

Reflections

I've heard it said that no one who went to Holy Cross was just a student. They were a Holy Cross student and something else.

That something else referred to a student being involved in some activity in addition to his work in the classroom. It could have been a school sponsored extra curricular or something completely outside of school. In a lot of cases, these 'something else's' are interests which some of us still have today. It could be student and band, student and ROTC, student and football player, student and Key Club. You get the idea.

In my case that something else was the school paper. While on it, Ken Hechler taught me how to write a news story. . . It was pretty formulatic writing consisting of getting the answer to 6 basic questions: Who, what, when, where, why and how.

TIGER GOLD

. . . and something else



Then in 12th grade I took a creative writing class from Mike Leach that opened up an entirely different world of writing for me. With what I learned in that class, I was able to do a mash-up between two styles of writing – combining news reporting with creative writing. Nope - That is not the same as fake news.

I never did stop interviewing people and writing, just the venue and means of delivery changed. My latest project is the HC71 Newsletter. When we were at Holy Cross there were about 1,200 students, faculty and staff and each one of them had a story to tell. Due to time and space limitations, the *Bulletin* was only able to tell a few of them.

With HC71 Newsletter I'm trying to tell those untold stories. Time and space is no longer a constraint. So don't be surprised if you hear from me in the future wanting to know about your 'something else.'

Jeff Junker

. . . and something else

What follows is a depiction of the Holy Cross I remember – a communion of place and purpose. Of the conviction that the school still retains its essential character, I've chosen to use the present tense.

At HC we teach those who come to us. We don't go sniffing around for perfumed pedigrees so that we'd project a so-called preferred fragrance.

At HC we are not preoccupied with seeking or taking the credit. Rather, we accept responsibility and try to emulate the lofty values set forth in Brother Fisher's "The Holy Cross Man," our sacred school code.

At HC we celebrate the honest man, for only he proves to be trustworthy. And trust is the finest compliment one person can pay another.

At HC we embrace the idea that the really important things never change. That's what tradition is all about. It's the glue that unites us in our collective search for truth, wisdom, and our ultimate deliverance. Don't mess with the glue.

At HC we esteem the virtue of hope. It is our anchor. It is critical to the central meaning of our school motto: *Crux Spes Unica*, which proclaims "Our Hope Lies in the Cross."



Ken Bohnenstiehl, Dennis Delaney, Kenny Duke, Louis Reuther, and Gerry Adams in Michael Leach's class.

At HC we teachers understand that education of the whole man – mind, heart, body, and soul – is a process involving layers and levels of self-discovery. What is both gratifying and impressive is that the Class of '71 grasps the concept as well. The introductory section of your '71 Tiger yearbook is testimony to your perception.

Somehow our mutual recognition of the journey bonds us more securely in our teacher-student roles and links us in a kind of Holy Cross DNA. May such solidarity endure forever.

Hail Holy Cross and Hail the Class of '71!

Michael S. Leach

CHALKBOARD



47 year Unofficial Reunion - Part 2

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Rocky & Carlo's Sicilian Room

613 W St Bernard Hwy, Chalmette

7:00 pm until 11:00 pm

Spouses and friends of our class are all invited. Please pass the word. Although not necessary,

please let Dan McGovern, the Keeper of the List, (DPMcG@Bellsouth.Net) know if you plan to attend.

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And for those who want to make the weekend of Part 2 of our 47 year Unofficial Reunion even more special, there's the Homecoming Game against Br Martin the night before. (Friday October 12, 2018) Game starts at 7:00 pm.

If you're interested in joining other classmates for Friday Night Lights with Tessitore coordinate with John Tessitore:

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Two of Darek Guichard's grandsons were on the High Honors Honor Roll at Holy Cross. They are in the 5th and 7th grade.

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John Glorioso has retired from St Paul's High School and is now a Geometry teacher at St Schlastica High School in Covington.

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Louie DiVincenti says that his doctor released him and he can go back to work after a successful quadruple bypass and mitral valve replacement. He missed over 60 days of work.

Louie's Glorioso cousins are planning to do a benefit to help cover living expenses and doctor bills on October 20, 5 pm to 8 pm at Rocky & Carlos in Chalmette There will be food, drinks, raffles, and auctions. For further information, contact John Glorioso

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In Memorium: "Shawn Dillon Murphy, 59 went to his heavenly home after a courageous and valiant fight with cancer on Saturday, August 17, 2013. Shawn graduated from Holy Cross High School and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (formally USL). He was proud to be a member of the New Orleans Fire Department. He was an avid golfer and liked karate, gardening, fishing and reading." - - New Orleans Advocate

Pont du Gard

Here's a photo of me with my four grandkids at the Pont du Gard in France.
(The Pont du Gard is a Roman monument built halfway through the 1st century AD. It is the principal construction in a 50 km long aqueduct that supplied the city of Nîmes with water. It's a three level aqueduct standing 50 m high.)

