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Kelly '77 Named Coach of the Year

Four words summarize the man who led Warren De La Salle to one of the most successful baseball seasons they have ever had — Coach of the year. That honor was bestowed upon *Brian Kelly '77*. At the end of his 25th season as head baseball coach at De La Salle, Brian was named Michigan Baseball Coach of the Year by the Detroit News. Kelly led the Pilots to the Catholic League championship and the State Championship. For Brian "Red" Kelly, it is his third state title at DLS (1993, 2000). His wife, Donna, commented he will now have three rings — one for each of his sons.

The Pilots finish with a 36 - 5 record. Their only losses came in the Catholic High School League to last year's Division 1 champions - Brother Rice, last year's Division 2 champions - Divine Child, and a meaningless loss to U. of D. on the last day of the league season. The Pilots had already clinched the central division and first seed in the CHSL tournament.

Over the course of 2 weeks, the Kelly led Pilots brought home four trophies - District Championship on May 30, CHSL Championship on June 2, Regional Championship on June 7, and The State Championship on June 13.

Congratulations, Brian "Red" "Coach of the Year" Kelly!
You're a good mug!



*Brian "Red" Kelly '77
Leading His Pilots in
Regional Action at Anchor
Bay High School, June 7.*

Source: www.delasallehs.com

ND's Founding Plaque Returned to Massachusetts

This summer, the Friends of Notre Dame returned the large brass plaque that hung at the front of the school to the Marists. It was taken back to Massachusetts by one of our founding fathers - Fr. Champagne. He requested that it be returned to be placed in the Marist archive in Massachusetts. In the photo are: (from left) Fr. Champagne, Bob Bendzinski '58, Fr. Joe Hindelang '68, Jim Mandl '66, and Fr. Raymond Arsenault. Please pray for Fr. Arsenault. Shortly after returning to Massachusetts, he suffered a stroke. He is now paralyzed on his right side. Fr. Arsenault was never assigned to ND. He worked as a parish priest his entire career.



New Charges in Death of Sengstock '95

Linda Sengstock was appalled when the man who injured her son in a 2007 drunken driving crash walked away with a short jail term and probation. According to Linda, her son, **Joe Sengstock '95**, endured more than two years of intensive rehabilitation before passing away this spring as a result of his injuries. But now, Sengstock's family may get a second chance at justice.

In what prosecutors say is a unique case for Macomb County, the man convicted in the crash has been charged again in connection with the same crime. Joseph Wojtas, a retired Detroit cop and Warren court officer, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and five years probation in July 2007 after being convicted in the drunken-driving crash that left Joe's brain-injured.

But after 32-year-old Sengstock died of complications from his injuries in April, prosecutors decided to levy new charges against Wojtas, claiming medical examiners ruled Sengstock's death was clearly the result of the crash.

At a hearing in 37th District Court of Center Line, the 74-year-old Warren man learned he will stand trial on felony charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, causing death and manslaughter with a motor vehicle. He faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.



Joe Sengstock's 1976 Chrysler Cordoba

"It's a different crime and contains an element – mainly death – that did not exist in the original case," said Assistant Macomb County Prosecutor Steven Kaplan. "He never recovered from his injuries and ultimately died from them. If Wojtas is found guilty, his original conviction will be set aside," Kaplan said.

Though Kaplan said the case is a rarity for Macomb, the circumstances aren't unprecedented. In Oakland County in 1994, a former West Bloomfield High student was left in a coma after he was punched in a schoolyard brawl. He died nine years later, clearing the way for prosecutors to charge the classmate who slugged him with murder. In 2004, the classmate pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter. Former Macomb County Prosecutor **Carl**

Marlinga '64, who is not involved in the Sengstock case, said the issue of double jeopardy – the legal defense that prevents people from being tried twice for the same crime – wouldn't likely apply. "The law is quite clear, if there is an additional element that develops after the first conviction, it can be prosecuted," Marlinga said. "The death of the alleged victim is a different element than was litigated before. The rules on double jeopardy only apply when you are being charged for the same crime."

Linda Sengstock was surprised but glad when the new charges were authorized. "This man needs to understand that he did something horrible. He needs to sit in prison and think about what he did to our family and to society," said Sengstock, 58. "It's not fair. Our family will never be the same – ever."

On Jan. 11, 2007, Joe Sengstock, then 30, was broadsided by Wojtas's Mercury Marquis at 10 Mile and Sherwood in Center Line. Wojtas's vehicle landed on top of Sengstock's 1976 Chrysler Cordoba, driving it into a truck. Police determined Wojtas's blood-alcohol level was .19.

