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Merry
Christmas

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Long Time Clerk Calls it a Career

Long time Clinton Township Clerk, Dennis Tomlinson '66 had a legitimate reason to be excused from jury duty in August. He was summonsed to civic duty on the same day he was responsible for conducting an election. "It's not that I wanted to get out of my civic duty, I actually wanted to do it," Tomlinson said. "But what could I do - I had to oversee our primary here in the township." That sort of dedication is common for Tomlinson who will leave his elected position this week after 28 years as the township clerk supervising elections and overseeing the day-to-day record-keeping operations for the community.

Tomlinson, an East Detroit native, decided not to seek re-election this year. He opted instead for retirement. He plans to spend time traveling with his wife, Elaine, who has also recently retired from her position as an executive secretary in Fitzgerald Public School district. Tomlinson recently cleaned out his office, packing up ceremonial hard hats and photographs of himself with the likes of David Bonior '63 and former Governor James Blanchard.

When he first arrived on the scene in 1980 as a planner for the city of Pontiac, Clinton Township was a mixture of farmland and residential space. In addition to serving on the township's Board of Trustees, he played an instrumental role in the town's development as a member of the Planning Commission. He said his most important accomplishment was convincing voters to pay for a new police station on Groesbeck Highway. He served as chairman of a committee that pushed for the modern facility which is now up and running. "I was very pleased because it was a much-needed facility and I think we delivered a good product to the community," he said.

Longtime political observers say his courage may be what Tomlinson is best known for. As one of seven voters on the Planning Commission, Tomlinson wasn't known for long eloquent speeches, but for his short, direct comments on critical issues. He always based his decisions solely on what was good for the community, not for his own political agenda. He always kept his office up-to-date and moving with a very good staff. Thanks to his hard work, Clinton township was one of the first communities to offer passport processing.

Tomlinson said he never had a problem voting for or against an unpopular issue if he felt it was the right thing to do. "I would never take the easy way out just to play to a crowd for votes," he said. "I made my decisions by doing my homework and voting in the best interest of Clinton Township."

Dennis grew up in East Detroit where he attended St. Veronica grade school, and later Notre Dame. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. A father of four, one of his sons, Timothy Tomlinson, is a municipal attorney representing Fraser and other communities. Tomlinson is handing over the keys to his office to George Fitzgerald, a current township trustee who has been shadowing Tomlinson over the past two months to provide for a smooth transition.



Clinton Township Clerk, Dennis Tomlinson '66 cleans out his office as he counts down the days to his retirement.

Source: *The Macomb Daily*

Congratulations are in Order!

- ♣ Congratulations to **Dave Coulier '77**. Dave played four sold out shows at Younger's Irish Tavern in Romeo, MI in early November.
- ♣ Congratulations to **Paul Verska '63**. Paul is the head football coach at Warren De La Salle. He led the Pilots to their best season in school history with a 13-1 record. He guided DLS to their first Catholic League Championship since 1956. In his seven years coaching DLS, he has led them to 52 two victories, five state play-off appearances and two state title game appearances in the past three years. The Detroit Lions named Paul their Michigan High School Coach of the Week in late October, and the Detroit Free Press named Paul their All-East First Team Coach.
- ♣ Congratulations to **John Maltese '78**. John is the head football coach at White Lake Lakeland. John led the Eagles to a 9-3 record this season where his team defeated Birmingham Brother Rice to win a District Championship.
- ♣ Congratulations to **Brandon Oliver '66**. Brandon is the Offensive Coordinator for the Warren Fitzgerald football team. He has helped guide an impressive turn around of the Spartans football program. In just two years, Fitzgerald has gone from winless to a 10 win season, including play-off victories over Warren Lincoln and St. Clair Shores Lakeshore.
- ♣ Congratulations to **Tom Iwanicki '82**. Tom is the head football coach at St. Clair Shores Lakeshore. He led the Shorians to a 7 - 4 record with a play-off victory over Ferndale.
- ♣ Congratulations to **Bob Shoemaker**, former head basketball coach at HWND. Coach Shoe was hired this fall to lead the basketball program at Capac High School in Capac, MI.

The Muggs

See the Muggs... Live!

