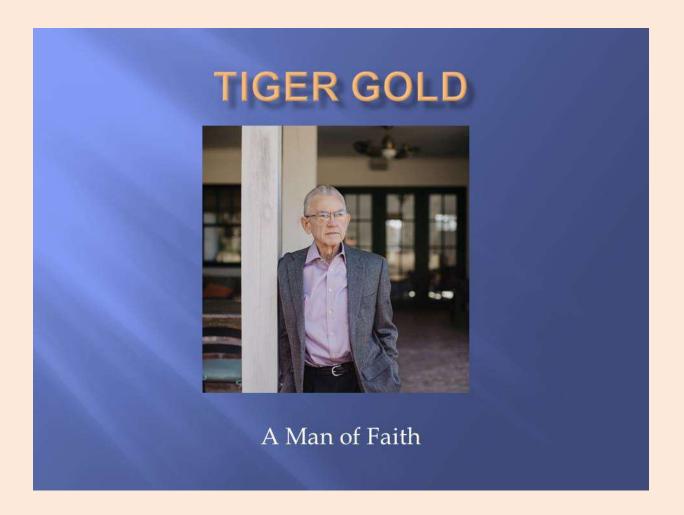
"What Holy Cross put into our lives and what they taught us: We had a true brotherhood." - Bobby Dawson



Every morning Bobby Dawson grabs a cup of coffee, goes to his study, prays, and reads the Word of God. Of his morning devotions he said he doesn't want to be called religious.

"I am an encourager and an up-lifter. I want to be of help," commented Bobby Dawson as he reflected on his 50 year journey from his days at Holy Cross to the present. Going to Holy Cross was a major culture shock for someone coming from a small town.

"I liked city life. I had an aunt who lived by present day Xavier and I spent time there growing up. In Buras everybody knew each other. But there was so much more to do in the city: restaurants, museums, entertainment. It opened my eyes to a whole new world.

Cheryl, his wife of 49 years, piped up: "He could get into a lot more trouble, too!"

During his high school years Bobby lived in the dorm and didn't particularly care for it at first.

"My first year of Boarding - I hated it. But by time my senior year rolled around four years later, I wouldn't change that experience for anything! Those dorms truly became our homes. I built many long term friendships and brotherhoods with fellow borders."

Bobby and Cheryl were both raised in the Catholic Church. By the mid-70s, the charismatic movement was gaining popularity and the Dawson's felt a need to be involved in the church. They began meeting, talking, and sharing the bible with a young pastor in Buras.

"He encouraged us to read the bible and we did. Being born again refers to being reborn spiritually. We got involved in Bingo and with the youth in the CYO.," continued Bobby. "And then one day the senior pastor, who said the Latin Mass, called me into his office and said he had heard that I was reading the bible."

"He asked me why I was doing it. I replied 'To find the deeper truth."

"His next comment stunned me: 'You're too stupid to read the bible and interpret it correctly. "

The Dawsons left the church because of this but continued reading the bible, looking for spiritual guidance. They crossed paths with someone from St Bernard who was involved with a mission outreach to a church in Venice, Louisiana.

His path soon took him to Berean Bible School where he undertook his theological studies becoming a licensed pastor He also received his Pictorial and Ordination credentials there.

"I did pastor for a while to bring reconciliation to a church that split. I wanted to bring people from hurt to fulfillment."

In the early 80s, he became Principal of a church school in Port Sulphur that was failing. A program developed at a Baptist Seminary out of Louisville, Texas called Accelerated Christian Education was put in place. It was a similar curriculum to the one implemented at John Curtiss Christian School in Jefferson Parish.

The Dawsons moved to Eunice and were asked to take over Eunice Fellowship Academy as principal, a position Bobby held for 5 years. Cheryl was involved in a school similar in Buras that operated a similar program. When the Eunice school closed they home schooled their kids. Their sons went to public school junior high, where they were involved in sports and music; Cheryl worked in public school for 15 years teaching Kindergarten through 4th grade Computer Lab.

The mid-80s saw Bobby working offshore - seven on/seven off. Knowing how a rig operated, he was tasked with getting together with software developers to write a computer program to generate a morning report to engineers in the office.

"There's so much involved in drilling: line by line costs, true vertical depth of the well, drilling speed, readings for pressure and temperature," he continued. "We were able to live-link data as to what was going on with the well."

Not too long after New Orleans was reopened after Katrina, Bobby's company held a business meeting/luncheon in the city.

His associates asked where he went to school, so he drove them too see the Dauphine St campus.

"At that time everything was still wiped out," he said. 'The campus was in ruins."

He also added that he managed to hold it together until he got back home in Lafayette. Dawson stayed in the oil industry eventually becoming vice president of Petroleum Co-Ordinators, which started as a two man operation and grew to 350 plus. The company provided personnel for the oil field industry.

"What Holy Cross put into our lives and what they taught us: We had a true brotherhood. It makes my heart hurt for the loss of our old high school and campus. It was my "home". To some it was just an administration building with a few classrooms and wrestling practice upstairs. To some it has no sentimental value or meaning. To me, it changed my life."

He continues his outreach online with over 1,300 people following his posts. He shares his daily thoughts: sometimes deep, sometimes down home, always focused. "Often while reading and studying I come across little sayings, thoughts, and analogies that just seem to really hit the mark. Some are really extensive but often some are extremely simple but powerful."

Bobby feels that Joshua 1:9 bible verse most needed for 2021. Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

And his thoughts on celebrating his Holy Cross Golden Graduation:

"Unless you walked those halls you will never truly understand the traditions, the emotions or the memories that were started there and continue in the hearts of all Holy Cross Men that were made there."

"In retrospect, it was because of the various life lessons I was able to take away from Holy Cross that helped make me who I am today. I can honestly say I have great admiration for all that were in our class. To my roommates in the various dorms we were assigned as we went from the bottom to the top floor. I am and will always be proud that I have a great big family of brothers - Holy Cross Brothers."

Friday Night Lights: Al Waguespack

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"Great instincts defensively. Smart player. Inspiring." - - Ty Yokum, guard

"Al Waguespack was a hard nose player who always gave 100 percent effort. Opposing receivers and backs always knew when he came calling."

- - Dennis Delaney, tackle

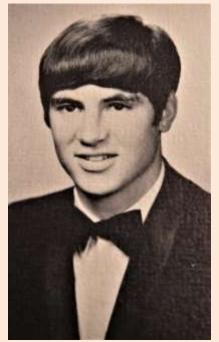
"He played with passion and determination. His tackles would sting." - - Mike Strohmeyer, defensive end .