It wasn't really a 'summer vacation' for me as I have a home in France in a little village called Eyguieres in Provence. I spend about 4 months of the year there. We're about 40 miles northwest of Marseille and the Mediterranean Sea. The Point du Gard is about an hour away



Alvin Albe and his crew in France

and it crosses the Gardon River, which is a great kayaking river for kids. I had all my grandkids here for a couple of weeks for their annual visit and we took this shot during an ice cream break.

Alvin Albe

Rollin' on the River

It has been almost 30 years since Ricky Zimmer put a fishing pole to use. Not wanting to invest in one of those fancy bass boats, he decided to try his hand at kayaking.

"I didn't want to spend \$30,000 for a hole in the water (boat) to go fishing when for less than \$1,000 I could get a kayak," said Ricky. "As far as kayaking, it is just an inexpensive way to get back into fishing."

To test the kayaks stability and suitability as a fishing platform he took a guided tour down Bayou Cane to Lake Pontchartrain and back again.

"I signed up for a trip with Bayou Adventure out of Lacombe. It was a sunset cruise that left at 5:30 in the evening," he continued. "I almost turned the kayak over on my first trip. The trick is to keep your head on the centerline."

On his second trip, he discovered that the guide was also a fisherman. He picked the guide's brain as to where the best spots to fish were: sac-a-lait by the trestle, Reds by the lake.

And there's always adventure to be had.

"One of the other kayakers was a spider enthusiast so she paddled up into the swamp grass to get a closer look at one. The kayak went into the grass and the spider jumped into the boat. She backed out as quickly as she could and toppled over. There were alligators



Ricky Zimmer about to board his kayak

not too far away, but they were itty bitty ones – just babies. But then, even small alligators can bite!” commented Ricky.

He also discovered that August is egg-laying time for alligators. After the female lays the eggs, they chase the males away and become very territorial. One female was ‘posturing’ in the middle of the bayou for about 5 minutes before yielding.

“The gators are more afraid of you than you would think. You’re bigger than they are,” he said.

Not wanting to test that theory, he used his better judgement while walking on a sandbar near the lake. There was an alligator about 100 feet away and he decided it would be best to get back to the boats. By the time they reached their kayaks, the gator had moved to the sandbar where they were standing moments earlier.

Zimmer retired as Athletic Director of Fontainebleau High School in July, 2018. (He was hired at FHS by Johnny Vitrano.) During this past spring he worked with the Gator Wrestling Club - Northshore which is based at St. Paul’s, where he will be coaching this year as an assistant wrestling coach

Larger than Life

The Alumni Association is in the process of memorializing different brothers that taught at the school. There are no longer any brothers on campus and we’d like to give the current students an idea as to what it was like.



There are a total of eight support column in the gym, the Huddle, and the lobby. We plan on ‘wrapping’ each column with a picture and information about selected brothers.

Only one column in the gym has been done so far and that one is in honor of Br. Melchior. Imagine the effect of seeing a ten foot, larger than life Br. Melchior!

John Tessitore

A young Br. Melchior

A Wedding is a Day - a Marriage is a Lifetime

Before Steve and Claudia Schulz were married 43 years ago they participated in a less than inspiring marriage preparation program that left them wondering how could this prepare them for marriage.

The program that existed at that time was a six-hour presentation by a married couple, a priest and a medical doctor.

“The married couple seemed to be quite old and they stated that they had never had an argument - really? The priest condemned us and preached fire and brimstone about birth control and sleeping together. The doctor, who was supposed to instruct us in the mechanics of sex - a Diocesan requirement at the time - didn't show up because he was delivering an emergency baby. We were left wondering how this was supposed to prepare us for a lifetime of marriage together,” said Steve.

Less than two years after they were married, they attended a Marriage Encounter weekend experience. Making a good impression on the presenting team, they were told that they were not married long enough to help with Marriage Encounter but might be able to help with the newly forming Catholic Engaged Encounter program.

