



The Leprechaun

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Greg Stempin '97 Makes Toledo Hall of Fame

The University of Toledo Varsity "T" Hall of Fame announced its 2008 inductees. The list includes 10 former University of Toledo student-athletes including Harper Woods Notre Dame Graduate - **Greg Stempin '97**. Greg will be inducted into the Toledo Varsity "T" Hall of Fame on Friday, February 1st. He will be introduced at halftime of the men's and women's basketball games on Saturday, February 2nd. For his career at Notre Dame, Greg averaged 28 points per game, 12 rebounds per game and 4 assists per game.



Greg Stempin '97 dunks while playing professionally in Europe.

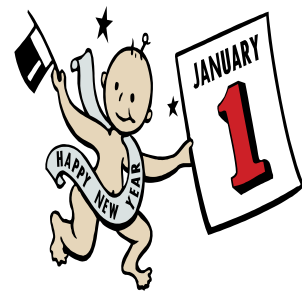
Congratulations, Greg!

Greg Stempin's UT Career Highlights

- ♣ Varsity men's basketball - 1997-2001
- ♣ Earned first-team All-MAC honors three times
- ♣ Earned Academic All-MAC twice
- ♣ Ranks fourth all-time at UT in scoring (1,705 points)
- ♣ Tied for sixth all-time at UT in rebounds (836)
- ♣ Played in the NBA Development League and over-seas since leaving UT in 2001

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Joe Riehl '04 - All-American

Joe Riehl '04 is in his senior year at Northwood University in Midland, Michigan. He is the starting goalie for the Northwood University hockey team. After the 2006-2007 season, he was named to the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division 3 All American First team. He led Northwood to a 3rd place finish in the Division 3 national tournament last season. He is currently having another All-American type season. Joe has a 2.98 goals-against-average with one shut-out in leading Northwood to a 13-1 record. Northwood University is currently the #1 ranked team in the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference and the #2 ranked team in the ACHA Division 3 North Region. **Congratulations, Joe!**



Joe Riehl '04
Northwood
University
Division 3
All American.

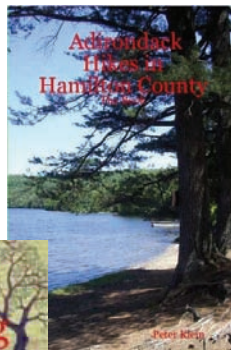


Have a story to share about an achievement that you would like to see featured in The Leprechaun?
E-mail Jim Mandl '90 at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com



Pete Klein '61 - Tackling All Forms of Media!

Pete Klein '61 calls the Adirondack Mountains of New York home. He works as a reporter for the Hamilton County (NY) News. While he isn't reporting on what's happening in Hamilton County, he keeps himself busy producing all forms of media. Pete has written two books, published calendars, published art prints of his photography, and produced photo tour CDs and DVDs of the Adirondack Mountains. He also hosts an internet talk show where he discusses books and authors. *Adirondack Hikes in Hamilton County* is Pete's guide to hiking in the Adirondack Mountains of Hamilton County. *The Dancing Valkyrie* is a fictional novel about a young woman who becomes a vampire while hiking in the Adirondack Mountains of New York.



The Front Covers of Pete Klein's Books

 "The Dancing Valkyrie is an absolute must read if you are a vampire fan."
 Gregg J. Haugland, Allbooks Reviews

You can purchase Pete's books and other items at the Adirondack Bookstore:
<http://stores.lulu.com/ravenwolfpublish>

You can listen to Pete's on-line talk show at blog talk radio:
<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/The-Dancing-Valkyrie>



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It Was a Two-and-a-Half Year Process!

The *Friends of Notre Dame, Inc.* took control of the Harper Woods Notre Dame High School web site on Wednesday, December 19, 2007. Oddly enough, it was never officially owned by the school. The web site was owned and controlled by the former computer science teacher. We were alerted by the hosting site that the domain was about to expire and jumped at the opportunity to take control of it! Jim Mandl '90 is listed as the owner of the domain name. Randy Walters '05 made the necessary updates to the web address so all who may visit it are redirected to the *Friends of Notre Dame Alumni Association* web site. Hopefully we will be able to re-connect with alumni who may decide to re-visit the old school's web site on a whim.

www.notredame-hw.com

Photo Gallery



1961 Homecoming
Photo Courtesy of Tom Blomquist '62



Photo Recovered From A Dumpster Behind ND in August of 2007



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Rob Pazdro '70 (Santa) and Jim Mandl '66 - Christmas Eve 2007

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

Upcoming Events

Notre Dame Alumni Night @ the Cadieux Café Detroit

Wednesday January 30, 2008
7:30 - 9:30pm

Free Feather Bowling compliments of
The Friends of Notre Dame, Inc.

Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament

March 7, 8, & 9, 2008

Complete Details to be released soon!

Visit the website for complete event details!
www.friendsofnotredame.com

Interested in hosting a Notre Dame Alumni
night at your establishment?

