

Boys to Men:

Twenty Five Years Later

As a fourth grader, it was not uncommon for Timur Alptunaer '04 to play chess during the 45-minute bus ride from his home in Marrero to Holy Cross' Dauphine St campus.

What was unusual was that there was a billboard-sized photo of Alptunaer and Steven Feehan '96 plastered on the outside of the bus.

"I was known to my classmates as 'the guy on the outside of the bus'," recalls Timur.

If you were a student at Holy Cross in the mid-nineties, you'll remember that this was one of the images that graced the side of the school's bus fleet.

If you were an alumnus, you'll remember this iconic photo as a cover of the Holy Cross Man alumni magazine.

Being on the side of the bus is what these two students had in common while at Holy Cross. And they still have something in common: they are both first responders.

"I was in the 4th grade and they were taking pictures around the campus. I was told to go to the main building by the Huddle. My teacher, Mrs Downie, said she picked me because I was the shortest in my class and most animated – I still don't know what she meant by most animated. But it was so awesome that I got picked for that," said Timur

Steven also remembers that day.

"They told us they wanted to get a shot of students going through Holy Cross starting as a 4th or 5th grader and finishing up as seniors to show the progress of boys becoming men. It felt kind of weird seeing my photo on the side of a bus. I also felt privileged to represent my school in that way and proud that I was selected."

The bus photos were part of an ad campaign whose goal was to reverse a student enrollment that was in a tail spin.

Terry McGaha '70, who was shortly to become principal, explains:

"Br Stephen Walsh, who was in his first year as headmaster, and I inherited a school whose enrollment had dropped to under 800 students. We had to get the word out, so we hired a consulting firm out of Atlanta that specialized in promoting colleges. They conducted focus groups among parents, alumni, and students to find out what values represented Holy Cross."

"They proposed a counter-intuitive campaign directed at the current students, parents and alumni. It would be a values-based ad campaign about what Holy Cross was about. The thought was that if members of the Holy Cross family felt good about the school they would sell the school to others."

And what did the featured students' classmates think?

“My classmates joked about it, but they thought it was cool. And I got to ride on a bus with me on the inside and my photo on the outside,” reminisced Timur.



Timur Alptunaer '04

And Steven's classmates also joked about it.

“Not many of my classmates said a whole lot, at least not to me. There were some jokes about it. One guy said he saw me in New Orleans East, but I was never in New Orleans East. What he saw was my picture on the bus as it

travelled in the East,” continued Steven.

And then there was the time his mother was driving down the road and saw that one of the signs had fallen off the bus.

“She stopped and picked it up saying she couldn't stand seeing me laying in the gutter on the side of the road.”

About the actual photo-shoot, McGaha said, “Timur couldn't tie his tie, so Steven tied it for him. When they were about to shoot the photo, the consultant saw that the tie was crooked and wanted to straighten it. The photographer said “Leave the tie exactly as it is.” The reason why the photographer had them sitting for the photo was because Steven had an ink spot on his khakis trousers in the front pocket area.”

The two-year campaign consisted of six or seven different ads running one a month in a 1/3 page in the Times Picayune. It was also placed in the Clarion Herald and Gambit.

Terry felt that the most powerful photo in the series was of a lineman sitting alone on the bench - sweaty and muddy - with his head down. The caption read "It's not whether you win or lose; it's how you play the game."

"This campaign helped us turn it around in a significant way."

A follow-up to the photo campaign was a 1999 book: *Boys to Men*. It included the history of the school and what Holy Cross was and continues to be. It took each line of the Holy Cross Man and illustrated it with photos of student life.

One of the off-shoots of Timur's celebrity status was his bus driver asked for his autograph.

"One of my teachers said that my handwriting was so bad, I could become a doctor."

That teacher's statement proved to be prophetic: Dr. Alptunaer is practicing Emergency Medicine at Chabert Medical Center in Houma LA.

"I always thought it would be a great story one day of what we are doing now that we became 'men'," concluded Timur.

After Holy Cross, Alptunaer attended Loyola, received

his RN from Lady of the Lake accelerated nursing program, and went to LSU School of Medicine. He did his Emergency Medicine Residency at SUNY Stony Brook, Fellowship in Disaster and Operational Medicine as well as an Engineering Graduate Certificate in Crisis, Emergency and Risk Management with a focus on Homeland Security at George Washington University. A Major in US Army Reserve Medical Corps, he recently returned from a deployment in support of Special Operation Command Forward Northwest Africa.