"Al didn't play at Holy Cross very long but he was the best football player I ever played with. His speed and quickness were unbelievable, but the tenacity he played with put him in a league of his own. He had a knack for finding the ball and pursuing and many times would catch the ball-carrier behind the line for a loss. Al played with high emotion and a never give up attitude. On more than one occasion, Al came up with a critical play to end a drive or create a turnover. Al's example made me and others better players." - Steve Ferrer, tackle

"Another stud defensive player. Al was a very quick and hard to block linebacker who was involved in nearly every



"Pound for pound, Al was one of the fastest, toughest guys out there." - - Bobby Poche



"That Tiger defense, led by Dennis Delaney, Steve Ferrer, Mike Arthur, Mike Strohmeyer and Al Waguespack has been spectacular." - - Andy Kreutz, States-Item

Practice Reunion: April 17

The Holy Cross Class of 1971's 50 year Un-Official Practice Reunion is Saturday, 17 April 2021. It will be held in the Sicilian Room of Rocky and Carlo's, 613 W St Bernard Hwy, Chalmette, LA 70043 starting at 4:00 PM. Rocky and Carlo's closes at 7:00 PM on Saturday. Tommy always lets us stay later, but we recommend getting there as close to 4:00 PM as possible. Also, please note that only the side door is open to get into Rocky and Carlo's during these pandemic times. The main front doors to the restaurant are usually locked. We will try and get the main doors to the Sicilian Room opened too, but the side door will definitely be open.

Dan McGovern

Reunion countdown clock as of April 14: 37 Days, 22 minutes

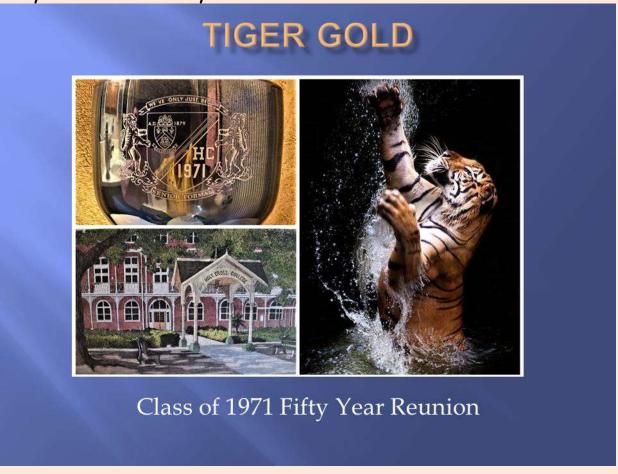
Anyone interested in helping to remind classmates in the final days leading up to the big day who haven't registered for the reunion, please contact John Tessitore.

Class of '71 Shirt Store Re-opens

If anyone did not purchase a HC shirt, the site will be open April 19 and will be closed April 26. You will have your shirt for the Friday night reunion. The link to order shirts is https://stores.inksoft.com/Holy-Cross

Seniors of '21 Luncheon: On April 23, the seniors will have a luncheon (site is to be determined). The school is asking for 10 – 15 volunteers from the Class of '71to mingle with the seniors. It's free of charge! Again, anyone interested, please contact John Tessitore.

50 year reunion: May 21 & 22



Here's the information we've been waiting for - the payment link for our 50 year reunion:

https://www.holycrosstigers.com/apps/pages/1971re50yr?fbclid=lwAR2rKL0f1mvV5CH5OZJexgHZWUKSvN6-mR1cRoUpludfZzl3soGbhwACw0U

For those of you who prefer not to use the link, you may send a check to Holy Cross to the attention of Dean Arnett. 5500 Paris Ave. New Orleans, LA 70122. Indicate on your check that you're paying for the Class of '71 reunion.

For both online and by mail, please let Dean know how you want your name to appear on your Golden Diploma.

Here's a recap of the events:

Friday, May 21: The event for the guys will be held outside on the balcony of the Administration Building on Campus. Starts at 7:00 pm. The cost \$25.00. Dress is casual.

The Friday night get together for the ladies will be at Rock-N-Bowl from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$33.00 per person (includes beer, wine, fountain drinks and party food.

Please make checks for the Rock-N-Bowl ONLY payable to Shirley Tessitore (504-400-4729) and mail to 4901 Utica Street, Metairie, LA 70006 Deadline is May 17, 2021

Saturday, May 22 (afternoon): Commencement Ceremony, which will include the Class of 70 and 71, will be at 2:00 pm. in the Student Center. Family members are invited. We will receive our Golden Diplomas at this time. The 2021 Graduates will have their ceremony separate from ours the morning of May 22.

Dress is coat and tie.

Saturday Night: Our reception, for the Class of 1971 only, will be at Chateau Country Club on Saturday, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$87.00 per person, inclusive premium bar and food. Dress is Sports Coat preferred.

A block of rooms has been reserved at Copeland Tower Suites -2601 Severn Avenue, Metairie, LA 70002 504-888-9600 Cost -Suite \$120 - Room \$95.00 Group Code is Holy Cross School 50th Reunion



John Tessitore

A search of Gilligan's island revealed only alligators. . Photo by Mike Strohmeyer



Unlocking the Past

This will bring back some memories to you. I found this in a gear bag from when I retired in 2003. This is my padlock that I bought at Holy Cross back in September 1965 when I started 7th grade. I used this lock all six years at Holy Cross, then four years at NLU in Monroe, LA and then I used it for 27 years while I was in the U. S. Border Patrol. I think I got my money's worth out of it. It is now old, retired, rusty and showing its age just like me.



I had forgotten all about the paper with

the combo. When I saw it, I knew exactly what it was. It really surprised me that it survived all those years hidden away. The combination has been permanently etched into my memory since high school. It's kinda like my social security number. It's impossible to forget it.

Charlie Kothmann

Play Ball!

Donnie Meyer gets to throw out the opening pitch of the Holy Cross baseball season, along with Fred Smith, Dickie Gautreaux, and Sal Serio.

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Boys To Men

Al Perry has arranged for the school to accept donations for its Boys to Men Fund in the names of our 18 deceased classmates.

Kenneth E. Bohnenstiehl, Jr Henry S. Casey Floyd J. Comberrel, Jr John A. Cuchinotto Lawrence A. Franz Bernel C. Gemelli, Jr Johnny R. Green Clifton N. Juan John H. McTyre Jules L. Moll Shawn D. Murphy John W. Quick, III Jason A. Rabalais Edgar L. Smith John C. Spiller Darryl A. Steel Henry G. Wagner, III James J. Weber

Should anyone like to join AI in remembering them, you may make your donation payable to Holy Cross School Alumni Fund with a note saying that it's "in memory of the deceased members of the Class of '71".