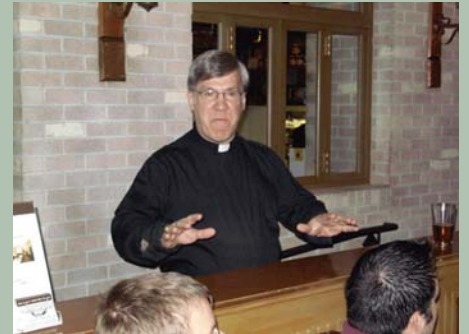
Sengstock suffered a stroke upon impact in the crash. Along with massive internal bleeding, he suffered two torn arteries in his head, a fractured collarbone, broken ribs, head fractures and lost most of his vision. Sengstock spent about seven months in the hospital and at a spinal cord and neurological center before his parents brought him home. He passed away 19 months later on April 18, 2009.

Cheryl L. Loewe, a forensic pathologist who conducted Sengstock's autopsy, concluded he died of a head injury complicated by post-traumatic seizure disorder as a result of the accident. "He never got up and led a normal life again," Loewe said.

Source: Detroit News

Celebrating 25 Years of Priesthood

In June, Father John Kiselica celebrated 25 years of priesthood. Approximately 100 alumni and former staff of Notre Dame High School celebrated this milestone with him at Fishbone's in St. Clair Shores. Special thanks to Paul Narha '93 for organizing this special event.



'64 Grad Promoted Region Around the World

Detroit and southeast Michigan had a loyal friend and personal ambassador in the likes of **John Carroll Jr. '64**, a steadfast promoter of the area's image.

As executive director of the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership – an arm of the Detroit Regional Chamber – for the past 13 years, he directed efforts to globally market the 10-county metro area as an opportunistic business location. He was instrumental in pumping hundreds of millions of dollars in investments into the region.

"In many respects, he was the face of Detroit and southeast Michigan around the world, and he was uniquely skilled in his profession," said Dick Blouse, president and chief executive officer of the Detroit Regional Chamber. "During his tenure, he and his team were responsible for bringing nearly \$3.8 billion of investment into Michigan. He was one of the hardest working people you'll ever meet, and if you traveled with him, he would run you into the ground."

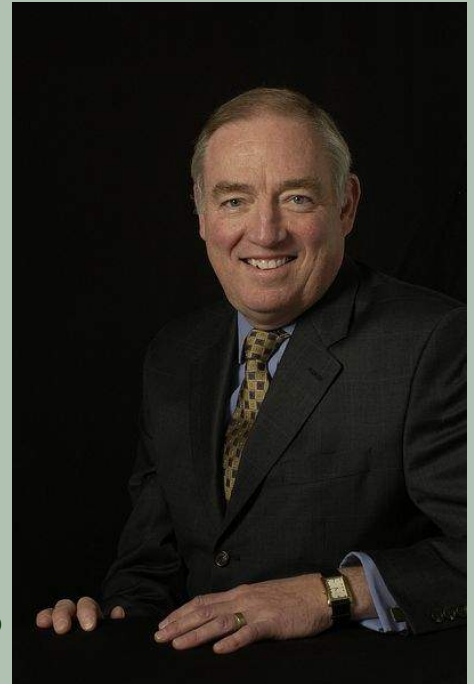
"Delegations from countries throughout the world visited the area each year as a result of his perseverance and commitment to trumpeting the region's strengths," Blouse said.

Mr. Carroll was the recipient of the Chevalier of the French National Order of Merit in recognition of his efforts to promote ties between the United States and France and proudly wore the blue pin on his lapel. Prior to joining the Detroit Regional Chamber, Mr. Carroll was the director of marketing for the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, a private, non-profit corporation assisting business development in Detroit. He previously worked for the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development and was a part-time economics instructor at Macomb Community College.

A native Detroiter, Mr. Carroll graduated in 1964 from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods and held a bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from Wayne State University.

Mr. Carroll died Wednesday, August 5th at his home in Grosse Pointe Farms after battling pancreatic cancer. He was 63. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Kelley; daughters Pamela Lucken (Regina '91), Amy Kay and Julie Gibbs; six grandchildren, and four brothers.

Source: Detroit Free Press



John Carroll Jr. '64

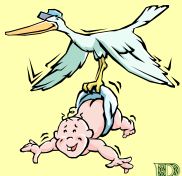
Verska '63 Inducted Into Hall

Warren De La Salle Head Football Coach, **Paul Verska '63**, was inducted into the Catholic High School Coaches' Hall of Fame in ceremonies held on Monday, June 8, 2009. Verska, who took over coaching duties at DLS in 2002, has compiled a 53-20 record, including team appearances in the MHSAA Division 2 finals two of the last three years. Under Verska's leadership, the DLS football team has qualified for the state playoffs five of the last seven years, earned three district titles, and two regional titles. Verska has been named CHSL Coach of the Year three times (2002, 2006, and 2008).

