

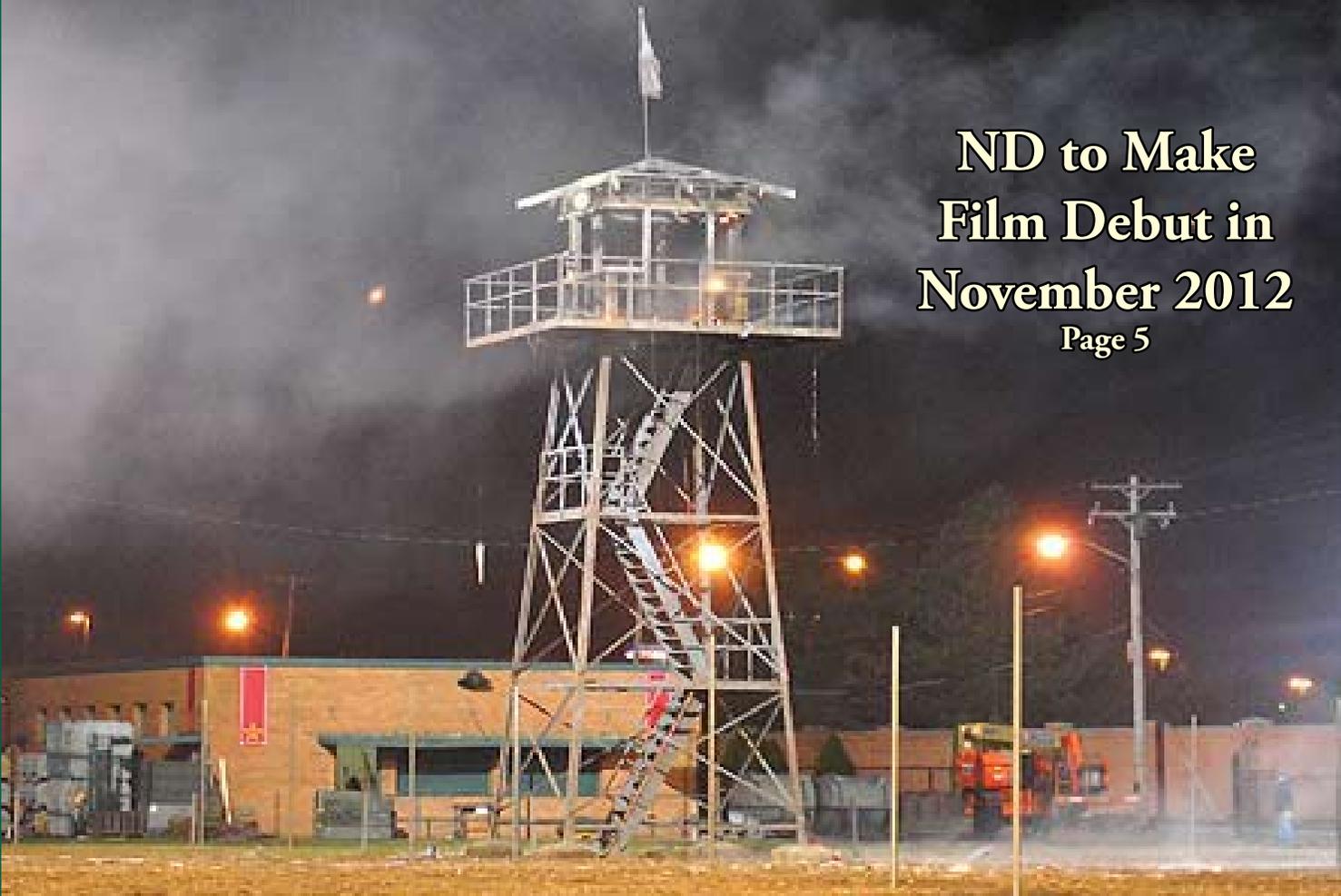
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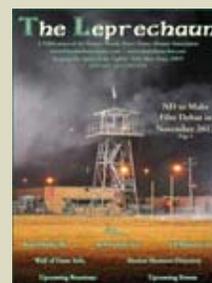
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After 41 Years of Coaching at Eisenhower, Lantzy '64 Decides to Call it a Career

Bob Lantzy '64 announced at the Eagles' end-of-the-year football banquet that he wasn't coming back to coach a 42nd season. "I'm done coaching at Eisenhower," Lantzy told *The Macomb Daily*. "I said last year I had one more year left in me and this is as good as it can get."

