



The Leprechaun



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From Harper Woods to Ann Arbor to Boston...

Former ND Student Realizes NHL Dreams

For **Matt Hunwick**, graduating from the University of Michigan gave him more than a degree in economics and an experience in playing elite-level hockey. It also helped Hunwick learn to take care of himself. That's coming in handy as the 23-year old former Harper Woods Notre Dame student adjusts to life in professional hockey. "Living on your own for four years really helps prepare you," said Hunwick. "A lot of kids coming out of junior (hockey) live with billet families. They don't know how to do the laundry, how to cook. For me, it's something that's second nature. I've been through that, living on my own. I feel like I'm a lot more mature coming out of college at 22 than I would be if I had left juniors at 19, 20. And obviously playing at Michigan, you play some of the best competition, have a great coaching staff. It really set me up for where I am now." Hunwick is now living in downtown Boston. He is a defenseman for the Boston Bruins.



Matt Hunwick - Captain - University of Michigan Hockey Team

teammates in his last three seasons. In 2004, Hunwick was a member of the only American team to win a gold medal at the World Junior Championships. All of this hard work and success led to Hunwick being drafted by the Boston Bruins in the 7th round of the 2004 NHL draft.

"I used to watch the Red Wings' games all the time," said Hunwick, who played against his hometown team for the first time Saturday, November 29th. "Even at college at the University of Michigan, those were the best games to watch. I love the way they play and they always had such talented players, guys who worked really hard. That's what made them successful."

Although he was a late round draft pick, Hunwick's rise through the professional ranks has been swift. He made his NHL debut last winter in his first year after graduating from Michigan. He was called up by the Bruins four times while spending most of last season in the American Hockey League playing for Providence. Hunwick started the 2008 season in Providence, but was recalled in October when the Bruins traded defenseman Andrew Albert. Hunwick's play impressed the Bruins coaching staff, who bumped him up to the second defense, and he is now logging 20-minutes of ice time per game. Hunwick had a six-game point streak, which is the longest by a rookie in the NHL this season. Hunwick's role has increased due to an injury to current teammate and fellow U of M grad, Aaron Ward. "I expected at some point to be here this year to help contribute to the team's success," said Hunwick. "But to have a chance to be here this early and get 20 minutes, it's something that I didn't think would happen this early in my career."

Source: The Macomb Daily



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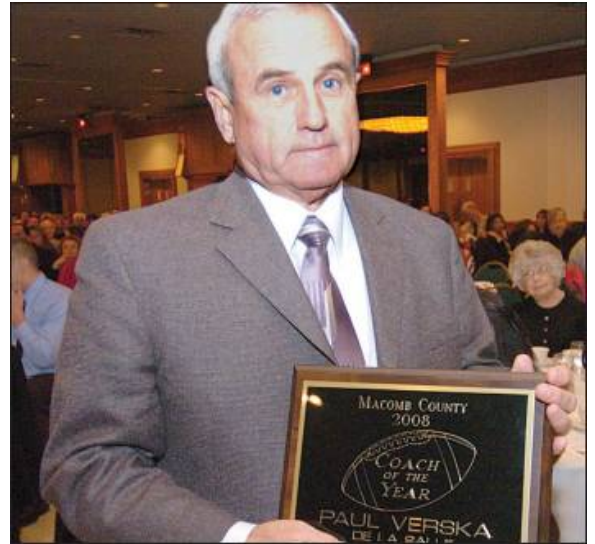
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More Honors for Verska '63

At the Macomb County Football awards held December 1st, 2008, one team stood head and shoulders above the rest. One coach stood out as the best of the best. Division 2 state finalist, Warren De La Salle was honored as the Macomb county team of the year for 2008. Led by **Paul Verska '63**, this was De La Salle's first ever Macomb County Team of the Year award. The Pilots 13-1 overall record was their best in school history. Under Verska's leadership, DLS's season included the Catholic League Central Division championship, the Prep Bowl Championship, the county's only 9-0 regular season record and only Regional Championship. To accompany his Team of the Year award, Paul received Macomb County Coach of the Year honors - another first for him and for De La Salle football. Verska is in his 7th year at the helm for the Pilots. He has led them to play-off appearances five of those seven seasons, including two trips to the state championship game at Ford Field. In addition, two of Verska's players were named co-players of the year in Macomb County. Twins, John and James Martinez shared the county Player of the Year award. The seniors were two-way stars at receiver and defensive back and started for three years for Verska at De La Salle. Player of the Year awards were selected by the sports staff at The Macomb Daily. *Source: The Macomb Daily*



DLS Head Football Coach, Paul Verska '63 with his Macomb County Coach of the Year Award.

