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LIGHTS... CAMERA...

WOLVERINES!!! Who didn't leave movie theaters screaming that famous line from John Milius's 1984 movie "Red Dawn"? When the remake of the 1980's cult favorite arrives in theaters next year, alumni and friends of Notre Dame will see some very familiar sights. Film crews set up shop on the football field at Notre Dame High School on September 8th. Wolverine Productions LLC/Contra Films is working on the film which will be distributed by



The original cast from the 1984 Film *Red Dawn*



Evening filming on the Football Field.



Daytime filming on the Football Field.

MGM. The original film, a Cold War-era story of a scrappy group of high school students who work together to defend their town from a surprise invasion by Soviet Union forces, was released in 1984. It starred the late Patrick Swayze, Lea Thompson, C. Thomas Howell, Charlie Sheen, and Jennifer Grey.

Publicist, Peter Silberman, said, "The crews planned to use the Football field for the better part of a week and would be filming at other locations in Michigan through the close of the year." The other locations will include Detroit, Troy, Mt. Clemens, and Pontiac.

"It was a perfect location," Silberman said of the Notre Dame football field. "We needed a football field, and this is a big one. It works perfectly for this production." Regarding the plot of the film, Silberman said, "It's going to be a fabulous action thriller, and we are thrilled to be here in Michigan."

Some of the cast members in this version of the film include Chris Hensworth, Josh Peck, Isabel Lucas, and Connor Cruise -- the adopted son of Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman.

"With the days of the Soviet Union long gone, minor plot changes were made for the remake. Forces from China and Russia will be the invading forces this time," Silberman said.

Harper Woods police were used for security during the filming at Notre Dame. Harper Woods School District is also going to benefit from the filming. Some of the scenes on the Notre Dame football field were shot from the roof of the new Harper Woods High School. "They rented time and space, and of course we have to offset our expenses," said Toss Biederwolf, superintendent of the Harper Woods School District. "But we're expecting about \$10,000 in revenues from the film."

You can expect to see Notre Dame's football field starring in theaters in late September 2010.

Alumni Softball 2009

The annual Friends of Notre Dame alumni softball tournament took place Saturday, September 19, 2009. Approximately 80 guys participated this year. Some exciting softball took place! One highlight included the class of 1989 shutting out the class of 1997 twenty-five to nothing! Please visit our website to see all of the photos from the event.



**2009 Alumni Softball Tournament Champions:
The Class of 1987**



**Frank Heinrich '97 catching.
Scott Kolesky '90 at bat.**



**Alumni Softball Third Place Team:
The Class of 1989**



**2009 Alumni Softball Tournament Runners-up:
The Classes of 2004-2007**

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

The 2010 Friends of Notre Dame Alumni Softball Tournament.

Class of 1959 50 Year Reunion

The class of 1959 celebrated their 50th class reunion on Friday, September 18, 2009. The reunion took place at The Mirage banquet center in Clinton Township. Please visit our website to see all of the photos from the class of 1959 reunion!



Recent Alumni Passings

John Arnoske - Class of 1959

Passed away on August 27, 2009

Martin Beloskur - Class of 1968

Age 58, of Fraser, died Friday, April 24, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Dianne Beloskur. Dear father of Sharon Carrow, Alan Castro, Dawn (Jeff) Reeves, and David (Michelle) Beloskur. Dear grandmother of Amanda, Antoinette, Emily, Sarah, Aaron, and John. Predeceased by a son, John Castro. Burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Roseville. Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association. Light a candle and share a memory at www.verheyden.org.

Richard Higginson - Class of 1963

Passed away June 14, 2009

John W. Carroll Jr. - Class of 1964

Died August 5, 2009. Beloved husband of Nancy Kelley. Dear father of Pamela Lucken (William), Amy Kay (Christopher), and Julie Gibbs (G. Tyler). Grandfather of Emma, Katie, and Nathan Lucken, Matthew Kay, and Natalie and Noah Gibbs. Brother of Robert, James (Perry), Kevin (Donna), and Mark. Predeceased by wife Cathleen and brother Michael. Memorial contributions may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network www.pancan.org or to the Marist Brothers www.maristbr.com.