Steven Feehan '96

Feehan holds a General Studies degree from the University of Louisiana in Lafayette in General Studies, is a full time member of the Lafayette Fire department, and owns a property management company

While at Holy Cross, he was the quarterback of the team that won a share of the 10-5A District title. He was inducted into the Holy Cross Sports Hall of Fame in 2019. His bio goes on to state that he was voted 10-5A All-District MVP & WWL-TV 10-5A Offensive MVP, was an All-Metro & All-District selection on the diamond for Coach Lou Carboni's 1996 District Champions. A four-year baseball letterman at University of Louisiana-Lafayette, he is a member of the 2014 Louisiana-Lafayette Athletic Hall of Fame. He also served as captain of the Ragin' Cajuns 2000 College World Series team and was the only Cajun named to the All-Tournament team in Omaha. He presently holds school records for games played, games started, at bats, runs scored and hits in addition to being top five in school history in doubles, walks and stolen bases.

McGaha spent 27 years at Holy Cross New Orleans, ten as principal; four years as vice principal at Archbishop Hannan; and the last 14 years at Notre Dame Sherman Oaks. He recently retired to the North Shore.

Jeff Junker

Don't be Shellfish:

Attend the Holy Cross Class of 1971's 51 year Un-Official Reunion Part 1.

This time it's a catered crawfish party. Even though this crawfish event is free, we will still put out a voluntary donation box to keep things going in the future.

Date: Sunday, 15 May 2022 Time: 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM

Location: The Aycock Barn (<https://www.sbpq.net/320/The-Aycock-Barn>). . . .
409 Aycock Street Arabi, Louisiana 70032

Alone with Emptiness Eagles and Snow . . . photo by Bobby Wahl



This crawfish boil is being brought to you by the following sponsors:

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Sponsorships go towards the cost of the Crawfish Boil. Excess funds will be applied to our future Un-Official Holy Cross Class of 1971 events.

Hall of Fame Induction:

Steve Ferrer

It was really humbling to be recognized by the school and the alumni for an honor like this. It's just tremendous

Coach Kalbacher was a no-nonsense coach. He liked to keep his practices short and sweet and it was something that I've never experienced before. He insisted on being timely, completing the drills and all the things we needed to do in a certain sequence in the time that was allotted. And he did not tolerate any shenanigans.

And if he did see shenanigans taking place he'd throw us off the field. That was bad; you didn't want to do that. Although he did it a couple of times when we weren't doing well. We all learned from that. When it came down to playing football, when we were practicing we had to toe the line and do the things that were expected of you. That was a very big factor in my upbringing; that he taught me to be a student of the game.

To be elected captain of the team was completely unexpected. I had no idea that was going to happen and when it was announced that I was a captain, it really took my breath away. It was really something special.

When we played Redemptorist of Baton, every other game in Louisiana was cancelled that night except ours. So we played in about 6 inches of water on the field.

The linebacker that was behind me, Al Waguespack – one of the best athletes I've ever been associated with – he and I tackled the back in the backfield. And his head was under the pile and there were bubbles coming up.

And the referee was pulling us off yelling "Let him up! He's going to drown!"



Steve Ferrer and classmates at Hall of Fame ceremony. . . . photo by Peggy Perry

The highlight for me was the state championship (shot put). I threw it as far as I possibly could. I had no idea it (the record) was going to stand. I thought for sure it would be beaten by now. But I've just been informed it still stands, which is amazing to me with all the athletes that have come though Holy Cross. That's pretty amazing.

There was a brotherhood that we had together. I didn't realize it at the time how much it meant to me. But after 50 years and coming back together again for reunions, there no question there's a brotherhood that you can't underestimate. It's lasted and lasts a lifetime.