Steve continued, “We quickly became a presenting team and later the executive couple of the New Orleans Diocese along with our team member Fr. Tom Rodi, who is now Archbishop of Mobile. We also became coordinators for

the US National Convention in New Orleans in 1982 which is also the year we started our own company and our second child Alicia was born. Needless to say, we were quite busy that year.”

The program that Steve and Claudia volunteer with is formally called International Catholic Engaged Encounter. It started as an outgrowth of Marriage Encounter in the early 70s in Detroit, Michigan. It is a volunteer Lay Ministry that works in conjunction with the Catholic Church to provide Marriage Preparation to engaged couples preparing to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church.



Steve and Claudia Schulz

The group's motto is "A wedding is a day - a marriage is a lifetime."

The program also ministers to couples of other churches and faiths. It now exists in about 40 countries worldwide and is still growing. Currently, the fastest growing is China as they are quickly expanding to new Dioceses all over the country.

The Schulz's became involved in 1978. For the next ten years, they were actively involved with Catholic Engaged Encounter. Then the needs of their four children filled their daily schedules: band chaperones, choir chaperones, cheerleading chaperones, dance team chaperones, parent-teacher organization, school board, Eucharistic Ministers and various sports activities. Steve also worked on his black belt in Tae Kwon Do and was an instructor in both martial arts and shooting safety.

"After a thirteen-year hiatus – with the kids grown - we were encouraged to get back involved by our parish priest. We quickly rose through various leadership levels as Unit Coordinators, District Coordinators, and a seat on the National Board of US Engaged Encounter. In 2006, in Houston, we were selected by the International Board to become the Executive Team for International Catholic Engaged Encounter. We served in this position for the maximum two three-year terms until 2012 when our replacements were selected," continued Steve.

"Unfortunately, just after selection, one of the team contracted cancer and they were only able to serve for one year. We were invited to step in and complete their three-year term until new replacements could be selected at the next board meeting in 2015. So, we served a total of eight years in the role of Executive Team and President of ICEE."

Steve & Claudia's current assignment is to gain official Vatican approval by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life for the international outline that dictates how the weekend retreat is to be conducted, what topics are to be covered, and the time schedule for a three-day retreat. They have been working on this project since 2007 and are waiting on finalizing their statutes with the Canonical Lawyers to complete the process in a canonically approved format that will be issued a Nihil Obstat.

This weekend retreat outline, which has been approved by Bishops the world over, will also be used outside the USA – whether in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Vietnamese, Afrikaans, or Chinese. They will follow the exact same outline for conducting the encounter weekends.

"We have been recognized by the then Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Pontifical Council for the Family for the good work that we do. We have been officially "elevated" by Archbishop Gregory Aymond," said Steve.

"Unfortunately, we have learned that the adage – Rome works very slowly – seems to be true. We hope we survive to see the day when all the red tape is completed. As it stands, we have been told that we should expect a reply to our second draft of the statutes by October of this year."

El Detention de Español

Br. James (Weston) wrote some Spanish on the blackboard and said, "Veith Read that sentence to the class."



Gentlemen, Start your engines!

his desk drawer and pretend to bend it. He slowly turned his back to the class and when he faced the class again, the spike was bent. The class was in awe. They later found out that he had a pre-bent one on the seat of his chair and swapped it out as he turned around.

As for Spanish class, I thought Br James was going to flunk me, but I passed.

Mike Veith

I said, "Brother, I can barely speak English and now you want me to learn to talk Spanish?"

That got me a one month detention with Br. Melchior and his dogs.

When I showed up to detention, Br. Melchior asked me what I did.

I told him and he replied, "Did you ever think of taking up French? . . . This is no playing matter. Pick up those rocks and put them over there."

So I was moving rocks just to move rocks - from one pile to another.

I also had Br. Melchior for religion. He was strict, but could be funny, and he wanted you to believe he was mean. He was cool if you got to know him.

One of the wrestlers who was in a class ahead of us – Sam Tilden ('67) – told the story about how Br Melchior pulled a railroad spike out of

The Fixer-Upper

In the 600 block of Forstall – one block away from Holy Cross Dauphine St – stands a formerly dilapidated house that was renovated by Dave Hardin and his middle son Neil.

“We formed an LLC a couple of years ago to flip houses. Several other houses that we worked on were also in the Holy Cross neighborhood.”



“The Hardins’ most recent renovation on Congress St - not too far from Holy Angels.” and ked for 20 years. There was a tremendous appreciation in value of old homes in that area. Fifty year later they’re being sold to mostly out of towners for \$200 to 250 per square foot,” continued Dave.