- ♣ Saturday December 13, 2008
⇒ The Cadieux Cafe... Detroit, MI
⇒ Tony's Birthday!
⇒ 10pm
- ♣ Saturday December 20, 2008
⇒ The Token Lounge... Redford, MI



Danny Methric '90
&
Tony DeNardo '90

Yearbooks

Need a replacement yearbook? Just want a piece of ND history? Want an *extra* yearbook? We've got over 1,000 of them! Almost all years are available for a small fee (\$7.00) to cover storage and shipping costs. Send us an email and we'll make arrangements to get you a yearbook!

We're sorry, but we are sold out of the following yearbooks:

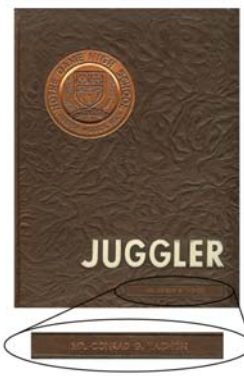
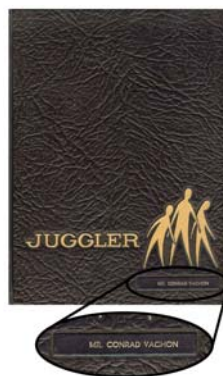
1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961 & 1970



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Upcoming Reunions

Reunions in 2009

The following classes are celebrating reunion years in 2009:



2004 - 5 Years
1999 - 10 Years
1994 - 15 Years
1989 - 20 Years
1984 - 25 Years



1979 - 30 Years
1974 - 35 Years
1969 - 40 Years
1964 - 45 Years
1959 - 50 Years



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

We are your only source for the most up-to-date alumni contact information!

Celebrating 25 Years!

Graduates of the *Class of 1983* are organizing a 20 year reunion!

Rob Zeweke '83 and Tom Salerno '83 are chairing the planning committee.

More information will be released as the planning progresses.

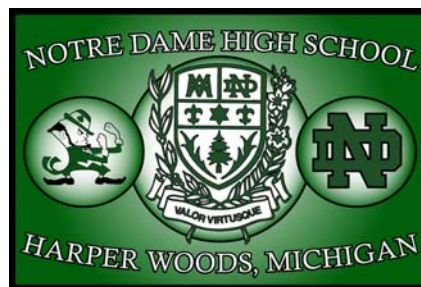
Celebrating 10 Years!

Graduates of the *Class of 1999* are organizing a 10 year reunion!

Brett Ceriotti '99, Kevin Dunbar '99 and others have started planning the class of 1999 10 year reunion.

More information will be released as the planning progresses.

Actor/Comedian, Dave Coulier '77, performing stand-up comedy at Younger's Irish Tavern in Romeo, MI Saturday, November 8, 2008.



Class of 1993 15 Year Reunion

The class of 1993 celebrated their 15 year reunion at Hamlin Pub in Shelby Township on Saturday, November 8, 2008. Special guests included former ND baseball coach John McCabe '63 and Fr. John Kiselica. Photos from the event are below.



Trophies

For the past three years, we have been storing over 160 of the school's trophies. We've decided that it is no longer economically wise to continue storing them. We have taken photos of all the trophies and uploaded them to the photo gallery on the website. Please browse through them. If you see any that you would like, please contact us, and we will make arrangements to get them to you. We will continue to store them through June of 2009. After July 1, 2009, we will begin recycling them and/or donating them to establishments that decorate with old trophies.



Upcoming Events

Annual Alumni Hockey Games

Friday, December 26, 2008

At Grosse Pointe Community Ice Rink - 3-6pm

50's, 60's, 70's & 80's - 3pm- 4pm

90's & 00's - 4:15pm - 5:45pm

(You can play in whichever game you feel most comfortable.)

See website for complete details.

Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament

March 6, 7, & 8, 2009

At De La Salle

Details to come.

Annual Alumni Softball Tournament

September 2009

At Total Sports

Start recruiting your classmates!



Silent Auction to Benefit the Marist House

The Friends of Notre Dame, Inc. is proud to introduce its first silent auction!

Up for auction is a fully intact, game-used Notre Dame High School football helmet.