Send it to the attention of John Odinet Holy Cross School 5500 Paris Ave New Orleans LA 70122













Or you may contribute online at: https://www.holycrosstigers.com/apps/pages/annualgiving

Near the bottom of that page there is an option of a Tribute Gift. Select "in memory of" and add 'the deceased members of the Class of '71'.

Alvin Albe reports that HC71's participation in the Boys to Men Fund stands at 55.3% of the class as of April 9. He asks that anyone who has not contributed to please consider doing so. "Let's get to 71% for the Class of '71", said Alvin.

Mike Strohmeyer adds "We're not asking you to break the bank. If you could donate \$10.00, \$15.00, or \$19.71."

You may use the same link as stated above.

Circles Photo by Jeff Junker



Chalkboard

Bobby's Wall: Delayed by over a year, May 15th is the day Bobby Wahl will dedicate the Warehouse Monument, a tribute to the 1970s music venue. 1475 Tchoupitoulas St - 4 blocks downriver from original site.



Melissa and Kenny Duke spent some time on the slopes of Breckinridge, Colorado



Bobby Dawson's grandson graduates from high school this year. Here's a photo of Bobby and his grandson's rings – 50 years apart.



Christine and Bill Pedeaux welcomed their 5th grandchild into the family: Noree Haven. She is the daughter of Collin and Miriam Pedeaux.



Mike Strohmeyer caught and released 64 sailfish and 1 blue marlin on a recent fishing trip to Guatemala.



Meanwhile Oscar Gomez was mountain-biking in Guatemala.



Happy 37th Anniversary to Kathy and Robert Turner. Gary and Toni Ritzmann just celebrated 47 years together.

Almost 100 years ago, Holy Cross conducted its 45th graduation.



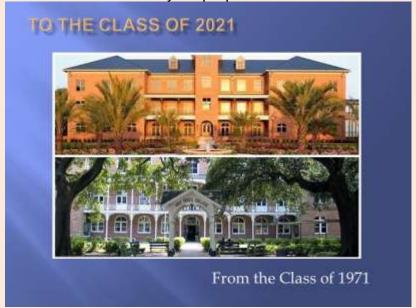
It's probably just a coincidence, but there are some familiar last names among the graduates: Beach, Falgoust, Treuting, and Waguespack.

Special thanks to Rene Bull, Peggy & Al Perry, and Bobby Wahl for their collaboration on this issue. Their contributions have made this a most pleasant walk down memory lane.

To the class of 2021 from the class of 1971

"Never stop reading and learning. Successful people are readers. Try to learn something new every day. Your education does not stop when you graduate; it is only beginning." - Pat Wolfe

"Take time to discover your purpose and then live it!" - Ty Yokum



"When you look back, have no regrets. As you look forward, dream big." - - Jeff Junker

"Don't ever let anyone tell you that you won't ever be anything or don't have a purpose in life. You just may surprise a lot of people." - Bobby Dawson

"Throughout my career I have taught thousands of B-52 Pilots, WSOs and EWs. Whether it be Crew Leadership or Aircrew Discipline my bottom line has always been the same and would hold true for these young men: Never lie to the person you see in the mirror, be true to yourself, always treat others as you would want to be treated and don't shy away from making the hard decisions. Enjoy life!" - William Pedeaux

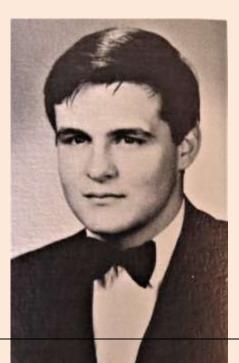
"Don't worry, be happy." - - Louis Reuther

"I would tell the class of 2021 what Thoreau told everyone when he wrote: "...live the life you've always imagined!" Life's out there. GO GET IT!" - - Dom Gulotta



Friday night lights: Dennis Delaney #77

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"Dennis Delaney was a gentle giant, but fierce competitor. A stellar and consistent player." - - Ty Yokum, guard

"He was a hard worker always trying to better himself and the team. Dennis was a team first person and a true leader." - - Dan Simpson, tailback

"Dennis Delaney was big (6'4" and 250 lbs) and was hard to block. He played on the left side of the line and was a handful for the opponents' offense." - - Al Waguespack, linebacker

"He was a human wall." - - Mike Strohmeyer, defensive end

"The Gentle Giant! Dennis was all everything. A special talent. If you can say that Dennis Delaney is your friend, then you are a lucky man!" - - John Glorioso, quarterback

"While playing football, he was an immovable rock when needed. And highly agile and moved down the line of scrimmage quickly when this was required. Dennis deserved all the accolades he earned including being named to the High School All – American Team. Dennis was not a talker, but he worked hard to hone his skills to become a better player. He was encouraging to underclassmen and other teammates and did whatever the coaches asked him to do. He was an ideal teammate that I will never forget." - - Steve Ferrer, tackle

High Flying Number 7

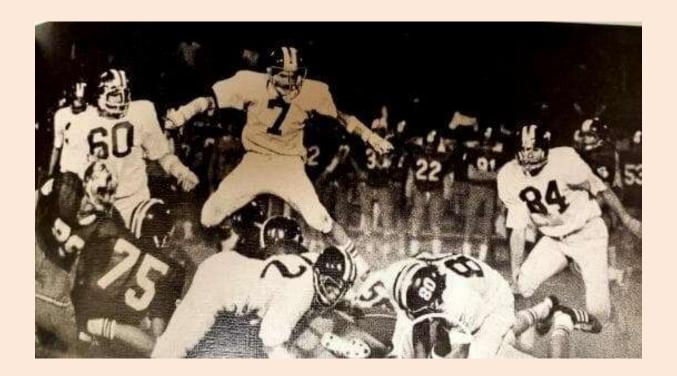
"I said, 'Coach it's my senior year. I'll play any position just to start'." - - Danny Vorenkamp '74

As a boarder in the early 70s, Danny Vorenkamp was a fixture on the Dauphine St campus. Fifty years later he is still involved with the school.

In his senior year he was named the Outstanding Louisiana Football Player of the Year by the Mid-Winter Sports Association, the governing body of all major sporting events in Louisiana. He went on to set the single season solo tackle record that same year.

"It was humbling," said Vorenkamp. "The only disappointment was it all happened while my family lived in Scotland and no one saw me play, other than my older brother and was happy to have him present. So yes, humbling."

That year he was asked to be the ball boy for the Sugar Bowl with #4 Notre Dame playing #1 Alabama for the national championship. Notre Dame won 24-23 and it marked the first time Bear Bryant coached against Ara Parseghian. Danny was awarded one of the game balls, which he still cherishes today.



What is even more remarkable is how close Vorenkamp came to not playing any sport at all due to an injury that almost ended his career in the 8th grade. He was in a full-body cast - from the top of his chest to his toes - for two months after both knees were blown out from under him during an October Park League football game.