He also noted that HC’s baseball field has 2 houses on home plate and the developer plans on building a total of 40 on the field.

His most recent project is one near Holy Angels on Congress St.

Not new to taking on a renovation project, Hardin renovated his first house in 1979 which he turned into a rental. By 1987 he had 37 rental houses in Algiers and Gretna. Most of his time on weekends was spent painting and ripping out carpet.

“It’s a roll of the dice; you take your chance and hope it works out,” he said.

The Balcony

Perhaps the most famous Br. Melchior story was the one where he picked up a student in his desk and held him over the second floor balcony of the lower school building.

Many years later, that student told the story to Johnny Carson on the Tonight Show, except he didn’t name the brother or the school. John Larroquette admitted that he was a lousy student but a lifelong learner.

Here’s nola.com’s story on the Larroquette-HC connection:

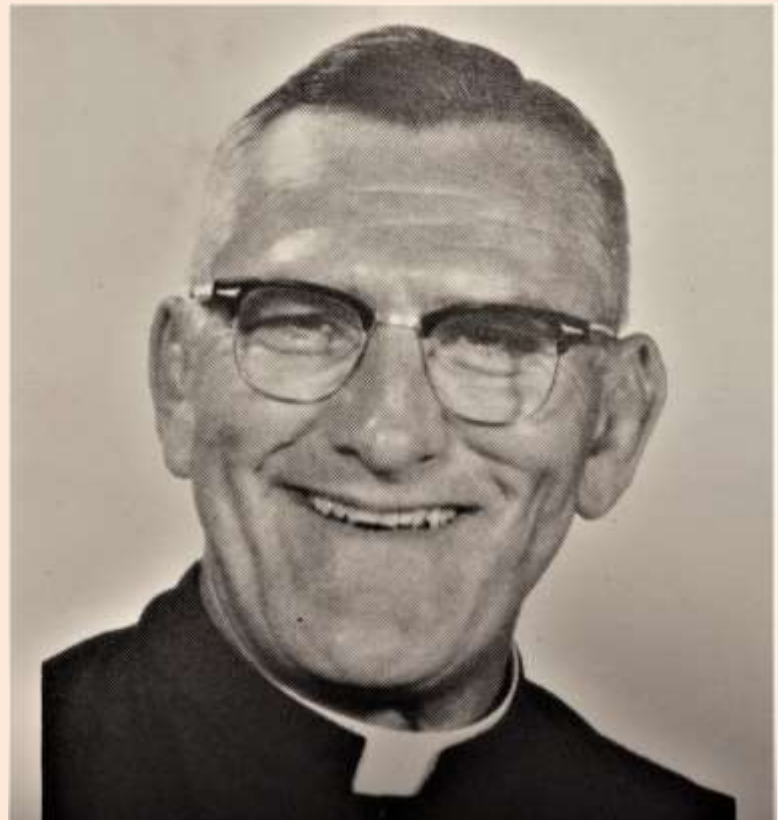
John Larroquette could’ve gone to college but didn’t. He was offered a scholarship to LSU after winning a state high school speech title. The text for his winning interpretive reading performance was “The Hollow Men” by T.S. Eliot.

“I don’t remember how or why I did that,” said Larroquette, a New Orleans native who will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters at 7 p.m. Friday (May 17) at UNO’s commencement ceremony at Lakefront Arena. “I danced and sang. It was ridiculous. I was offered a scholarship. I was a lousy student, quite frankly. A lousy student.”

A lousy student but a lifelong learner.

Though his high school academic career was inglorious – he departed Holy Cross involuntarily as a sophomore to finish at F.T. Nicholls – Larroquette developed a passion for heavy reading while young. The interest was fanned at Holy Cross, which will also present him with an honorary diploma while he’s in town.

“One thing I’m really thankful to Holy Cross for is they opened my eyes to literature,” he said. “I remember being given a copy of ‘Waiting for Godot’ when I was a freshman in high school at Holy Cross, and it just exploded my brain.”



“As I recall, it was given to me by an Irish priest who thought that somehow my personality would somehow identify with this writer, and it did. Samuel Beckett is my hero, in essence

Time in a Bottle

What was it like to stand on the M/V Sea Explorer’s deck again after first stepping on her in the early 70s? There are no words, but I’ll try.

But first, a bit of explanation: The Sea Explorer is a 65’ Army T-boat built in New Orleans by Higgins Shipyard. She was mothballed in Charleston and returned home as a Sea Scout boat in the early 70s. The last anyone had seen of her was in the late 80s until she was recently discovered on Bayou Bonfuca below the Hwy 433 Bridge in Slidell.