Marlinga '63 to Seek Federal Post

Referring to his two year stint as a federal prosecutor as "the most satisfying job I've ever had in my life," former Macomb County Prosecutor **Carl Marlinga '63** has formally expressed interest in becoming the next United States Attorney in Detroit. Marlinga, was the Macomb County prosecutor for 20 years. He indicated his interest in a letter to U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, who likely would play a primary role in screening applicants for President-elect Barack Obama for the appointment. Marlinga, gave up the post he formerly held before running for county prosecutor in 1984. "I only left because I ran for Macomb County prosecutor because I thought the office needed reform," he said. "It was a very tough decision." Marlinga was the Macomb County Prosecutor from 1985 to 2004. "I like the breadth of the (U.S. Attorney's) office, the matters that you deal with — large conspiracies, public corruption, organized crime, and now, of course, we have national security issues." Marlinga said he would have sought the post after President Clinton won in 1992 and 1996, but he believed it would be "inappropriate" because he had just won reelection as county prosecutor. Marlinga, who operates a practice in Clinton Township, said the selection process is in "its earliest of stages," as he expects the post will be filled by May.



Former Macomb County Prosecutor, Carl Marlinga '63

Source: The Macomb Daily

'64 Grad Named 2008 Lacrosse Coach of the Year

This year will mark the 50th year of the Michigan High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year Awards. Each year a coach from each sport is recognized and honored as the Coach of the Year in his particular sport. **Ed Maloney '64** was named the 2008 Lacrosse Coach of the year



Ed Maloney '64 - 2008 Lacrosse Coach of the Year.

by the Michigan High School Boys Lacrosse Coaches Association. The Lacrosse Coach of the Year Award was started in 2005. Coach Maloney is the 4th recipient of this award. Coach Maloney was selected for this award due in part to his contributions to the growth of Michigan High School Lacrosse. Maloney started four different high school Boys Lacrosse programs and was an integral figure in helping spearhead the Boys Lacrosse program in the state of Michigan. There are 83 coaches in the Lacrosse Boys Coaches Association who all nominate a recipient of the award. The board of the association then decides upon the winner based upon the nominations they receive.

Coach Maloney said, "I am very proud to have been able to help convince the Michigan High School Sports Association to adopt the sport of lacrosse. It has given countless young men the opportunity to compete in a sport which is growing daily. I am very proud and humbled to be recognized by my colleagues in this fashion." Ed Maloney was hired as the man to lead the inaugural season of Lacrosse at Siena Heights University. They will begin play in the Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association in the Spring of 2009.

Source: Siena Heights University Web Site

Upcoming Events

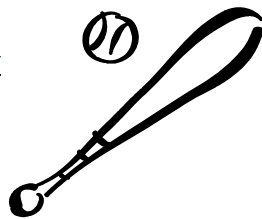


Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament

March 6, 7, & 8, 2009
At De La Salle
Details will be in the February Leprechaun.

Annual Alumni Softball Tournament

September 2009
At Total Sports
Start recruiting your classmates!



Would you like to suggest an alumni event? If you are willing to help plan it, please send suggestions to: Jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com

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.