Michael J. Cesaro - Class of 1973

T. Mario "Angelo" Comito - Class of 1972

Kenny "BIG DADDY" Kalisz - Class of 1974

Of St. Clair Shores died May 21, 2009 at the age of 53. Beloved husband of Laure (Watt-Konal). Dear father of Aimee Anne, Brittney Julia and Michael John. Brother of Roger (Barbara) and the late James. Son of the late Mike and Jennie. Son-in-law of Dorothy Ambrogio, Bruce (Marilyn) Watt and the late Joe Ambrogio. Brother-in-law of Brian (Borjana) Watt, Suzanne (Dave) Watt, Alan (Adrienne) Watt, Teri (Duane) Spytman and Michael (Michele) Ambrogio. Many nieces and nephews also survive. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate contributions for the care of Ken's son, Michael.

Don McCormack - Class of 1966

Lawrence F. Roulo - Class of 1967

Age 61, died suddenly, August 27, 2009. Cherished husband of Phyllis. Beloved father of Ann Marie (Michael) Chupa and Lawrence John (Mary). Loving grandfather of Samantha, Lawrence Timothy, and James Richard. Dear brother of Elizabeth Kornfield, Barbara (Lee) Stevens, Michael (Kim) Roulo, Mary Lynn (Paul) Belden, and Michelle (Doug). Favorite uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Joseph Sengstock - Class of 1995

Age 32, Died April 18, 2009. Beloved son of Linda and Joseph. Loving brother of David, Nicholas, and Christina. Proud grandson of Anthony Bugliesi. Godfather of Janina Velasco and Sophia Evola. Leaving behind his large loving family and loyal friends. Interment private. Memories to be shared at www.bcfh.com.

Joe Marrazza - Class of 1980

Age 47, Died September 14, 2009. Beloved son of Antonio and Ida Marrazza. Loving brother of Louise (Richard) Daniels and Maria (Gaetano) Consiglio. Also survived by three nieces and two nephews. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Daniel J. Tuladzleck - Class of 1980

Age 46, of Warren, died suddenly Sunday, December 7, 2008 at his home. Danny was born October 19, 1962 in Hamtramck the son of the late Edward and the late Angela (nee: Scuticchio) Tuladzleck. He worked as an accountant at Oakland Hills Country Club for 11 years. His hobbies included golf, sports, old movies and old music. Danny's family said he was known as the trivia expert. He was always a very generous person who was willing to give the shirt off his back. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends. Danny is survived by his brothers, Edward and Michael.

May their Souls Rest in Peace.

We do our best to inform you when a graduate of Notre Dame passes away.

If you hear of a classmate who passes, please let us know.

Upcoming Events

Annual Alumni Hockey Games

December 26, 2009 At The Gross Pointe Community Ice Rink
Complete details TBD

Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament

Late March 2010
Complete details TBD

Annual Alumni Softball Tournament

September 18, 2010 At Total Sports
SAVE THE DATE!!!



The Muggs

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(Tony DeNardo '90 and Danny Methric '90)
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♣ Saturday, October 17, 2009 - 9:00pm
At the Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit
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Upcoming Reunions

Reunions in 2010

The following classes are due to celebrate reunion years in 2010:



2005 - 5 Years
 2000 - 10 Years
 1995 - 15 Years
 1990 - 20 Years
 1985 - 25 Years



1980 - 30 Years
 1975 - 35 Years
 1970 - 40 Years
 1965 - 45 Years
 1960 - 50 Years



Interested in forming a reunion committee for your class?

E-mail Jim Mandl '90 at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com.

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Celebrating 20 Years - Class of 1990

Members of the class of 1990 have started organizing a 20th reunion!

When: TBD

Where: TBD

Reunion Committee:

Jim Mandl at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com

Matt Sokol at mattsokol@gmail.com

Mike Balow at MikeBalow@gmail.com

If interested in joining the reunion committee, please email Jim, Matt, or Mike

Celebrating 10 Years - Class of 2000

Members of the class of 2000 have started organizing a 10th reunion!