A couple of us went to take a look at the Sea Explorer hoping that the owner was on board and would give us a tour. When we saw she was closed up, we went to talk to the Harbor Master. He said the owner was in the Bahamas but he’d pass our contact information on to him. Eventually contact was made and the question of whether he’d mind giving us a tour of the boat came up.



He asked, “A tour? How about a trip into the lake?”

You can’t really say ‘No’ to an offer like that.

And that’s how I found myself back on board a boat that I’d spent years on as a teenager.

It seemed as though the vibrations from the engine flipped an internal switch on and I started walking around the boat hooking the safety chains across the gangway, checking the location of PFDs, fire extinguishers and life rings.

The churning wake, the waves of passing boaters, the wind

Jeff Junker at the helm

across the bow and the intermittent squawking of Channel 16 in the wheelhouse all brought back memories of dolphins, flying fish, and rolling seas.

I never thought I'd see the Sea Explorer again let alone act as helmsman. After the cruise was finished I smelled of "boat" - that unique combination of sunshine, diesel fumes, and Lake Pontchartrain spray. It was glorious!

We can be many things, but we can never be 15 again. For four short hours it felt as though the hands of time were turned back.

Other classmates who were members of this unit were Albert Alexander, Randy Fry, Larry Folse, and Bob Wallace.

Jeff Junker

April in Paris

"What could be more fun to do on your 65th birthday than ride the giant Ferris wheel in Paris!" exclaimed David Falgoust. "My birthday was April 7 and my wife Sarah is big on birthdays. She insisted on something big. I've always liked Paris - it is my favorite city, so I suggested going to Paris. She was all in. It's hard to beat dawn on the Seine."

The Falgousts had a pre-birthday dinner at Tailevent, an exquisite restaurant not far from the Champs-Elysees and the Arc de Triomphe. David's wife mentioned to the sommelier that it was his birthday.

To which the sommelier said that she had a birthday present for him after dinner - it was a tour of the two wine cellars which had close to 3,000 bottles of wine.

David picks up the story: "I



The Falgousts in Paris

asked her what the oldest bottle of wine was. She said it was an 1897 Chateau Laffitte Rothschild. Being curious, I asked her how much it was. She said it was 17,000 euros. 'Is the wine still good?' I asked. She replied that she didn't know, but anyone who bought the wine wouldn't care because it would give them a good story to tell."

"I really enjoyed seeing the cellar. There were thousands and thousands of bottles of wine. Most of the bottles were hidden from the Germans during World War Two in underground caves. The reason for this is because when the Germans first took over Paris, the first thing they did was to seize the hotels and drink the fine wine."

Also on the schedule were trips to museums. They visited the Musee de l'Orangerie, which houses paintings by Monet and other expressionists, and the Musee Rodin. The Rodin museum is one of the few privately funded museums in France They rely on revenue generated through ticket sales The museum was recently renovated three or four years ago. It was in this building that Rodin rented a space to do his sculpting.

A few weeks later, after a brief stay in Atlanta, they headed to Ireland where David planned on golfing on four different courses. Due to bad weather, he only played three courses, including Royal County Down which is often cited by experts as the world's best golf course.

Towns on their tour included Dublin, Kerry, Limerick. Belfast and Newcastle. Visits to the Clivts of Moher and King John's castle were also on the schedule.

"The castle was started in 1201 and still has some of its original walls and rooms. The scenery in Ireland is beautiful and the Irish are genuinely friendly."

Then it was off to London to visit their daughter who had recently moved there.

"While in London we spent time with an old friend who was there on a business trip with his wife. They had hired a tour guide to take us to a ceremony called the Locking of the Keys at the Tower of London at dusk. This ceremony has taken place every day for hundreds of years," continued David.

Dinner that night was at the 'Prospect of Whitby', a quaint establishment that claims to be the oldest waterfront pub in London, dating from the mid-17th century.

"There were several plaques on the wall that recounted all sorts of historical tidbits, among them being that this October 4, 1969 is where Captain Kidd was hung. The balcony overlooks the river and there was a rope with a noose on display for show at what was called the Execution Dock," related David.

"Who knows? And after several pints, who cares!"

To Serve Them All of My Days

David Hardin's career at Holy Cross spanned 20 years and three headmasters. The first headmaster he worked for, Br Robert Hampton, was not all that receptive to innovative ideas. Hampton's replacement, Br. John McLaughlin, was.