ND Memories

By Thomas Kirchner - Class of 1964

Living in Arizona the last 30 years did not afford me the opportunity to keep up with NDHW athletics, specifically the football program. I would, however, find it hard to believe that there were any better teams than the one fielded by Walter "Bazy" Bazylewicz and his hard nosed assistant coaches in 1963. Although I was only 5'5" 130 lbs. and barely played enough minutes to earn my letter, I was proud to be on the same team as Joe Prezbycki (All City, All State, All American), Bob Lantzy and Bill Otto (All City, All State) and other notables such as Randy Lamprides, Bernie Ewald and Pat Fulford. By mid October we were 5-0 and playing Catholic Central for the Division Title. We beat them 14-0 in front of 18,300 people at U of D's Titan Stadium and advanced to play in the Soup Bowl for the Catholic League Championship a few weeks later. We battled Shrine in front of another crowd of 18,000 to a 0-0 tie and were awarded the title based on total yards gained - seemed fair to us at the time!! This was the criteria established by the Soup Bowl Committee in case of a tie, and they calculated us as 4 yards better! The Goodfellow Game for the City of Detroit Championship was to be played against Denby High School in old Tiger Stadium. It was billed in the newspapers as the "Battle of Kelly Road". None of us on the 1963 team will ever forget that 22nd day of November that started off with an afternoon pep rally in a light rain. After the rally, the team was sequestered into the locker room watching game tapes of our opponent. We were then fed dinner in the cafeteria and bussed in the rain, which was getting heavier, to Tiger Stadium. Certainly that rainy evening was no time to play football. It was a time to mourn, to think and pray. Although we had been given a hint of what happened that day in Dallas, by a short announcement that was made at the end of the pep rally, it was not until we were in the Lions locker room that the team learned from the newspaper hawker on the street above, who was shouting, "Extra! Extra!" President Kennedy had been killed earlier in the day. The game was played in front of a meager crowd due to the national tragedy and the heavy rain. Although we lost 7-0, I know that my teammates and I look back on that year as one not to be forgotten in the history of NDHW football.



Thomas Kirchner '64

Thomas Kirchner is a graduate of the Ferris and The Lewis Hotel Training Schools. He has been married to Judy for 38 years. His son, Eric, a graduate of the University of Arizona is currently working with large law firm in Phoenix. Tom relocated his family in 1978 from Troy, MI, where he was the general manager of the Holiday Inn near I-75 and Rochester Rd., to Lake Havasu City. Upon moving out west, he opened a Holiday Inn in 1979 as manager, but left the parent company when they asked him to relocate back to a larger city - Santa Monica, CA. "We had fallen in love with this beautiful city (Lake Havasu) with it's population of 8,500 at the time; there are now about 55,000," said Tom. He has been in real estate since 1980, specializing in property management. Tom has owned Mohave Realty Property management since 1990. He employs ten. "My specialty is the management of homeowners associations having attained my CMCA designation."

Congratulations to Mike Swink '88!

Mike was the winning bidder in our game used HWND football helmet semi-silent auction!

\$112 of his \$160 bid will be on its way to the Marist House in Framingham, Massachusetts once payment is received. The funds are intended to assist with the retirement living and health care of the founding fathers of HWND.



The 18th Annual Alumni Hockey Games!

Continuing Harper Woods Notre Dame's day after Christmas tradition for the 4th straight year, the Friends of Notre Dame alumni hockey games took place on Friday, December 26, 2008. About 40 guys came out to skate and re-connect with old friends at The Grosse Pointe Community Rink (GPCR). A game for the younger guys and one for the older guys took place. A social gathering with pizza and refreshments followed each game. Special thanks to Jon Van Son, class of 2000. Jon is the General Manager of the GPCR. He did a great job taking care of us!



Photos by Randy Walters '05

See You Again on December 26, 2009!





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 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.

Celebrating 25 Years!



What: Notre Dame Class of 1983-25th Reunion

When: Saturday, January 24th, 2009 from 6:00PM-???

Where: Bath City Bistro, 75 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens

Cost: \$40/Alumni: includes appetizers, pizza/salad buffet, feather bowling, gift. Cash Bar

RSVP and Check Payment by 1/14/09 to Rob Zeweke
586-992-1004, 56100 Summit Dr, Shelby Twp 48316



The Class of 1988 Celebrates its 20 Year Reunion.

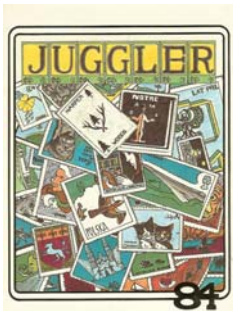
Photo Courtesy of Scott Klott '88



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, & 1972



Members of The Class of 1962 Celebrate Their Annual Christmas Dinner.

Photo Courtesy of Jerry Alderman '62





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.