Lantzy was the only head football coach the school has ever had. His teams won 13 league championships, the first coming in 1982.

"I'm proud of what we accomplished," Lantzy said. "And we did it against great competition. I've had a great career. I'm leaving a great team that has high expectations next season."

Lantzy was named Monday the Macomb County Coach of the Year for a fifth time and this year's Eagles squad shared Team of the Year honors with Michigan Collegiate. It was the seventh time Eisenhower was named Team of the Year, all since 1988.

"It wasn't a tough decision," Lantzy said. "I enjoy coaching just as much as I ever have. I feel like I've discussed it with a lot of people over time. We can't get it better as we had it any time," Lantzy added. "I'm leaving a great program and leaving on top. They'll be contending again next year," Lantzy concluded.

In 2011, Eisenhower had an 11-2 record. The Eagles won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship and added Division 1 district and regional crowns.

Lantzy retired from teaching two years ago and spends much of the winter in Arizona. In his first year of retirement he and his wife spent two months out west, and four months last year. This year he's planning on staying for five months. "That's a long time to be gone from a program with high expectations," Lantzy said.

In his 41 years at Eisenhower, Lantzy compiled a record of 304-115-1. His win total ranks seventh all-time according to the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The Eagles had just four losing seasons under Lantzy's watch, the last coming in 1984. He reached state championship games four times - 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2003.

Eisenhower lost to Detroit Catholic Central in 2003 (24-16) and 2001 (24-21), Grand Ledge in 2000 (19-14) and Walled Lake Western in 1999 (19-7).

This season Eisenhower fell a game shy of reaching the Division 1 state title game at Ford Field, falling to eventual champ Detroit Cass Tech, 6-3, in a state semifinal. Lantzy added that his last three years at Eisenhower have been some of his most enjoyable years of coaching.

"I think I've thought about it enough that it's the right thing to do," Lantzy said. "I'm very confident in that decision. I dwelled on it a long time," he said.

Longtime friend and coaching rival Rick Bye, who retired from Stevenson two years ago, enjoyed coaching against Lantzy. "It went so far back," Bye said. "We loved it when we played the eighth game of the season against each other. We would talk and hoped we were both undefeated when we played each other. Then, we would always wish each other to be 8-1," Bye added. Lantzy, who is two years older than Bye, was 20-20 all-time against Stevenson in his career.

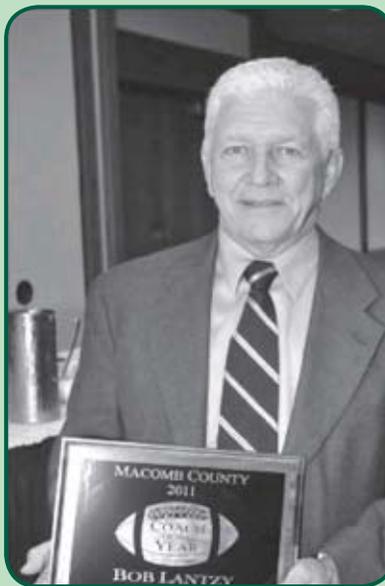
"We were real open with each other," Bye said. "We'd talk about anything that came up. We were trying to build programs. We didn't talk Xs and Os. We loved to compete against each other but at the same time tried to make each other better," Bye said.

Once Stevenson and Eisenhower joined the Macomb Athletic Conference in 1980 and were in the same division, the everyday talking ended. "They wanted to beat us and we wanted to beat them," Bye said. "I was ticked if we lost to them and I'm sure he was ticked if he lost to us. I've always had admiration and respect for Bob. For anyone to do this for 40 years is doing it for the kids," Bye added. "I've got so much respect for him as coach. He had a program every year," Bye concluded. "I was at peace when I retired like I know he is," Bye said. "I was ready to get out. It was wearing on me, all those details and time spent. I knew that year going in (2009) I was done after the season. I'm sure like him I kept everyone guessing. That made it easier to get everyone through the year," Bye said.

Lantzy did not close the book on his coaching career. "I'm totally open minded to getting back into it," Lantzy said. "I love playing football and I love coaching it. I have no idea right now. It has to be under how I can work it in. Some people say 'I'm never' and I'm not one of them. "I want to do whatever comes natural," Lantzy added. "I'm just going to get away, relax and come back and see what's happening. I'm not making any plans. I'm going to let it happen natural," Lantzy concluded.

Lantzy also honored former players that night. He retired the jerseys of Joe Youngblood (No. 17) as well as John (No. 47) and Joe (No. 13) DiGiorgio.