When: TBD

Where: TBD

Reunion Committee:

William Pokriefka at willbbad69@yahoo.com

If interested in joining the reunion committee, please email William

Trophies

For the past four years, we have been storing over 160 of the school's trophies. We would like to put these trophies in the hands of the guys who earned them for Notre Dame. 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 indefinitely.



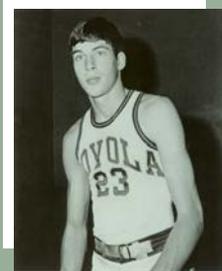
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Wall of Fame

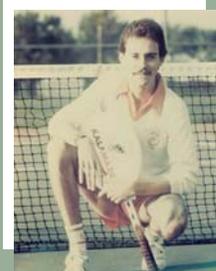
If you see your name listed below, we have your Wall of Fame plaque that hung on the wall behind the gym. We would like for you to have your plaque if you want it. Please email us at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com, and we will make arrangements to get it to you!

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
 Jim Navetta '67
 Rick Wenner '67
 Dan Richards '67
 Glenn Radzik '69
 Gary Radzik '69
 Frank Lutostanski '71
 Jerry Guinane '71
 Al Provenzano '72
 Mike McGreevy '73
 Tim Flannery '73
 Pat Srock '74



Jim Navetta '67
Loyola Basketball

Jim Romeo '75
 Kevin Flannery '75
 Tom Bentley '75
 Brian Monfils '75
 Mark McGreevy '76
 Tom Gadawski '76
 Marco Caporuscio '78
 Dave Wolfbauer '79
 Gary Bass '80
 Kevin Paterson '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
 Ken Zazula '84
 Bruce Smith '85
 Paul Seibert '86



Brian Monfils '75
Kalamazoo Tennis



Jason Selleke '96
Toledo Baseball



Jeff Miller '90
Oakland Baseball

Paul Amodei '86
 Joe Trombley '87
 Andy Booth '87
 Scott Klott '88
 Jim Maher '88
 Eric Taylor '89
 Eric Stanczak '89
 DeJuan Reynolds '90
 Matt Ziolkowski '90
 Mark Staples, Jr. '91
 Steve Jansen '92
 Anthony Vitale '94
 Preston Brandimore '95
 Phil Ruggerio '95
 Dave Biondi '95
 Jason Selleke '96
 Jason Stoicevich '97
 Nick Holliday '97
 James Fields '01
 Adam Fujita '01

* Pictured on the same plaque - University of Michigan Hockey

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Births



Riley James Stroben
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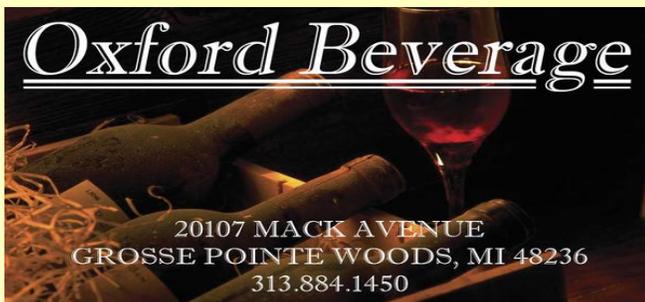
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Ben Holmes '87 - Owner



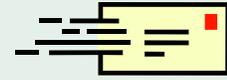
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We Heard From...



Paul Hayes, Class of 1986

Hey was great seeing you at the alumni softball tournament, even with those socks on! LOL! I am glad I played although I couldn't move on Sunday... maybe a little out of shape? Thanks for a great day!

Mike Balow, Class of 1990

Thanks again for organizing the alumni softball tournament. It was a great time! Looking forward to next year!