For two months he lay in his dorm room with the brothers teaching him during their time off. After the cast was removed he was on crutches until February.

"The injury happened against St. Roch at a game at Berhman stadium. On the kickoff a guy side-swiped my knees. Both of them were dislocated compound fractures where the bones protruded through the skin after dislocating. It was pretty nasty. It almost destroyed the grow zones in both knees," recalls Vorenkamp.

While in the hospital he was visited by Firmin Simms, a 1956 Holy Cross graduate and little league coach, who was doing ministry work.

Danny picks up the story:

"God actually blessed me. When I was in the hospital Firmin Simms – who I did not know at the time - came to visit and prayed over me and said 'You are going to get better and you are going to play with me on my Babe Ruth All Stars Team. I told him 'Sure I will', but I was thinking in my head no way is that going to happen. Then, just

like he said, that summer I played in the Babe Ruth World Series in Albuquerque, NM as a catcher."

It turned out to be multiple World Series.

"It was an incredible experience. Coach Firmin Simms was an extraordinary human being, mentor and coach. I played in the '71, '72, and '74 World Series in Albuquerque, Pine Bluff, and Mattoon IL. There were so many positive aspects it would take volumes to describe. But here are a few - camaraderie with different school ballplayers from all over, baseball knowledge, learning, travel, staying with foster parents/families at each location, competition, the thrill of winning, great coaching. But with Firmin, learning how to be a Christian athlete was the best."

In the 1974 Senior Babe Ruth World Series the team lost the championship game to Sugar Creek, MO 3-2. Sugar Creek's winning pitcher was Rich Sutcliffe.

Sutcliffe went on to play Major League Baseball and pitched for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Cleveland Indians, Chicago Cubs, Baltimore Orioles and the St. Louis Cardinals between 1976 and 1994. A three time All-Star and 1979 Rookie of the Year, he won the Cy Young Award in 1984 and had a career 1,679 strikeouts.

"We had players like Joe Bennett, Ronnie Chauffe, Chuck Voorhies. . Rav Pajares, Wayne Foret, Ricky O'Kreepki, Billy Babin, Craig Strickmiller, Brian Jacomine, Danny Demarest, Jimmy Luke, Neil Camarda and Adrian Alvarez." continued Vorenkamp. "Holy Cross players on the team were Mark Maher, Johnny Knowles, and Brian Gomes."

Danny was a multi-sport athlete. In addition to baseball and football he



ran track, wrestled and was on the swim team.

In football he was a wide receiver his first three years and linebacker – and a team Captain - during his senior year. He was second on the depth chart at wide receiver and he wanted to be a starter his senior year.

"We were playing a scrimmage game against Istrouma in Baton Rouge before our senior season in August. When you play an offensive position you have a defensive position too and vice versa.

Anyway I was playing second string defensive back and making plays on the line consistently which caught the eye linebacker coach Lester Latino and defensive coordinator coach Harry Nunez.

After the scrimmage on the way home on the bus, Lester and Bill Murphy (offensive line coach) came over to me and asked if I wanted to play linebacker.

I said, "Coach it's my senior year. I'll play any position just to start".

So the next Monday during practice Lester and Harry pulled me on the side and said, "Look we can't teach you all the techniques of being a linebacker in three days before our first game so we just want you to read the ball and go get it!"

The first game was against Bonnabel that Friday. They did not change my jersey number of "7" which is a wide receiver's number to a linebacker number in the 50s-60s."

That night he had 20 plus tackles, one interception and a fumble recovery. The next day in the sports section of the Times Picayune was a caption "Who is number 7?" By the second game Coach Kalbacher appointed him a co-captain with Tommy Taranto, now deceased. Vorenkamp was defensive captain and Toranto offensive captain.

Being on the Wrestling team was the result of his brother-in-law, Coleman Ruiz '68, 'forcing' him to wrestle. Danny told Coach Ed Kavanaugh he'd wrestle with the caveat that once baseball season started he would stop wrestling. His wrestling record was 10-1, that one loss being against the eventual state champion.

Vorenkamp played center field and was a team captain in baseball. His best game was the last game against Jesuit. He was 4 of 4 with 3 triples, one double, and 7 RBIs. The team lost that game when Mickey Retief – who was 0 for 27 – got the winning RBI. The final score: 8-7.

His stint with the swimming team was a complete accident

He explains:

"I was not on the swim team any of my time at Holy Cross until the City Meet of my senior year. Coach David Hardin's diver came down with the flu and he needed a replacement. As swimming wasn't as regulated as other sports where an individual had to have so many starts to qualify for meets, Hardin asked all the coaches if they knew of anyone who could dive.

Coach John Kalbacher said, "Danny Vorenkamp can. I've watched him at PE and he has really good form and many different dives."

Anyway I dove at the City Meet held at Tulane's indoor arena and out of 28 divers I finished 6th. My "reverse rotation, one and a half twist gainer" was my winning dive."

From there, he spent the next 40 years in the oil and gas industry working for such companies as Avondale Offshore Bayou Black, Blue Streak Shipyard, Cross Marine, Aries Marine, Owensby & Kritikos Engineering & Inspection, and Hexion Chemical. His experience ranged from construction, offshore marine captain, project engineer, master of a jack-up rig, and inspection manager. While at Hexion he was their Global Inspection Manager.

It was while working offshore in the 80s as a jack-up rig skipper in the Gulf of Mexico, Brazil, and Nigeria, that he began thinking about his senior year on the football team. During his senior year his family moved to Scotland as his dad did pipeline work. Danny stayed home with his with brother and sister-in-law.

"The most ironic thing about the whole season is that my family moved to Europe before my senior year and no one saw me play and get to see me in my best year," said Vorenkamp.



From those reminisces came the idea to preserve Holy Cross football history. He had heard that Jesuit had already done that for the Blue Jays, so he contacted Scott Thomspon at the Carrolton Ave school. He was advised to get the films, research the teams, catalog them, and then make the conversion to digital from 8 mm film.

"Coach Kavanaugh was the Athletic Director at the time and wasn't interested in the project, but Charlie DiGange was. So we went to the gym, got the films, and brought them to the archive office in the middle school building."

One of the first things he noticed was that not all the films were there and those that were weren't necessarily in the correct sleeves. Since no highlight reels for individual players were made back then, the coaches loaned the films out to players who aspired to play college ball to show their prospective schools. When they were returned, they weren't put back in the proper sleeve.

Almost every Thursday for the next 8 years Danny and volunteers viewed the films. Among those who helped on the project were John Tessitore, John Fiorito, and John Glorioso.