Youngblood played quarterback at CMU and John DiGiorgio played for the Buffalo Bills. DiGiorgio now teaches and coaches at Chippewa Valley. Both attended the banquet. Joe DiGiorgio lives in Texas and could not attend. ■



Bob Lantzy '64
Macomb County Coach of the Year



Bob Lantzy '64 with QB Joey Zeraffa,
son of Don Zeraffa '81

Flosky '86 Lands Contract for FAAC, Inc.

Kurt Flosky '86 is leading Simulations technology company FAAC Inc. in expanding its footprint and workforce in Pittsfield Township and after winning a \$63.4 million contract from the U.S. Army and a local tax abatement.

The contract is the largest ever for FAAC and is expected to add 10 jobs. The company, a division of Pittsfield-based Arotech Corp., acquired a 40,000-square-foot facility at 71 Avis Drive, near the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport and the company's existing headquarters on Oak Valley Drive.

"It's a combination of office space and high-bay space. And the high-bay space allows us to consolidate

some of our storage and certainly do some of the production of the VCTS program that we announced earlier in the spring," said Kurt Flosky, FAAC's executive vice president.

The Army contract calls for FAAC to design and develop 28 "Virtual Clearance Training Suites" over 36 months.

The suites are for clearing improvised explosive devices. The suites simulate a variety of devices, technology and vehicles used to remove IEDs, a field that has grown into a major source of military contracts.

The VCTS program represents new territory for a company that has designed driving simulators for the military, public safety and municipal transit sectors since the early 1990s.

"What the VCTS program represents is kind of an expansion of our role from being very driver-and operator-centric — how do you operate this particular vehicle as a driver to how does an entire crew operate it? It deals more with crew coordination tasks more so than operating

a vehicle from Point A to Point B," Flosky said.

The company has already completed its renovation of the building and moved in office furniture, and it plans to begin integration work later this month. The work will involve bringing in the simulators on 53-foot trailers, integrating the systems,

performing testing and delivering to Army bases around the world.

"In the beginning it's going to be integration and delivery space for our VCTS program," Flosky said. "We will relocate some of our software programming staff and some of our hardware development team to perform those roles on that program."

Flosky also helped FAAC secure a 12-year, 50 percent industrial tax abatement from Pittsfield Township on a total new investment of \$567,259. FAAC, which coordinated its application with economic development group Ann Arbor SPARK, said in its application that it would add 10 jobs within the next two years.

The new building is the FAAC's third. It was most recently registered to Twentieth Ann Arbor LLC but was foreclosed by Wells Fargo & Co., according to township records.

The military contract could be worth as much as \$94 million with all priced options. "VCTS is certainly the program that enabled us to make this acquisition, but we certainly have hopes that having this additional capacity will allow us growth in our other areas as well, as well as the opportunities to look at some consolidation, though that's not the main focus initially," Flosky said. "We'd like nothing better than to continue to grow and expand in the Ann Arbor area." ■



Kurt Flosky '86
FAAC's Executive Vice President

Source: The Ann Arbor News

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ND Varsity Letters are now available in the NDAA store!

Coming Soon: NDHS Bricks!

Maloney '64 Named Coach of the Year

Retirement? What's that?

Ed Maloney '64 is 65 years old, but he has more irons in the fire than a cattle rustler trying to change brands.

Maloney is the football coach at Dundee. He is the lacrosse coach at Siena Heights University. He is the national chairman for the high school committee that works with the American Football Coaches Association. He is a husband, a father of four and a grandfather of four.

During a typical day in October, he will drive to Adrian in the morning for lacrosse practice, head back to Dundee in the afternoon for football practice, then return to Adrian for another lacrosse workout under the lights.

The long hours haven't affected his coaching. After going 8-3 and posting the best record at Dundee in 19 years, Maloney has been named Region Coach of the Year by The Evening News sports staff.

Lacrosse is a spring sport, but Siena Heights still practices in the fall. Maloney, who launched the program three years ago, spends time on the recruiting trail and also has off-season duties in football. Thank goodness he has learned to delegate.

"It's a hectic schedule, but I've learned to divide my time. My assistants (Jeff Clark, Mike Miller, Al Bole, Devon Roe and Jim Keffer) do a great job of handling a lot of the off-season football stuff," said Maloney, who is a member of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Hall of Fame and the Detroit Catholic League Hall of Fame.

This might be Maloney's last football coaching job, but don't be surprised if he gets the itch to resurrect another program.