Gary Lytle '61
 Dave Debol '74*
 John Giordano '61*
 John Blum '77*
 David Bonior '63
 Bob Navetta '64
 Joe Przybycki '64
 Mike Boccia '65
 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

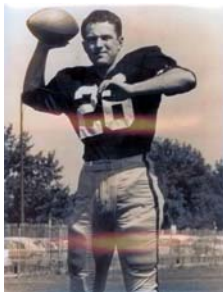
Frank Lutostanski '71
 Jerry Guinane '71
Jerry Druzinski '71
 Terry Cirocco '72
 Dave Guinane '72
 Al Provenzano '72
 Mike McGreevy '73
 Tim Flannery '73
Greg Urquhart '73
Chris Lamilza '74
 Pat Srock '74
Jim Berra '74
Joe Vicari '75
 Jim Romeo '75
 Kevin Flannery '75
 Tom Bentley '75
Larry Lewandowski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

Mark McGreevy '76
 Tom Gadawski '76
 Tim Cummins '76
 Marco Caporuscio '78
Don Brosky '79
Craig Gerbe '79
 Dave Wolfbauer '79
Gary Bass '80
 Kevin Paterson '80
 Mike Smith '80
 Jim Forsgren '81
 Craig Mitchell '81
 Walt Dixon '81
 Brett Nowak '82
 Chris Gust '82
 Paul Tripp '82
 Brian Barney '83
 Andy Nanasi '83

Greg Placidi '83
Brian Dittmer '83
 Ken Zazula '84
Bob Urban '84
Chris McDonald '85
Chris Luongo '85
 Bruce Smith '85
 Paul Seibert '86
 Paul Amodoi '86
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
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 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

Red = Plaque Delivered to Graduate



David Bonior '63
Iowa Football



Steve Zacharias
'86 U of M Football



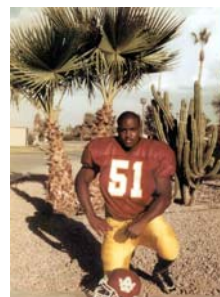
Terrance Porter '93
U of D Basketball



Greg Urquhart '73
U of M Hockey



Chris McDonald '85
Kalamazoo Basketball



James Fields '01
Arizona Western

* 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.**



Class of 1999 9th Annual Christmas Gathering

The class of 1999 held their 9th annual Christmas Gathering Saturday, December 6. Special guests included Fr. John Kiselica, Mr. Duane Holmes, and Mr. Ken Parent. Photos from the event are below.





The Muggs

See the Muggs... Live!

♣ Friday, January 30, 2009, 8pm
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The Muggs, Danny Methric '90 & Tony DeNardo '90, perform at Arts, Beats and Eats in Pontiac - August 2008.

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Do you have a Facebook account? If you do, and you are a graduate of the classes of 1980 through 2006, we have created facebook groups for you! Years were selected based on the probability that a member from that class would have a Facebook account. All you have to do to join the group that was created for your class is find your group and request to join. It's that simple. The Facebook pages will help you keep in touch with your classmates and assist in spreading the word about upcoming events and gatherings. If you are from one of the other classes (1958 - 1979, 2007, 2008) and would like a group created for your class, please email us, and we will create it for you!

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Harper Woods Notre Dame High School Class of 1990

Global

Basic Info

Type: Organizations - Academic Organizations

Description: This group has been created to represent the HWND Class of 1990 on Facebook. The purpose of this group is to provide a place on Facebook for members of the HWND Class of 1990 to contact each other and to organize class events.

Contact Info

Website: <http://www.friendsofnotredame.com>

Recent News

Notre Dame Fight Song

Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame
 Wake up the echoes cheering her name
 Send a volley'd cheer on high
 Shake down the thunder from the sky
 What tho' the odds be great or small
 Old Notre Dame will win over all
 While her loyal sons go marching
 Onward to victory!!! (Rah-Rah-Rah)

GO IRISH!!!!

Members

Displaying 8 of 17 members See All

Group Type

This is a closed group. Members must be invited or approved by an admin.

Admins

- Jim Mandl (creator)
- FriendsOf Notre Dame



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...

