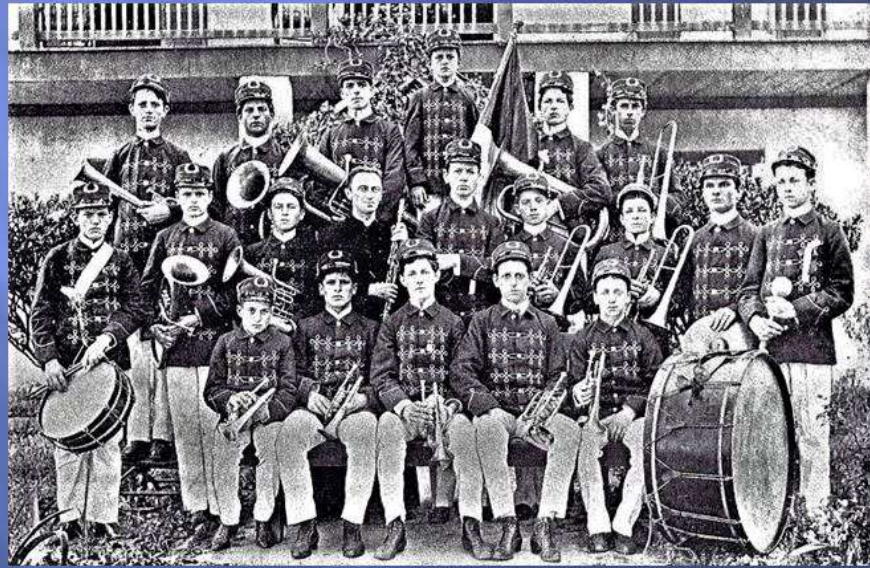


Dennis Delaney's great grandfather is seated on the bottom row, second from the right

TIGER GOLD

Legacy



Going to Holy Cross was a foregone conclusion: my father and cousins graduated from there. Also the nuns at St. Cecilia, where I went to grammar school, were Marianites - same order as the brothers at Holy Cross and the priests at Notre Dame and St. Edward in Austin.

A friend and classmate of my Dad, Tommy Barosse '42, was the head of the order before his death. The nuns also taught/managed the girls high school - Holy Angels.

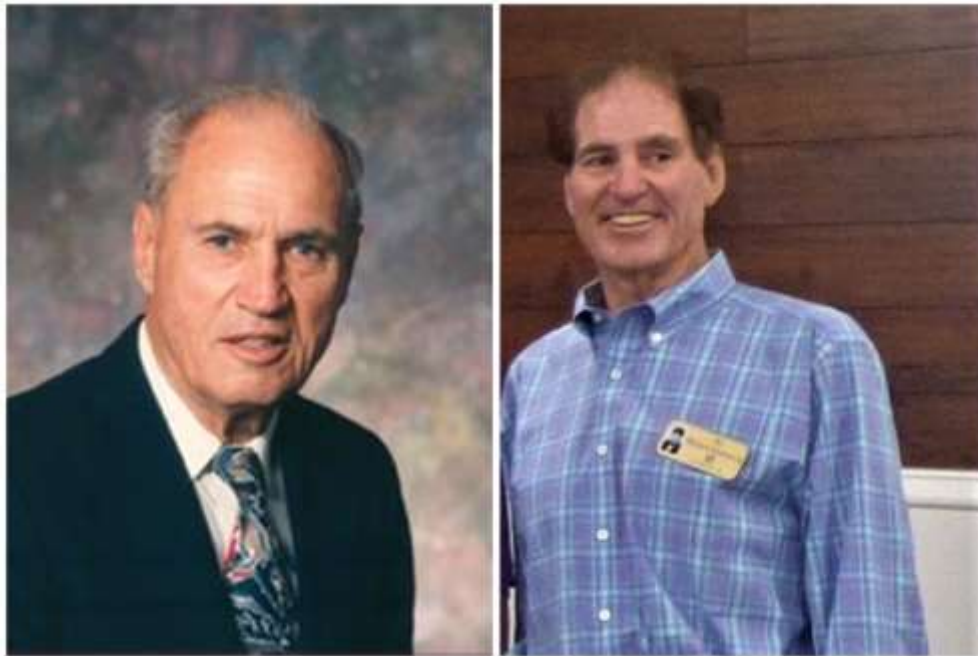
My father was Class of 1942; my brother graduated in '76. My nephew was the grandson (on both sides of the family and the son of an HC graduate (classes of '41, '42, and '78 respectively).

And there are other legacies in/from the Class of '71. Here are some of their stories.

Pat Wolfe

I was getting to live all the stories

My Dad graduated from Holy Cross and was proud that I was able to play football for



Tigers after coming from a Class B High School in Vacherie. He enjoyed every minute of Friday night football.

At first, I was really scared and didn't want to go to Holy Cross, but once there it all changed. I was getting to live all the stories I

had heard about Chief and Brother Melchior. All the things my Dad had told me were 100% true - he said they were two of the toughest men you could meet - and they were. I think my dad was re-living his high school memories through me. He knew exactly what I was feeling. My Dad graduated in 1947, so you can see that Chief and Brother Melchior were there a long time.

Al Waguespack, Jr.

Seeing him walk across the stage was a feeling like no other

When my son, Neil, first decided to go to Holy Cross, I was elated and proud. Seeing him walk across the stage was a feeling like no other. He represented his class as the Valedictorian and delivered a wonderful speech.

My son had a terrific experience at Holy Cross, both academically and with his extra-curricular activities. Neil played football for four years and the friendships developed on

that team left a lifelong impression on him. His education allowed him to go on to college and medical school and is an orthopedic surgeon today.

Holy Cross was instrumental in fostering in Neil the qualities that make him a very caring and empathetic doctor. I will always have a special place in my

heart for Holy Cross for giving my son and me a foundation of faith and success.



Donald Duplantier

I actively wanted to follow in his footsteps

My choice to attend Holy Cross High School seemed to be an easy decision for me at the time. Just as many sons, I grew up with a great respect and idealism for my father. I actively wanted to follow in his footsteps.

I can still recall attending the open house at Holy Cross and visualizing the honor he felt to have graduated from the school. I saw a sense of pride in him to be a Holy Cross Man. Throughout my time at Holy Cross, I felt that same sense of pride to become that Holy Cross Man.

I was blessed to have reached great achievements at Holy Cross. I feel that my accomplishments there are even more special to me since they were built on the legacy of my father, Donald Ray Duplantier.

Neil Duplantier '02

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME



2019 NOMINATION OF DAVID "DAVE" FALGOUST HC'71

"Completing the offensive unit is Holy Cross' Dave Falgoust who specialized in kicking game winning field goals. Three times this season the Tigers won 3 – 0 on the toe of Falgoust. I cannot recall this ever happening before in prep football. For this, Falgoust is also accorded the honor of being the team's MOST VALUABLE PLAYER." Gridweek, 1969 All-State AAA Team by Ron Gasper

"HOLY CROSS HAS THE STATE'S 'Mr. Toe' in Dave Falgoust, boomer of 40-yard field goals." New Orleans States-Item, Jays, Tigers are Grid Favorites by George Gurtner, 1970 Pre-Season 1970

"Of course, 'Mr. Automatic' Dave Falgoust booted the extra points." New Orleans States-Item, Tigers' 'Machine' Downs Rummel by George Gurtner, Week 2 of 1970 Season

“Dave Falgoust, a youngster with the golden toe, booted Holy Cross to a 13 – 12 win with a 32-yard field goal against the wind with 5:10 left in the game ‘ New Orleans States-Item, Falgoust’s Late Field Goal Gives Tigers 13 – 12 Win Over Martin by M. L. Lagarde, Week 6 of 1970 Season

“Last year, Holy Cross would have been satisfied to have Dave Falgoust’s toe enshrined in the hall of fame. This year, the Tigs may charge admission for a showing of the kicker’s talented foot. Falgoust, who has become something of a legend for his dead-eye booting did it again last night as he kicked field goals of 37 and 32 yards into a stiff wind at Tad Gormley Stadium to give Holy Cross a hard fought 13 – 12 victory over District 6-AAAA opponent Brother Martin.” New Orleans States-Item, Tigers ‘Kick’ Martin by George Gurtner, Week 6 of 1970 Season

“Falgoust is the best field goal kicker I’ve ever seen in high ‘school,’ said St. Augustine’s (Head Coach) Otis Washington.” New Orleans States-Item, Will Tigs Stub a Toe on the Knights by Andy Kreutz, Week 8 of 1970 Season

“If Dave comes through with another winning kick against the Knights, the good brothers on Dauphine Street will probably nominate him for sainthood.” New Orleans States-Item, Tigs, Knights Race for Top by George Gurtner, Week 8 of 1970 Season

It is the honor and privilege of Al Perry, HC ‘71, and Bob Poche, HC ‘71, and several other members of the graduating Holy Cross Class of 1971, to nominate their fellow graduate, David Falgoust, for consideration to be inducted as a student-athlete in the Holy Cross School Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

Dave grew up in St. James, Louisiana, having heard many stories about Holy Cross from his grandfather, P. Nelson Falgoust, a graduate of the HC Class of 1924. Dave transferred from St. James High School to Holy Cross in the fall of 1968, as a sophomore boarding student. As a transfer student, Dave was ineligible for athletics in his first year at HC under LHSAA rules. In the spring of his first year, Dave tried out for the Tiger football team and won the placekicking job for the upcoming 1969 season. Dave recalls Coach Kalbacher telling him before the 1969 season that the Tigers were going to have a great defense which would make the kicking game so very important.

Of course, when it was time for the 1969 football season, it wasn’t long before Coach Kalbacher’s pre-season words rang true. In the first five games of the season, the Tiger defense held their opponents scoreless and in three of those



DAVE FALGOUST

five games (Glen Oaks, St. Augustine and Jesuit), Holy Cross won by a 3 – 0 margin on field goals made by Dave. Against Glen Oaks, in his very first game in a Tiger uniform, wearing #82, Dave's first half field goal resulted in the Tiger victory.

In the third week of the season, Dave repeated the feat by kicking a fourth quarter game-winning 37-yard field goal against St. Augustine. One week later, in the fourth game of the season, the Tigers beat Jesuit before a crowd of 14,000 at Tad Gormley Stadium, when Dave kicked the game-winning 22-yard field goal with 1:55 left on the clock.

After four weeks, the Tigers were ranked the #1 AAA team in the State of Louisiana. The Tigers ended their season with 10 wins, 2 losses, falling in the semi-finals to the eventual AAA State champion, Bogalusa Lumberjacks. Dave ended the 1969 season with 5 field goals and 23 PAT's, for a total of 38 points.

Dave was named to the Gridweek 1969 All-State AAA Football Team and was accorded the honor of being named the team's MVP on that team. Dave was also named to the Prep Press' 1969 New Orleans AAA District All-Prep Football Team.

In Dave's second and senior year for the Tigers, one writer, Andy Kreutz of the New Orleans States-Item described Dave Falgoust as "the Tigers' un-secret weapon because he kicked five crucial field goals and 18 extra points last season 1969) – and he's been booming them in from 40 yards out in practice."