His specialty is starting a lacrosse team or elevating a football program.

Maloney has been the head football coach at Riverview Gabriel Richard, Croswell-Lexington, Pon-

tiac Catholic, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, **Harper Woods Notre Dame**, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and Dundee.

He has been an assistant at Monroe Catholic Central, Dundee and Harper Woods Notre Dame. He has coached high school lacrosse at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Bishop Foley, Notre Dame Prep and **Harper Woods Notre Dame**. He has coached college lacrosse at Eastern Michigan (a club team) and Siena Heights.

"I enjoy the challenge of taking over a program that's on the downside and rebuilding it," he said.

Suitcase Maloney is well traveled, but he isn't planning on moving to a different house. He and his wife, Joan, built a home in Dundee in 2006. He retired from teaching 3 years ago.

Maloney is considered a guru for quarterbacks and Ryan Irwin, who was Dundee's coach at the time, asked him to be an assistant and work with the QBs.

Maloney agreed. He groomed the quarterbacks for a year, then took over as the offensive coordinator. When Irwin became an administrator, Maloney applied for his eighth head football job.

This is his sixth football job after he coached at Croswell-Lexington, where one of his players was Mark Hollis, now the athletic director at Michigan State.

It is his third football coaching job after being hired at **Harper Woods Notre Dame**, his alma mater. He expected to stay at **HWND** until riding off into the sunset of retirement.

"My intension was that it would be my last football job," he said.

But **Harper Woods Notre Dame** closed its doors in 2005 and Maloney wanted to coach. So he moved on – again.

He went 5-5 in his first year at Dundee and made the playoffs. He won eight games this fall and took Dundee to its best record since Gasper Giarmo was 8-1 in 1992.

This is the first time in school history that Dundee has made

the playoffs two years in a row.

"Our main goals were to win the league and become the first team to make the playoffs two years in a row," Maloney said.

The Vikings won the first playoff game in school history before losing in overtime in the second round to Jackson Lumen Christi.

If Dundee and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard

had won in the second round, they would have played each other in the Regional and Maloney's wife would have driven the Richard players to the game. She works as a bus driver for Richard's athletic teams.

They have been married 32 years and have four daughters, including Sandra, Melissa and twins Krystin and Jessica. Krystin runs the golf pro shop at Forest Acres in East Lansing.

Dundee made the playoffs and won a game but missed its other main goal of winning the Lenawee County Athletic Association title. The Vikings finished second behind Hudson, which is 12-0 and in the Division 7 state semifinals.

"We believed we would be successful and thought we could make the playoffs," Maloney said even though Dundee started six juniors on offense and six on defense.

Obviously, Maloney will be back to coach them as seniors.

"I want to coach as long as I feel good," he said. "My health is excellent. I take no daily medication, he concluded. ■



Ed Maloney '64
Coach of the Year

ND Set to Make Movie Debut Nov. 2, 2012

As FilmDistrict continues to establish its identity as a distributor of titles that need careful handling like “Drive” and Angelina Jolie’s “In the Land of Blood and Honey,” the company is taking on its biggest marketing challenge yet, as it negotiates to acquire the remake of “Red Dawn” from MGM.

Shot on location in the metro Detroit area, Red Dawn is a political hot potato. The mid-budget pic made headlines earlier this year when its producers decided to digitally change the nationality of the film’s villains from Chinese to North Korean, for fear of offending the Chinese government.

A source close to the production confirmed the negotiations and said that “Red Dawn” will hit U.S. theaters November 2, 2012.

The original “Red Dawn” was released in 1984 before the Soviet Union collapsed, revolving around a group of teens who fight off Soviet and Cuban invaders.

Dan Bradley directed the “Red Dawn” remake, which was produced by Beau Flynn, Tripp Vinson and Vincent Newman. Chris Hemsworth (“Thor”) stars alongside Adrienne Palicki, Josh Hutcherson, Josh Peck, Isabel Lucas and Connor Cruise, the son of Tom Cruise.

Also starring in the film is *Notre Dame High School*. The parking lot and football field at

ND served the setting for a high school football game and for a battle.

The movie began production two years ago and has been in limbo since MGM emerged from bankruptcy in late 2009. Opting against releasing the film, MGM wasn’t able to interest any majors in distribution.

FilmDistrict also released the Guillermo del Toro-produced “Don’t Be Afraid of the Dark,” a Miramax title that Disney decided against releasing following the former company’s sale to a consortium of investors led by Ron Tutor.

