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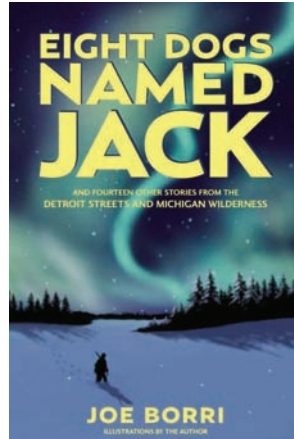
We've Got Authors!

Joe Borri '80 is an artist and writer living in suburban Detroit. His illustrations have appeared in the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, and many magazines. He has recently published his first book - a collection of fifteen short stories titled, ***Eight Dogs Named Jack***. The stories are based largely on Joe's life growing up in Michigan. He tells stories of the streets of Detroit to the northern Michigan wilderness.

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"It's a fun, sometimes startling, sometimes mournful collection sparked by family lore told in his and his wife's enormous Italian clans."

- The Ann Arbor News
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You can purchase Joe's book, ***Eight Dogs Named Jack***, at all local book stores and on the internet at Amazon.com. For more information about Joe and the book, visit his web site: www.joeborri.net.



The Front Cover of Joe Borri's New Book.

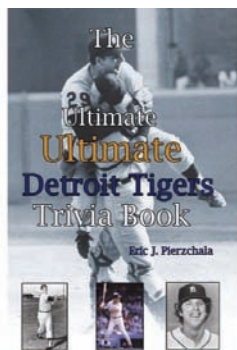
Joe Borri Book Signings

Borders: Orchard Lake
Friday Dec. 7, 7-9pm

Borders: Grosse Pointe
(On the Hill)
Saturday Dec. 8, 2-4pm

What's Inside?

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The Front Cover of Eric Pierzchala's New Book.

Eric Pierzchala '93 grew up playing baseball in the metro Detroit area. After completing his high school career at Harper Woods Notre Dame, Eric completed his undergraduate degree at Kent State University. He went on to spend two seasons as one of very few professional knuckle ball hurling pitchers. He has now put pen to paper in authoring the first Detroit Tigers trivia book published in nearly two decades. The book, ***The Ultimate Ultimate Detroit Tigers Trivia Book***, contains over 750 questions that celebrate the 100 plus years of Detroit Tiger baseball. ***The Ultimate Ultimate Detroit Tigers Trivia Book*** is a unique, fun and interactive way to take a nostalgic stroll through the history of one of baseball's most storied franchises. **Eric's** book is available at all local book stores and on the internet at Amazon.com.



Joe Vicari '75 - Owner

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Joe '04 and Jeff '06 Riehl

Family Friendly Comedy

Irish funny man, **Dave Coulier '77**, is the founder and CEO of cleanguys.tv - a clean internet comedy channel. Created by Dave in 2006, cleanguys.tv surfs the internet searching for clean, family friendly content and links it all on one convenient web site. You won't find any raunchy or



Jim Mandl '90, Dave Coulier '77, and Jim Mandl '66 at the 2006 Alumni



inappropriate content on cleanguys.tv! Dave also plans to continue creating rated G and PG content for the site, and he invites you to be a part of the process! If you have a something creatively funny that you'd like to contribute to the site, submit your idea by visiting cleanguys.tv today! Who knows... you may be the next internet star!

Twenty-five or two for 50!

Father Bryson has been through quite a bit since Harper Woods Notre Dame closed its doors, but he is still in very good health and spirits. He is getting around these days using a motorized wheel chair. He always welcomes visitors and communications of any kind. The Marists in Massachusetts visit him several times per week. We know he is very happy that his Red Sox won the World Series again. **Fr. Bryson** sends his love and best wishes to all HWND alumni!

To contact Fr. Bryson:
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 Wellesley, MA 02481

Reunions...

Interested in forming a reunion committee for your class? Email Jim Mandl '90 at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com.

The class of **1988** has formed a reunion committee and is seeking classmate information.

If interested, email Jim Pettys '88 at James.pettys@sbcglobal.net.

Did You Know?

The Friends of Notre Dame has been in existence as the Notre Dame Alumni Association since June 2005.

We have over 1,300 HWND alumni on our email list and that number grows an average of 14 names per month.

The class 1993 won the 2006 alumni basketball tournament.

The class of 2002 won the 2007 alumni basketball tournament.

The annual alumni hockey games take place on Dec. 26 each year at Suburban Ice Macomb.

Moe Geromette '68 was elected Mayor of the city of Fraser, MI in November.

Patrick Green '83 was elected to the Warren, MI city council in November.



Rockin' Reality TV

Danny Methric '90 and **Tony DeNardo '90**, two-thirds of the ugliest band in the world - the Muggs, appeared on FOX television's *Search For the Next Great American Band* this fall. One of over 60 bands to audition for the show, the Muggs advanced to the top ten before being eliminated from the show. The judges loved their sound, their musicianship, and their unity as a band. One judge even exclaimed that Danny was now one of his "guitar heroes." Unfortunately, the judges were less than enthusiastic about Danny's vocals. One judge went so far as to tell them to start looking for a new singer. The next week, the Muggs were eliminated from the show.

Danny and Tony have also formed a new band recently. They have formed a side project that pays tribute to 1967 - 1970's era Fleetwood Mac. The new band is called The Rattlesnake Shake.