In an article entitled, "Jays, Tigers Are Grid Favorites," George Gurtner of the New Orleans States-Item wrote, "HOLY CROSS HAS THE STATE'S 'Mr. Toe' in Dave Falgoust, boomer of 40-yard field goals .."

In the first game of the season, the Tiger defense shut down the Abramson offense and Dave made 2 of 3 PAT's in the 20 – 0 shutout win for the Tigers.

Against their second opponent, the Rummel Raiders, Dave made both PAT's in the Tigers' 14 – 6 win. As George Gurtner of the New Orleans States-Item in an article entitled, "Tigers' Machine' Downs," stated, "Of course, 'Mr. Toe' booted the extra points."

In their third game, once again, Dave was 2 for 2 on PAT's in a 14 – 22 win over De La Salle.

The undefeated Tigers then met the undefeated Chalmette Owls before a standing room only crowd of more than 11,000 at Chalmette Stadium and demolished the Owls 24 – 0, holding Chalmette's celebrated offense to only 3 first downs. Dave was 3 for 3 on PAT's and added a 29-yard field goal in the waning moments for good measure.

In their fifth game, Dave was on target for 4 PAT'S in the Tiger's whitewash of Redemptorist of New Orleans by a score of 40 – 0.

Week #6 of the season saw the Tigers squeak by previously undefeated Brother Martin 13 – 12 on two field goals of 37 yards and 32 yards, both in a stiff wind, the latter game-winning kick made with 5:10 left on the clock in the fourth quarter. Dave's two field goals earned him Player-of-the-Week in Metro New Orleans. After six weeks, the undefeated Tigers were ranked #1 of the AAAA teams in the State, based on what one sports writer described as, "Defense and the golden toe."

The Tiger defense dominated their next opponent, Shaw, 19 – 0, with Dave 1 of 2 on PAT's and 2 of 2 on field goal attempts of 27 yards and 28 yards. Once again, after seven weeks of competition, the undefeated Tiger team was rated #1 in the State AAAA rankings.

This led to the showdown between two unbeaten, HC and St. Augustine, both 7 – 0. Looking back at the previous year's game between the two schools, won by HC on Dave's 37-yard field goal in the last quarter at the 11:43 mark, George Gurtner of the New Orleans States-Item, in the pre-game article entitled, "Tigs, Knights Race for Top" stated, "Dave comes through with another winning kick against the Knights, the good brothers on Dauphine Street will probably nominate him for sainthood." Prior to the game, St. Augustine's Head

Coach, Otis Washington, told Andy Kreutz of the New Orleans States-Item that "Falgoust is the best field goal kicker I have ever seen in high school."

Before a crowd of more than 20,000 at Tad Gormley Stadium, the Tigers destroyed the Knights 20 – 9, with Dave successful on 2 of 3 PAT's. After eight weeks, the Tiger football team remained undefeated and ranked #1 in Louisiana Class AAAA.

Despite continued stout play from the defense, the Tigers disappointingly dropped the next three games, losing a close battle to Jesuit by the score of 7 – 13 and to Redemptorist of Baton Rouge by the score of 0 – 7, ending their season in the opening round of the AAAA playoffs to the East Jefferson Warriors led by Mike Miley.

Dave added 2 more PAT's to his record before the end of his senior season, ending with a total of 33 points, including 5 field goals and 18 PAT's. The Tigers shared the District 6-AAAA championship with Jesuit and St. Augustine and Dave ended the season as the eighth highest scorer in District 6-AAAA.

For his achievements on the gridiron during his senior year, Dave was named first team placekicker on the 1970 Gridweek's Metro New Orleans All Star Football Team and also named first team specialist on the St. Bernard Parish 1970 All-Prep Football Team.

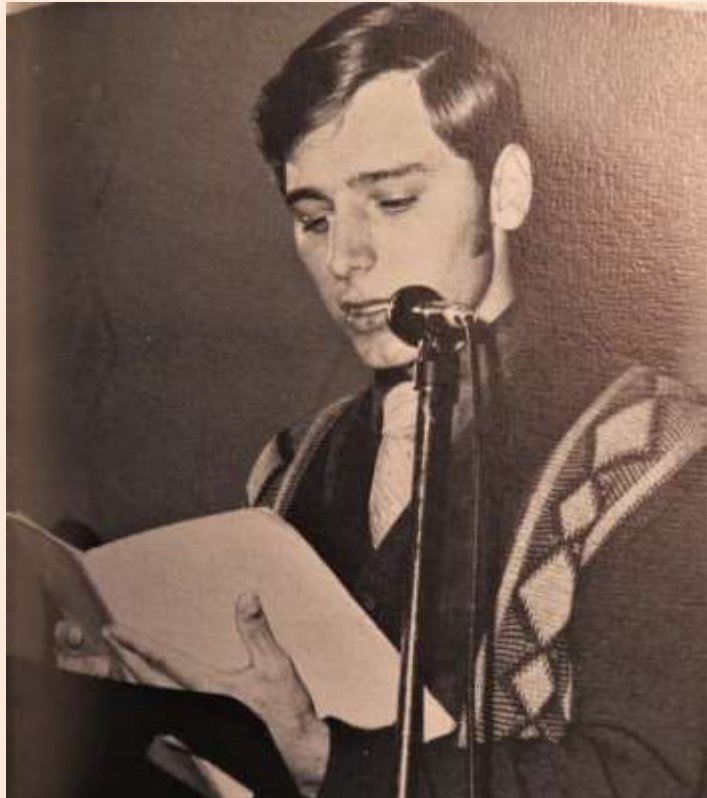
In his two years starting and lettering for the Holy Cross Tiger football team, Dave scored a total of 71 points, including 41 PAT's and 10 field goals, 5 of which were game-winning kicks. Off the field, Dave's other extracurricular activities while at Holy Cross, included being a member of the HC Glee Club, an officer in the HC Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council grade level representative and HC Senior Class '71 Vice-President.

Dave Falgoust continued his athletic career when Coach Bennie Ellender offered him a full athletic scholarship to Tulane University, where he played two years for the Green Wave. The first year Dave was on the freshmen team, since 1971 was the last year freshmen were not allowed to play Division I varsity football. Dave was redshirted as a sophomore.

Dave was the leading scorer (49 points) on the Green Wave team during the 1973 season, when Tulane finished with a record of 9 wins, 3 losses and a ranking of 20th nationally in the final AP poll, with a historic 14 – 0 win against LSU before a sold out Tulane Sugar Bowl Stadium crowd and an appearance in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl.

In the fourth quarter of the game against Duke in that 1973 season, Dave kicked a 37-yard field goal to tie the game at 17 all, which was eventually won by the Green Wave 24 – 17. In the game against Georgia Tech, Dave kicked a fourth quarter 42-yard field goal that sealed a 23 – 14 Wave victory. In the game against Navy, Dave kicked a 41-yard field goal that proved to be the margin of victory for Tulane in its 17 – 15 win. In his second season as the Tulane Green Wave placekicker, Dave kicked a 19-yard field goal with 15 seconds remaining on the clock to give the Wave a come-from-behind 17 – 16 victory over USL (now known as Louisiana Lafayette).

Although the Wave went undefeated (5 - 0) for the start of the 1974 season, the Wave dropped the next six games with the loss of their quarterback. On November 30, 1974, in a 10 – 26 loss to Ole Miss, Dave scored the very last point by a Tulane football player in venerable old Tulane Sugar Bowl Stadium. Although Dave had one year of eligibility remaining, he decided to forego the 1975 football season upon his acceptance of admission to Tulane Law School. Dave finished his Tulane career with 15 field goals and 44 PAT's, for a total of 89 points.



Dave earned Bachelor of Arts, Master of Liberal Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from Tulane. Dave practiced law in New Orleans until 1988, when he relocated to Atlanta, Georgia for a position as a corporate attorney at BellSouth. Prior to BellSouth's merger with AT&T, Dave took early retirement from BellSouth but continued his professional career as Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer for a NYSE traded corporation based in Atlanta, until his retirement at the end of 2016.

Dave has been a volunteer with several organizations, including his most significant service as a member of the Board of Directors of Covenant Community in Atlanta, a rehabilitation home for men recovering from drug and alcohol

addiction, and as a member of the Board of Directors of The First Tee of East Lake, a youth golf organization in the Atlanta area.

Dave resides in Atlanta, Georgia, with his wife of 37 years, Sarah Montgomery. Dave and his wife, Sarah, spend most of their time during the warm summer months at their second home in Cashiers, North Carolina. In retirement, Dave and his wife enjoy golf, hiking and bridge (the latter more so Sarah, than Dave).

Dave is most proud of his three adult daughters, Mary Nell Williams, Leigh Alexander and Eleanor Falgoust, all of whom are independent and successful in their own right, as well as his two beautiful granddaughters.

Whether you refer to him as "Mr. Toe" or "Mr. Automatic," Dave Falgoust's athletic achievements at Holy Cross should be considered nothing short of legendary. His contributions to the 1969 and 1970 Tiger football teams, coupled with his placekicking success for the Tulane Green Wave and his accomplishments in the legal profession, may not be sufficient to qualify Dave for sainthood but certainly make Dave Falgoust, the HC Golden Toe, a worthy candidate for nomination to be inducted in the Holy Cross School Sports Hall of Fame.

On behalf of Bob Poche and my fellow graduates of the HC Class of 1971, I respectfully submit to the Committee the name of Dave Falgoust for induction in the Holy Cross Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

Al Perry



48 Year - Part 2 Unofficial Reunion

The Holy Cross Class of 1971's 48 year Un-Official Reunion Part 2 will be held on Saturday, the 19th of October 2019.

Once again we will hold it in the Sicilian Room of Rocky and Carlo's Restaurant and Bar, 613 W. St. Bernard Hwy,

Chalmette, LA 70043, (504) 279-8323, from 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM.

Lou Reuther is going to be showing game films from the 1970 football season.

Spouses, HC faculty, and friends of our class are all invited and the dress code is very casual.

On the Banks of the Seine

The Guichards (Darek and Noralee) and the Tessitores (John and Shirley) have traveled together for many years. We've taken numerous trips to Europe having visited Italy three times, London, Scotland, Ireland and our most recent trip to Paris, Bayeux, Normandy and Lemans.

In Normandy, we took two 8-hour tours of the landing beaches, cemeteries (American, British and German) as well as sites where German-held towns or bridges were captured by the Allies, and sites where paratroopers landed quite often off target. The American cemetery was moving as you read the tombstones with a great number of young boys who died in the first few days of June 6 invasion.

While at a museum in the town of Bayeux, we saw a Tapestry from 1476 that was 231 feet long that told the story of the Norman conquest of England.



We arrived in Paris the day after Notre Dame Cathedral burned. It was still very much in peril of igniting again and there were many fire engines and police surrounding the area about 4 blocks on all sides. The people who came to see the landmark were very sad with tears falling from their eyes as they prayed very silently.

Other stops in Paris included the tomb of Napoleon and the Eiffel Tower. We didn't walk all the way to the top, but to a spot where the people still looked like ants. Of course, we saw The Arc de Triomphe, the Versailles Palace, Saint Chapelle in Palais de la Cite', a beautiful church with many, many stained glass windows.

