



# The Leprechaun



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Keeping the Spirit of the Fightin' Irish Alive Since 2005!  
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## Actor Matt Servitto '83 Honored

The Screen Actors Guild presented its coveted Actor statuette for the outstanding motion picture and primetime television performances of 2007 at the 14th Annual Screen Actors Guild Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Los Angeles Shrine Exposition Center. The awards ceremony was attended by film and television's leading actors. On stage to receive the award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series was



Matt Servitto '83 (seated) on the Sopranos



Matt Servitto '83 as the Campbell's Soup Chef

ND's own, Matt Servitto '83. The award was presented to the cast of the Sopranos as the best drama series in prime time television. Matt played Agent Dwight Harris from 1999-2007, appearing in 26 episodes. He has also appeared in numerous films and commercials, most recently as the Campbell's Soup Chef. Matt is currently starring in the Showtime original series *Brotherhood* as Representative Donatello. *Brotherhood* airs Sunday nights on Showtime. Matt gives great credit to ND's Drama Department for helping to launch his acting career.



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### Thank You!

Thank you to all who have used the new donation button on the web site to make a Donation! The funds will help with start up costs for all of our future endeavors!

- Jim Mandl '90  
President  
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

## 2009 Alumni Directory Update

Work has started on the 2009 alumni directory. The information gathering and research phase will begin shortly. You should be receiving e-mail contact from Harris Connect, Inc. within the next few months. While awaiting responses from those we have e-mail addresses for, 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. If you hear of someone who may not have been contacted by Harris Connect, 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, and 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. It is going to be a great reunion planning resource!

# Reunion News

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](mailto: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](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)

Mike Happy '82 has organized a Holy Name Grade School reunion dinner-dance. The two day event is scheduled for March 28 & 29. If interested in more information, please email Mike Happy at [hnsreunion@wowway.com](mailto:hnsreunion@wowway.com)

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

# In Memoriam

Hacias, Brandon - Class of 1995



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

# Changes Made in Friends of Notre Dame's Executive Board

The Friends of Notre Dame Executive Board was recently overhauled. The new Executive Board members and positions are listed below. If you are interested in becoming more active in the Alumni Association activities, please let us know! We're looking for someone to chair an early June Golf outing. If you have suggestions for other events, please feel free to suggest them, but remember that you should be willing to be involved in the planning if you are suggesting the event.



## Alumni Association

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Alumni Director

Jim Mandl '66  
Assistant Alumni Director



## Friends of Notre Dame

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# Photo Gallery



Irish Week - Photo Recovered From A Dumpster Behind ND - Aug of '07



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



# Upcoming Events

## Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament

March 1, 8 & 9, 2008

Info at right →  
Bracket on Page 4

## Harper Woods Notre Dame Alumni Night @ Robusto's Martini Lounge

Thursday, March 27, 2008  
7:30 - 9:30pm

## Harper Woods Notre Dame Alumni Night @ Comerica Park

Monday, August 25, 2008  
Details on page 5.

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

## 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

Meldrum's Cleaning Service  
Office: 586.218.7440  
Cell: 586.630.1139  
Jeffrey Meldrum '02 - Owner

## Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament - 2008

Double Elimination Tournament  
Spectators are welcome at no charge.

Saturday March 1 @ **Bishop Foley**

First game of the day - 10:00am

Saturday March 8 @ **DLS**

Sunday March 9 @ **DLS**



## Rivalry Renewal

Sunday March 9 @ **DeLaSalle**  
HWND Alumni Runner-up

vs.

**DeLaSalle** Alumni Runner-up  
(Time: 4:30pm)

HWND Alumni Champion

vs.

**DeLaSalle** Alumni Champion  
(Time: 6:00pm)



♣ Adult beverages **not** permitted at **Bishop Foley**.

♣ Spectators welcome at no charge for all games at **Bishop Foley** and **DLS**.

♣ **Adult beverages** available for purchase before and during the games at **DLS**.

♣ Traveling trophy awarded to winning school (Little Brown Jug Style!).

**Come help us take the home court advantage away from DLS!**

## Bands

The Ugliest Band in the Land... *The MUGGS*

- ♣ **MAR 4** - The Emerald Ballroom in Mt. Clemens with Chad Smith of the *Red Hot Chili Peppers* and Glen Hughes of *Deep Purple*.
- ♣ **MAR 6** - Metro Times Blowout at Knight of Columbus, Hamtramck, MI
- ♣ **MAR 21** - Howell Opera House, Howell, MI
  - ♣ All Ages Show
- ♣ **MAR 28** - Small's, Hamtramck, MI
  - ♣ 18+ Welcome
- ♣ **APR 4** - Augie's, Madison Heights, MI
  - ♣ Darren McCarty Cancer Foundation Benefit