"Br. John allowed us the freedom to dream. We could ask 'Why can't we do it better, bring the students to another level and fulfill their dreams,'" said Dave

During this time a scholarship program (equivalent to half off of tuition), new electives, use of math and science college text books and AP classes were offered.

It was about this time that LSU started requiring 4 years of math. Hardin tapped John Glorioso to teach those students who needed extra help.

"We used the text book that UNO used for remedial math. This was an acceptable credit. John started teaching the class and he inspired the students"

"We offered students the opportunity to go to school at UNO for half a day. Ideas were flourishing. We had an unbelievable time of success," he continued. "I told Brother we needed more room. We were keeping 98% of the 8th graders whereas in past years we lost 30 to 40 kids. We added busses to Kenner and West Bank. Holy Cross had 1,350 students. We went from a blue collar school to one of Academic Excellence. We also got the alums back in the picture."

Holy Cross also sent a team to the National Quiz tournament in Chicago after winning local and state contests.

And then there was another change at Principal.



Dave Hardin also worked with the HC Swim Team

Tiger to Blue Jay

“I met with Br. Matthew Lyons and was told my services were no longer needed,” recalled Hardin. “Within 48 hours I landed a job at Jesuit as a guidance counselor for the seniors. Jesuit had 34-35 National Merit Scholarship winners that year.”

“An interesting aspect to Jesuit’s English curriculum was that there was no serious writing until the senior year. Eighth and ninth grade was concentration on vocabulary; there was no writing involved. In the tenth grade, the students would write paragraph-long assignments; eleventh grade would be short composition. In the senior year, if the student made an error, they had to correct it by citing which rule in the Jesuit grammar book they had violated.”

“When the seniors brought me their essays for college admissions, they were just phenomenal,” recalled Hardin. “There was also an accelerated section that taught 5th year Latin and 4th year Greek. The students were translating the gospel from Greek to English.”

“The first year that I was at Jesuit when we played Holy Cross, I put a 3 foot high ceramic tiger in the library with a note in the tiger’s mouth that said: ‘The last game. Jesuit next.’ I spoke at the pep rally. Jesuit won the game.”

Three more Career Changes

After his second year at Carrollton and Banks, Hardin was contacted by the Christian Brothers to be the Curriculum Director at DeLaSalle. He accepted the offer and went to work on the drug problem at the school. DLS was the first school to implement random drug testing.

He also looked at the curriculum across the board and began an honors program, a summer program, scholarships, and an academic committee of faculty heads.

Two years later, he was at Rummel serving as principal for 10 years and president for 4 years.

He started a 5 year honors program, academic scholarships ranging between \$1,000 to \$1,500 for incoming gifted students, and put into the place the same things that made Holy Cross successful.

In 2004, he left Rummel to become president at co-ed Lexington Catholic in Kentucky.

“They conducted a national search and invited me up in January 2005 for two days of interviews. Their high school had turf football and baseball fields with championship teams. I used to joke that I had to move more than a thousand miles away to win a championship. I had two trucks loaded and ready to move to Lexington on August 28 – the day Hurricane Katrina hit.”

“No matter where I went, the goal was always to get more parents involved. If you turn them on to the school, they’ll become a spokesman for the school. We’d tell the kids, ‘This is what we expect of you,’ and ‘These folks here are your brothers and sisters, we’re family.’ Looking back, I’ve met some wonderful people that I still connect with today,” Dave concluded.

Country Boy Makes Good in Big City

By Milton Gonzales

Holy Cross Bulletin

November, 1970

Dave Falgoust always wanted to live in a big city, but now that he’s here, he’s trying to kick everyone else out of town.

A native of St. James, Louisiana, Falgoust has kicked the Holy Cross football squad past four opponents in the last two seasons. His most recent victims were the Brother Martin Crusaders, who fell to the Tigers 13-12 October 16. The margin of victory in this contest was a 32 yard

Falgoust field goal into a strong wind with just 5:10 left in the game. The talented senior also contributed a 37 yard boot and was successful on his only PAT attempt.

Field goals off Falgoust's "golden toe" also accounted for the Bengal's first three victories in 1969, as they defeated Glen Oaks, St. Augustine, and Jesuit all by a 3-0 score.

The Toe's strong kicking has been a tremendous asset to the offense, according to backfield coach Jean Faust.

"We don't have to go for a first down on a fourth and long yardage situation inside the opposition's 25 yard line," explains the Tiger coach. "Instead, we can go for a field goal. This really makes us a greater scoring threat."