Once the films were cataloged, they went to yearbooks to cross reference for games and players. If they didn't have the film for that game, they tried to track it down. They speculated on who had college potential from their research and got in touch with them to see if they had the film. Then they went to other schools to get films.

By the time they finished, they had 410,000 linear feet of film of which 130,000 were not useable. Headmaster Brother Steven Walsh and Principal Terry McGaha '70 gave the go-ahead to digitize the film.

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"Everyone I meet while recovering the film, I made them tell me a story," said Danny. "I collected about 180 stories."

One of the stories involved two legends: Lou Brownson and George Digby.

"Ron Gaspar '53 told me that when he was football manager for the Tigers, he was present when student-athlete Bill Fallon approached Coach Lou Brownson. Fallon told Brownson that he had decided not to play football his senior year so he could concentrate on baseball. Brownson proceeded to tell Fallon he wouldn't play baseball either. Brownson, who was also the school's Athletic Director, cancelled the 1945 baseball season - a season that quite possibly would have been the greatest Holy Cross baseball team ever assembled as eight of the players who were juniors on the 1944 team coached by George Digby went on to play either Major or Minor League Baseball."

Fallon played five years in the minor leagues with the Greenville Bucks and the Houma Indians. Digby became the most acclaimed MLB scout in MLB history, being with the Boston Red Sox for more

Digby Becomes

George Digby, local prep coach. announced Tuesday that he had accepted a position as scout for the Boston Red Sox.

Digby coached the Holy Cross team here to the prep school base ball championship last summer and then coached the Holy Cross-Comiskeys to the American Le gion regional title.

George Toporcer, director of the o Red Sox farm system, in a simultaneous announcement said he was glad to add Digby to his organization because of Digby's "first-hand knowledge of the fertile field of future players" which exists in this area.

The Boston Red Sox signed five players from teams coached by Digby at Holy Cross the past year, among them "Smilin" Dick Callahan who was paid a \$15,000 bonus.

In addition at least 10 other players have been signed for professional baseball from coached by Digby. They went to Atlanta, St. Louis Cards, the New York Giants and Brooklyn.

Digby, a former Jesuit High star player here, has never played professional baseball in an organized league, although he once started to take a bus for a tryout with Little Rock but changed his mind and remained here.

He said he was happy to join the Red Sox.

than 60 years and was inducted into the Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame.

A sidebar on the 1944 team: In Prep, the team was undefeated in City and State. The Legion team won City, State, Regional, and runner-up in Sectional. They lost the sectional championship game to Albermale, NC 1-0, which would have sent the Holy Cross team to the World Series.

Present at the Sectional championship game was the Navy team, which came over from the Charleston port. Navy was so impressed with the caliber of the Holy Cross team that they challenged them to a game. Challenge accepted: the Navy team followed the Tigers back to New Orleans and the game was played at Pelican Stadium in front of a large crowd - - and Holy Cross came out on top 3-2.

Then there was the story Bill Nuckley '56 told about what motivated him as an offensive lineman. He said he became a really good blocking tackle because he had to stay out of the way of Lou Deutschmann '53 so he wouldn't get run over. Deutschmann went on to play for LSU and was drafted by the New York Giants in 1957. He was also inducted into the Holy Cross Sports Hall of Fame.

But the strangest story, bordering on cloak and dagger, involved quarterback Joe Ernst '45, who led Holy Cross to their first state football championship in 1945.

Ernst had the complete 1945 season and was hesitant to part with them to be digitized. In order to get the films Vorenkamp had to dress completely in black and meet Joe, who also was dressed completely in black, in Pirates Alley at midnight. The films were in a black plastic trash bag.



Ernst went on to rewrite the record books at Tulane, was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 1951 and inducted into both the Tulane Athletic Hall of Fame and the Holy Cross Sports Hall of Fame.

Fast forward 25 years and Vorenkamp found another project involving Holy Cross.

Danny picks up the story:

"I came in town for the 2019 golf tournament and was flipping hamburgers with Judge Donnie Rowan telling the story about Coach George Digby. Monica Gele, Holy Cross Chief Advancement Officer, came over to introduce herself and heard us talking about George Digby. She said there was a player in the golf tournament - Frank Azzerela, a second baseman and pitcher - that played for Coach Digby and did I want to meet him.

Long story short, I went to Holy Cross to learn more about the current fundraising projects at the school. She told me about the Religious Residence Restoration Project and it spoke to me because of the impact the Brothers had on my life. For a year, I volunteered my expertise and time to project manage the construction and help with fundraising committee."

The building to be renovated was a 2 story house left on campus from Cabrini days that was filled with maintenance equipment, trophies, and Br Melchior's briefcase. In order to renovate the future Brothers House, everything had to be moved to the maintenance building – except there wasn't a maintenance building. So they had to build one.

The new maintenance building was dedicated to Coach Earl Schneider. Five days before Coach passed away, a private dedication ceremony at Schneider's house took place. Gele drew up a proclamation and 11 Holy Cross Alums presented it along with a picture of the building to Coach Schneider.

Vorenkamp has two children: Daniel and Katy.

Daniel was a Major in the Air Force and moved on into Space Force for 11 years and works for Royal Dutch Shell now. Katy is the mother of one and has been a school teacher of 14 years.



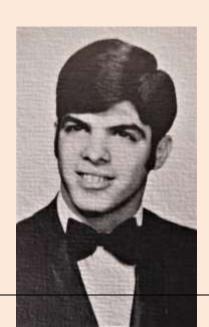
Friday Night Lights: John Glorioso #13

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"John Glorioso was the team leader. He was very quick, could read the defense, and was an excellent punt returner." - - Mike Strohmeyer, defensive end

"A man I could see 'eye to eye' with. The Drew Brees of Holy Cross. "Often underestimated but a true leader." - - Ty Yokum, guard

"John Glorioso was, of course, our offensive foundation - our quarterback. He certainly held his own on the field. He



was always steady, never shaky and always had a big smile on his face. I wanted to call him "Little Miss Sunshine" but he was a guy. Proud to be his teammate." - - Dennis Delaney, tackle

"Oso was the leading punt returner in our district! John was a good athlete who was quick and fast." - - Mark Kalbacher, split end

School Daze

Bobby Wahl posed the question as to whether there was anything in daily life that makes you think of our high school daze.

Bobby said that for him there were two things: "I Got You Babe' and 'Daytripper' has always reminded me of the old Huddle with the jukebox and Mr. Frank Auderer running things. With the smell of fresh cut grass for years my brain thought of August football practice."

Pat Wolfe commented, "Helping my granddaughters with Algebra and Trig. Makes me wish I had paid more attention!"

"What a coincidence. Every time I hear 'I Got You Babe' I can still picture myself inside the old original Huddle back in 1965 and hearing it blasting on the jukebox while I ate a small personal size pizza from the grill," remembered Charlie Kothmann.