Seventy percent of the proceeds of this auction will be donated to the Marist House in Framingham, Massachusetts. The money raised will assist with the retirement living and health care of Marists who founded Notre Dame, including Fr. John Bryson, Fr. Champagne, and Fr. Raymond Coolong, Fr. Henry Rancourt, Brother Leonard Haley, and Fr. Graham.

Auction Details

How to bid: Email your bid to jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com

Starting Bid Price: Just \$5.00

Bid Increments: \$5.00

Track: High Bidder and amount will be posted to website.

Check often to see if you are the high bidder!

Auction Starts: 12/05/08

Auction Ends: 12/19/08 at midnight

- ♣ Each email received will receive a response to indicate bid status.
- ♣ If you are outbid, we will notify you so you may submit a higher bid.
- ♣ Winning Bidder to add \$15.00 for shipping. (Helmet can be picked up in New Baltimore, MI to save shipping cost.)
- ♣ Winning Bidder will be notified via email the morning of 12/20/08
- ♣ Payment methods accepted:
 - ♣ Check or Money Order
 - ♣ Credit Card via Paypal
 - ♣ Cash upon pick-up



Helmet Details

- ♣ Schutt Helmet
- ♣ Size Medium
- ♣ Color: Green/White
- ♣ No Missing Parts
- ♣ Irish on Front Bumper
- ♣ Irish on Rear Bumper



Helmet Details

- ♣ Helmet is in excellent condition
- ♣ Helmet shows very little external wear
- ♣ Helmet is for display purpose only.
- ♣ Not to be used as a protective device





Wall of Fame

If you see your name listed below, we have your Wall of Fame plaque that hung on the wall behind the gym. We would like for you to have your plaque if you want it. Please email us at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com, and we will make arrangements to get it to you! These plaques will only be released to the actual graduate or to a family member.

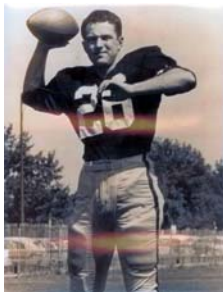
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 John Blum '77*
 David Bonior '63
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 Chris Hacias '65
 John Kraft '65
 Tom Van Doorne '66
 Jim Navetta '67
 Rick Wenner '67
 Rick Zamon '67
 Dan Richards '67
 Glenn Radzik '69
 Gary Radzik '69
 Bob David '70

Frank Lutostanski '71
 Jerry Guinane '71
 Jerry Druzinski '71
 Terry Cirocco '72
 Dave Guinane '72
 Al Provenzano '72
 Mike McGreevy '73
 Tim Flannery '73
 Greg Urquhart '73
 Chris Lamilza '74
 Pat Srock '74
 Jim Berra '74
 Joe Vicari '75
 Jim Romeo '75
 Kevin Flannery '75
 Tom Bentley '75
 Larry Lewandowski '75
 Brian Monfils '75

Mark McGreevy '76
 Tom Gadawski '76
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 Don Brosky '79
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 Dave Wolfbauer '79
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 Chris Gust '82
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 Brian Barney '83
 Andy Nanasi '83

Greg Placidi '83
 Brian Dittmer '83
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 Bob Urban '84
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 Dave Walczyk '86
 Steve Zacharias '86
 Joe Trombley '87
 Andy Booth '87
 Scott Klott '88
 Jim Maher '88
 Eric Taylor '89
 John Pierce '89
 Eric Stanczak '89

Kevin Messing '89
 DeJuan Reynolds '90
 Jeff Miller '90
 Chris Messing '90
 Matt Ziolkowski '90
 Mark Staples, Jr. '91
 Steve Jansen '92
 Pat Brandimore, Jr. '93
 Terrance Porter '93
 Anthony Vitale '94
 Rick Rewiako '95
 Preston Brandimore '95
 Phil Ruggerio '95
 Dave Biondi '95
 Jason Selleke '96
 Jason Stoicevich '97
 Tom Gallus '97
 Nick Holliday '97
 Greg Stempin '97
 Dave Porada '98
 James Fields '01
 Adam Fujita '01