Falgoust first started kicking when he was six years old.

"The guy next door to me used to kick for Tulane. He'd practice kicking and I'd catch them and bring the ball back to him. When he'd finish, I'd kick a while," remembers the Tiger booter.



He went on to play tight end and also handle kickoffs and PATs for St. James High School, coming to Holy Cross as a boarder in 1968. He was ineligible that year, but promptly began putting them through the uprights in 1969 and hasn't stopped since.

Gridweek Magazine names the clutch performer Louisiana's Most Valuable High School Footballer in 1969 for his efforts throughout the season.

Although Falgoust has been quite successful, he realizes that he can't do the job alone.

"The center and holder can either make you or break you. The center's got to make a good snap and the holder's got to be able to put the ball down. I owe a lot to Louis Saltzman (center) and John Glorioso (holder), and naturally all the guys who block for me," said Falgoust.

Tessitore Elected to Alumni Board

John Tessitore has been elected to the board of the Holy Cross Alumni Association. He will be responsible for planning all Holy Cross class reunions.



“There were about 200 alumni at the last meeting,” said Tessitore. “We set the calendar for the year and introduced the new alumni board. We want to get more people involved in Holy Cross activities.”

Among the events on the schedule are a Family Day in October and a mini-tailgating party for a Thursday night game against St Aug on October 25. Toward the end of Fall plans call for a tennis tournament, caroling under the Oaks and a Christmas function. The Alumni Association meets the third Thursday of each month at the Paris Ave campus.

The Kick

October 4, 1969: Dave Falgoust kicks the winning field goal against Jesuit

This is the first time that this photo has been published anywhere. It is from David Falgoust’s collection. It was presented to him by Ken Hechler, director of Holy Cross Publications, who snapped the shot



The Clarion Herald reported the game as follows:

In the fourth game of the 1969 season, Jesuit was ranked No. 1 in the state and Holy Cross No. 2. They battled until the last few minutes without either scoring a point until backup quarterback Steve Foley replaced injured starter Kurt Forshag. Jesuit fumbled the ball at its 42-yard line. Halfback Ray Prats led a march that drove the ball to the Jays' 7-yard line, and with just 1:55 to play, David Falgoust kicked a 22-yard field goal to put the Tigers ahead, 3-0.

It marked the third time in four games that Falgoust's toe would give Holy Cross a victory.

Jesuit had one more scoring opportunity when captain Bryan Winters recovered a Tiger fumble. Jesuit moved the ball to the Holy Cross 12. But Foley, running for a first down at the Tigers' 3-yard line, fumbled the ball straight up into the hands of Glenn Meyers to end the drive. A crowd of 14,000 watched the game.

Dave Falgoust Boots Tigers Past Jesuit With 1:55 Left, 3-0

Battle Seen by 14,000

Fumble Sets Up Score in Crushing Clash

By JOHN JOLY
Times-Picayune

The gifted toe of Dave Falgoust carried the Holy Cross Tigers to a 3-0 victory over the Jesuit Blue Jays Saturday night before 14,000 screaming fans at Tad Gormley Stadium in City Park. In knocking over the No. 1-ranked Blue Jays, who had ruled the roost in the state's highest classification since the start of the season, Coach John Kahlbacher's Fighting Tigers enhanced their chances for the District 5_AAA football championship.

It was the fourth victory in a row for Holy Cross and the third time that Falgoust, by his accurate kicking, has enabled the Tigers to come out on the long end of the score. He got the Tigers past Glen Oaks and St. Augustine on field goals.

STATISTICS	Jesuit	Holy Cross
First downs	12	7
Yards rushing	112	179
Yards passing	40	-4
Total offense	152	175
Passes A-C-I	14-5-1	4-1-0
Punts-Avg.	4-34.5	8-27.9
Yards penalized	40	79
Fumbles-lost	4-4	1-1
SCORING		
HC: Falgoust FG, 22Yds.		

As was expected, the teams met in an "eyeball-to-eyeball" confrontation on the Gormley turf and it was a hard-knocking fierce-tackling fray from the opening whistle.

But it was a costly fumble, one of four Jesuit coughed up during the night, that set the wheels in motion for the Holy Cross drive that put them within the shadow of the Jesuit goal post and set the stage for Falgoust to turn on his heroics.

Jesuit played a first and 10 from its own 29, and picked up a first down on a 16-yard run by backup quarterback Steve Foley to the Jays' 42. But on the next play, Bert Arlt, after picking up two yards, lost the ball and No. 73, Francis Galle, a defensive guard, recovered for the Tigers on the Jays' 44.