E-mail Jim Mandl '90

at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com



Coryn Marzejon, Daughter of Jerry '79 Earns Track Scholarship

Coryn Marzejon is the daughter of *Jerry Marzejon - class of 1979*. She is the most celebrated girls' track star in McHenry County, Illinois's history. Coryn is a three-time state qualifying sprinter. She holds eight Huntley School records, four McHenry County records, 11 county titles, six Fox Valley Conference titles, five sectional championships, five state medals, and is a 10-time state qualifier in all events combined. Coryn also holds three Junior Olympic state titles and four Junior Olympic region titles. She was the Class AA runner-up in the 400 meters last spring after taking third as a sophomore and eighth as a freshman. In the 400 final last spring, Coryn ran a career-best 56.16, just short of the 55.97 run by event champion Casey Short of Naperville Central, also a junior at the time. After receiving scholarship offers from Wisconsin, Purdue, Illinois, Wake Forest, Missouri, Miami of Ohio and Indiana State, Coryn verbally committed to Michigan State University - her father's alma-mater. She intends to major in broadcast journalism while competing on the track team.



Coryn Marzejon,
Daughter of Jerry '79

Congratulations, Coryn... and Jerry!

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.

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

A 50 year reunion for the class of 1958 from Notre Dame is being planned... More info. In the next newsletter.



Samir Thomas '89 - Owner



Joe Vicari '75 - Owner

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Alumni
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of Macomb
Daniel Stross '78 - Owner



Jim '01, Joe '04 and
Jeff '06 Riehl

In Memoriam

- ♣ Cichon, David - Class of 1963
- ♣ D'Agostini, Eugene - Class of 1964
- ♣ Borders, Raymond - Class of 1973
- ♣ Guglielmetti, David - Class of 1981

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



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Joe Borri '80 signing copies of *Eight Dogs Named Jack* at Barnes and Noble in early December.



We Heard From...



Gary Wilson, Class of 1960:

After my military service in the US Navy, I had a great career with UPS for 33 years. My wife Cathy (Miller, Regina 1960) and I have been married for 43 years and have three grown children and six grandchildren. We live in a suburb of Nashville and also enjoy a home in Bradenton, FL. I serve on two nonprofit Boards as a volunteer director, enjoy family, boating and travel. Keep up your continued good work in keeping us together!

Tom Plotzke, Class of 1989:

The newsletter is awesome! Thank you so much for putting this together and for all of the time and effort you put toward it- it's fantastic! A quick update on me- I recently finished my Master's of the Art of Teaching with an elementary certification and have my own 4th grade classroom at Hugger Elementary in the Rochester Community School district. My wife, Jolene, is also a teacher at Rochester High School and we reside in this community with our two children; Charlotte (age 5) and Thomas III (age 2).

Ron Meloche, Class of 1967:

Glad to hear you have organized the alumni site! I am currently a Marketing Professor at Saint Joseph's University--Philadelphia's Jesuit University. We have a summer home in Lexington on Lake Huron. If I can do anything for you, let me know.



Mel Tessmer, Class of 1959:

I moved to Virginia in 1966, married and had 2 children, worked for the US Navy and retired in 2001. I am now working part time in the Medical Physics field and we're enjoying our retirement.

Ron Stempin, Class of 1991:

Thanks for your great efforts! The newsletter is awesome! I always look forward to receiving your emails.

Paul Tines, Class of 1981:

Keep up the great work keeping the ND spirit alive! I just went through the photo album on the web sight but now wish I hadn't. Those pictures of the inside of the school left an empty pit in my stomach yet brought back so many wonderful memories. I would give anything to walk the halls of old ND one more time.

Tony DeNardo and Danny Methric (the Muggs), Class of 1990:

Thanks so much for getting the word out about our appearances on the show! Thanks to all the Friends and alumni of Notre Dame who watched and voted for us!

Tom Blomquist, Class of 1962:

Thanks for keeping the spirit of old Notre Dame alive!

Bands...

The Muggs

**Danny Methric '90
& Tony DeNardo '90**

Live at

The Emerald Theater
Mt. Clemens, MI

January 31, 2008

8:00pm All Ages Show



My Machine

Dee Baranski '91

Live at TNT's
Clinton Twp., MI

January 4, 2008

8:00pm Show

A Stroll Down Memory Lane...

Bob Black, senior Notre Dame High guard, has the distinction of becoming the first Detroit Catholic League school-boy griddier, to gain a place on the 18th annual All-Catholic All-American prep football team selected for the New World, Chicago Archdiocesan newspaper.

Black, who weighs 210 pounds and stands five-foot-eleven, is a C plus student at the Harper Woods school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Black, 19384 Kingsville Ave. They are members of St. Jude's Parish.

The Notre Dame athlete has received numerous offers from major universities but has not decided where he will attend school next fall. Black was a member of the Irish varsity team for three years. He was a pulling guard an offense and a defensive end. He averaged 11 tackles per game last season.

Black recovered three fumbles last fall as Notre Dame captured Central laurels in the First Division but the Irish were edged in the Soup Bowl Game by Grosse Pointe St. Ambrose, 6-0.

The Irish captured the Catholic crowns in 1965 and tied Denby for the city diadem in the Goodfellow Game. 14-14

The Chicago New World selected a 33-member squad on its All-American team. This year the selections did not include a rating of the top high school teams in the country, but Fred Dempsey of St. Patrick's High of Chicago was chosen as coach of the year.

Originated in 1949 as a hobby by J. Emmett Frost, Ohio attorney and businessman, the selections were made by sports writers of Catholic papers in various sections of the nation. Black and Mark Mowatt, UD High quarterback, were recommended by Frank Guyott, sports editor of The Michigan Catholic.

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**Bob Black '67 is currently an
Associate Principal at L'Anse Creuse
High School in Harrison Township, MI**

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