Also on our itinerary was the Conciergerie (a prison/court where Marie Antoinette was sentenced to death), a Seine River Cruise (where we saw a miniature version of the Statute of Liberty at the end) and the Paris Army Museum (where Napoleon is buried under a dome in a beautiful marble building.)



And a trip to Paris wouldn't be complete without visiting the Moulin Rouge show, many museums, great restaurants, and many churches built thousands of years ago. We also visited the Church of Our Lady of Holy Cross where Fr. Basil Moreau is buried.

But the most inspirational leg of the trip was the day we spent in Lemans. It was a great experience visiting Fr. Basil Moreau's house. It felt as if we were uncovering our roots, finding out much information from our tour guide Stephanie and Father John about the life of Fr. Basil.

The nuns at the France location only speak French so we had a great translator who works with the Marianites in the US. We coordinated the trip with Sister Ann Lacour to get a firsthand visit to the Basil's grounds and chapel. And I held his chalice.

I understand now what it means to be a Holy Cross Man because Fr. Basil had great faith and vision to strive to make sure Holy Cross was founded. It was like being on a retreat as I can best describe.

A little about Sister Ann: she is the leader of the Marianite Congregation of all Marianites in the US and France. She resides in a beautiful house in Covington with some other Sisters. She graduated from Holy Angels and was very instrumental when the "Old" Holy Angels on St. Claude was going thru various changes in its use. Shirley, who also went to Holy Angels, is on committees with her planning the Annual Lunch for Holy Angels.

She also was a big part of the Our Lady of Wisdom Assisted Living for religious communities that are located in Algiers, Louisiana. She worked with Sister Margie Hebert who is now the Head of Catholic Charities of New Orleans for the Archdiocese. She was one of the "players" who coordinated the Holy Cross College concept with "Buck Landry", an important Holy Cross guy who just recently retired from the College.

Sister Ann oversaw changes that took place in the Catholic Schools that were being closed and some churches also. There is also a Nursing Home in Opelousas that is a very large part of that community.



John and Shirley Tessitore

Darek and Noralee Guichard

Br Melchior

Terry McGaha

The Brothers' cemetery is located between the Holy Cross College and St Mary's campuses. They are located across the highway from the University of Notre Dame. Br. Timothy Hickey, "The Chief", is also buried there.



Woody Donahue: Not another like him. When I went to his farewell and grabbed his hand, the power was still there and he remembered me and my brothers

Earl F. Dauterive III: Turned many boys into men.

Michael Gaule: My Dad, who graduated in 1947, told me the story how they gave

Brother Melchior a 350-pound weight set at graduation. It took three of them to bring it up on stage. Brother came up and thanked the class, picked it up with one hand and walked off of stage with it. My Dad also told me about Brother Melchior carrying 250 lb of weights in each hand down from the attic in the administration building every morning and up every evening so that guys could lift weights that day. The man was a beast. When I went there in the seventies you would swear he could still do the same thing. Thanks for the lessons!

Dominick Stoll: One of the very few men I held in high esteem and deep respect. Br. Melchior taught many things and affected people in different ways. To me he taught me it was alright to have fun when you worked hard. He almost made me drop a 180 lb barbell he had me laughing so hard.

Chuck Sabadie: If we each could travel through life with a piece of granite of commitment from Brother Melchior, our path would be more focused and successful for others to follow! Thank you brother for being a pillar of granite to build our foundation on!

Dan McGovern: If you ever met him, you would remember him.

Harry Schmidt: A strong influence on many of us.. I was having supper at Ye Old College Inn and was looking at his picture on the 'Wall of fame'

Roni Sumich: Our company produced the plaques at Ye Old College Inn. I remember doing that one - very special moment.

Humberto Brocato: My supervisor during summer work to pay off tuition! Very dry sense of humor but a very fair man.

Sue Ellen Lyons: His memory is eternal.

Anthony Tony Greco: Don't think for one second that Br. Melchior is gone. His spirit still walks 4950 And Paris Ave.

Tom Crais: A Saint by any standards, legend in his own time, a surrogate Father to so many, a silent mentor to all. God blessed me through him and with him. Undoubtedly one of the most influential people in my life.

Warren Villar: He said many times that a wrestling meet couldn't be held on Friday because Catholics can't have meet on Friday.

Ken Berthelot: 8th grade Phys Ed outside. It starts to rain. Melchior tells the class to go in the gym. Someone yells out ..."The juniors are using it." Melchior says, "We'll ask for half and if they don't move, we'll take it." Someone in the class says ... "What do you mean 'we'. They're juniors." Melchior's follow-up stare brought silence and we headed for the gym.

Michael Miceli: Here is one of my favorites from Brother. "An Italian couple had twins, a boy and girl. They named the girl Denise but where having trouble with the boy's name. The child's uncle said call him Denephew."

Dan Simpson: He was Holy Cross. I bet not many, if any, can name other teachers at HC but we all know Brother Melchior and respected him. There will never be another like him. Sir, you molded many a Holy Cross Man. Job well done and we thank you.

Burnin' the Midnight Oil

After Holy Cross, I attended LSU and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1976. I then joined my father in the family business, establishing operations in Thibodaux. In 1979, I married Cindy Inness and have raised two sons and three daughters, who all reside in Thibodaux and have graduated from LSU.

Waguespack Oil Company was founded by L.M. Waguespack, my grandfather, in 1934 in Vacherie. My father, Albert Waguespack, Sr., a Holy Cross graduate, went to work for him in 1952. I came on board in 1976, starting out painting tanks, cleaning the warehouse and driving the delivery truck—many times across the old loud Huey P. Long.



Al with his two sons

In the beginning Waguespack Oil Company primarily served farmers and some commercial accounts and retail outlets with one transport truck and bobtail! We now have over twenty trucks in our fleet and service commercial, industrial, marine, agricultural and retail markets!

We also supply transportation, run convenience stores, sell Diesel Exhaust Fluid, and we have tremendously expanded our propane division. We are affiliated with many national brands: ConocoPhillips, Marathon Petroleum, and Old World DEF to name a few.

In the late 1990s, I purchased Waguespack Oil Company, which is now run in partnership with my children, the fourth generation.

Sheri attended LSU for her undergraduate program and received a MA in Organizational Communication from Southeastern Louisiana University. She runs our

Truck Stop facility and oversees the Wag-A-Pak chain convenience stores. She and her husband, Brett Broussard, have three sons.

Albert III "Allie" earned a mechanical engineering degree from LSU and currently



operates Vacherie Fuel, the propane side of the company, serving both residential and commercial customers. Allie and his wife, Bobbie Case, have three sons and are expecting their fourth child in July.

Steven graduated from LSU in business and played baseball for the Tigers. Steven handles the day to day operations of Waguespack Oil Company. He and his wife, Codi, have three girls and have recently welcomed their first son.

Michelle earned an undergraduate degree from LSU and then completed the Physician Assistant program at the University of South Alabama. Michelle has been a leader in the emergency room at Thibodaux Regional Medical Center

for over five years. Michelle and her husband, Eric Teasley, have one daughter.

Andree holds a BA in Management from LSU and runs the daily office operations of Waguespack Oil. Andree married Eric Davis this past January.

In my spare time you can find me fishing in Grand Isle, hunting in Mississippi, watching endless T-ball games or anything the almost a dozen grandchildren have put on my calendar! God has been good; I am truly blessed!

Al Waguespack, Jr.

As they received their diplomas I reflected back to their accomplishments knowing they made lifelong friendships

As I think back on the time my sons were in high school, I think of how things may have worked out differently had I not changed careers and returned to the New Orleans area. When we moved back in the summer of 1989, our boys were entering the 7th and 9th grades. Putting them in the same school was a priority as they had no friends in the area.

When we called Holy Cross and found out they had bus service to Metairie and that John Glorioso was a counselor, it made them feel at home and all was right in the world. As they received their diplomas I reflected back to their accomplishments knowing they made lifelong friendships and would be well prepared to further their educations.



Darek, Scott, and Dominic

Dominic '93 graduated from UNO and works for Fox news. Scott '95 graduated from LSU and works at East Jefferson as a Nurse Anesthetist.

Scott's two sons Aaron '24 and Jacob '26 started in the primary school years ago and on their first day told their mom "It was the best first day of school ever." They are now entering 8th and 6th grades, doing extremely well in school and making mom, dad, grannie and grandpa proud to have another generation of Tigers.

Darek Guichard

These are the same values that I try to install in my children

Going to the same high school as my father was a bit challenging at first. I had spent all my academic career in public school up to that point, so I didn't know what to expect. It turned out to be a great experience. The academic highs far outweighed the lows for me, but it's those same lows that taught me the most. It prepared me to handle the failures one surely faces as an adult.

My father taught me this in addition to teaching me to have honor, integrity, and being the best man that I can be. There's no question in my mind that my father acquired this from his days at Holy Cross. These are the same values that I try to install in my children.

When I first roamed the halls of 4950 Dauphine Street 30 years ago, I had no idea I was about to forge friendships that still continue to this day. From the sporting events, to dances and even cramming for final exams, we all shared a common bond - a bond which will never be broken. Not even a hurricane can stop it. I'm honored to be a part of the Holy Cross family and proud that future generations of my family will continue to learn and grow from this wonderful institution.

Dominic M. Guichard '93

It always evokes a sense of pride to say, "I went to Holy Cross"

Living in a city where everyone asks, "Where did you go to school?": It always evokes a sense of pride to say, "I went to Holy Cross". It makes it more special to say that my dad and brother went there, and my two sons go there. What makes it great is that I have a bond with my dad that goes beyond the typical father-son relationship. We can share stories of our times at Holy Cross that, even though 24 years apart, we can relate to because we went there.

One of the greatest things about Holy Cross is the lifelong friendships that are developed. My dad goes on a beach vacation every summer with a group of Holy Cross friends. He even travels the world with some. I also have yearly get-togethers with friends from across the country. This bond is what I love showing my boys.

Last summer I had guys from my class come to our house from as far as Austin, Nashville and Baton Rouge. We all sat together with my boys looking at old yearbooks. We laughed and shared stories about classmates and teachers. The boys laughed at how young and different we looked in the pictures. I remember thinking about how awesome it was for Aaron and Jacob to share in this experience.

As I reflect on what it's like to have my sons at Holy Cross, I think about how thrilled I am knowing that they will receive a great education that will help them become successful adults. But mostly I think about how the friends that they make now will become their brothers for life. And forty years from now, they'll continue finding time to get together to share stories. It may not be the same physical location that my dad, brother and I enjoyed...but it's still Holy Cross. And I'm proud to say that my boys are a part of that tradition.

Scott Guichard '95

I can't wait to get my grandfather's ring and my brother's getting my dad's ring at graduation

Knowing that my dad and my grandfather went to Holy Cross made me understand more about how Holy Cross is more of a family and a brotherhood. Knowing that generations were passed down through my family made me think of Holy Cross as not just a school, but even more.

It is an honor to be a part of the same education as my dad and grandfather. Hearing stories from my dad and my grandfather made me so excited to start my journey at Holy Cross.