These photos were taken during the filming of the movie. ■



Photos courtesy of *DETROIT JUNK*

Source: *Variety*

Marrocco '66 Opposes Ethics Ordinance

Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith and Public Works Commissioner **Anthony Marrocco '66** have both taken issue with the county's new Ethics Ordinance. It has already ignited a veto by the county executive and a possible veto override by the county board.

Marrocco declared that he is exempt from the ordinance's conflict of interest provisions, asserting that he already adheres to rules in state law prohibiting conflicts by drain commissioners.

Smith said his concern is that the ordinance does not recognize that the Prosecutor's Office will be in charge of ordinance violations, not the five-member Ethics Board, which will oversee the process. State law requires that charges of an ordinance violation go to district court where they are handled by the county prosecutor.

Beyond those two issues, both officials say they will follow the overall provisions in the ordinance, which establishes strict rules to prevent corruption, nepotism and graft.

Marrocco is not shy about expressing his irritation with two sections: one that requires officials to disclose any financial ties to companies holding or seeking county contracts; and another that establishes unusually broad nepotism rules.

"Someone pointed out to me that, if this Ethics Ordinance was in place 20 or 30 years ago, Mark Hackel would not have been able to work at the Sheriff's Department, and probably would have never become county executive. He would have had to leave the Sheriff's Department and go someplace else," Marrocco said following County Executive Mark Hackel's State of the County address. Hackel began working at the department as a young man under his father, longtime sheriff Bill Hackel. He gradually rose through the ranks and was elected to succeed his father in 2000. Last year, he was elected Macomb's first county executive.

The new nepotism rules will prevent two or more family members from working for the same department if the situation creates a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict

of interest. Those restrictions automatically apply if one family member is in a position of affecting a relative's job assignment, transfer or promotion.

To prevent these instances of perceived nepotism, one family member must pursue a transfer to another department. If two employees within the same department get married and a transfer is not feasible, one must quit.

In October, Smith's Appellate Division wrote a lengthy memo to the Board of Commissioners raising numerous objections to an earlier draft of the ordinance. In a small footnote, the memo suggested that the nepotism restrictions will "wreak havoc in many county departments in which numerous related employees work together."

In time, Smith withdrew his objections about the nepotism clause and other problems cited by the Prosecutor's Office — most referring to areas where the ordinance would conflict with state law or the state Constitution — after the troublesome sections were cleaned up by the commissioners who pieced the rules together.

The power given to the Ethics Board to act as a judicial body is still a sticking point. Prior to approval, the commissioners were told by their

chief legal counsel, George Brumbaugh, that the Ethics Board cannot make final determinations about alleged violations of the ordinance or the law. The commissioners seemed to accept that advice, but they never altered the short provision in the ordinance that allows the Ethics Board to handle enforcement and hand out fines to violators of up to \$500.

"The only current, unresolved issue concerning the policy is that I would have liked to have seen language regarding who would handle the ordinance prosecution, rather than just being agreed to in the meeting minutes," Smith said.

Meanwhile, county board Chair Kathy Vosburg seeks to line up enough votes to override County Executive Mark Hackel's "technical veto" of the ordinance. Hackel said he has problems with some language within the 10-page ordinance that could lead to legal problems if it's not cleaned up. ■



Anthony Marrocco '66

Source: *The Macomb Daily*

Upcoming Events

2012 Alumni Basketball Tournament

When: March 2, 3, & 4

Where: The De La Salle BRAC

Cost: \$30 per player



The winner of our tournament will face the winner of the DLS Alumni Tournament at DLS approximately 30 minutes following our championship game.

Please note: We are currently out of jerseys. If you need one, you will need to let us know so we can order you one.

The tournament is capped at 16 teams. Please submit your rosters via email no later than Sunday, February 26, 2012