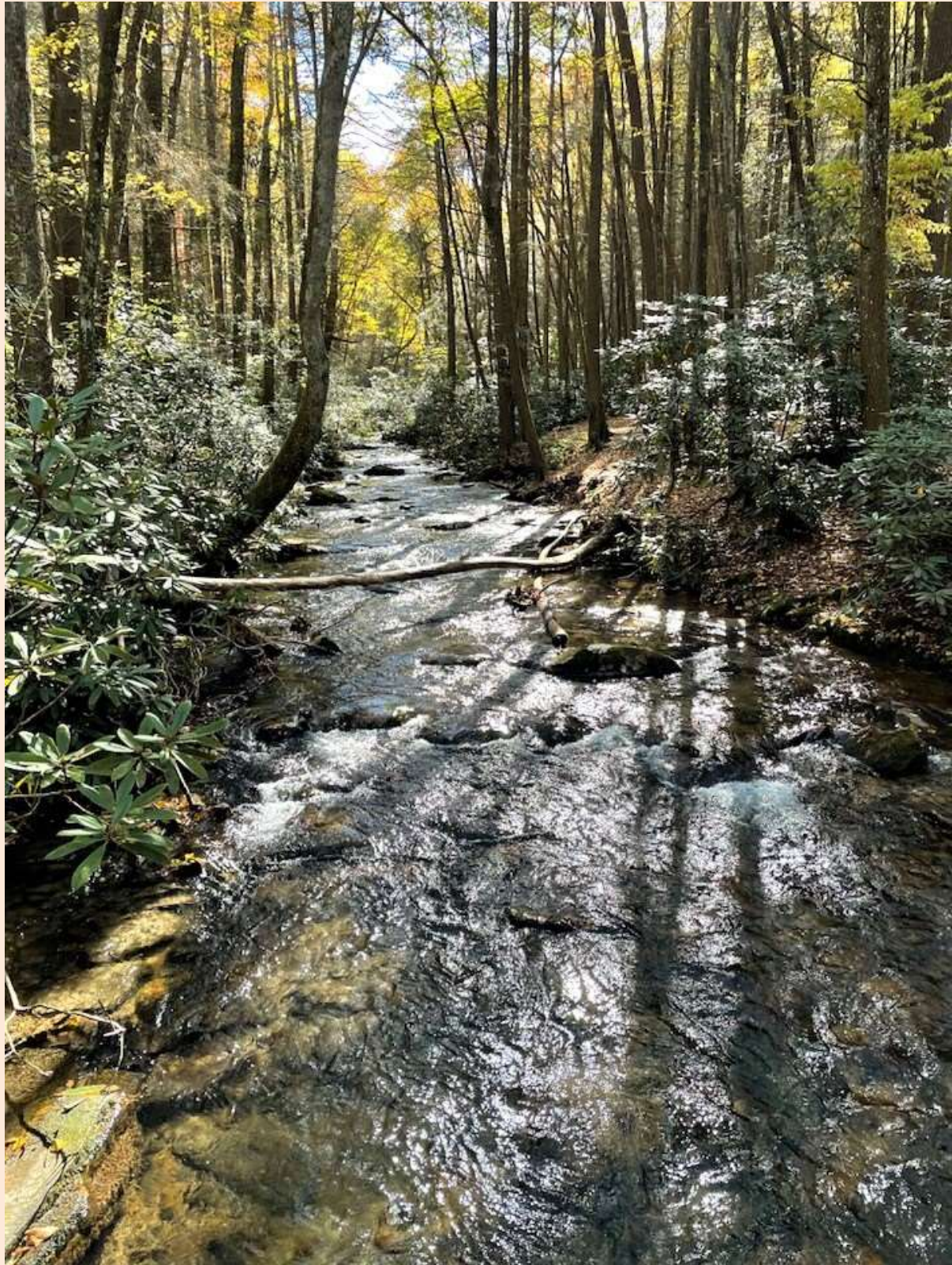
Steve Ferrer

5 year Reunion Photos .. *from the collection of Bobby Wahl*





And Miles to Go Before I Sleepphoto by Ty Yokum





The Boys of Summer:

Raul Viera

While playing centerfield for NORD's Vernon Classen little league baseball team, Raul Viera's team won five straight city championships (10-14 year olds).

"I grew up playing little league on the West Bank. We would win our district every year then go to the playoffs against all the district winners from the east bank. It was awesome," according to Viera. "I just wish they had the little league national playoff system of today in place back then – it would have been fun to see how far we could have gone."

In a 1964 article, the Times Picayune reported some of the highlights of the game:

"Gary Brooks with a single and double in 2 trips and Raul Viera with a two-run double led the attack."

At Holy Cross, due to level of talent on the varsity squad – some of whom were

on the 1969 State Championship team - he was able to play on the JV team through his junior year.

"Coach McGoey made the game fun and we were successful," he continued.

Senior year varsity turned out to be not as enjoyable as he spent the bulk of the season hampered with an ankle injury suffered in a pick-up basketball game.

"We were in the hunt in the first round, but losing pitcher Donald Hergert to injuries in the second round hurt us big time – our class only had Donald - and the Junior/Sophomore pitchers were in the process of developing".

Vernon Clasen Takes City Championship



WINNING YANKEES—The Vernon Clasen Youth Athletic Club Yankees took the 10-year-old NORD Boosters Playground League city championship. Squad members are, front row, from left, Mark Greaux, Wayne Grundmeyer, Tim Brockwell, Steve Ruiz; second

row, Marvin Bourgeois, Brian Alexander, David Alleman, Lyle Foret, Calvin Gagneaux; third row, Frank Steele, Jeff Faye, Mike Ferguson, Gary Brooks, Paul Viera, Ricky Lore; back row, coaches Lennie Foret and Dr. Elmer Grundmeyer.

In the first round the Tigers went 5 - 3; the second round found them at 1 - 7.

"In the following summer season in Legion ball things turned around. Coach John Kalbacher took over coaching duties and we started playing well – the fun was back!" said Viera.

Viera's contributions to the Saucer Marine sponsored team were reported in the Times-Picayune as follows:

"TAC tallied twice in the top of the first without the benefit of a hit, but saw the margin slip to 2-1 as Saucer scored once in the third on a run-producing fielder's choice by Raul Viera"

"Gele was touched for a single by Gary Cannizaro in the first and a single by Raul Viera in the fourth."

"Saucer Marine jumped on losing pitcher Gary Johnson for three runs and coasted to an 11-1 victory over Virgadamo. Raul Viera with three hits, and Ned Couret and Clayton Faught paced the hitting attack."