My dad and his Holy Cross friends still talk and hang out till this day. Seeing the success from my dad and my grandfather after their education from Holy Cross made me inspired to work hard and be a better version of myself each day. My dad became a nurse and my grandfather became a doctor.

I can't wait to get my grandfather's ring and my brother's getting my dad's ring at graduation. During my 5th grade year at Holy Cross I played football. My number was 17 and that number was worn by my dad at Holy Cross. Wearing that number was very special to me. I was continuing my dad's legacy.

Aaron Guichard '24

It's interesting how in some ways it is so different but in others ways it is very similar



Jacob and Aaron

My dad and grandfather went to Holy Cross. Going to the same school as my dad and my grandfather makes me feel honored. Since I am the third generation of going to Holy Cross I feel like I need to do good so I can make my entire family proud.

Holy Cross talks a lot about legacy and roots. I have real roots with my family and I'm growing roots with my Holy Cross brothers.

Even my mom and grandmother

are part of the Holy Cross family. They join us for the alma mater and raise their fingers with us all as one. We attend many Tiger events together.

I love to hear stories of what school was like for them. It's interesting how in some ways it is so different but in others ways it is very similar. My dad and grandpa have always taught me that being a good man is the most important thing I can do every day.

The motto of the Holy Cross Man is something that is still the most important thing that surrounds everything we do as Tigers. The same common goal of educating the heart and mind still runs strong. I know that when my education is done I will have the tools to be successful like the Tigers that have gone before me.

Jacob Guichard '26

I am afraid that if you go to Jesuit, I may not be able to talk to you for years

As a parent, I felt extreme pride and joy to see my son getting a diploma from Holy Cross. I managed to painfully squeeze my class ring onto a finger to show off. There were flash-backs of Stephen's years as well as tons of mine. His decision to attend Holy Cross caused a "re-birth" for me back into the HC family. I had gone to football games for a few years after graduation, and Stephen would come with me later when he was just a little kid. When he enrolled I was back at school, gladly volunteering at open house, family day, eager to be around my son and our campus. I stood happily watching his soccer team run drills on the practice field where I and so many dripped sweat, blood, and left our vomit. To walk the campus, the halls, revisit classrooms, the huddle, cafeteria, and yes, Chief's office.

I had vowed that I would not influence or pressure my son to follow me to Holy Cross. I wanted him to be happy with the school of his choosing as much as I did. I failed, much to my delight. One night at an open house for area high schools, I found myself and Stephen in line to listen to Jesuit's presentation. I could not help myself, so I leaned over and said "Son, I had said I would respect your choice because all these schools are good, but He smiled and said "Relax dad, I have no intention in going to Jesuit. Never did."

What really touched me came after Katrina. Stephen went to school in Shreveport for a month.

When he returned to Metairie, he stayed with friends while attending night classes at Rummel until Holy Cross teamed with Cabrini High.



Lou and Stephen

There he was finally reunited with some of his classmates attending classes at night. Meanwhile my wife, daughter and I had to remain in Shreveport.

Those guys were just dying to get back on campus, regardless of conditions - to continue where they left off and to be with family. For them, dressing out for practice between parked cars, etc., was no big deal. This all made such an impression on me - one that will never fade.

(Hoping Mr. Leach would give me maybe a C+ on this composition.....)

Stephen graduated Summa cum laude; ranked 6th in class, presented the Holy Cross Man Award at graduation, received three bronze medallions in Trigonometry, Drama and History, these represent having the highest GPA in those courses for the year. He was also an Academic all-state in soccer senior year when he was Captain of the soccer team.

From there he went to LSU graduating in 2011 with a degree in Biological Sciences; placing on Dean's list six out of eight semesters. Stephen was recently named as a Hancock Whitney Honors award recipient, awarded to the top 1% of employees within same job classifications for the second year in a row.

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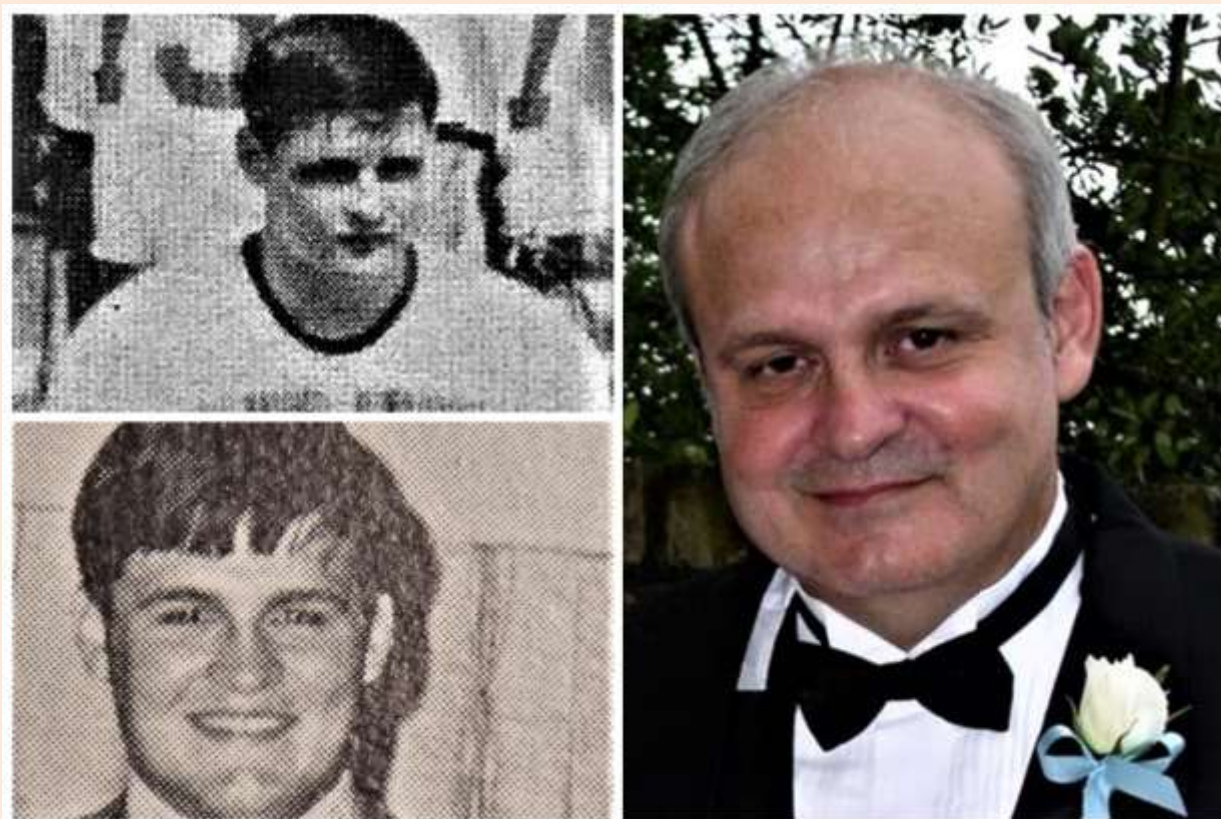
I definitely felt a sense of pride to be able to continue the tradition in attending Holy Cross. I had friends that attended some of the other Catholic schools in the Greater New Orleans area, but I always felt a pull to attend Holy Cross because it was important to me to follow in my Dad's footsteps. It was always special to me to be able to share our experiences that we had in common, as well as the shared sense of spirit and love for HC. It was great to be able to compare his time at HC with mine, in both similarities and differences. I can't envision going to school anywhere else.

Post Katrina Holy Cross was a weird experience. In the months that followed the storm, a lot of things were new and foreign to us in terms of being displaced and not knowing what would happen with the city, our house, etc. When I first stepped back on campus for the Spring semester of Junior year, everything was familiar but different at the same time. You recognized the buildings and you felt at home with classmates and teachers, but the whole dynamic was so different with the modular classrooms. It was hard not being able to visit the huddle or the gym, but we got through it. It certainly instilled a stronger bond amongst our class and it makes the ultimate move to the new campus mean so much more because you see where the school is now and how

they're thriving despite the extraordinary difficulties after the storm. I am very proud to say I was part of the last class that graduated at 4950 Dauphine.

Stephen Saltzmann '07

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME



2019 NOMINATION OF DENNIS DELANEY HC '71

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Dennis' family connections with Holy Cross run deep and long. Dennis' great-grandfather, Walter Carbo, and great-uncle, William Carbo, both attended Holy Cross in the late 1890's. Dennis' great-grandfather, Walter Carbo, was Captain of the Holy Cross baseball team in 1897. Dennis' godfather, John Carbo, was a four-sport athlete at Holy Cross, Captain of the 1955 HC Tiger football team, and also named to the All Catholic League Baseball Team.

Dennis attributes this long HC lineage as the reason he chose to become a Holy Cross Tiger, despite the fact that he lived closer to Jesuit than Holy Cross and the fact that most of his grammar school classmates had chosen to attend De La Salle. Dennis was enrolled at Holy Cross for four years, 1967 to 1971.

Dennis recalls one of his first long early morning bus rides in the first weeks of his freshman year from his home to 4950 Dauphine Street, whereupon arriving at approximately 7:30 a.m., a large crowd of students were having a pep rally for the Tiger football team following their loss the prior week to LaGrange High School. According to, Dennis, it was at that very moment, when he witnessed the pep rally following a loss, that he realized he had selected the very best school he could attend. During Dennis' years at Holy Cross, his brother, Jack Delaney, a U.S. Marine, fought in Vietnam, cheating death on multiple occasions.

Dennis threw the shot put and the discus in his freshman and sophomore years for the Tigers, placing second in the shot put and third in the discus in the New Orleans City Track Meet in his freshman year. Dennis always said that he decided to quit track and field in order to focus on football, knowing that his classmate and good friend, Steve Ferrer, would cover Holy Cross in those



track and field events. In both his junior and senior years, Dennis not only focused on but excelled in football for the Tigers.

As a starting defensive tackle in his junior year on the 1969 Tiger football team, Dennis was instrumental in the HC defense which held their nine regular season opponents to a total of 17 points and allowed no more than 7 points to be scored by any of their opponents, with the exception of the 2 touchdowns allowed in the State AAA semi-final loss to eventual state champion, Bogalusa High School.

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Dennis, wearing #77, received accolades for his defensive prowess during the 1969 season by being named first team defensive tackle on the New Orleans States-Item 1969 All District 5AAA Football Team; first team defensive tackle on the New Orleans States-Item 1969 All City Team; first team defensive tackle on the Gridweek 1969 All-Prep Team; first team defensive tackle on the Prep Press 1969 All-Prep Team; first team defensive tackle on the Louisiana Sports Writers Association 1969 Class AAA All State Football Team; and second team defensive tackle on the 1969 Louisiana Super Team.

Dennis entered his senior year as a pre-season All-American defensive tackle, but during his final year, was also called upon by Coach Kalbacher to play offensive line. In his senior year, Dennis, at 6'3", 240 pounds, anchored the Tiger defense, along with Steve Ferrer, Mike Strohmeyer, Henry Wagner and Mike Ferguson, allowing only 47 points in 10 regular season games, and vaulting the Tigers to the #1 rated AAAA Football Team in the State for three consecutive weeks.