Marcil, David Michael, - Class of 1975 - December 5, 2008

Age 51. Beloved husband of Rosemarie. Dear father of Brian and Michael. Loving son of Raymond and Joanne. Dear brother of Ray, Richard (Lana), Denise (Larry) Bailey and Mary Kay (Paul) Fox. Son-in-law of Joseph (Mary) Lorenz. Brother-in-law of Joe Lorenz. Also remembered by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Tributes to David and Rosemarie's Children's College Fund are welcome. Burial Resurrection. David was a member of the American Institution of CPA's and the Bowler's 300 Club. David also was a sports enthusiast and a devoted Hockey Dad. He really was THE TOTAL PACKAGE! Share Memories with the Family at their "On-Line Guest Book" at WujukCalcaterra.com

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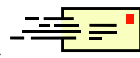
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We Heard From...



Scott Klott, Class of 1989

You and your dad have done a great (and commendable) job of keeping many of the traditions of HWND alive...thank you for your efforts. I can't speak for everyone, but I think we understand your dissatisfaction with the fact that HWND closed, how the archdiocese managed the closing and that NDP is reaching out to our alumni and attempting to assume our traditions. However, if you're going to represent us, please allow your fellow alumni to give their opinions without offering yours when you don't agree. That practice was never a tradition of *The Leprechaun*. The fact is many of the catholic churches and most, if not all, of the catholic grade/high schools have closed in metro-northeast Detroit. Regardless of tuition costs, there just aren't that many Catholics living in that area anymore. It saddens me, too, that our school closed, especially when I've driven by the building and see what's left of what was once great. I just ask that we all get back to focusing on the memories of the school which most of us are proud to be alumni of, and not on a school that goes by a similar name.

Thomas Fett, Class of 1987

I graduated in 1987. I came across the website and will most definitely will be checking back in with it. The time I spent at HWND were to best years of my life. I built friendships and have great memories. I, like many, was not pleased with how HWND was abandoned. Because of that, I will not be sending my four children to Notre Dame Prep. One currently attends Regina and I will send my other two girls there and my soon to Warren DeLaSalle. GREAT JOB ON THE WEBISTE AND THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE SPIRIT OF NOTRE DAME ALIVE!!!

Jerome Vangheluwe, Class of 1983

I just wanted to thank you for the work you are doing. I thought originally you were part of ND Pontiac. I share the same feelings as many our true ND brothers do about that place. Now through what you are doing the spirit of the *real* Notre Dame lives on.

Rob Zeweke, Class of 1983

Hey Class of 1983, does anyone want to have a reunion???. Join us for our "Class of 1983" 25th High School Reunion from Notre Dame High School. We have decided to pull a "guys only" reunion together for a night of Feather Bowling (Yes, Feather Bowling is a real sport!) at Bath City Bistro in Mt. Clemens Mi, on Saturday January 24th, at 6:00PM. The games start promptly @ 6:00. See page 6 of *The Leprechaun* for complete details!



Jerry Alderman, Class of 1962

Just thought I would drop a quick line. Several of us from the class of '62 meet regularly (4-5 times per year), have dinner, a couple of drinks and just talk about 'the good ole' days'. Every year at Christmas time we have a dinner at a 'fancier place' and bring our spouses. I have attached a photo from our dinner this year. Soon we will begin to organize our 50th reunion (we did our 25th and 41st). We would appreciate it if you would encourage any '62 grads to contact one of us or yourself with contact info. Thanks, and keep up the GREAT work!

Joe Matejewski, Class of 1997

I almost forgot to tell my friends at ND... I had twins May 21st!!!! Boys... WOOO HOOO! Attached are the newborn pictures... they are bigger now.



Jonathon Porzondek, Class of 1999

Thanks again for my wall of fame plaque and thank you for everything you do.

Chris Hoerauf, Class of 1983

We currently live in Manassas, Virginia as I look to close out my Army career (finally) in 2009. However, I want to send a special shout-out to all the boys I used to hang with including Shawn McKee, Jeff Baumann, Tom Nanini, Pat Desmet, Jeff Chinkoski, Dave C. and all the rest of you that go waaaay back to the St. Jude days. I know Notre Dame school is long gone, does St. Jude still exist?

Joe Opolski, Class of 1986

Our wishes for you and your families to have a very SAFE, HEALTHY, AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS season. May God bless you and yours during the celebration of the birth of our Lord. Keep those who are dear to you close and hug them even just a little tighter this Christmas and make it the best one ever.