After Holy Cross, Raul went to LSU, then ULL earning a degree in Geology. He married Mella and settled down in Lafayette. He formed several companies, including Enviroaire and Pelican Environmental Services. One was an environmental consulting company that accessed their client's environmental liability; the other, a remediation company that would 'clean it up'.

In the second game Saucer Marine jumped on losing pitcher Gary Johnson for three runs in the first and coasted to a 11-1 victory over Virgadamo. Raul Vierra with three hits, and Ned Couret and Clayton Faught spaced the hitting attack. John Serpas gained the win.

Saucer stands 11-3 trailing

"We provide environmental services to residential, commercial, and government clients. We take pride in being highly qualified in the environmental testing and solutions business," said Viera. "We strive to provide customers with the level of quality service that we would want for ourselves. Understanding that clients have real concerns about issues that can affect the lives of themselves and their loved ones, we are committed to

addressing those concerns.”

Interior parameters they can assess include lead, asbestos, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), mold and allergens. Clients include hospitals, schools, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, public buildings, shopping centers, and residential houses.

Raul and Mella have three children - Raul III, who has a master's degree in Engineering and Business Administration; Lizzie who is a Senior Account Manager for a web design and digital marketing agency; and Angel who is a private school teacher.

In ending Raul stated, “I truly enjoyed my time at Holy Cross – met lots of great people and appreciated what the school did in preparing me for the future.”

Batter Up!

The official start of baseball season was Monday, January 24. It was the start for not only the Varsity team but also the JV, 9th, and 8th grade teams. The varsity team will once again be led by last year's catholic league head coach of the year, Andy Cannizaro. The team is also led by assistant coach Ryan Kamlade 04' and Brett Bonura, '08. The JV and 9th grade teams will be coached by Ryan Kimberly 04' and Jason Lisotta. The 8th grade team will be coached by father-son duo Louis Wineski, '77 and Paul Wineski, 03'.

Last year the HC Varsity Baseball team finished with a record of 22-9 and won the first Catholic League championship in over 20 years. This year's team started early in the fall with conditioning led by OPT coach, Christian Bailey. The Tigers are a very young team this year having only 3 seniors on their roster.

Although they are very young, they are loaded with talent and eager to compete for starting positions.



“Losing 11 seniors is tough to replace, but there is no better time than now for our younger players to step up and perform. There's a lot of opportunities for guys this upcoming season and that's exciting”, Kamlade says of the upcoming season.

The Tigers officially start the season off at Chalmette Monday, February 21 at 6:30 pm. The Tiger Park home opener will be Friday, February 25 vs Hahnville at 6:30 in the WGNO Classic. Last season Tiger Park underwent some major upgrades that drew record crowds. Additional upgrades are being done and hope to break those attendance records again.

Tiger Park will host over 50 home games and welcome large numbers to the beautiful campus. The Den, which consists of the best student section in all of high school baseball, will be packed once again to cheer the Tigers on.

Senior Edward Muhleisen comments, “I can't wait for this upcoming season. We've all worked so hard since last year's season ended and are looking forward to show everyone that our hard work has paid off.”

The 2022 season will be extra special as every tiger will have “BK” embroidered on their hats. The BK stands for our beloved coach Bruce Kamlade who passed away this fall. He was not only a staple for Holy Cross but a valuable piece for the baseball program. Coach Bruce was a big believer in always carrying yourself as a Holy Cross Man. Players will take a piece of Coach Bruce with them every time they step on the field.

The Holy Cross community is excited to get the season started and support another winning program that represents the blue and gold. Good luck to all of the baseball teams this year, and Go Tigers!