David Bonior '63
Iowa Football



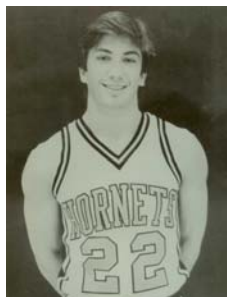
Steve Zacharias
'86 U of M Football



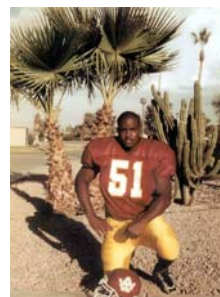
Terrance Porter '93
U of D Basketball



Greg Urquhart '73
U of M Hockey



Chris McDonald '85
Kalamazoo Basketball



James Fields '01
Arizona Western

Red = Plaque Delivered to Graduate

* Pictured on the same plaque - University of Michigan Hockey

We will gladly ship your plaque if you can cover the cost of shipping.
The cost to ship a plaque is \$8.00.





28TH ANNUAL CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' DINNER



Thursday, April 30, 2009

Penna's of Sterling

Cocktails: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 7:30 pm

Tickets \$200



Builders of Boys; Makers of Men

This is a stag dinner that includes silent auction. Approximately 1000 attend this east side catholic schools reunion each year. Graduates of DLS, St. Joe's, Austin, Bishop Gallagher, Harper Woods Notre Dame, and others attend yearly. Tables of 10 are available and there are advertising opportunities available in the program. The proceeds are directed to families needing financial assistance with their De La Salle tuition.

Contact John Monigold for more information at 586-778-3356 or jmonigold@delasallehs.com

The HWND Connection

- Pat Adams - HWND '77 - DLS Principal
- Brian Kelly - HWND '77 - DLS Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach
- Paul Verska - HWND '63 - DLS Head Football Coach
- Plus many DLS teachers are HWND grads & many HWND grads have sons at DLS.

In Memoriam...

Tourangeau, Robert D. - Class of 1974 - November 11, 2008

Age 52, November 10, 2008. Beloved husband of Peggy Lauroff-Tourangeau for six years. Dearest father of Julie, Kelley, Sara (John) Giannone and Scott Adamo. Proud grandfather of Angela, Jade, Gianna, JohnCarlo and Alexander. Dear son of the late Charles and Elizabeth. Dear brother of Mary Jane (Carl) Goryl, Charles E. (Wendy), Richard, Jim (Cindy) and the late John. Bob was very proud to be a State Farm Insurance agent for 25 years. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" at WujekCalcaterra.com



Kotarski, Maxine J. - Wife of Mr. Norman Kotarski - October 28, 2008

Age 63, of Northville, passed away October 28, 2008. Beloved wife of Norman. Loving mother of Marc Williams and step-mother of Kathleen (Tom) Frey. Adored grandmother of Noah and Nathan. Contributions to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201 would be appreciated.





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We Heard From...



Greg Simon NDP Teacher, ND Class of 1989

Hey Jim, I just wanted to forward to you a response I sent to my classmates from NDHS '89 regarding "Irish." Here it is:

The offer of "Irish" was extended without any pressure or in competition with The Friends of Notre Dame. The closure of ND was a tremendously sad day for me and many of us at NDP. Despite rumors to the contrary, the administration at NDP and the Marist Fathers wanted very much for ND to continue and contacted the leadership at ND to see what could be done to help. After the closure, NDP enrolled 11 students from ND and honored the coursework and GPAs they earned at ND (ND students did not receive the same treatment at other schools we now partner with in tournaments). That being said, NDP is not ND continued. Both schools, however, are Marist schools. Much like DLS and St. Joseph High School were founded by the Christian Brothers (DLS manages events for my dad's class and other St. Joe alum). NDP also benefited from the great tradition at ND as a model for success. NDP also has 10 alum of ND on staff and about 50 alum of ND send their kids here. Being a grad of ND, I am proud of the school we have been able to create here and believe our alma mater is honored by its existence. If you are interested great, if not, I understand. By no means do I expect you to stop supporting Mr. Mandl and Jim. They should be applauded for their efforts, regardless of our disagreement about the facts surrounding the closure of our school.