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Despite continued stout play from the defense, the Tigers disappointingly dropped the next three games, losing a close battle to Jesuit by the score of 7 – 13 and to Redemptorist of Baton Rouge by the score of 0 – 7, ending their season in the opening round of the AAAA playoffs to the East Jefferson Warriors led by Mike Miley. The Tigers shared the District 6-AAAA championship with Jesuit and St. Augustine.

For his achievements on the gridiron during his senior year, Dennis was named first team defensive tackle on the Gridweek's Metro New Orleans All Star Football Team; named first team defensive tackle and the outstanding lineman on the New Orleans States-Item 1970 All City Football Team; first team defensive tackle and the outstanding lineman on the Louisiana Sports Writers Association 1970 Class AAAA All State Football Team; first team defensive tackle on the Louisiana Sports Writers Association 1970 All-Prep Football Team; first team

defensive tackle on the Louisiana 1970 AAAA All Star Football Team; first team defensive tackle on the St. Bernard Parish 1970 All-Prep Football Team; honorable defensive mention lineman on the Coach & Athlete Sunkist 1970 Prep All-America Football Squad; recognized as one of 660 super high school football players in the southern United States by the Orlando Sentinel Newspaper as an honorable mention defensive tackle on the 1970 All Southern High School Football Team; one of the top 100 high school football players in America named on the 1970 High School Football All American Team; named as a lineman on the Scholastic Coach 1970 All American High School Football Team; second team defensive tackle on the Kick-Off Magazine 1970 All American High School Football Team; ranked the #5 athlete on the New Orleans States-Item 1970 Top 20 Athletes List; ranked the #2 high school football player on the 1970 Louisiana Coaches AAAA Top 20 Football Players List.

In his two years starting for the Holy Cross Tigers, Dennis had the unique distinction of being named to the Louisiana All State Football Team in two decades, the 60's (junior year 1969) and the 70's (senior year 1970), as well as the unique distinction of being named to both the Louisiana All State Football Team in two divisions, AAA, the highest level in 1969 and AAAA, the highest level in 1970.

After lettering four years for the Tiger football team, Dennis Delaney continued his athletic career at Tulane, playing four years as an offensive lineman.

The first year Dennis was on the freshmen team, since 1971 was the last year freshmen were not allowed to play Division I varsity football. Dennis played on the offensive line for the Green Wave varsity in his remaining three years at Tulane. In his second year at Tulane, Dennis was named Cream of the Crop in Grid Week Magazine for his play against Ohio University. In Tulane's historic 14 – 0 win against LSU in 1973 before a sold out Tulane Sugar Bowl Stadium crowd, a block made by Dennis freed Doug Bynum for a 53 yard run against the LSU Tigers. Tulane went on to end their season with an appearance in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl, finishing with a record of 9 wins, 3 losses, and ranked 20th in the final Associated Press poll.

Dennis graduated from Tulane with a B.A. in history. After 30 years, Dennis retired from his position as a Quality Inspector at Lockheed Martin, where Dennis was involved in the developments and construction of the NASA Space Shuttle Program.

In his final semester at Tulane, Dennis became interested in acting. After college, Dennis acted in 10 plays and produced one play. After marriage, Dennis moved from New Orleans to Mississippi and changed his focus from acting to genealogical research, through which he learned of his family's Islenos

ancestry which was traced back to the Canary Islanders. After taking a trip to the Canary Islands, Dennis came back to Louisiana and founded the Baton Rouge Chapter of the Los Islenos De Galvez Cultural & Heritage Group. Each year, Dennis continues to participate in the Los Islenos Festival in St. Bernard Parish.

Dennis resides in Picayune, Mississippi, with his wife of 33 years, Vernice. Dennis' family includes three stepsons, six step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Dennis Delaney's one-of-a-kind achievements as a Holy Cross athlete and his contributions to the Los Islenos culture, make Dennis Delaney a worthy candidate for nomination to be inducted in the Holy Cross School Sports Hall of Fame.

On behalf of Bob Poche and my fellow graduates of the HC Class of 1971, I respectfully submit to the Committee the name of Dennis Delaney for induction in the Holy Cross Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

Al Perry

A Second Cup of Coffee

After graduating from LSU with a degree in Agriculture Economics, Carlos Urmeneta worked at United Brands (Chiquita Banana) in Honduras in banana production and export operations. While there, he gained experience working with a US corporation. Carlos' father was an attorney for Chiquita for 40 years and it was through them that enabled him to obtain a US education.

In 1979 Carlos went to work for Bank of America in Honduras and later in the Latin American regional office out of Miami doing a lot of travelling to South America.

“After 10 years, the bank decided to close most Latin America branches and I opted to come back to Honduras taking advantage of generous severance conditions. Once back in Honduras in '89 I joined Ecomtrading.”

Carlos is the finance director of SOGIMEX, which is a local affiliate of the much larger Ecomtrading Group based out of Switzerland. It is the second largest green coffee trader worldwide. Ecom is a family group in existence since 1849. It is also in the business cocoa, cotton and others with presence in the Tropics all over the world.

“My main responsibility is managing the company's finances, including planning, budgeting, controllership, financing to coffee growers, as well as to coordinate with the Swiss head office overall inventory, working capital and capital investments financing through foreign and local banks. We export green coffee to roasters worldwide such as Starbucks, Nestle, and Mondelez. It is an ever changing industry with much volatility making it interesting and challenging all of the time.”

One of the benefits of working at SOGIMEX is that it has given Carlos a great

opportunity for travel. The list of places he's been to is long - many countries in North, Central and South America and Europe - including Switzerland, France, Spain, United States, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Panama.



Carlos with his sons Carlos Jr, Jose, & Jesus and his grandson Andres

“I did get to do some sightseeing, especially in Europe: the Swiss Alps and lakes, Gaudi locations in Barcelona, the Louvre Museum, Eiffel Tower, and Champs-Elysees in Paris”

Carlos has three sons. Sadly, four years ago, he lost his wife of 37 years, Suyapa, to cancer. He also said that Suyapa is the name of the Honduran village which experienced the apparition of an image of the Virgin Mary in the year 1747.

Of his sons, Carlos says: "Carlos Jr is the Honduras director of a US based NGO that creates business opportunities for fighting poverty. Jose lives and works in Nashville, where he also formed a band and is very active with an alternative rock band (you can find Pretty Ravens in Spotify, Amazon and iTunes). Finally, Jesus is the youngest still living with me at home has joined Ecomtrading as well. He is an accomplished tennis player participating in many regional tournaments. Upon starting college he tried out for the tennis team was immediately accepted and received a 4 year scholarship, competing against among others, Loyola and Xavier Universities. I am very fortunate to have been able to provide them with a US education which is a definite advantage."

His grandson, Andres, just graduated from high school and is in Germany where he will study intensive German until the end of the year.

The elder two of his three sons were married in New Orleans in 2017 and 2018. Both married American girls from San Diego and Dallas.

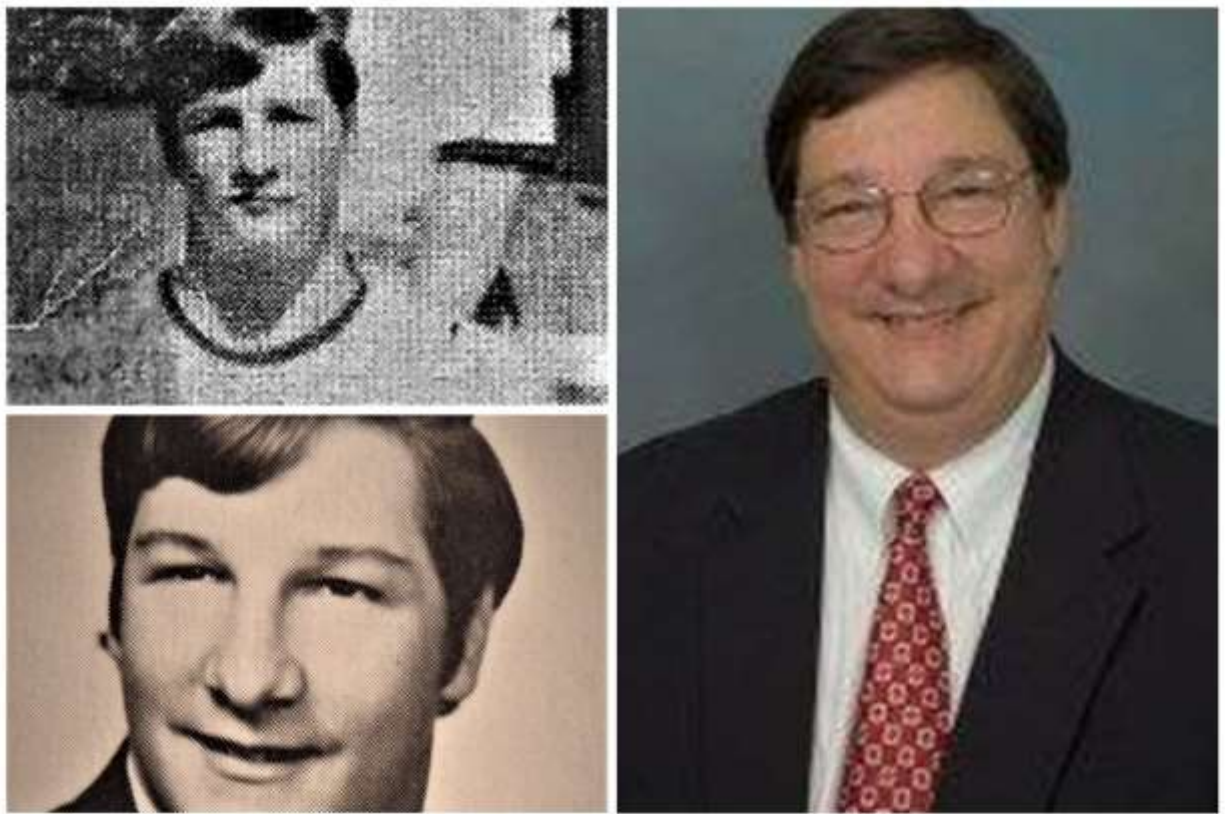
"All three studied in Mobile and became addicted to muffulettas, crawfish, boiled shrimp, raw oysters and more recently charbroiled oysters."

Not all is work, although over the years his interests have changed. In his younger days he played a lot of tennis and cycling. Now at 65 he sticks to hiking in the mountains at one of several natural reserves only a couple of hours from home. He also occasional cycles and takes in the beaches just an hour away. Occasionally the family makes trips to Roatan Island which he says has the best beaches around.

Carlos has been working at Sogimex 30 years and is not quite ready or willing to retire but he has started to think about it.

"Once I do retire, I would like to spend plenty of time in New Orleans (my favorite) and Nashville, where my middle son lives. New Orleans has always had a special place in my heart after having attended Holy Cross as a 13-year old 7-day boarder and later returning many, many times since then. I consider it my second home it would be great to spend part of the year there."

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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After football season, Steve's athletic contributions turned to track and field. In his junior year, Steve threw both the javelin and the discus, and for his efforts, was named to the New Orleans States-Item 1970 All District 5-AAA Track and Field Team.

