com](mailto:Kevin.Lao@hockeytown.com)

## **John McCabe, Class of 1963**

You did a great thing with that alumni basketball championship against DeLaSalle! I got a tear in my eye when the crowd started singing the school song when we won. Can't wait until next year!



## **Tom Gallus, Class of 1997:**

I have been coaching at Hanahan High School in Hanahan, SC just outside of Charleston for five years. I am an assistant coach on the Varsity baseball team working with the pitching staff and a Varsity assistant on the football team working with the Wide Receivers.

## **Brandon France, Class of 2001:**

I always remained an active athlete, while still graduating with honors. I was a 3 year Varsity Football Starter, 2 year Defensive Captain, 2 year Team Captain, had All-League and All-Catholic Honors, and was Homecoming King. I was also awarded the Spirit of the Irish Award. Anything I can do, let me know and thanks again for writing about my Father's passing. My brother, Jeremy France '04, and I will miss him.

## **Thomas Edelmayer, Class of 1965**

My wife Dianna and I moved to Canton, MI from Battle Creek, MI in Sept 2005 when forced to retire from Eaton Corp in Marshall. I am now working for GT Technologies in Westland as a Sr Product Development Engineer. My specialty is engine valve train components. I am listed as inventor on 11 US Patents. Sad to see NDHS closed.

## **Rob Macioce, Class of 1967**

I now live in The Woodlands, Texas which is just north of Houston. My wife Sharon and I serve in a ministry called Royal Family Kids Camp. We direct summer camps for abused children in the foster care system. This year we will host our 8th summer camp. It is a national organization based in California. I have the privilege of chairing their Camp Cabinet in California to set policies for the ministry. I have been in the mortgage business for 25 years. I love the business and I thank my old buddy Gary Carr '67 for pushing me to give it a try. It has been interesting times in our industry but I am pleased to say our company is geographically positioned to weather the storm. I have a 13 year old son, Matthew who is pleasing his dad by *LOVING* baseball. I do follow all the Detroit teams with a passion. It would be nice to hear from other 67 grads, especially if any now reside in Texas... Blessings to all.

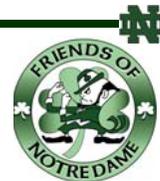
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# Harper Woods Notre Dame Alumni Night at the Ballpark



*Join us for an evening of fun, friends, family, and baseball!*



**DETROIT TIGERS  
VS.  
CLEVELAND INDIANS  
MONDAY  
AUGUST 25, 2008  
COMERICA PARK  
7:05PM  
COST: \$30 PER TICKET**



*The Friends of Notre Dame  
has reserved 100 tickets!*

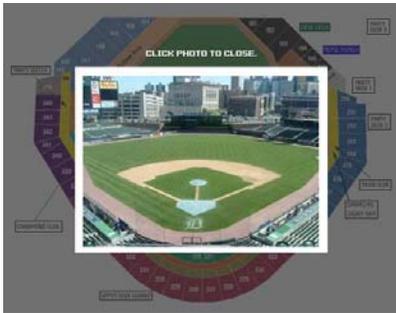
### **OPTIONAL**

**SEASON TICKET HOLDER  
TIGER CLUB PRE-GAME DINNER**  
*(Features an amazing  
all-you-can-eat buffet!)*

**5:00PM  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

**APPX. DINNER COST \$30 PER  
PERSON PAYABLE THE EVENING  
OF THE GAME TO YOUR SERVER**

*We will be using John McCabe's '04 and  
Jim Mandl's '06 season ticket accounts  
to make the reservations.*



*The view from our seats - section 326*



*The view from our seats in February*

Send check or money order payable to Friends of Notre Dame. Tickets will be mailed to you no later than August 11, 2008. Confirmation email will be sent once payment is received. Transportation, parking, and food are not included in price of ticket.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS OF: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF GAME TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TIGER CLUB DINNER RESERVATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Form with payment to address below by Monday August 4, 2008.  
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