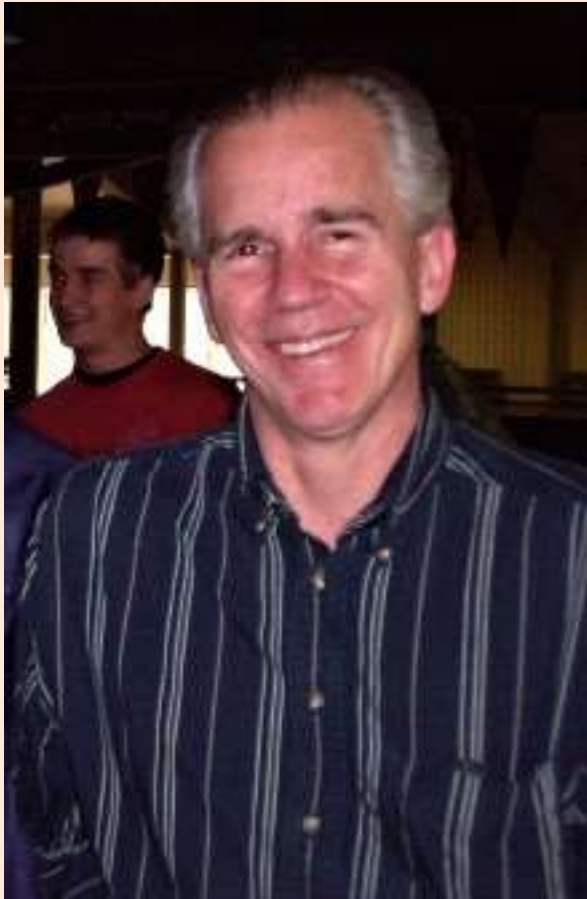
Aaron Guichard, '24

Breaking the Zodiac Killer Ciphers

Gary Kirschenheuter was a classmate from 7th through 9th grade. A '71 graduate of Chalmette High School, he was selected as a guitarist for the All-Star Jazz Ensemble at the SLU Jazz Ensemble Festival. He is a retired research chemist, holding a B.A. in psychology from Loyola University in New Orleans and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of New Orleans.

He also wrote a book which was released last September: *The Mirror Code: Breaking the Zodiac Killer Cipher Codes*.

A synopsis of the book says: "Breaking the Zodiac Killer Ciphers and Codes presents the mathematical solutions to the Zodiac Killer's ciphers. For the first time, the exact messages contained in these ciphers are revealed. The cipher solutions lead to the identification of the four people involved in the Zodiac group. Photographic evidence places the two men in the group at the funeral of Zodiac victim Cheri Jo Bates in 1966. Further unraveling of the Zodiac ciphers embedded in each of the letters and the Car



Door cipher lead to the discovery of the Zodiac group's grand plan. This plan describes how the dates and locations of the attacks were chosen to form a hidden code that predicted the last murder in the series. Learn how the Zodiac group evolved over time and what brought their unbridled depravity to an end, all in their own words.

This book presents mathematical solutions to the Zodiac ciphers along with photographic evidence proving one of the people in the group identified by the cipher solutions knew one of the murder victims."

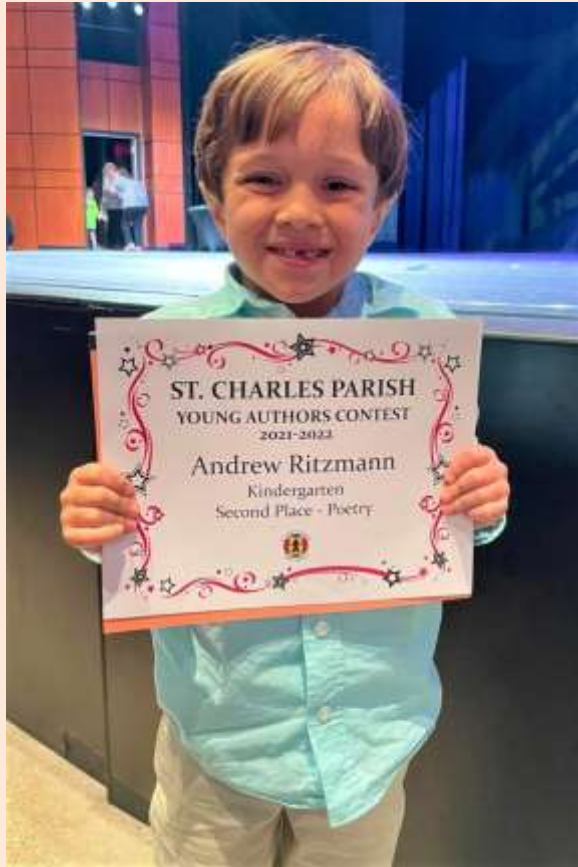
Gary lives in Arvada, Colorado with his family and remains active in his scientific pursuits.

It's What's for Dinner. . . . photo by Mike Strohmeyer



Chalkboard

Toni and Gary Ritzmann's grandson received an award in the Young Authors contest placing second in the district.



Andrew wrote a poem about trains. This comes on the heels of winning a bookmark design contest for the library. . . . And their granddaughter Emily got married.

Rachel and Mark Kalbacher with their new grandchild.



Dennis Delaney has been inducted into the Tulane Hall of Fame as a member of the 1973 team which finished 20th in the country in the final AP poll. They also beat 8th ranked LSU 14-0.

Noralee and Darek Guichard grandson, Jacob '26, has been named Holy Cross School's Student of the Year. Each year, the Louisiana Department of Education recognizes outstanding students from across the state in The Student of the Year awards program. This program recognizes students that show academic achievement, leadership ability, and citizenship. 5th, 8th, and 12th grade. Students were nominated by their teachers to represent Holy Cross. Jacob is in the 8th grade.

Kathy Lecce Lodriguss has published a cookbook of New Orleans creole and Italian recipes. It's available on Jerry's astropix website at -

<https://www.astropix.com/wp/kathys-family-favorites-cook-book/>



Gayle and Frank Galle 50 years



Rhonda Glorioso with her new grandchild



Anniversaries

Sherry and Rocky Buras 49 years

Cheryl and Bobby Dawson 50 years

Debi and Dan Colomb 25 years

Toni and Gary Ritzmann 48 years

Kathy and Robert Turner 38 years

Mike Heller's dad, Bill, received the Rosemary Odinet Humanitarian Award for Service to Holy Cross. With Mike is his fellow '66 classmate Ken Berthelot.