In Memoriam

Thomas J. Hindelang - Class of 1961

Age 68, of Kennett Square, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, while at work at Drexel University. He was the husband of Christine T. Kydd, with whom he shared 31 years of marriage. Born in Detroit, Mich., he was a son of the late John and Louise Van-Tiem Hindelang. Tom was a 1965 graduate of the University of Detroit (accounting), a 1966 graduate of the University of Michigan (MBA), a 1969 graduate of Stanford University (MS in operations research), and a 1973 graduate of Indiana University (Ph.D.). He was the vice dean of the LeBow College of Business Administration at Drexel University. He was also the George B. Francis Professor of Finance and executive director of the Center for Teaching Excellence. His career at Drexel University spanned almost 40 years. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Kennett Square where he was a former vestry member and treasurer. Tom loved gardening and traveling with his family. Survivors include, in addition to his wife, one son, Stephen Kydd-Hindelang of Kennett; one daughter, Meredith Kydd-Hindelang of New York, N.Y.; three brothers, **Ron Hindelang '59** (Jean) of Massachusetts, **Robert Hindelang '64** (Paula), and **Joseph Hindelang '68**, both of Michigan; and two sisters, Mary Hindelang (Mark) and Ann Noble, both of Michigan. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Thomas J. Hindelang Student Scholarship for Excellence. Checks should be made out to Drexel University - Hindelang Fund, P.O. Box 8215, Philadelphia, PA 19101-9684.



Brian J. Laux - Class of 1980

Age 49, passed away December 10, 2011. He was born June 26, 1962 in Detroit, Michigan. He came to Lee County (Florida) 20 years ago from Eastpointe, Michigan. Brian loved the beach. Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Patricia; sister-in-law Judy Laux and her children, Christopher and Jenna; brother, **Timothy '78**, brother, **Daniel '75** and his wife Maureen and their son Ryan; brother, **Michael '75** and his wife Joanne and their children Andrew, David and Joanna.

Raymond J. Etrych - Class of 1971

Age 58, a resident of Warren and also Detroit, passed away on December 5, 2011. He was born August 31, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan. He was a graduate of Notre Dame High School and was a Veteran of the United States Army. Raymond was also a very devout Catholic. Loving brother of Jack (Rosemary) and Patrick. Predeceased by parents Leona and John Etrych. Uncle of Mary and Matthew. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan. Donations to family greatly appreciated.

Joseph A. Caporale - Class of 1976

Age 53 of St. Clair Shores. Passed away December 5, 2011 at his home. Beloved husband of Molly, loving Daddy of Rachel. Dearest Son of Vincent & Pia. Dear Brother of Mary-Ann (Danny) Weingarden, **Anthony '79** (Sue) & **Vincent '83**, also leaves 60+ nieces & nephews. The family requests that you make a donation in Joe's name to the Fr. Solanus Casey Center or St. John Hospice.



Extended Family

Sylvester E. Diegel, father of **David Diegel '63**, passed away on November 7, 2011.

Aileen Lafferty, mother of **Tim Lafferty '89**. Sister of **Dennis Lynch '60**, passed away on November 7, 2011.

Anna Schweighofer, mother of **Siegfried Schweighofer '69**, passed away on November 12, 2011.

Barbara Berra-Benthuis, mother of **John Berra '72** and **James Berra '74**, Wife of the late Mario Berra who was a longtime supporter of athletics at Notre Dame High School, passed away on November 11, 2011.

Marion Shirkey, mother of **Howard Shirkey '60** and former records clerk at Notre Dame High School passed away on November 17, 2011.

Virginia Abraham, mother of **Moses Abraham '72**, **Sam Abraham '84**, and **Joe Abraham '85** passed away on November 23, 2011.

Patrick Joseph Cox, father of **Shawn Cox '82**, passed away on December 16, 2011.

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1962

50-year reunion

Thursday, August 16, 2012
At Notre Dame Preparatory School
1300 Giddings Road
Pontiac, Mich.

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Tom Lueck
TJLUECK@aol.com

Class of 1963

50-year reunion weekend is being
planned for September 2013

Tentative plans:
Saturday dinner at Greektown Casino
Sunday morning mass
Detroit Tigers game

Reunion Committee:

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Class of 1965

50-year reunion in 2015

TBD

The committee is looking for up-to-date
e-mail addresses and contact information.

Reunion Committee:

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Class of 1972

40-Year Reunion

Planning is in the early stages. Contact
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Class of 1986

25-Year Reunion

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Will be planning a 30-year reunion.

Class of 1987

25-Year Reunion

In early planning stages

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***Interested in forming a reunion
committee for your class?***

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jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com***

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
Joe Przybycki '64
Mike Boccia '65
Chris Hacias '65
John Kraft '65
Rick Wenner '67
Dan Richards '67
Glenn Radzik '69
Gary Radzik '69
Jerry Guinane '71
Tim Flannery '73
Jim Romeo '75
Kevin Flannery '75

Tom Bentley '75
Brian Monfils '75
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Ken Zazula '84

Paul Seibert '86
Paul Amodei '86
Joe Trombley '87
Scott Klott '88
Jim Maher '88
Eric Taylor '89
Eric Stanczak '89
DezJuan Reynolds '90
Matt Ziolkowski '90

Please Note:

In order to ship the WOF plaque, we need you to cover the cost. Shipping within the state of Michigan is \$9.00 per plaque. Shipping outside of Michigan is \$12.00 per plaque.