- Greg, your classmates had already forwarded this to me back in September. There is plenty to dispute in your email. Here are the facts. Yes, a call was made to HWND by NDP, but it was not to help save the school. It was to see what HWND memorabilia could be taken over by them. We started the Friends of Notre Dame in May of 2005. NDP decided they were going claim ownership of HWND alumni about 18 months later, only after they saw how successful our group had become. Then, I read Irish magazine and found that about 70% of its content was plagiarized from the newsletters I publish. The Friends of Notre Dame have rebirthed the spirit of Notre Dame through countless hours of saving HWND history from dumpsters and by continuing traditional events. We are happy with the authentic alumni association we established as are countless others. See comments below and in the next column from your own classmates. Thanks!

- Jim Mandl '90

Bill Pranter, Class of 1989

I was under the impression that Notre Dame Prep & Notre Dame Harper Woods have nothing to do with each other. Is this not so!? Considering everything that has happened over the years, with Notre Dame Harper Woods, and the lack of compassion or dedication the administration had to not try and keep the school going for all the alumni who went there. I have no desire to receive the first edition or any edition of the "Irish." Nor do I wish to be put on any sort of Notre Dame Prep email/ mailing list. Thanks.



Joe Heilig, Class of 1989

Hey guys, I completely agree with Bill. We are alumni of Notre Dame High School of Harper Woods, Michigan. Just because our school was closed should not give another school such as Notre Dame Prep of Pontiac the right to claim us as their alumni. There are about 40 other Notre Dame High Schools across the United States and as far as I'm concerned the only similarity is the name. If you are a true Notre Dame High School of Harper Woods graduate, and you want updated information or articles about guys that went to our school, then just go to www.friendsofnotredame.com. It is a great site that has been put together by Jim Mandl - Class of 1990. Jim, along with the help of others involved with *OUR* school, has put a lot of time and effort into trying to keep the spirit of the school alive. Also, if there is any talk about a 20 year class reunion for next year can those who are involved please make sure that it *DOES NOT* have anything to do with Notre Dame Prep.

Brandon France, Class of 2004

I just wanted to thank the Friends of Notre Dame for their help in support of my fundraiser. There is no denying the fact that some of the best times and experiences in my life have been while I attended Notre Dame. However, as I begin my career into law enforcement, I have learned to cherish the personal character and disciplined foundation that Notre Dame and the individuals involved in the organization have helped me to develop, with the utmost regard. For everyone still involved with Notre Dame, thank you. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

- Brandon, You are certainly welcome!

- Jim Mandl '90

Dave Moroz, Class of 1976 - Agent to Dave Coulier '77

Glad that you enjoyed Dave Coulier in Romeo! He was pleasantly surprised by the number of ND Alums who came out that weekend.

Nancy Konal - Mother of Paul, Class of 1982

My son Paul Konal '82 had his picture on the wall of fame, but I do not see him listed. Is it possible that some were destroyed? Would appreciate knowing. Thank you and Thanks for the work you are doing.

- Nancy, At the time of ND's closing, several of the wall of fame plaques were picked up by the graduates. The ones that were left were rescued by me and my dad on several visits back to the property. There are none left in the building. If you don't see it listed, we don't have it. It is entirely possible that it could have been tossed in one of the dumpsters, but I cannot confirm that. The school was used by two groups since the closing. We rescued many items that were tossed out by them, including some of the wall of fame plaques from the dumpsters. Thanks for writing.

- Jim Mandl '90



We Heard From...



Dan Francis, Class of 1981

My brother (Pete Francis '80) sent me the link to the November HWND newsletter. Please include me on your distribution list. I have to commend you, your father, and your team; the newsletter is a great way to keep the HWND community together. Many of us were caught up with careers and raising young families when the school closed. I don't think the impact of HWND closing really hits home until our own kids get near high school age and we start reflecting back on high school as we knew it. To hear that the facility is slowly deteriorating is sad. I'd love to walk those halls one more time, as four years of memories would come rushing back, and for a brief moment, I would get to relive a chapter of my life. I came back to ND after college to coach the swim team in 1986-87. I would also like to support your program, and will encourage my three brothers (Pete Francis '80, John Francis '83, and Joe Francis '86) to do so as well. The school may be gone, but the memories and the community should remain.