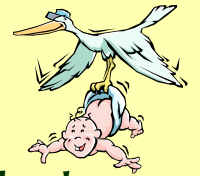


In the fall of 2008, the DLS football team won the CHSL title, for the first time since 1955, and the team was also named Macomb County Team of the Year. A graduate of Harper Woods Notre Dame High School, Verska joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving two years in Vietnam. He later earned his teaching credentials at Central Michigan University. Prior to taking over the DLS program Verska, coached at Ann Arbor Huron, Servite, and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard High Schools.

Source: www.delasallehs.com



Births



Brett James Karas
Born June 18, 2009 To
Jessica and Brett Karas '95



Madelyn Paige Yezbeck
Born May 24, 2009 To
Alecia and John Yezbeck '98



'93 Grad Earns V.P. Position

Hilton Hotels Corporation has announced that **Aaron C. Radelet '93** has joined the company as Vice President, Global Communications and Public Relations. Radelet reports to Ellen Gonda, Senior Vice President, Global Communications and Public Relations. "I am delighted to welcome Aaron to the team as we settle into our new world headquarters in McLean, Virginia," said Gonda. "We look forward to tapping Aaron's expertise to ensure our guests and other key audiences are aware in every way possible of Hilton's leadership in the hospitality industry."

Radelet has extensive experience managing strategic communications initiatives at Fortune 100 companies. At Sprint Nextel, he managed public relations for mobile entertainment applications, including successful announcements with major movie studios, TV networks and music labels. Additionally, Radelet supported communications for the NASCAR Nextel Cup sponsorship and product launches including International Direct Connect in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and Peru. At AOL Time Warner, he led initiatives for AOL 8.0, AOL for Mac OS X, and other services.

Radelet began his career at Shandwick International with clients that included The White House, GM, Ford, and Northwest Airlines. He was also the principal spokesperson for MicroStrategy, a high-profile software developer in the Washington, D.C. region with several international offices.

After graduating from Notre Dame High School, Radelet earned his Bachelor of Arts in Advertising/Public Relations from Grand Valley State University.

Source: www.businesswire.com

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.



Upcoming Events

Annual Alumni Softball Tournament

September 19, 2009 At Total Sports
\$30 Per Player Includes:
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See Website for Complete Details.

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

The Muggs

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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 50 Years - Class of 1959

Members of the class of 1959 have organizing a 50th reunion!
September 18, 2009

Mirage Banquet Center - Clinton Twp, MI

Rudy Munoz at ramdam@charter.net or 989-821-5555

Don Pierce at dpierce@pierce-company.com or 313-343-0000

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 matthewsokol@sbcglobal.net

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

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

Celebrating 50 Years - Class of 1960

Members of the class of 1960 have started organizing a 50th reunion!

When: TBD

Where: TBD

Reunion Committee:

Eddie Kay at ewk3058@comcast.net

If interested in joining the reunion committee, please email Eddie

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
 Tom Van Doorne '66
 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



Brian Monfils '75
Kalamazoo Tennis

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



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

We will gladly ship your plaque if you can cover the cost of shipping.
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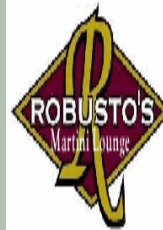
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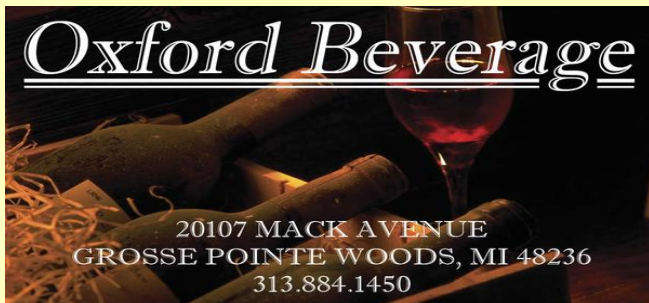
Samir Thomas '89 Owner



Jeff Meldrum '02 - Owner



Michael Coley '86 - Owner



Dave Bourgeois '89 - Owner



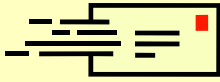
Ben Holmes '87 - Owner



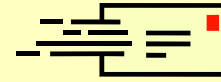
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We Heard From...



Scott Klott, Class of 1988

Thanks for sending the update on the '89 baseball team. I played with many of the guys when I was a senior, so it was great to hear what they're doing now. Thanks for the hard work you put in to keeping us all connected.

Mike Petroski, Class of 1965

Thanks for the update. I had a blast viewing some of the athletic and other photos in the gallery, of days gone by. Take care!

Joe Glinski, Class of 1991

Fantastic job on the summer addition of the news letter! The update from the 1989 Baseball team was great! That was an excellent read, nice job. You do a tremendous amount of work for us and I thank you.