To purchase the Muggs CD or find out more about them, visit their web site: www.themuggs.com.

The Muggs (w/ the Hard Lessons)

Live at St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit
 December 26, 2007
 7:00pm All Ages Show

The Rattlesnake Shake

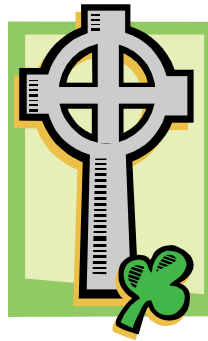
Live at the Belmont, Hamtramck
 December 15, 2007
 9:30pm 21 and over



Matt Rost, Danny Methric '90, and Tony DeNardo '90 - The Muggs.

In Memoriam

- Slazinski, Stanley - Class of 1959
- Waldorf, Edward - Class of 1959
- Parker, James - Class of 1962
- Pepler, Laurence - Class of 1962
- Haekebrouck, Ronald - Class of 1964
- Urban, John - Class of 1966
- Ciolino, Anthony - Class of 1973
- McLuckie, Timothy - Class of 1976
- Pipp, David - Class of 1977
- Gatto, Frank - Class of 1990
- Rev. Omer St. Onge, s.m. - Former HWND Principal 1957 - 1964
- Father of Brandon '01 and Jeremy '04 France



Upcoming Events

Annual Alumni Hockey Games

December 26, 2007
 Suburban Ice Macomb
 Younger Game: 4 - 6pm
 Elder Statesman Game: 7 - 8pm
 Social gathering to follow each game.
 Visit the website for complete details.
www.friendsofnotredame.com

Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament

March 2008
 Details TBD
 Keep an eye on the website for future details.
www.friendsofnotredame.com

2006 Alumni Hockey Games



Photo Gallery

Special thanks to Randy Walters '05. He has created a new photo gallery on the web site where we will be uploading all of the photos we've recovered from the old school.

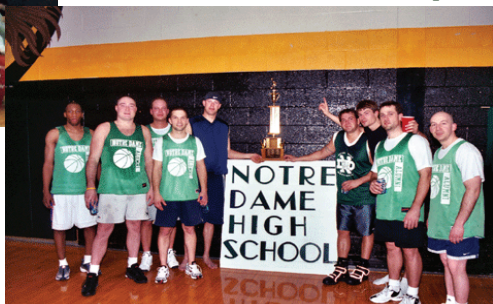
ND Football: Est. 1955



Friday Night Lights



2006 Alumni Basketball Champs



Irish Week

Check the web site often! We've got 100's of photos that will be uploaded!



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We Heard From...

Fr. John Kiselika

(Dept. Of Theology, Orchard Lake St. Mary's):
Keep up the good work with the ND Alumni! I expect to see many of the guys from the class of 1988 at their reunion. They were the first class I saw go through for four years. I began my career at ND with them in 1984.

Robert (Chris) Hoerauf, Class of 1983:

I currently serve in the office of the surgeon general in Virginia. I see my mission as making sure all service men and women get the healthcare they deserve. Whether they are stationed at home or returning from Iraq, they deserve the best care we can provide for them. God bless the service men and women and the ND community! Go Irish!

Joe May, Class of 1969:

I would like to thank you and your dad for your continued efforts in keeping the HWND alumni associations together for the past few years. I especially thank you for rescuing all of the valuable historical items from the school. I appreciate it!

Mike Bilicki, Class of 1990:

Is there anything a HWND graduate hasn't done? Rock star. Movie star. Business success. Senator. NHL star. Makes you proud!



Eddie Zmich, Class of 1992:

I wanted to thank you for all of the updates you've sent the past two years. I truly appreciate the energy and enthusiasm you've put forward in keeping **OUR** Notre Dame alive. Keep up the good work!

Bill Joy, Class of 1962:

Please keep up the good work! I always look forward to receiving your newsletter. I'd like to make myself available to help plan the class of 1962's reunion. Anyone interested?

Norm Berlinger, Class of 1962:

I am pleased that you have so many items from Notre Dame! The school has always held a special place in my life. It formed many fine young men that are a credit to their families and communities. Thank you for all of your wonderful work keeping the community of Harper Woods Notre Dame men viable and active! See you when I come into town.

Brian McEvoy, Class of 1974:

Keep up the great work! See you at the alumni hockey games.

Jeff Marzolf, Class of 1981:

Great Job with the news letters! Anyone from the class of 1981 interested in planning a reunion?

Harper Woods Notre Dame Remains Unoccupied

This August, our alma mater was sold to a Baptist church on the east side of Detroit. Their goal was to give students in Detroit an opportunity to attend a good school. The rectory was to be turned into a boarding facility for those who lived far away and lacked transportation. The building was re-opened as South Shore Educational and Boarding facility. After just two weeks of operation, the building was forced to close. Students in the building noticed the smell of gas in the air and the fire department was called. Unfortunately, a furnace problem was uncovered - one that existed prior to the sale. The fire

marshal forced the evacuation of the building and slapped a notice

on the front door. The notice states the building is not safe to be occupied until necessary repairs have been met. This was a crushing blow to the new owners who were unaware of the problem at the time they completed the purchase of the building. Unable to fund the repairs, the school was closed until further notice leaving nearly 400 students scrambling to re-enroll in the Detroit public school system.



This photo of the empty vending area in the cafeteria says it all.