Please Pray for...

Ronald Chorzempa '60 is gravely ill. Requesting prayers from all Notre Dame alumni.

Addison Puma, the young daughter of **Vince Puma '92**, is undergoing radiation treatments at St. Jude Children's Research Center in Memphis, TN for an inoperable brain stem tumor. Since her diagnosis in September, 2011, Addison's parents say, "Addison has endured various treatments, an MRI, radiation simulation and a surgery to implant a port to receive sedation, not to mention numerous meetings and consultations. Through all of this she has been extremely brave, tough, feisty, patient and amazingly happy. She is so strong and kind and fun to be around even though she is facing more than any child should ever have to endure. We know her tough attitude and fighting spirit will make her one of the 1 percent to survive this terrible disease."

Paul Vago '66 is recovering from a stroke.

Tom Dold, Father of **Andy Dold '98**, is recovering from heart by-pass surgery.

Edward Goralewski '59 is recovering from a bi-lateral amputation. His says his goal is to dance with his wife, Carol, at their 50th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2011.

Joey Caretti is the ten year old son of **Joe Caretti '84** and **Lisa (Verkest) Caretti (Regina '84)**. Joey was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor and went through successful chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Unfortunately, there was a rare side effect to the treatment - Lukemia. Joey now needs a bone marrow transplant. His father, Joe, wrestled, ran track and was the captain of the football team during his time at HWND. He currently resides in Washington Township with Lisa, Joey, son Richard (12) and Maggie (10).

Dave Moroz '76 is recovering from double knee replacement surgery.

21st Annual Alumni Hockey Game

Continuing Harper Woods Notre Dame's day after Christmas tradition for the 7th straight year, the Friends of Notre Dame alumni hockey games took place on Monday, December 26, 2011. Twenty-five guys came out to skate and re-connect with old friends at the Mt. Clemens Ice Arena. A social gathering with pizza and refreshments followed the game. The referees for the game were James and Jerrett Green - nephews of Patrick Green '83. Thank you to all who continue to support this event!





We Heard From



Brian Derowski - Class of 1971

Thank you, Jim, for keeping me in the loop. My prayers go out to the Caretti family.

Pete Klien - Class of 1961

First, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Second, thanks for the effort to you and all who put together these monthly updates. Third, sorry to miss the Class of 61 reunion. I had given some serious thought of attending but I'm a bit of a workaholic, hate to take time off and spend money and really, really hate going through the border. My last time in Detroit was to see my dad before he died. That was in Oct. 2001, just about a month after 9-11 and I was really disgusted with the security when I had to go through it, first at Buffalo and then at the Blue Water Bridge. Happy Birthday to me because I turned 69 yesterday (Dec. 14), meaning I've lived about 39 years longer than I expected but still haven't grown up. Thank God!

Rich Walendowski - Class of 1962

You and the news are much missed. Thanks for the great efforts towards keeping in touch with us. Have a blessed and holy Christmas from my family to yours and also the staff at FOND.

Dave Poroch - Class of 1987

I really enjoy getting the newsletter. You and your team do a great job – appreciate all your efforts. After more than 20 years with Deloitte, I am leaving the firm. In January, I will be starting with the Southern Company, one of the country's largest electricity generators. Again, thank you for all you are doing.

Tom Wood - Class of 1974

I really appreciate the job you're doing on the real Notre Dame alumni newsletter.

Harold Nikoriuk - Class of 1987

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mark Place - Class of 1965

Thanks for the latest news. I was reviewing the December issue of the Leprechaun, and I feel I must take exception to one feature. The article on Al Lorenzo '61, to me, is way over the top in flaunting how much money he is making. I personally think it's wrong for public employees to retire with a lucrative pension, and then go on to another (in his case, two more) job to make even more money, when there are so many people looking for just one job. His pension is based on a formula - fine - but he comes off in this article as being an extremely greedy individual, and I just want to let you know that I find this article very disturbing to me.

After reading the latest newsletter from "NDP," it appears that they are trying to squeeze you out, or even worse, not even acknowledging that you or the newsletter/organization you created exists! I sent them a pointed note about their politics vs. their religion and ethics. I hope they get the message. Thank you for your efforts to keep NDHW as a unique and correct alumni association.