Frank Guastella, Class of 1970

Just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate everything you and your father are doing to keep HWND alive. I do not support the efforts of ND Prep to take over our alumni association and I wanted to pass along a situation I experienced earlier this year. My daughters attend Marine City Cardinal Mooney. The boys basketball team was going to play Notre Dame Prep at Prep and my daughters asked me take them to the game. I got on the Prep website for directions and saw the ND alumni icon and clicked it on. There was information on how they were reaching out to HWND Alums to be part of their Alumni Association. They offered a discount to HWND Alums who attended Football or Basketball games at Prep. When I got to the door to pay my fees for my daughters and myself, I told them that I was a HWND Grad and asked for the discount. The person at the door said "we don't even give discounts to Prep grads, why would we give a discount to you". He was quite curt with his reply. Needless to say, I felt foolish, paid the going rate and attended the game. I do not feel part of the "Prep Family" and never will. Again, thank you for your efforts.

- Frank, we hear stories like yours all too often, I'm afraid. My father and sister experienced similar treatment from the leadership at that school in 2005 prior to ND's closing. I won't go into details, but let's just say they weren't given very Christian treatment. Thank you for the support!
- Jim Mandl '90

Herm Krabbenhoft, Class of 1963

Hearty THANKS for the wonderful write-up of my Leadoff Batters book. Also really enjoyed learning about the coaching success of fellow '63 alum, Paul Verska. Another FANTASTIC HWND newsletter! All the Best!



Marl Ealy, Class of 1982

Hey to everyone! I have been living in beautiful San Diego California for 16 years. Married for the second time for 3 years with a blended family of six children ages 8,9,10,17,22, and 23 (all girls except the oldest). I am a Certified Financial Planner, Certified Public Accountant and Registered Investment Advisor, and own my own financial planning and investment management firm, Wealth Management Group. Family time, Rotary, tennis and reading take up most of my free time. I will be visiting the Detroit area December 5 through the 11th. I can be reached at 760-500-5400 or Mark@WMGrp.net.

Thomas Sloan, Class of 1972

I played for the Notre Dame Chess Club team in the Metro High School League during 1970 - 1972, and we won 1st place those years (I was 1st board all through 1972 and maybe 1971) and the president of the club during those 2 years, with Mr. James Birch the club moderator (and math teacher for many of us). He was my most memorable teacher not only for being a great math teacher, but a great motivator for the chess club, and gave us the encouragement and drive to be the best! We won the Michigan High School State Championship in 1972! Please keep up the great work with the newsletter. It is fantastic!

Greg Boisvert, Class of 1998

stop sending me emails i hate noter dame it had to be one of the worst schools ever im glad it closed down
- Greg, this is a first. We are sorry you feel this way.

The overwhelming majority of the Notre Dame community does not share your opinion of our alma mater. Since you graduated in 1998, your class was one of the first to experience the ill effects of what happened when Notre Dame Prep recruited all of the best teachers away from HWND. While some remained loyal to HWND, a disturbing number did not. We cannot completely blame them, though. As we know, most career moves are accompanied by substantial increases in pay. This was no exception. It was also very difficult for HWND to recover from this. It spelled the beginning of the end for HWND.

- Jim Mandl '90

Tom Schultz, Class of 1970

Great job with the web site and everything you do to keep HWND alive. I married Sylvia Ross (Dominican '70) and have two daughters, Megan, Regina '00, and Caitlin, Regina '04. I teach AP Computer Science and Pre-Calculus at Grosse Pointe North and South and have had several classmates kids in class.

Paul Stiber, Class of 1990

I am still out here in Eugene, Oregon - this year is my 10th anniversary in the Northwest. I f working for the University of Oregon, I left in 2004 and went back to graduate school at the UO to become a teacher. I've been teaching Spanish, social studies, and English at a high school here in Eugene since 2005. My wife Olivia and I are expecting our first baby in March 2009.



And We Heard From...