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The end of the 1970 football season did not mean the end of Steve's contribution to HC athletics. In the spring of his senior year, Steve led the Tiger track and field team. Steve was named the most valuable field performer in three separate track and field meets. Steve won the Louisiana High School State Championship in the shot put event and established a shot put record in his senior year of 58 feet, 3¾ inches, which it is believe still stands today, almost 50 years later, as the HC record. For his achievements, Steve was named the outstanding track and field athlete at Holy Cross in his senior year.

Steve was also named to the Louisiana 6-AAAA All District Track and Field Team in shot put, and also garnered the honor of being named to the Louisiana High School All State Track and Field Team for the shot put. Steve was recognized as the #4 ranked track and field athlete on the New Orleans States-Item 1970 Top 20 Track and Field Athletes List.

As a two-sport athlete in his senior year, Steve was ranked the #13 overall athlete on the New Orleans States-Item 1970 AAAA Top 20 High School Athletes List.

After lettering three years for the Tiger track and field team, and lettering three years for the HC football team, Steve Ferrer continued his athletic career as a Tiger, this time at LSU, starting at defensive tackle in his sophomore year and starting at offensive guard in his junior year, when he was recognized as a member of the All Sigma Chi Team. Injuries prevented Steve from playing in his senior year. Steve graduated from LSU with a B.S. in microbiology. Steve is currently employed as Business Development Manager for Emerson, with previous employment as Regional Vice-President of Ashland Chemical, and is a recognized author of four operational performance papers published in AIChE-Process Safety and Petroleum Technology.

Steve has been married to his wife, Suzanne, for 36 years and is the proud father of two children, one son, John Beck Ferrer, and one daughter, Elizabeth Ferrer Abdalla, as well as five grandchildren. Steve resides in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Steve has been and continues to be active in church activities, serving as a deacon of Laurel Lea Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, a group leader and youth Sunday school teacher at Bethany Church in Baton Rouge, as well as an altar and prayer team member of the Church of the King in Lake Charles. Over the years, Steve has found time to remain actively involved in sports, having volunteered as an assistant football coach at Christian Life Academy in the year the team was the runner-up in the Louisiana high school finals, and having served as a field judge at local track and field meets. Steve has been active in fund raising for the cause of the treatment of autism in both the communities of Baton Rouge and Lake Charles, as well as volunteering his time to mentor disadvantaged and developmentally disabled youth in his community.

Steve Ferrer's athletic contributions to Holy Cross as a two-sport athlete, coupled with his academic achievements, professional accomplishments and contributions to his community, make Steve Ferrer a worthy candidate for nomination to be inducted in the Holy Cross School Sports Hall of Fame.

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Al Perry

An Ordinary Man Who Did Extraordinary Things

Pas McGoey and Harold Rosseli convinced me to come out for wrestling during my 8th grade year. We practiced in the old gym even though it had been greatly damaged by Hurricane Betsy in 1965. At the end of football season a number of football players made the transition to wrestling on a Saturday. Our typical Saturday practice included running the levee, warming up with a series of front rolls, back rolls, cartwheels, flips, bridging, drop-steps, crabwalks, bear-crawls and other calisthenics and tumbling before drilling and live wrestling.

On this particular Saturday we started with 8 ovals, 50 sprints up and down the levee followed by a run to the bridge and back. Once this was completed we moved to the old gym for "the warm-up" under the eye of Brother. I can remember thinking, "Damn! When is this going to stop?"

Several football players literally crawled to the edge of the gym and proceeded to throw up. Brother blew his whistle and said with a smile on his face, "Now that we've warmed up, let's start practice"

And we did - for about two more hours of drilling and live wrestling.

There are many lessons I learned from him as a coach. First of all, he was meticulous in preparing us for both matches and tournaments. I can remember going to a practice before our first dual meet and literally practicing getting on the bus, the correct way to carry our jacket, hanging it in the bus, saying the rosary on the bus as we crossed the bridge. We entered our opponents' gym silent, as a team, and in single file. We sat down as a team and at our captains' direction.

Second, Brother was 20 years ahead of the times in both conditioning and strength training. We were rarely outworked on the mat. As a wrestling coach I tried to instill a love of "the grind".



Finally, we were fundamentally sound, but only drilled 21 moves. Don Ortego came to me and told me that they had found a black board that had 21 moves on it, seven top, bottom and neutral (on your feet) techniques. He wanted to know if it was Brothers. It was. Brother would tell us that we had to drill those moves every day whether we used them or not. We only used the moves in a match that we had perfected.

Let me put this into perspective. Eric DesOrmeaux '95 and I coached together at Andrew Jackson High School in Chalmette. We counted 350 techniques that our wrestlers regularly drilled. Later, coaching at Fontainebleau High School we would often wrestle our rival, Mandeville High School, which had an excellent coach and some outstanding wrestlers. We would often beat them by being fundamentally sound, mentally tougher and physically better conditioned - all lessons I learned from Brother.

Brother was a wonderful model as a man and a coach. He was an ordinary man who did extraordinary things. He had a sense of humor, was a character and modeled character to all of us who were blessed to be taught or coached by him.

Ricky Zimmer

A Long Strange Trip

The Who - Bob Marley - Wishbone Ash: the common thread running through that list – and over 300 more bands- are that they all played at Beaver Productions “A Warehouse.” And they are just three of the groups of which Bobby Wahl has his most fond memories.

“The first concert I ever went to was the Animals in City Park in 1966,” said Wahl. “My first Warehouse experience was The Who in 1971.”

And he kept going back – for at least 3 dozen more concerts during the Warehouses’ 13 year run beginning in 1970. Fast forward 45 years and the Warehouse (so named because it once was an old cotton warehouse) once again commands Bobby’s attention

But this time it is something more permanent than the sonic landscape created by those bands. For the past six years, Bobby’s been working on installing a monument to them and the era that they represent as he seeks to preserve a piece of local rock and roll history.



“I wanted to give recognition to a music venue that was so unique and happened in a time and place that will never be repeated. More Rock ‘N Roll Hall of Fame inductees played on that stage than anywhere else, including New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. I got the idea in 2010 after I went to the 40 year reunion gathering at Harrah’s,” continued Bobby.

Then he found a Facebook page of people sharing their memories of the Warehouse and started capturing the images that people were posting on the web adding them to his collection.

Bobby also started a Facebook page for the Monument that currently has 1,000 plus members:

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"I went to the Milton Tillman library at Tulane University and started documenting all the ads from Nola Express and the Vieux Carre Courier. In 2 weeks I listed 320 concerts held at the Warehouse. John DuBois, who started www.blackstrat.net as a tribute to The Allman Brothers in New Orleans and someone with the same interest in the Warehouse, offered to share his web site to archive my findings. What he did with it is incredible."

Echoing the feelings about the Warehouse is Andy Powell, guitarist of Wishbone Ash. Bobby, who talks to Powell a couple of time a year, said that Powell referred to the Warehouse as the "greatest music venue on the planet."

"In the spring of 2012 a close friend, Raymond Doran (HC '68), and I were finishing off a bottle of Dewar's at 4 am on a mutual friend's back patio. That's when we came up with the idea of doing a tribute to all the bands that played the Warehouse. We came up with a design and a way to sponsor it," he recounted. The ideas came easy, finding a location – not so much. They went hat in hand to the city of New Orleans with a request for some land to build it.

"We wanted to place it at the original site that still had a small green space left. Perfect - so we thought. For a few years we tweaked what we thought was the perfect design, but the City of New Orleans finally said 'No' to that location citing it as a pedestrian safety hazard. Now we're out in the cold!" lamented Bobby.

They were turned down for about six other riverfront locations. When Wahl suggested the Mississippi River Heritage Park, he was told they had other plans for it. That's when he exclaimed "Ya gotta give us something". A little later the city said, "Maybe the green space at Race St."

After taking a look at the location they had suggested, Wahl said "other than the original spot, this is the next best thing."

Wanting to secure it, Bobby reached out to Rob Mason at Fox8 News, who had previously done a feature with him a few years ago. Mason went out to the original site

telling of Wahl's situation and then going to Race St. saying how they hoped the city would let them place their tribute there.

Surprisingly enough, they got it. The park that will feature the monument is at the corner of Race and Tchoupitoulas, four blocks from the original location of the Warehouse

In a September 2015 press release, the city stated:

“Rock ‘N Roll has and continues to be an instrumental part of New Orleans’ world-renowned music scene. Few places captured the spirit of rock n’ roll more than the Warehouse, which hosted bands like the Allman Brothers, Fleetwood Mac and the Grateful Dead and organized infamous all-night New Year’s Eve shows. In fact, Jim Morrison

performed his final show with The Doors in 1970 at the Warehouse before his death.

The Office of Culture Economy has spoken with Mr. Wahl and is exploring options that would serve



the project and ensure public safety. We look forward to helping him make this volunteer-driven project a reality.’

Bobby continued, “I can't think of a better place for our display than what the City offered. It's even landscaped. They liked our project but the protocol to get it done has been slow and drawn out. There are tons of approvals that you have to go through. I had an architect and a structural engineer working on it pro bono. I also put together a professional team who are volunteering their time. There was always something holding it up: first it was the design that took at least a year before we settled on the look. We now have a signed an agreement with the City and awaiting our permit.”

The structure will consist of three walls, each 6 feet high by 8 feet wide. They will be anchored with an 8 foot I-beam buried 2 feet in the ground sunk in concrete. The walls will feature the history of the venue. One wall face will show the exterior of the

building; another will feature an interior shot with the Allman Brothers on stage. Two walls will have photo collages with posters; the remaining will have text about the warehouse and credits.

Winding around the walls will be 320 "Concert Pavers", each one being 12 inches by 12 inches inscribed with headliner/support- date- sponsor on each one. An additional 45 pavers will have different band's names on it with sponsors having their names listed below .The project has been financed by the sale of these concert and pathway bricks, (similar to the bricks that were sold for the D-Day museum) with the donor's name inscribed under the band's name. The benches and walls will also have sponsorship. All of the funding came from private donations.

A lot of the pavers that were sold are "In Memory Of" dedications. Usually the name of someone's brother or close friend follows that inscription because it was an older brother, friend or relative that introduced the donor to the music of the Warehouse.

Construction could begin soon, but the project – as are all operations close to the Mississippi River levee that include driving pilings - is under a moratorium by the Army Corp of Engineers because of the high river stage.

Bobby sums it up:

"I'm a novice at attempting something like this and had to reach out for helping hands all along to get this far . This project has taken a lot of time from folks who are not getting paid for it. It's been a long ordeal to say the least."