Diana Hallifield, Mother of Brandon, Class of 2000

My son, Brandon graduated from HWND in 2000. He now lives in Florida and works as a journalist. I have fond memories of his time at Notre Dame and would like to stay connected.



And We Heard From...



Paul Stieber, Class of 1990:

I am still out here in Eugene, Oregon -- this year is my 10 year anniversary in the Northwest -- but after six years of 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.

Dave Coulier, Class of 1977:

Thanks for sending me the article from the Macomb Daily. I really appreciate it.

Joe Spezia, Class of 1991:

Great Newsletter! Keep up the Good Work.

Mark Ealy, Class of 1982:

Jim - not sure why you do this, but it is really cool! Hope you are profiting some way. I know there are many guys out there who appreciate the forum and opportunity to stay connected.

Frank Stancato, Class of 1964:

I am enjoying looking at my yearbook purchased for me as a birthday present. I lost the original one when I moved to New York many years ago.

John Schanta, Class of 1966:

I moved to Redondo Beach, CA in 2007 from Framingham, MA. I have travelled the world since leaving Notre Dame working for great organizations like ITT, Citigroup, Thomson Financial, and Wall Street Systems. God has truly blessed me with three wonderful children and four beautiful grandchildren (so far). The educational and moral training which I was blessed to receive at Notre Dame continues to serve me well. I consider myself "truly privileged" to be part of the Notre Dame High School family. Go Irish!

Dominic LaRocca, Class of 1989

First I would like to commend you on keeping the spirit of HWND alive. It's comforting to know we have a "die hard" alumni in yourself to keep the information updated via the website, newsletter, etc. I am inquiring on where the 1989 Class A State Baseball Championship Trophy resides. Correct me if I am wrong, but this is the only major sport (Football, Basketball, Baseball) state championship that HWND has won in its existence. I hope that one of my fellow teammates has it and would be deeply troubled if our carpet-bagging spin-off school in NDP has it in its showcase. I just had this eerie feeling that NDP was taking credit for our championship. Talk about adding insult to injury if that is the case. Should that trophy not be in its rightful place, I would ask you to act as our "Secretary of State" and negotiate the switch. After all, we did crack USA Today's Top 25 final rankings.



Larry Bogusz, Class of 1966:

You are doing a nice job. You probably don't hear enough thanks for all you do. This is one. Encourage someone today. Thanks again.

Mike Balow, Class of 1990:

Thanks for sending the wall of fame picture.

Terry Durney, Class of 1961:

Thanks for the updates.

Jan Wampuszyc, Class of 1980:

Thomas Sloan '72 - THE state chess champ from back in that era?? The one from East Detroit chess club?? YOU went to ND????? WOW - what a small world . . . I played for a bit at EDCC when my grandfather and father belonged . . . Jim - thanks so much for continuing to do this!!

Jim Primeau, Class of 1962

I know you have heard this before, but I can only repeat myself and say what a fantastic job you have done, in keeping alive, a true spirit of the hearts of all the 8,000 (app) alumni who attended the only Notre Dame HS of Harper Woods, Michigan!

Rick Linden, Class of 1983

Thanks for keeping up the spirit of ND.

Dan Howard, Class of 1990

I'm working, and I'll also be back in school starting January 5th. I'm taking the plunge and getting certified for elementary education. I hope to do my student teaching with a childhood friend who teaches sixth grade at a school at 25 and Schoenherr. My lady friend and I would like to move to New England next year (Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, or Vermont--still weighing out the options on which particular one).

Doug Brown, Class of 1970

I really enjoy receiving the newsletter and appreciate all the time and work you do to help keep us all connected. I ran track and cross country at ND from '66-'70. You must remember my Coach and Mentor, Conrad Vachon, now deceased. I was wondering if there is any memorabilia from either my teams or myself. I did receive my letter sweater that hung in the trophy case for many years and would be very interested in anything else appropriate and available from my time at ND.

Bill LaFranca, Class of 1959

Thanks for the info... I hope you have a Blessed Christmas Season!

Brandon France, Class of 2001

What about a, "What are they doing now" column? I have never been a great writer, but I think it would be fun to contact and interview some of the well established alumni from ND.