Interested in having your band promoted in our newsletter? Just ask!  
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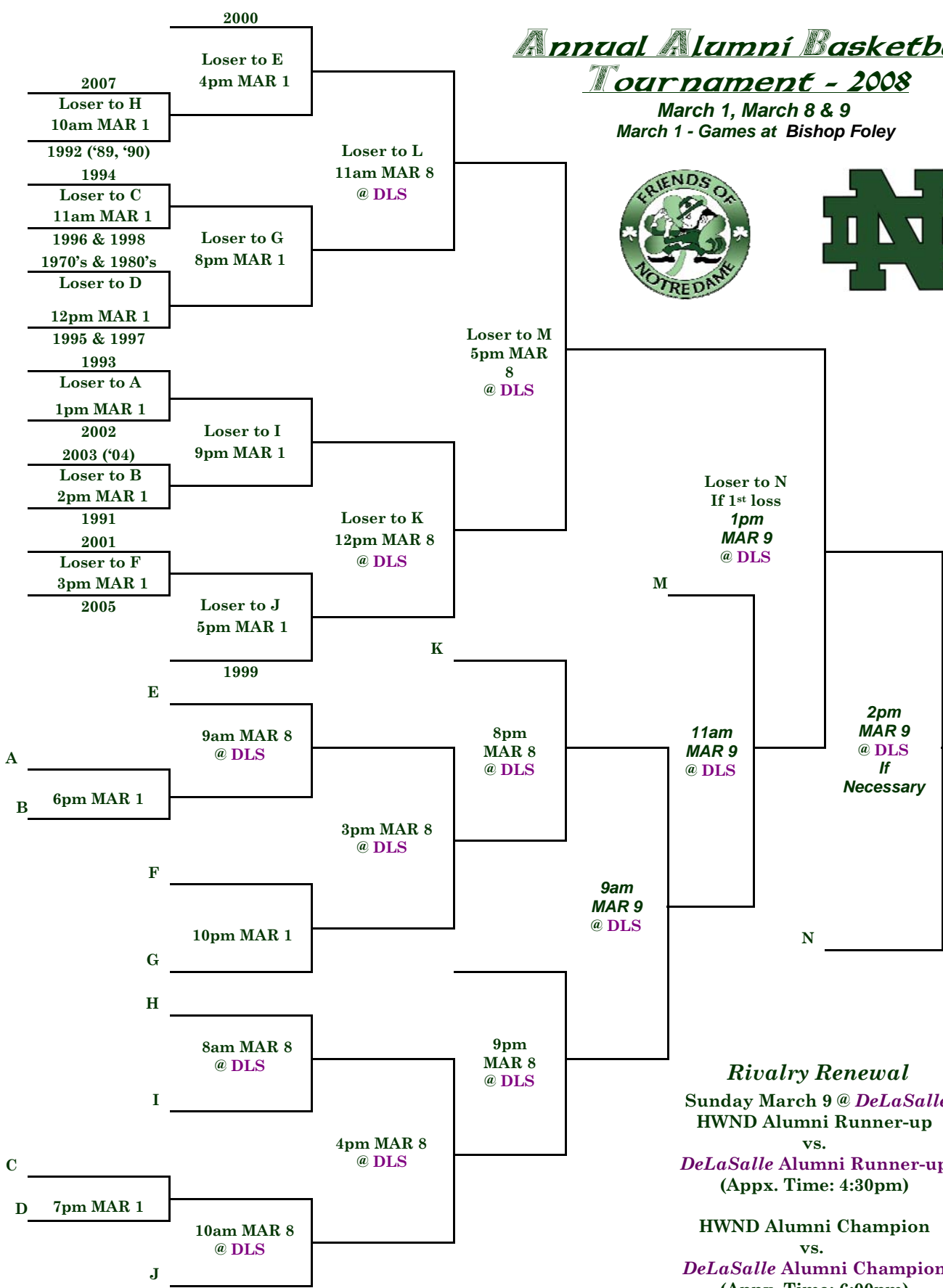


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# Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament - 2008

March 1, March 8 & 9  
March 1 - Games at Bishop Foley



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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.  
Notre Dame High School Alumni Association  
54361 Pine Street \* New Baltimore, MI \* 48047



# Irish Week Memories

## The Irish Games

Irish week began in 1982. It was created as a spirit week for the end of winter / coming of spring. Irish Week was always held the week of St. Patrick's Day.

The competition of the Irish Games pitted class against class. It also served to bring the individual classes closer together through team work and competition. Most classes tasted victory at least once; select few were strong enough to win twice.

In most cases, class unity was achieved!