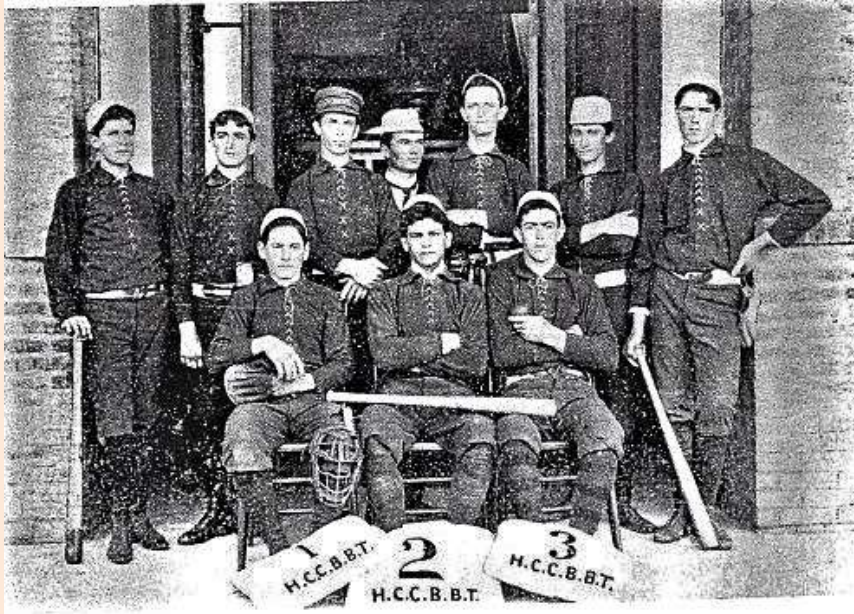
"I think the best thing is that it will give recognition to bands that would never even have a footnote in history if it wouldn't be for us placing their names out there. I also like the fact that we're doing a tribute to the local artists on one of the walls recognizing Professor Longhair, Allen Toussaint, Dr. John, the Meters, Ernie-K-Doe and the Wild Magnolias."

"For the most part it brings back memories that fans shared with their brothers and sisters, or friends, and some who are no longer with us. It holds special memories to these folks. To many, the Warehouse represented the greatest concert experience in their lives"

If there was one song to capture Bobby's effort in making this project come to fruition it would be from Grateful Dead's song 'Truckin': "What a Long Strange Trip It's Been!"

He was blown up in an explosion in 1923 in New Iberia

I didn't know my great grandfather went to Holy Cross. In fact neither did my mother. He was blown up in an explosion in 1923 in New Iberia at the Vida Sugar Mill. He was an operating engineer that traveled to several sugar mills throughout the year. He was packed and ready to go home to New Orleans and someone told him there was a problem in the plant. I suspect his mind was already on his way home, so he probably



Dennis's great grandfather is seated in the middle, between the catcher and the pitcher

had to bleed off some valve and he turned it the wrong way and he died in the explosion.

My great grandfather was Walter Gerald Corbo. For both the 1897-98 and the 1898-99, he was the captain of an early version of a football team. His brother, William Maurice Corbo, was a manager. Both played half backs. Walter was also captain of the baseball team and his brother William was a manager of it.

Their father John Augustin Carbo worked as a Cooper at Palto Alto Plantation, living on Hwy 1 near Barton, Louisiana about 3 miles from Donaldsonville.

I also had an uncle, John Carbo, who went to Holy Cross in the mid 1950's. Like his grandfather, he was captain of the football team.

I didn't find out that my great grandfather went to Holy Cross until 1990, when I went to Norfolk Virginia on my way home from West Virginia in hopes of meeting my grandfather's sister to learn more about my mother's family. But she had died but I did meet her husband. While I was there he showed me a medal that said "Holy Cross College of New Orleans 1897."

He told me "This is your great grandfather's medal."

My great uncle moved to Sedalia, Missouri and after he died, his niece gave me his medal.

Dennis Delaney

Welcome Logan Kate!

Louis Saltzmann recently became a grandfather with the arrival of his first grandchild, Logan Kate.

The proud parents of this precious baby girl are Carla and Stephen Saltzmann, HC Class of 2007.



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Warehouse Back Home

By Clancy Dubos

Holy Cross Bulletin

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The tall, full-bearded man clad in blue jean bellbottoms seated himself on one of the carpeted bleachers. As he leaned back, scanning the deserted, semi-illuminated concert hall, he introduced himself as Willie Johnson.

"I just had to come back down," Johnson began. "I remember when I grew up that there was absolutely nothing to do except hang around the French Quarter, which in those days was not very much at all."

That is why Johnson, a former Holy Cross student and now President of Beaver Productions, returned to New Orleans from Chicago and established the rock concert hall "A Warehouse."

"As soon as my time in the service terminated, I moved to Chicago where I worked part time as a bartender and attended the University of Illinois for a short time."

It was in these surly bars that local rock groups would perform, among them the now famous Chicago.

"That's where I obtained my interest in music, and the sound of Chicago has been my greatest influence. So I formed Beaver Productions and came back down to New Orleans. And it seems that as Chicago grew, so did we."

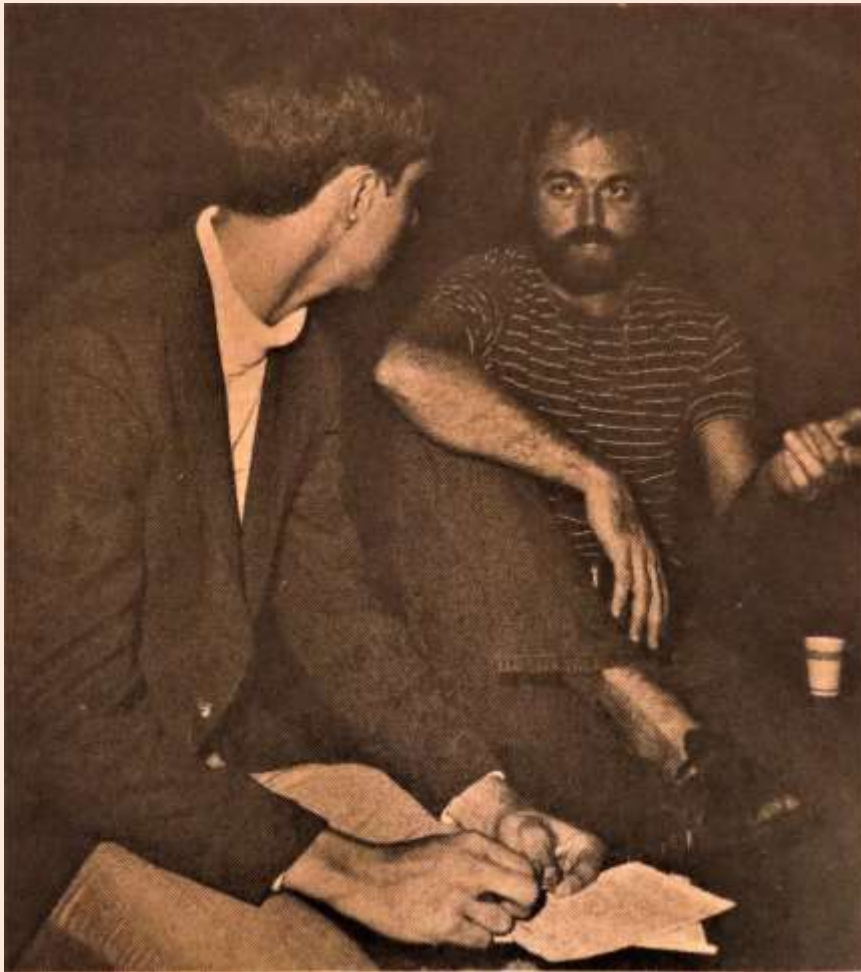
After arriving in New Orleans, Willie purchased a 125-year-old faded red-brick cotton and coffee warehouse in the 1800 block of Tchoupitoulas Street. He then made the innovations necessary to open a concert hall capable of holding several thousand people.

Since then, many of the nation's top groups and artists have made appearances at A Warehouse, such as Three Dog Night, Steppenwolf, Joe Cocker, Johnny Winter, Grand Funk Railroad and Jethro Tull.

“These concerts are very expensive to put on,” Willie commented, stroking a pair of beads which hung about his neck. “And just the performance fee usually runs into the thousands, often tens of thousands with the really top groups. And contrary to what people think, we’re not making tons of money.”

He said that some groups charge so much because they want to get all they possible can while they’re on top since they may not be there very long.

“But mostly it’s because many of these groups have struggled for so many years and all of a sudden have made it. Like Chicago – I’d give them whatever they asked for



because I know what they’ve been through and have seen it myself,” Willie said referring to his time spent working in the Chicago bars.

Because he understands the plight of the small group, Willie usually books a new group from out-of-town to alternate with the big name performance.

“This way we get to expose a number of smaller groups, some of which have really made it with the crowds, like Blood Rock and Mott the Hople.”

“Actually,” Johnson continued, “all the groups

dig playing here rather than in an auditorium because they feel so close to the audience, and the atmosphere and acoustics are just great.”

Willie explained that the sole purpose of A Warehouse was to bring good music to the young people of New Orleans through top rate entertainment, and just recently through the broadcasting of “Kaleidoscope – Remote From A Warehouse” (a radio program on FM97) from 9 pm until 1 am.

In evaluating the accomplishments of A Warehouse, Willie volunteered, "I'd say we're a success and yet a failure. We succeeded in bringing top notch entertainment to the young people of New Orleans, and yet economically things haven't been the greatest."

"However," Willie added, "the city has been most cooperative about taxes and payments, and we feel we're improving constantly."

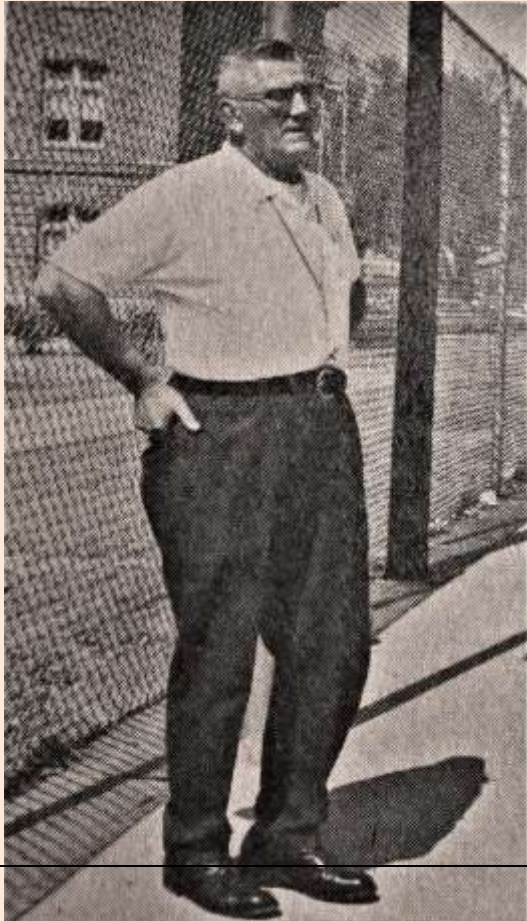
A few of the shows in the near future will feature Iron Butterfly and possibly a return by Johnny Winter.

Willie summed up his feeling about his career so far by saying "We like to be able to say that we're Beaver Productions and that we're going to put on a show."

(Footnote: In 1961 Willie Johnson and Billy Truax were named MVPs in the CYO basketball league. Johnson left Holy Cross in his senior year due to a situation beyond his control. In 2011, Charlie DiGange invited Johnson back to Holy Cross to receive his Golden Diploma with the Class of '61.)