Louis Reuther added, "It's "We Can Work It Out" for me. And seeing a Nova, GTO or Super Bee or whatever that thing Tommy Giroir had!"

For Gary Ritzmann it's 'Sitting on the Dock of the Bay.'

And Ty Yokum offered, "We've Only Just Begun": theme song for our Senior year."

S&WB General Superintendent Bob Turner, who joined agency after 2017 floods, to retire

By Jeff Adelson, Staff Writer at nola.com

Sewerage & Water Board General Superintendent Bob Turner, who served as the utility's top technical official for the past two years, will be retiring next week, the agency announced in a press release on Wednesday.

Turner has been a key figure in rebuilding the S&WB in the years since the widespread summer flooding in 2017, which revealed major problems with pumps and power equipment. Those deluges prompted the resignation of much of the utility's leadership. Turner has served as one of the main engineers who have guided its attempts to mend both its physical infrastructure and the public's trust.



"He committed himself to protecting our region against flooding and has been a key figure in helping our city face one flood season after another," Mayor LaToya Cantrell, who serves as president of the S&WB, said in a prepared statement. "His service and leadership have been invaluable."

A civil engineer with nearly four decades of experience, Turner was working as the top official at the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East, which oversees the east bank levee system, when he joined a group of other experts to fill in as a temporary

management team at S&WB after the floods.

He moved to the S&WB permanently in 2019 as the first full-time superintendent since the flooding.

Much of Turner's time with the agency has been focused on getting its drainage pumps working reliably and beginning the overhaul of its power systems. At the same time, he has juggled frequent breakdowns that have characterized the utility's aging equipment.

"I'm immensely thankful to have had the opportunity to serve the people of New Orleans," Turner said. "The decision to retire was not an easy one, but I know that I'm leaving this agency in skilled and capable hands."

Friday Night Lights: Frank Galle #65

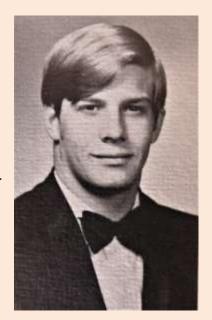
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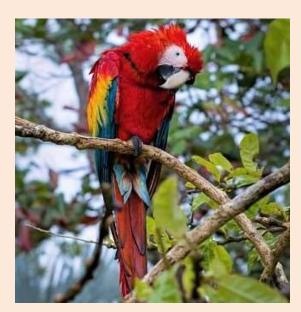
"A solid teammate who backed up several positions and played on special teams." - - Mark Kalbacher

Frank Galle had a low center of gravity: "Hit him and he didn't move – until he hit you." - - Mike Strohmeyer, defensive end

"Pesky nose guard who gave opposing offenses fits." - - Ty Yokum, guard

"All teams should have a guy like Frank for inspiration. Oh he was an excellent player, but he was so gutsy he inspired others to pick up their efforts. He didn't do it by making noise about it, he just did it. He was a little package of power." - - Dennis Delaney, tackle





Toucan. . . .

Photo by Michael Pearson

What was senior year like for the Class of '21? Here's one student's take:

Confessions of a Quarantined Student

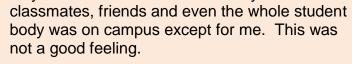
(Written by a member of the Class of 2021)

Home for two weeks sounds nice, until you realize everyone else is at school.

Who would have thought that this topic would be part of *The Bulletin* at Holy Cross?

Last year, three months of school was converted to online. There was a time that students all over the country could not go anywhere because of the stay-at-home orders. I spent a lot of time with family at home and I didn't think much about it. Honestly, I was happy to get a little break, or so I thought.

But now, having been in contact with someone that ended up testing positive for Covid-19, I was forced to stay home and attend my classes online. This was a strange feeling after about one or two days because I realized that all my fellow





I felt alone, like I was in a horror movie. When I logged into to my classes I was able to hear and even see the class, but there were challenges that presented itself -- low audio, poor visuals; so even though I was attending the class virtually it was like I was looking in from outside of the window.

What's really frustrating about this unfortunate situation is that I had no idea that the person I

had come into contact with had been around a positive person a couple of days prior. This was no one's fault, but during my first few days of quarantine, I was looking for someone to blame. I felt this was unfair. But who is to blame? That was the question.

As I continue to ponder this thought, I still do not know who to blame. But that's the reality of this pandemic we are currently in. I am here to say that I am not a fan. Not being able to see friends and socialize is hard. It is my senior year and I cannot go to the second to last regular season football game.

A fellow peer who was in the same situation recently told me that, "Not being able to do something or go places, especially when I did not do anything wrong, was the worst part. I was going nuts after just a couple of days. I was glad to back in the outside world after it was over."

I feel the same way, the exact same. It's rough not having done anything wrong, but having to "be punished" like this. This is the world we are currently living in and having to be quarantined has been a huge wake-up call for me. Don't take things for granted.



Practice Prom

Since we hold Practice Reunions, it's fair to say that we held a Practice Prom – the Junior Prom.

WORD TO THE JUNIORS

The ancient philosopher, Socrates, once wrote "the unexamined life is not worth living." As you begin one of the most important years of your life we invite you to undergo self-examination.

Honest answers to questions such as "How am I shaping my future?" and "Am I concerned about other people?" will help you determine what direction, if any, your life is taking. We can help, but the great decisions are yours.

How you respond to your responsibilities as seniors will give you, and us, a good indication of the depth of your self-examination. If you respond to the challenge, and we have every confidence that you will, you will demonstrate that human growth is the product of reflection and the desire to improve. Our best wishes to the class of '71.

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Ab, I see descriptions of the fairest wights,

Each lady doth enrich the bands of yonder knights.

The twenty-fourth of April dress'd in all her first-born flowers trim

Hath brought a spirit of youth to everything.

From the hour of eight 'til the stroke of twelve the Coker Room doth resound

With Paul Varisco and the Milestones' well-tuned sounds.

O, culmination of these pleasant days, the Junior Prom doth seem Being in night, all this merriment is but a dream.

Class of '71

Photos taken almost 50 years apart. The first one is at Gary Ritzmann's wedding. The groomsmen are Pat Wolfe, Donnie Maheu, and Harry Legendre.

The second photo marks the first time since the wedding that all four have been together.



"When I reminisce I think of Holy Cross and a very special year My blurred images and disheveled thoughts soon begin to coalesce And I don't take long to realize these things were worth remembering" - - - Tiger Yearbook

One More Time

Here's one last look at 4950. This slightly over one minute video is by Brett Schneider of Tiger Talk Pod Cast fame using the Holy Cross Glee Club singing the Alma Mater as the soundtrack.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUqb2KY7jyk

Of the video, Brett says "Blade and I represent the 3rd and 4th generation of HC men. Having graduated from the old campus it holds a special place in my heart. I thought I'd put this short video together to express that."