Chris Gajewski, Class of 1990

Thanks for putting all of that baseball stuff together. That was great!

Mike Balow, Class of 1990

Super job on that 20-year state baseball champ look back you did! What a point of pride for our school. I wasn't even directly involved, but it gave me chills just remembering what it felt like to have a state championship team. Take that, CC, Rice and LaSalle!!!

Larry Bogusz, Class of 1964

Thank you for the notice of the passing of John Carroll '64. It is a sad process of time. John and I ran cross-country and track together at ND. John was much better than I in cross-country. But I had the edge on him in track (half-mile, quarter-mile, mile relay). We also took advanced college prep classes in the same group. Good guy and I'm sure a good man. Since we both had brothers that went to ND, I will forward to them. We lost our father (Arthur) in April of this year. Thanks for all you do.

Carol Ivkov, Wife of George, Class of 1959

When I read this email I thought I would let you know my husband George Ivkov died June 19, 2009. He was in second graduating class of Notre Dame. We were married 49 years last March 17th. He had bladder cancer and was fighting this for two and a half years. My only consolation is he is in no more pain and with Our Lord and Savior.

Bill Cosgrove, Class of 1983

Thanks a great deal for you and your dad's efforts. I totally appreciate the "fast-track" turnaround on the items I requested!

Jeff Pageau, Class of 1992

Where does one even begin when speaking of Fr. Kiselica? He is the very reason I chose to become a high school teacher and considered briefly of joining the Marists. He was the only teacher I encountered who made learning history exciting. Perhaps it was his story-telling approach to teaching that made history so fascinating, but all I can say is that his class was the highlight to my day. I continue to model myself as a teacher after him. After graduation, I was appreciative to have remained in contact with him. He performed our marriage ceremony and the baptism of our first child. He remains the most generous, sincere person I have ever known. Those who have had the pleasure to know him are truly blessed. I am extremely regretful that I will be out of the country during his celebration. I had every intention of returning to Detroit for this event. Congratulations, Fr. Kiselica!

Joe, Linda, David, Nicholas, and Christina Sengstock Family of Joe Sengstock, Class of 1995

Thank you for remembering and sharing our sorrow at the passing of our beloved son, Joe. Your thoughtfulness at this time meant a lot to our family. Joe is now with the Lord in Heaven.

Dominic LaRocca, Class of 1989

Good job on the Summer newsletter!

Alan Berezik, Class of 1980

Thanks for keeping the "Fightin' Irish Spirit" alive ... great job!

Mark Curtis, Class of 1986

Great job keeping us together and up-to-date!

Derek Gianino, Class of 2005

Thanks for all you're doing with the newsletter and the alumni association. It is a great service to keep kindling the spirit and brotherhood of Notre Dame. I wanted to pass along a quick note for the September newsletter that I just relocated from Michigan to Washington, DC. I graduated from Kalamazoo College in June and will be attending American University in Washington for graduate school. I am in a two year master's program in public policy.

Bill Ondrus, Class of 1960

After retiring from General Dynamics in September 2001, (Human Resources Manager, Land Systems, Washington DC office), 35 years service, I joined the US Government as a Special Investigator (US Investigation Service DOD). Following the 9-11 terror attack on the Pentagon, I was called to the Pentagon to assist with the security investigations and rebuilding efforts Phoenix Operation "Let's Roll"...after finishing this assignment, in 2008 General Dynamics asked me to return to work and assist with the military surge in Iraq. I was assigned to Ft. Lewis in Washington state and Ft. Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska with the Stryker brigades. After completing these assignments, I returned to Orlando, Florida in 2009 and became a full time (24-7) grandfather for 2 of my baby grandchildren, ages 3 and 4. I am happy, healthy and still having great adventures. Will be making my second trip to Anchorage, Alaska to attend the Iditarod sled dog race in march, 2010. Hope some of my ND Alumni contact me. ondruswt@hotmail.com

Dennis Ertzbischoff, Class of 1964

JOHANNES FLOCH, from Austria, an exchange student CLASS OF 1964, was in Tampa Sunday, Aug 2, and we met for a very fun dinner at Fleming's Steakhouse. He's visiting in Florida until the end of the week and then returns to Austria. His most notable comment during dinner was, "ATTENDING NOTRE DAME CHANGED MY LIFE." BTW...he's trying to locate Mike Balganorth (sp?).....if anyone has and can provide Mike's info, please advise. Johannes is supposed to get me an email address for correspondence

Rick Sikorski, Class of 1967

I'm from the Rancourt, Bryson, Oulette, Rice, Deroissers(sp?) era. Never missed a home football or basketball game and made all of the away games as soon as I could drive. We went to two city football championships when I was there. I covered them as a yearbook reporter. Almost went to South Bend but I was sick of all boys. Was crushed when I heard NDHS closed. Please visit my column:

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