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>
1982	'82 & '83	1994	'94
1983	'84	1995	'95
1984	'84	1996	'96
1985	'85	1997	'97
1986	'86	1998	'98
1987	'87	1999	'00
1988	'89	2000	'00
1989	'90	2001	'01
1990	'90	2002	'02
1991	'91	2003	'03 & '04
1992	'92	2004	'04
1993	'93	2005	'06

Swim team members were four year champions at the wet t-shirt flipper relay race. I was on the team four years and I think Paul Halajian was too.

Not sure who else. ('86-'89) - **Eric Schmidt '89**

When I was at ND as a teacher in 1987-1989, I remember that someone had the bright idea of adding laser tag as an event. The lights were dimmed, and a bunch of guys ran around shooting each other. No one had any idea of what was going on so it turned out to be completely lame. But a lot of very good jokes were made about it, so for some weird reason, it stands out as the strongest Irish Week memory I have. - **Tom Manney '82**

The class of 2006 was the last class to ever win Irish Week. At the time those in the class of 2006 were still juniors. We defeated the seniors of '05 in overtime shootouts. So even though we didn't get to officially graduate from ND we left our last mark on the school. - **Scott Prusik '06**

I remember the "underdog" class of 1990 beating the class of 1989 in '89 and then repeating as champions as seniors in 1990. - **Mike Balow '90**

I remember the Class of '89 defeating the class of '88 both as Freshman ('86) and again as Juniors ('88) year. - **Ray Lyle '89**

My favorite Irish Week memory, was taking first in the hockey puck shoot in 1992. I took great pleasure putting two rocket slap shots, in two attempts, passed our "fearless leader," Fr. Leon, who was donning full goalie gear!!! - **Bart Kocik '92**

I remember our class winning the tug-of-war as freshman during Irish Week 1995! Upset Special! - **Curtis Rybski '98**

## As You Recalled

The Class of 2000's "runner up" '97 & '98, and "BACK-TO-BACK" Champions of Irish Week '99 & '00.  
How sweet it was!!! - **Greg Fekin '00**

Raffle-tickets sales, meeting our goal, which would determine if we would get a week off from school. During a rally in the school gym, we were told that we had fallen short of our expectations and had until -- I think -- 10 p.m. to get there. It was a Friday during Lent. I had an idea -- Arthur Treacher's Fish and Chips on 8 Mile Road. I sold at least 10 books of tickets there that night. We reached our goal and earned an extra week off school. - **Mike Happy '82**

I remember the crazy Irish Games we played that week and being treated to a concert from our jazz band that week during an assembly in our gym, featuring John Nixon hitting the skins, Tom Hillebrand playing Sax, and Tom Nance crooning like Prince as they belted out "1999", thinking that was an eternity away! Our Jazz Band rocked and I remember one of the TV news crews coming into our gym taking footage of our events and the band, and then seeing it all on the 6:00 news that night! I always looked forward to Irish Week! It was clearly a special school to all of us! - **Rob Zeweke '83**

Cage Ball!!!! Those that lived it know that no words could do the experience justice, but I'll do my best. It was survival of the fittest, seniors vs. freshman was often times the final which showed the moxie of the freshman class against the seasoned veterans. Battle this unmatched hasn't been seen since the closing scenes of *Braveheart!*

Thirty members of each class crab walked around the gym floor kicking and tossing a large ball roughly three feet in diameter. I played cage ball all four years at the Irish Games, and the point of the game always managed to escape me. The prospect of stepping on another player's hand, or avoiding this displeasure in your right became precedent. It was a delicate balance of camaraderie and brutality all rolled into one. Truly one of my fondest memories from Notre Dame High School! - **Nick D'Agostino '97**

## Tradition Born

I'm hoping someone from '83 can fill in the blanks--as my memory is a bit fuzzy of the very first "Irish Games" (1982) connected to Irish Week. I was class president that year (we were Juniors) and the games ended in a tie, (if I recall correctly) between us and the Seniors, but for some reason the faculty awarded the trophy to the Seniors. Well, we were pissed and in protest we marched out of the gym en masse and right onto the football field and eventually into Regina!! There is a great picture in the yearbook of Larry Saad ('82) and I unhappily holding the trophy together. - **Matt Servitto '83**

I remember John Lemanski '81 walking on his hands the full length of the gym floor. I also remember The Class of '83 being upset by the junior class and then in protest running through Regina High School.

- **Paul Gigliotti '83**

## Tradition Continued

After Notre Dame was forced to close, the class of 2006 decided to meet at ND the Friday of what should have been Irish Week. About 20 of us met to carry on at least one of the Irish Week traditions. We ran through the halls of Regina yelling "NOTRE DAME!" You can see the video on youtube. Someone in the video is even heard saying "we miss you guys." We missed out on our chance to be Notre Dame graduates, but we will forever be ND! - **Anonymous '06**



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