Senior Prom Executive Committee: Four of these couples are still together: Sam and Julie Bolen - - Darek and Noralee Guichard - - Dan and Camille Simpson - - Bobby and Suzie Wahl



"Br. Michael Boyd invited me and my wife. Great gathering for dinner before and dancing to the band afterwards!" - - David Hardin

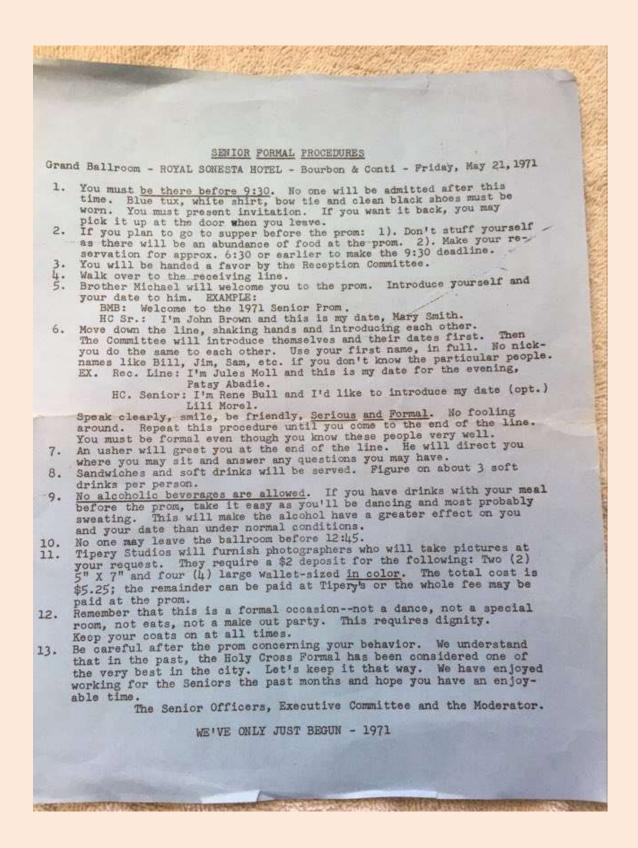
"Good times except I can't remember who my date was!" - - Vincent DeSalvo

"We parked on the street in the quarter and the front bumper was too close to the no parking zone and when the prom was over my car had been towed to the pound under the Claiborne underpass and we had to take a cab there and pay parking ticket and impound charge to get the car back needless to say emptied my wallet." - - Darek Guichard

Art Donahue and Candice; Louis Reuther and Cecile Merrrit. Louis said they were ready for the Huki Lau. "The Scorpion for Cecile; Navy Grog for me."



"No alcohol at prom but OK to have a few drinks before." - - Rene Bull as underlined on the Senior Formal Procedures



"Vague memories - too much alcohol. Remember we could legally drink. Most vivid after memory: breakfast at the Perry's." - - Patrick Wolfe

Merw for the Breakfast at Perry's. Al's parents did this for all of their children's proms. This is the one for Ricky and Roddy's with the Class of '73.

1973 TIGER	BRE.	Class of '73
Spons Mr. & Mrs. Al	ored I	ру
MENU ORDER		
Eggs (circle one) up	over	scrambled
Bacon		
Grits		
Biscuits		
BEVERAGES		
Orange Juice		
Coffee		
Milk		
Waiter		

Each day through my window
I watch her as she passes by
I say to myself
"You're such a lucky guy"
To have a girl like her
Is truly a dream come true
Out of all of the fellas in the world
She belongs to you
But it was just my imagination
Running away with me
It was just my imagination
Running away with me

"Just My Imagination"

The Temptations

Wake up Maggie I think I got something to say to you It's late September and I really should be back at school I know I keep you amused but I feel I'm being used Oh Maggie I couldn't have tried any more You lured me away from home just to save you from being alone You stole my heart and that's what really hurt



Rene Bull



Donald Duplantier

The morning sun when it's in your face really shows your age
But that don't worry me none in my eyes you're everything
I laughed at all of your jokes my love you didn't need to coax
Oh, Maggie I couldn't have tried any more
You lured me away from home, just to save you from being alone
You stole my soul and that's a pain I can do without
"Maggie May"

When you're down and troubled

Rod Stewart

And you need some love and care
And nothing, nothing is going right
Close your eyes and think of me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest night

If the sky above you
Grows dark and full of clouds
And that old north wind begins to blow
Keep your head together
And call my name out loud
Soon you'll hear me knocking at your
door



Kim Roberts



Joe Maylin

Now, ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
When people can be so cold?
They'll hurt you, yes, and desert you
And take your soul if you let them, oh, but don't you let them

You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running, running, yeah, yeah,
to see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there, yes, I will

"You've Got a Friend" James Taylor

We've only just begun to live White lace and promises A kiss for luck and we're on our way

Before the risin' sun, we fly So many roads to choose We'll start out walkin' and learn to run

Sharing horizons that are new to us Watching the signs along the way Talkin' it over, just the two of us Workin' together day to day



Guy Sabadie

And when the evening comes, we smile So much of life ahead We'll find a place where there's room to grow

Sharing horizons that are new to us Watching the signs along the way Talkin' it over, just the two of us Workin' together day to day

And when the evening comes, we smile So much of life ahead We'll find a place where there's room to grow And yes, we've just begun

"We've Only Just Begun"
Roger Nichols & Paul Williams

If a picture paints a thousand words
Then why can't I paint you?

The words will never show The you I've come to know

If a face could launch a thousand ships Then where am I to go? There's no one home but you

You're all that's left me too And when my love for life is running dry

You come and pour yourself on me

If a man could be two places at one time
I'd be with you

Tomorrow and today Beside you all the way

If the world should stop revolving Spinning slowly down to die I'd spend the end with you

And when the world was through
Then one by one the stars would all go
out
Then you and I would simply fly away

"If" Bread



Suzie and Bobby Wahl - still together



Noralee and Darek Guichard - still together

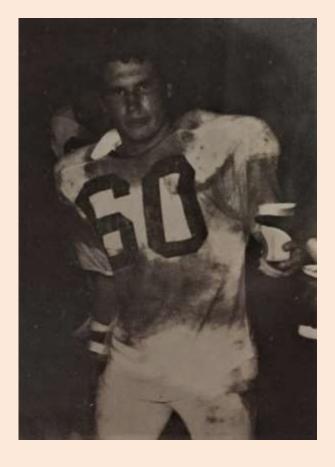
Memories Pressed between the pages of my mind

Memories Sweetened through the ages just like wine

Quiet thoughts come floating down and settle softly to the ground

Like golden autumn leaves around my feet

I touch them and they burst apart with sweet memories



Louis Reuther #60





Bobby and Suzie Wahl with Frank Marengo and Faye. Bobby says that they doubled for Junior and Senior Proms of Andrew Jackson and Holy Cross.