With Ray Prats leading the march, Holy Cross moved along, picking up two first downs that put them at the Blue Jay 11. But Jesuit's defensive front, coming of age in this titanic battle, held and three thrusts at the line by Prats netted only four yards to the Jesuit seven-yard line.

With 1:55 to play in the game, Falgoust was sent in with the kicking tee and he promptly split the uprights from 22 yards out and Holy Cross had broken the scoreless stalemate.

The Tigers' alert secondary then broke the backs of the Blue Jays, for, following the ensuing kickoff, a pass by Steve Montgomery was picked off by Glenn Meyers at the Jesuit 37 and he returned it to the Blue Jays' 25.

With approximately 34 seconds showing on the clock, quarterback Ken Hrapmann kept the ball for two plays and time ran out with the Bengals on the Jesuit 24.

Jesuit had a chance to get on the board late in the third quarter with they drove to the Holy Cross 22, where on fourth down Mark Oliveri tried a 39-yard field goal, but the kick was wide to the right and the Tigers took over on their own 20 with 4:53 left in the third period. A clipping penalty nullified a Holy Cross touchdown late in the first period. Jesuit was forced to punt and Tony Blankenship boomed a punt to the tiger 26.

Safety John Glorioso took the ball in and under a head of steam raced all the way - 74 yards - for a touchdown, but there was a Tiger infraction at their 30, and Holy Cross suffered a 15-yard penalty back to their own 15.

Jesuit had another scoring opportunity on a drive that started just before the end of the third quarter. Prats had fumbled at the Tiger 46, and captain Bryan Winters recovered for the Blue Jays.

The Birds then marched to the Holy Cross 12. On the next play, Foley swung right for nine yards for what would have been a first down at the Bengal three, but fumbled the ball in the air and it was snatched by Meyers to end the Jesuit threat.

Jesuit led in first downs, with 12 to Holy Cross' seven, but the Tigers had the edge in total offense, gaining 175 yards to the Jays 152.

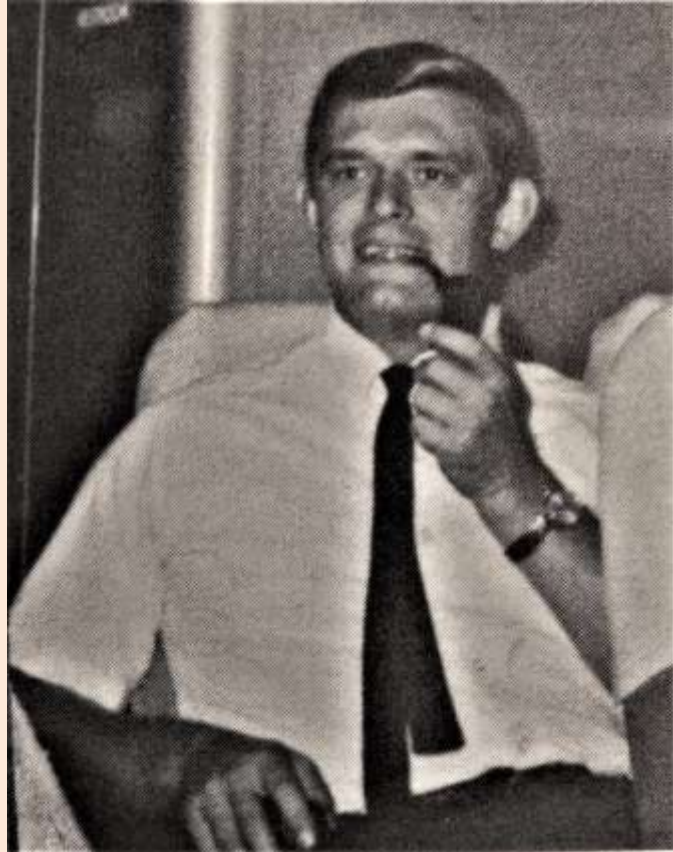
Jesuit completed five passes in 14 attempts for 40 yards, while Holy Cross tried four passes, completed one for minus four yards.

Followup

Last issue's story about Frank Galle rendering harmless a bomb on Chris Rogers F4 Phantom during the Vietnam War brought this comment:

"I also ran into Captain Christian Rogers, when I was at Nav School at Mather AFB, CA. He came in as a B-52 pilot for a static display. That would have been 1976. I think the quote from both of us was "What are you doing here?!"

Sam Bolen



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