Oscar Gomez Molina shows off some of the Class of '71 mementos that were mailed to him in Guatemala City, Guatemala.



David Falgoust with his granddaughter at the Georgia Aquarium



Bodaciously Good Eatin'

Louis Reuther never expected a phone call from the Shreveport Times telling him he'd won a contest he didn't enter.

The contest was a "Best of Shreveport" poll of the Shreveport Times readers.

"They called us up one day and said our restaurant won the best bar-b-que in Shreveport," explained Reuther. "Our customers thought that we were the best."

Bodacious Bar-B-Que was started by Terry and Louis Reuther over 20 years ago.

He continued: "We study YouTube videos on better ways to handle the brisket and it has made great improvements culminating with being voted Best BBQ. There are some well-established BBQ restaurants in the area and they are also very good. I suppose we are competing with the big boys now!"

The road to Bodacious was a long one.

Louis gained his food and beverage experience by working at a wide range of businesses, including the Royal Orleans and Royal Sonesta. His first full service restaurant experience occurred at the Rib Room and T Pittari's.

"Pittari's location was a good distance from any known restaurant areas like the quarter or St Charles Ave but we got a lot of out of towners anyway. I found out why. Mr. Pittari paid cab drivers \$1 per person they brought to the restaurant. Back in the 70's that was big tip money!"

Then came a stint at the Red Caboose in Fat City where he became its manager after 2 years.



“After the Red Caboose I worked at Steak ‘n Ale on Veterans as bartender. That’s where I met my wife Terry who was a customer. I was tending bar with my back to the customers, I turned around and wham! There she was,” recalled Louis

He also commented that the Saints used to come to the Red Caboose. On one occasion, Steve Stonebreaker danced around the bar with a broken leg in a cast.

All of that experience paid off. He became the Director of Operations for a Popeye’s and Church’s Chicken franchisee that owned 25 stores in North Louisiana, East Texas and south Arkansas. When visiting the East Texas units, he always had lunch at a Bodacious BBQ next to one of the Church’s Chickens.

“One day my wife said "The kids are all in school. I can go back and work at the bank." I said if you want to go back to work, why we don’t open a restaurant: a BBQ restaurant. You could just be open for lunch, close at 3.”



He found a closed convenience store on Barksdale Blvd., two miles from the main gate of Barksdale Air Force Base, the largest B52 base in the United States. There were no other places to eat, except for a McDonald's, within two miles of the base

Louis wanted to be a franchisee of the Texas restaurant that he always ate lunch at but found the terms too onerous, which included working at the Texas location for a year. After impossible negotiations with the son-in-law of the founder of Bodacious in Texas, the Reuthers decided to register the name with the Louisiana State Department and forget about Bodacious in Texas. Come to find out – the Texas Bodacious hadn't even bothered to register their name in Texas!

He was able to buy the Texas company's seasoning, but it was not Louisiana style; it was heavy Texas, so they developed their own spices.

“On the third day of being open I was in Texarkana where we had a Church's Chicken under construction. My wife called sounding a little frantic. She said ‘You better get over here. I'm going to close.’ It was 12:45 and we had sold out of all meats! And the customers were asking for places to sit. She had taken pictures and it showed a line of people out the door! I knew it was a good location. I just didn't expect it to catch on that fast.”

He borrowed a trailer, drove to Texarkana, and bought tables and chairs. They pulled out the shelving units converting the area to seating. All was fine for about three months, until he got a call from Terry saying that code enforcement and the fire department were threatening to shut them down.

“I met them the next day and they told me that I didn't have tables when I applied for the Certificate of Occupancy. I had filed as a convenience store. Now I had seating for 42 and no bathrooms. They gave me a week to decide what I was going to do.”

“We were having this conversation in the full lobby at lunch time. After they left, a man walked up to me and said that if I let him put video poker machines in the restaurant he would pay for the bathrooms and a parking lot, which was an empty grass lot next door. This was in 2001 when video poker was big.”

At the time, they were renting the convenience store portion of 2.5 acres. The owners of the property offered to sell the store to Louis and he jumped at the opportunity. A week later one of the family members asked if he wanted to buy the rest of property, which had a house and the field they were using for parking.

Among the Barksdale Air Force Base clientele visiting the restaurant is Bill Pedeaux.

“I love Bodacious. I try to go there every week or two,” commented Pedeaux. “My favorite is the bar-b-que beef po-boy fully dressed. The ribs are great and so is the chicken. Always look forward to the mint tea and hardly ever pass up the beignet fries. It’s a great place to go with my friends and have a great meal as we sit there and solve all the problems of the world.”



Dan McGovern has also been to Bodacious a couple of times, the last being right before the pandemic.