Jim Primeau, Class of 1962:

When I saw the deceased student's name (John Fitzpatrick '93), I searched for the mother's name (as I recalled from 1975), knowing that the John Fitzpatrick, sr., my wife and I knew, used to live on the east side of Detroit. I found the mom's name, with an old address, on Laing, in Detroit and a new address up north. I called the mom, she remembered me and my wife as my wife and the lady, were both in labor on the same day, at Holy Cross Hospital in Detroit. She named her son PJ and we named our son JP (odd). The dad was a Detroit cop, but he was killed in the line of duty, in 1987, in Detroit. The son never got over that. It turns out that her son did pass away, as your paper indicates. Circumstances were very tragic indeed. The first thing the lady said was 'how did you find me?' I replied that friends never lose touch with one another. The mom has since retired but now she and my wife and I will be meeting, the next time she is 'down state.' Thanks to the newsletter for keeping all alumni connected in some fashion.

Jonathan Porzondek, Class of 1999:

I played lacrosse at ND and then went on to play at Western Michigan. I organized a few alumni lacrosse games with average results. I ran into Dickie Glinskie in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at a tourney my WMU alumni team plays in every year.

Michael Olechowski, Class of 2005

After church on Sunday my parents and I went over to Eastland Mall. Afterwards went around ND for a bit. They had some kind of "Marching Band" thing going on by the football field. There's about 25 - 30 broken windows and some graffiti by the back cafeteria door. It hurt just to see the school like that.

Mike Oravek, Class of 1971

Great newsletter!

Michael J. Garzoni, Class of 1975

The Newsletter looks great and reads better. Good effort.

Scott Frederick, Class of 1986

I just wanted to say thanks to you and your family for the work you're doing to keep the history and tradition of Notre Dame alive and well. I have so many fond memories of my time at ND - I tell people everywhere that I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for the time that invested in myself and my education at Notre Dame. I'm currently living in Chesterfield with my wife and two sons. I'm working as a Project Manager for IBM in Detroit (supporting General Motors - a significant challenge at present time). I'd love to hear from some of the Class of '86 if they've got the time to write. Thanks, again, Jim. Keep up the **GREAT** work!

Ken Groth, Class of 1977:

I just wanted you to know how much your efforts are appreciated. I've really enjoyed browsing the paper and catching up with information on fellow alumni who have lived the experience of HWND. The graduation years may be different, however, the stories, pride, humor, and enriched, treasured experience of education, morality, and stepping stones to manhood are easily related and very much appreciated. Whether you are talking about euchre games during lunch, an ND dance, selling raffle tickets at Eastland, the spirit of the rallies, the competition of fundraising ticket drives, the carnivals, sports, Calculus, Physics, Chemistry, or any other academically challenging course that you may have taken at HWND, you can recall the quality of education, teachers, and friends that made the experience a memorable and rewarding one. Thanks for rekindling some of the memories. Say "HI" to all the HWND alumni for me and especially the class of "77", hoping everyone is blessed with health and happiness!!! This year I celebrated my 26th wedding anniversary with my wife Barb, three daughters, and son-in-law. I live in Chesterfield, MI work in Romeo, MI and still bowl once a week for fun!!

Ginny Gore, Mother of Brian - Class of 2006:

You are doing a great job keeping ND alive, it was soo sooo sad when it closed.

Terrance Porter, Class of 1993

Thanks for keeping me informed with the newsletter.

Mark McGreevy, Class of 1976

Please send my wall of fame plaque to me. I currently teach at NDP / Marist Academy in Pontiac. Personally I feel that all the plaques should have been moved to the new school and given a home. I realize that there are rivalries that have prevented this sort of transfer after the closing of NDHS, but people need to get over their egos and do what is best for Irish tradition. It's a struggle enough just to be Catholic today and to keep a school open.

- Mark, we will gladly send you your plaque if you can cover the cost of shipping. We cannot send any items at our expense. I'm afraid your personal opinions are biased by your paycheck. I don't blame you for that. I am loyal to my employer as well. At the time of HWND's closing, the Marist Provincial did not want any items to be sent to Pontiac, so most things were given to us and other alumni or left behind. If we hadn't been determined to preserve our school's history, your wall of fame plaque would be taking up space in a landfill somewhere. There are no egos involved in what we do - it is just us doing what WE consider best for Irish tradition. There **IS NO** new school yet - just a school that decided to mimic an existing school, helped to bury the existing school and now wants to claim the fruits of our alumni association's labor as their own. It's a damn shame.

- Jim Mandl '90