Paul Nowaske - Class of 1960

First off, good to see a Facebook page has been launched. Don't use the network as much as my children and grandchildren do, but do browse it once in awhile. From North Idaho, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a 2012 to look forward to.

Manny Valez - Class of 1989

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tom Srock - Class of 1972

Keep up the good work. I look forward to your report every month.

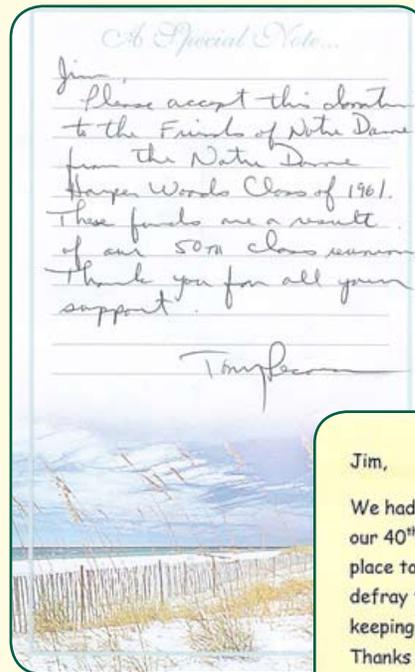
Randy Walters - Class of 2005

It's a shame they (NDP) won't even acknowledge us. A shame because FOND isn't recognized for the work that is or was done for the NDAA. They absorbed our directory and expect people like me to make donations to them where in return they have no ties with my actual alumni association - the Friends of Notre Dame.

Bob Domine - Class of 1961

The class of '61 had its 50th reunion on November 5th at Penna's on Van Dyke. 56 grads of 191 showed up. Many of the numbers were from out of town, from California, Arizona, South Carolina, Florida and Kentucky, among others. 50's and 60's music filled the air as classmates mingled for almost 6 hours and exchanged stories old and new. One amazing story occurred when old classmates Bob Domine and Jim Strye found they had served in Vietnam in the same year 1967-68. Both were reconnaissance pilots. Both saw duty as far north as a little O1 Bird Dog would take them. Both saw action at Caision, in the Asau Valley, and during the Tet Offensive, three of the bigger engagements of the war. Both, to their amazement, were assigned to the "Catkiller" Battalion. Strye was stationed near the Lao-tian Border out of Pleiku. Domine was stationed at Hue Phu Bai, a

large air base south of Hue, South Vietnam. Both survived to today, where they belong to a growing number of "Catkiller" alumni that will have a first reunion of their own in Seattle in July. By the way, neither knew each other during the conflict.



Jim,

We had some excess funds after our 40th reunion and what better place to send them than to help defray the costs of your efforts keeping the ND spirit alive.

Thanks for all you do!

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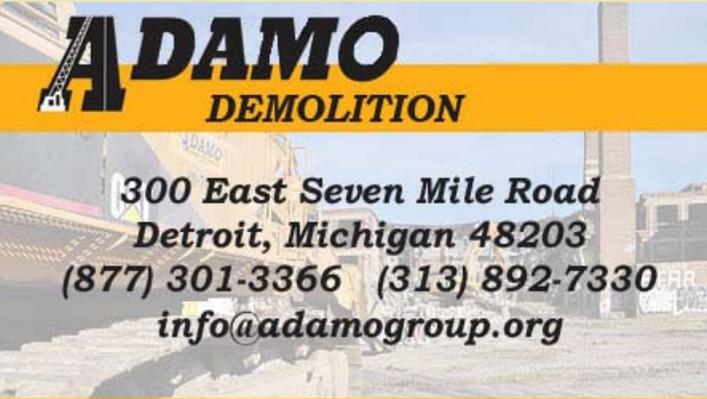
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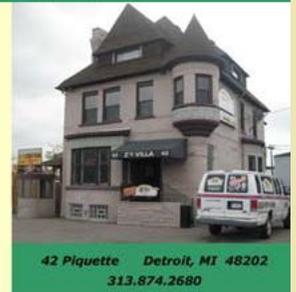
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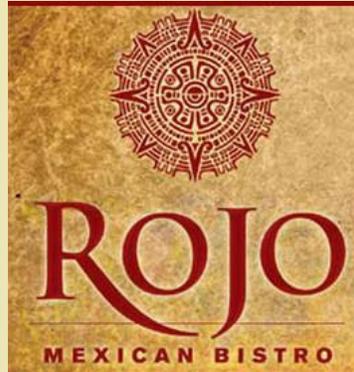


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