“We definitely enjoyed Louis’ and Terry’s place, but unfortunately it is not exactly on our way to most places we went to in the pre-pandemic times. Bodacious BBQ is very near Barksdale Air Force Base. It is exactly what you would expect for a casual place near a military base.

Everyone around the area knows about it and eats there. Ask anyone stationed at Barksdale and they will tell you all about the place. It is definitely a popular lunch spot for all of the workers and military in the area. The prices are reasonable for BBQ Everything, not just the BBQ, we tried was very good. They need to open one down here on the Gulf Coast so we can get to it more often! "said McGovern.

Living not too far away is Mark Kalbacher who says, "Bodacious BBQ in Bossier City has thrived for years, featuring the Botato , a massive stuffed potato, numerous plates and specials as well as catering options . My wife and I eat there regularly, with the brisket being my favorite."



Bodacious expanded their menu to include some of Louis' favorites, such as red beans and rice.

"The recipes were inspired by 26 years of grandma's and mama's Creole cooking in New Orleans and 11 years of ranch-style barbecue in San Antonio, Terry and I went to work developing Louisiana-style BBQ with a western flare. Many customers forget we have delicious sauce before finishing off our ribs and pork," added Reuther.

Their sales have grown almost every year of the 22 years they have been open, and even during the first year of covid.

"We grew from one smoker to two to keep up especially during holidays. We've wavered back and forth on hours of operation 10 to 9 back down to 11 to 7, had to raise prices considerably since our opening, and now forced to raise prices again due to

outrageous price of ribs and brisket which has more than doubled since January. I really enjoy working with people and serving people from all works of life,” he concluded.

Terry and Louis have three children. Their older son is an air force machinist who works at Barksdale AFB. The B52 bombers are so old that when a part is no longer available, his son makes it.

Their younger son opened his own take on Bodacious Bar B Que a few miles away, adding a big bar. And their daughter lives in Austin.

Interior photos by Dan McGovern

Fire in the Sky *photo by Mike Pearson*



Legends



“Three giants in The HC Teacher’s HOF!” - - John Iennusa

“Had the pleasure of being taught by two of these three legends!” - - Gabriel Fertitta

“Three of the best Mentors of my life! All I have accomplished is due to my development at HC!” - - Gregg J. Salathe, M.D.

“Legends” - - Charles Childress

“They were a great influence in my life”.
- - John Odinet

“That’s some heavyweight classroom power there. Learned a great deal of Calculus and English Lit from these guys.” - - J.D. Sledge

“Leach = LEGEND” - - Jacques Couret

"Three amazing educators and I was privileged to be a student of all three." -
- Tom Gilbert

"Some of my favorite teachers." - - Kris Bourgeois

"Mr Leach shared the true Spirit of Holy Cross with all the students he taught." -
- Jackie Harris

"Very thankful for the education I got from the two gentlemen on the right and the friendship of the one on the left. Three fine Holy Cross Men!" - - Karl Scheuermann

"Some of the luminaries of Dauphine St." - - Timothy Wattigny

"Class act on these three guys" - -
Eddy Lacoste

"The Best!" - - Mike Baiamonte

"Mr. Leach was an excellent teacher. A very cool guy who didn't try to be cool. I learned a lot from him." - - Lawrence Detterville

"I was fortunate to have all three of these gentlemen as teachers." - - James Schiro

"Legends" - - Pat Garin

"John Glorioso - all the thanks to you for the love, patience, wisdom, guidance, humor, pride and dedication you gave us day in and day out. What an inspiration to all of us. I imagine most of us had no idea how your love was shaping us but looking back now we understand and we are truly, truly grateful." - - Craig Hart

From the Archives:

Tear Gas Canister Stops Tiger-Owl Game

By HENRI ROCA

With 51 seconds showing on the clock and the score tied 7-7, a tear gas canister was set off in the visitors stands causing a suspension in the District 11-AAAA contest between Holy Cross and Chalmette Friday night, at Chalmette, attended by some 8,000 prep fans.

At first spectators on the Holy Cross side were forced to find refuge on the sidelines and then on the field proper. Some fans jumped the lower railing onto the field as the people tried to advance before the stinging mist. Some seconds later the mist hit the Chalmette side and the stands cleared to safer ground under the stadium.

Many St. Bernard Parish emergency units arrived on the scene immediately and administered assistance where needed.

The contest will continue by mutual agreement of both coaches, Bobby Nuss of Chalmette and John Kalbacher of Holy Cross, at Chalmette, Monday at 2 p.m., with the Tigers playing second and 10 from the Chalmette 39 and 51 seconds on the clock.

Holy Cross took the opening kickoff and drove 85 yards in 11 plays with David Thiel going in for the score from four yards out at 7:47. Thiel keyed the march with a 25-yard burst up the middle to the eight-yard line and also totaled 44 yards on the drive.

The Tigers dominated the first half with 33 offensive plays to the Owls' 12.