Dave Pierce, Class of 1961

Things are going as well as can be expected, given the economy and all. Since our class of '61 turns 66 this year, we are eligible social security. 1960 just got finished with their 50th reunion and our class is just a little over a year away. At least my nine kids are mostly thru college. I guess I still hold the record of all the alumni with 9 kids. My youngest is just finishing her 4th year at UCLA and I had two graduate from Loyola Marymount in L. A., one graduated with an engineering degree from UC-Davis; one from USD. My oldest son is a Lt. Cdr. on the USS Abraham Lincoln, and my second is attached to the Navy seals here in San Diego. I also have nine grandkids and one on the way.

Joe Kalamajka, Class of 1959

You provided to Don Pierce the list of the original 1959 N. D. graduates to help us plan our 50th reunion. Without that list we could not have held our reunion. We all thank you!

Sean Moran, Class of 1989

Great job with the alumni softball tournament, Jim. It was fun to see everyone! We got shafted on the double-play bad call, though!

Frank Stancato, Class of 1964

Sorry for the delay in respond but I have been on a special assignment out of state and just recently returned to the Chicago area. I received the trophies and they arrived in A-1 shape. Once again, thank you! They mean a lot to me and will be a constant source of great ND memories.

Tony DeVillano, Class of 1981

Great job with the newsletters. I read all of them.

Brian Derowski, Class of 1971

I appreciate receiving updates from Friends of ND. Keep up the good work.

Mike Hope, Class of 1960

I am a 1960 graduate and have just discovered the website. You are doing a great job.

Ron Mack, Class of 1972

Thanks for your work with the alumni softball tournament. I see sons and grandsons age 18 and over are eligible. Nice idea.

Paul Vago, Class of 1966

I need prayers please. I'm home recovering from a stroke that happened in mid-March. Thank you!

Nick D'Agostino, Class of 1997

I'm not sure if you ever had the privilege to meet Mrs. Kearney, but she was without question one of the best faculty to ever grace the hallowed halls of HWND.

Eric Stanczak, Class of 1989

Thanks for keeping the community together, you're doing a great job. Unfortunately I still live in Europe and will not be able to play in the alumni softball tournament, but wish my former teammates and classmates the best of luck to bring home another trophy.

Tony Mardirosian, Former Head Baseball Coach

Thanks so much for including me when you send out the alumni newsletter. I really appreciate getting to read about the young men I taught and coached at ND, and even the ones I didn't. I was particularly moved by the special edition about the '89 baseball team. What a trip down memory lane it was for me! Thanks, again, and please, keep the newsletters coming.

Kevin Carroll, Class of 2006

Thanks for putting the article about my Uncle John in "The Leprechaun." I will be forwarding it to the rest of the ND and Regina grads in the family.

Rhonda Ramirez, Parent

Just wanted to say thanks for the continuing work. Sorry to hear about Robin Kearney. She was one of our favorites.

Sean Louwers, Class of 1989

Too funny. Watching the tiger game. Homerun hit by Guillen, only to be dropped by my former baseball coach, John McCabe '63. Truly disappointed. Barehanded I would understand.....he had his glove! Please pass on that I witnessed that poor effort live.

Patricia Valenti, Wife of Frank '80

Thanks for keeping everyone updated and for the monthly newsletters.

Bob Bendzinski, Class of 1958

Fr. Champagne called me on Tuesday September 1st to inform me that Fr Ray Arsenualt (spelling?) had passed away that morning. He will be buried in Framingham.

Dave Knoll, Class of 1980

I would like to ask all the alumni if anyone was watching the tiger game last week and saw my old baseball coach John McCabe '63 drop a home run ball off the bat of Ozzie Guillen?

Mary Ellen Servitto, Mother of Matt '83

Just a bit of alumni update.....Matt Servitto '83 has a good part in a movie ("Big Fan") opening at The Detroit Film Theatre (in Detroit Institute of Arts). Movie is on for two weekends.....Sept 25-26 @ 7:00 p.m., Sept. 27 @ 2:00 p.m. - Oct. 2-3 @ 9:30 p.m., Oct. 4 @ 4:00 p.m. Nice article in today's USA Today newspaper....Sports section....about the movie.