"One night we ran out of gas in the lower 9 on the way home."

"For today, each of us has come to realize that dreams are for young boys and memories are for men." - - Trey Perry '01

And the memories of our senior year are captured here in a video titled "Band of Brothers." https://youtu.be/gnR7grcNt4

"From this day to the ending of the world, But we in it shall be remember'd: We few, we happy few, we band of brothers." - - Henry V – Shakespeare



Ron Blitch did the artwork for the license plate

The quiet walks, the noisy fun The ballroom prize we almost won

Though summer turns to Winter And the present disappears

The laughter we were glad to share Will echo through the years

We will have these moments to remember

"Moments to Remember" Stillman and Allen



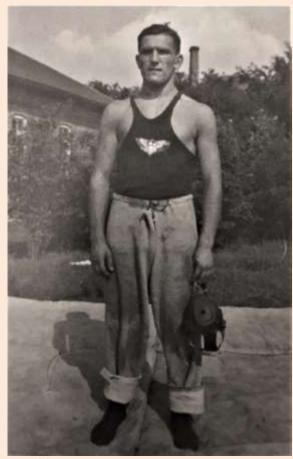
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Br Michael Boyd



Junior Prom

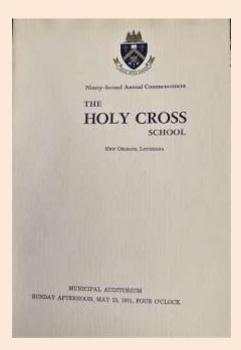


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Faded photographs Covered now with lines and creases Tickets torn in half Memories in bits and pieces

"Traces/Memories" The Lettermen









Steve Williams



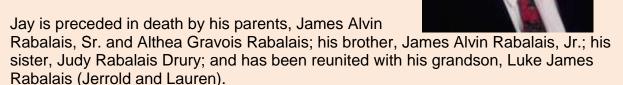
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"May each forever cherish the memories of our years at Holy Cross. I cherish each and every friendship I made - they are my friends for life." - Al Perry '71

Jason "Jay" Alan Rabalais, **Sr**., was called home on February 2, 2021, at the age of 67.

Jay was a graduate of Holy Cross High School (Class of 1971) and went on to attain his undergraduate degree in Accounting, as well as a Master's in Business, from Loyola University New Orleans. After college, he led successful endeavors as Director

of Credit and Corporate Lobbyist with Avondale Shipyard, Inc., as the General Manager and President of Boomtown Casino, the Chief Operating Officer at the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency and most recently as the Chief Financial Officer of local real estate developer MAC Real Estate, LLC. In addition to the responsibilities of these jobs, Jay also enjoyed teaching college courses. He spent time as a professor teaching accounting at the University of Holy Cross, and casino management courses at Tulane University.



Jay is survived by his loving wife of nearly fifty years, Jill Nastasi Rabalais; three sons, Jason Alan Rabalais, Jr. (Jamie Marshall Rabalais), Jerrold Andrew Rabalais (Lauren Pellerin Rabalais), and Justin Andre Rabalais (fiancé, Caitlin Altomare); four grandchildren, Mia Catherine Rabalais, Jason "Jace" Alan Rabalais, III, Emma Claire Rabalais, and Liam Andrew Rabalais; and his devoted Black Mouth Cur, Lacy.



Kenneth "Kenny" Everett Bohnenstiehl

Jr., a life-long resident of the New Orleans area, passed peacefully on Thursday, January 7, 2021, of natural causes. Kenny was 67 years old. Kenny was born in Metairie, Louisiana, on August 27, 1953, son of Kenneth Bohnenstiehl Sr. and the late Doris Miller Bohnenstiehl. He was the beloved husband of the late Verna Joslin Bohnenstiehl and by a previous

marriage to Janice Cooley. He is survived by his father, Kenneth Bohnenstiehl Sr., his three children Kristi Cook (Brett), Robert Bohnenstiehl, Kelle Bohnenstiehl, two stepchildren Joshua Perrin and Matthew Perrin (Stacey), his siblings Gerald Bohnenstiehl, Marilyn Sambola (Steve), Thomas Bohnenstiehl (Lessie), and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is also survived by his 11 grandchildren Brett Jacob Cook, Joshua Perrin Jr., Jillian Cook, Kailey Perrin, Emily Bohnenstiehl, Tristan Wyler, Riley Perrin, Evelyn Nirenberg, Emerson Nirenberg, Lucy Perrin, and Ellis Nirenberg Kenny graduated from Holy Cross High School in New Orleans in 1971 and enjoyed a career as a licensed electrician with their family business, Bohnenstiehl Electric Inc. He had a passion for music, loved camping and fishing, was a Who Dat through and through and, knew "they" were out there.

Isabel C. Brocato, 94, a resident of Huntsville, Alabama, passed away on

February 27, 2021. Isabel is survived by her two sons, Humberto (Nikki Rouchell), Gerard (Jane Maxwell); grandsons, Paul Michael (Katie Vallem), Sean David (Aneta Rhoads), Benjamin Daniel (Julie Bullock), Conner Maxwell, William Edward; great granddaughters Adriana Elizabeth, Celie Claire, Charlotte Anne.

Isabel was born November 20, 1926 in San Jose, Costa Rica, C.A. to Daniel and Esther Montero. Isabel was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Humberto N. Brocato. They immigrated to the United States in 1952 and began their journey to citizenship as residents of New Orleans, Louisiana. After several years of acclimating to life in America, she graduated from Neyrey Business School and began employment as a secretary for O'Donnell Brothers Printing



Company in New Orleans. Isabel retired as secretary to the president after 20 years of service to the company.

Eugenia Frisch Anticich completed her earthly journey on February 5, 2021, at age 94 and just two days before her 68th wedding anniversary, passing into the hands of her heavenly Father. As she always said, "Be careful going home." She spent



her first 79 years in New Orleans, LA, where she was born. A trip to visit her son and daughter-in-law in Murrysville, PA, was planned for September 2005 but was fortuitously rescheduled to mid-August, sparing her and her husband Louis the Hurricane Katrina disaster. They were due to return home the day New Orleans flooded, leading to three months living with her family. Afterwards, she and Louis moved from New Orleans to escape future hurricanes and be closer to her family, residing at Walnut Crossings in Monroeville, PA.

She is survived by her husband Louis, son Leslie, and