The Chalmette defense

driven inside their 20-yard line on two other occasions got the big play from defensive tackle Dennis Showalter. He blocked a fourth and nine pass at the Owl 18 to stop a Tiger drive that had started at the Holy Cross nine-yard line and recovered a fumble on a bad pitch-out at the Chalmette 19 on the next Tiger series.

Thiel led all ball carriers with 80 yards on 14 tries, and Hrapmann completed four tosses of five attempts for 86 yards to lead the halftime stats.

Chalmette drove 70 yards in 19 plays, with Rogerson outracing the Holy Cross defense to the flag for the touchdown from the three-yard line. A fourth and 11 completion from Pitcher to Dodd for 13 yards to the four keyed the drive.

Amite Sloshes Over Slidell

(The Times-Picayune Pearl River Bureau)
SLIDELL —Despite a wet playing field, District 8-AAA leader Amite slipped and sloshed to a 27-0 victory over Slidell here Friday night.

The win gave the Warriors a 7-0 season record and 4-0 district mark. The Tigers, suffering their fourth shutout of the season, fell to 2-5 and 2-2.

Both teams were hampered by the poor playing conditions, and had it not been for the soaked field, the Warriors' superior speed may have produced more scores.

New Videos

There are four new videos on the HC71 YouTube Channel:

Steve Ferrer's acceptance speech into the Holy Cross Sports Hall of Fame



A clip of Steve Ferrer and Al Waguespack nearly drowning an opposing running back in the 1969 Mud Bowl

And the Rockitts performing Just One Look and Sweet Talking Guy at last November's get-together at Rocky and Carlo's

The Holy Cross Class of 1971 You Tube

Channel can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqN2_US_UEwLPJT8N7dpTyA/videos?view_as=subscriber

Above the Clouds . . . *.photo by Oscar Gomez Molina*



Paulette Marie Sander Wilkinson

went home to heaven on Friday, April 1, 2022 with her loving husband and daughter at her side. She was born November 12, 1953 in New Orleans, LA but was a resident of Crown Point for the past 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Paul Leslie Sander and Marie Latiolais Sander, and by her younger brother, Louis Walter Sander. Paulette is survived by her husband of 50 years, Raymond Paul Wilkinson; her precious daughter, Jennifer W. Dudenhefer; and 3 wonderful grandchildren: Evan, Erin, and Eric.



She will also be dearly missed by her brother, Michael Sander (Nicole); her sister, Barbara Krohn (Russ); nieces: Victoria Eitmann (Phil), Allison Graffia (Ryan), and Leslie Sander; and her Godchild, Xander Krohn (Meg).

Paulette was a Class of 1971 graduate of the Academy of the Holy Angels, where she met Raymond in their freshman year at a donkey basketball game. They had their first date on November 29, 1967 at the Holy Angels Winter Formal, dated all through high school, and married on March 17, 1972.

In lieu of flowers, masses are preferred.

Renée Bernadine Wahl

passed away peacefully on February 19, 2022 at the tender age of 8 ½ months while in the loving arms of her parents, Emily Dawson Wahl and Chance Anthony Wahl. She is survived by her maternal grandparents Ronald and Veda Dawson and her paternal grandparents, Bobby and Suzie Wahl, uncle Nicky Wahl (Courtney) and aunts Melissa Richoux (Jason), Erica O'Dwyer (Brad) and Erin Erwin (JT).

Renée was a sweet angel who inspired so many to deepen their virtues of faith, hope and love. She fought and persevered through every medical obstacle presented and achieved milestones that seemed impossible. Her legacy will be marked by the knowledge gained by those medical professionals which will be used to save the lives of infants and small children.

The family would like to continue Renée's legacy through the Rally for Renée Children's Foundation, an effort to support the families and caregivers of medically complex infants and children.



In lieu of flowers, gifts to the Rally for Renée Children's Foundation can be made online at www.ccfnola.org, select Make a Gift, choose Special Designation then add Rally for Renée Children's Foundation or make checks payable to CCF- Rally for Renée Children's Foundation, 3330 N. Causeway Blvd., Ste. 361, Metairie, La 70002.



Alvin Earl "Skip" Piegts, Jr.

passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at Ochsner Medical Center at the age of 69 due to complications from diabetes. Skip was born in New Orleans in 1953 and was a resident of Metairie for over 40 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Earl Piegts and Leona Mae Schellhaas Piegts.

He is survived by his sister, Iris Ann Piegts Provenzano (L.J.); his niece, Gina Marie Provenzano Johnson (Jason); his nephew, Louis Joseph Provenzano, Jr. (Jennifer) along with a great nephew and three great nieces. He also leaves behind his best friend Jack Fallo, Jr. Skip graduated from Holy Cross High School and Louisiana State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He was formerly a manager with Mirabeau Bell Super Market and an employee of R.G.I.S.

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The Holy Cross Class of 1971 Web Page can be found at:

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