Pieces of Eight

At one point in time, the administration decided to clamp down on the trading of Mardi Gras doubloons by students on campus, believing it was a distraction to academics and discipline of young HC Men. Students were informed that the trading of Mardi



Gras doubloons on campus could result in forfeiture of doubloons and a detention.

I recall one day after school Rick '73, was in our garage when my Dad entered and asked him what he was doing. Rick, using a small hack saw, informed my Dad that he was cutting a Mardi Gras doubloon for school. The next day at wrestling practice with Br. Melchior, Rick was ready.

Just when Br. Melchior turned his back, Rick jingled the Mardi Gras doubloons in his pants pocket. Br. Melchior turned around with a stern frown on his face. He demanded to know who had the Mardi Gras doubloons. He reminded everyone on the team of the school's policy

against students having Mardi Gras doubloons in their possession on campus. He again demanded to know who had the doubloons!

Rick spoke up, admitting that he had the doubloons. Br. Melchior was stunned—Rick then reached into his pocket and drew out a doubloon handing it over to Br. Melchior, who looked at the doubloon and holding it up said, "Oh, I see, Hermes."

Then, Br. Melchior instructs Rick turn over the rest of his doubloons and he reaches into his pocket and presents them to Br. Melchior. He raises one doubloon up in front of the team and proudly identifies the coin as a "Rex", followed by a pause as he raises the cut in half doubloon. With a tilt of his head he asked, "Mr. Perry, what is this? A half of doubloon?"

To which Rick responded, "I am sorry Brother, but I only saw half of the parade."

Rick said that Brother Melchior turned his back to the team in order to hide his laughter, which was obvious by Brother Melchior physically shaking his shoulders. Rick avoided a detention.

Br. Melchior kept the doubloons, using them as props for years thereafter every Mardi Gras season. He'd show the young 7th graders the half doubloon and tell them "I only saw half the parade."

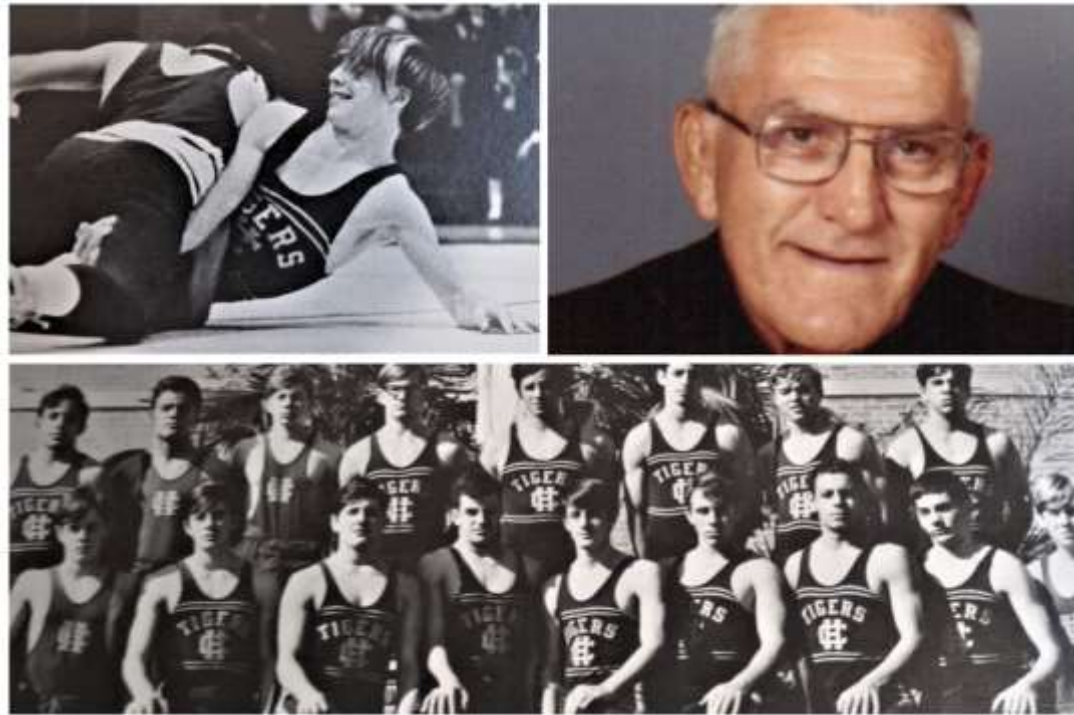
Rick became Captain of Br. Melchior's Wrestling Team in his senior year. He is now the Executive Director of the LSU Tiger Athletic Foundation.

By the way, the legend also has it that when Rick went to Notre Dame as a representative of LSU, he visited the gravesite of Brother Melchior at Notre Dame where he left the other half of that Mardi Gras doubloon on Brother Melchior's headstone saying "Let the legend continue."

For those who do not know, it is a tradition for Holy Cross New Orleans alums who visit the Notre Dame cemetery to leave a Mardi Gras doubloon on Brother Melchior's headstone as a symbol that his gravesite has been visited by an HC New Orleans Alum.

Al Perry

Remembering Br. Melchior



"There was smoke coming out of the back of your car."

In my senior year, Br Melchior would get his paperwork for the wrestling match done at Simons press on Franklin Avenue under the overpass and he'd ask me to drive him there.

At the time I had my race car – a 1970 Chevy Nova Street Rat. It was painted in psychedelic colors and he always ask "Why couldn't you stick to one color?"

The Nova rode low to the ground and I'd always slow down when there was a bump. Brother asked "Why do we always slow down at bumps." I told him that I didn't want to get the paint job messed up.

After dropping him off at the Brother's Residence I did a burn out and the tires were smoking. The next day Brother said, "There was smoke coming out of the back of your car. It was on fire."

At the end, he had those 2 German Shepherds and used to come into the restaurant. He would always come up to me and say "Tommy, can you make me a shrimp sandwich?"

He'd always get a whole shrimp sandwich and put all the shrimp on half of the sandwich. Coach Kavanagh or Br. Mary Joseph used to bring him here.

Tommy Tommaseo

He was an example of quiet strength and composure

Brother Melchior used to roam around campus with his two German Shepherds looking in trash cans. He once found an umbrella with half of its dome gone, opened it and said it was for party cloudy days.

He also liked to tease the dogs with a flash light beam which they would chase. I don't remember him as being very vocal. His demeanor impressed me as being a rock of a man, who just by looking at him, you would not want to give him trouble.

He was an example of quiet strength and composure. Yet, he would spring into action if needed. He once reset a wrestler's dislocated shoulder, which impressed me that he knew exactly what to do and quickly. His stern look might frighten someone who did not know him, but his sense of humor would put you at ease.

Charlie Vanek

Mona Lisa

I worked a couple of summers doing odds and ends on campus. We never were paid but rather received a credit toward our tuition costs. Brother Melchior was in charge and every morning we would receive our daily assignments along with pithy comments from Brother as he deemed necessary.

I was on the painting crew who included Mike Liuza. Mike was working alone in one room while the rest of us were in another. Well.....Mike was very meticulous and was not moving along as fast as Brother thought he should and during the next morning rundown Brother commented that all was progressing except for Liuza's "Mona Lisa!" Typical dry humor from Brother, but he was always very fair and great to be around.

Someone may have a better recollection of this next memory. If you wanted to get "a rise" from Brother Melchior, you just needed to inquire "Brother, can I play wrestling?"

Bert Brocato

Hard Work Pays Off

Brother Melchior was very corny. He would regularly tell us to avoid "sick bird" holds. They were "ill-eagle." And he would tell us to take a shower after practice and then "put it back."

The best story I heard was from Ricky Perry. Ricky would bring Brother Melchior Mardi Gras doubloons. Brother loved them. One day Ricky brought him half of a doubloon. Brother asked him why a half. Ricky answered that he only saw half the parade. Apparently, Brother Melchior almost fell out of his chair laughing.

Lesson learned from Br. Melchior: hard work pays off.

Steve Williams

"Doris Open!"

I worked in the work-study program getting paid \$1.00 an hour. I never saw any of the money as it went toward tuition.

Br. Melchior was in charge of the program. He was always in his cassock and, as big as he was, we'd follow him around looking like little ducklings. We'd do odd jobs like cutting the grass and weeding. This was before weed-whackers so we used a sling blade.

One time we had to move the wrestling teams weights. They had been on the first floor of the building next to the handball courts and we had to move them to the third floor of the lower school building. Every barbell and piece of equipment was packed up.

As he got to the door he would stop, put his hand in the door knob, turn to us and ask: "Do you know Doris"? We all shrugged our shoulders as to 'who was that?'

He would respond, with that slight shake of his head: "Doris open" as he turned the knob.

We followed him up the stairs bringing the weights. He stops by a bench press and pumps a 350 pound weight. When he sat up, we gave a collective "Whoa!"

He then smiled and said "That's why I do it."

Br. Melchior always had these one-line jokes and he'd always deliver them with a theatrical pause. He was so powerful, yet so gentle; he was a good guy. The brothers dedicated their lives to educate us and train us in our Faith.

Kim Roberts

Brother Melchior Polowy lives on in high school wrestling

By Pat Mashburn, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune

Brother Melchior Polowy never knew current Holy Cross wrestlers such as Alex Nicosia, Daniel Relayson, or George Benoit, but he did pave the way for unprecedented growth in the sport of wrestling at the high school level.

Polowy's contributions were honored after his passing in the mid 1970's with the state trophy which now bears his name.

The 2012-13 Holy Cross wrestling team would love nothing more than to put their name on one of the plates of the Division II trophy, especially since they'll move up to Division I next season.

Two of three state champion coaches from last season were on hand to return their trophies to the Holy Cross gymnasium, but all are hoping to keep theirs for another year after the state tournament on Feb. 15-16 at the Pontchartrain Center.

Team champions from the 2011-12 season were Brother Martin (Division I), Teurlings Catholic (Division II), and Brusly (Division III). Coaches in attendance were Teurlings Catholic's Kent Mason and Jimmy Bible of Brusly.

"Brother Melchior's legacy is well beyond wrestling," Holy Cross coach Eric Desormeaux said. "When alumni come back to visit, they base their successes on the lessons they learned from Brother Melchior himself."

In the time between now and the state tournament, each of the three trophies will be dismantled, cleaned, and put back together so that the next state champions can display them at their school for the following year.

To understand the man behind the trophy requires a look at very humble beginnings. Polowy's mother died when he was less than five years old, and as a result, he was raised by many different family members. When he was old enough to work, he got a job at a bakery, bought a motorcycle and drove to many different neighborhood community centers and gymnasiums where he learned to wrestle.

One of the many opponents he faced left an indelible impression which ultimately shaped the way he approached the sport.

"He's as strong as a steel beam," Polowy said. Wanting to know more, he talked at length with the wrestler and discovered that weight lifting was what provided him the extra edge for power on the mat.

The common perception in the late 1930's and early 1940's was that weightlifting built massive bulk and slowed people down.

After the encounter, the choice was clear. The interest in weights and working with young men became the basis for the rest of his life.

Upon his arrival at Holy Cross in 1945, Polowy and Bill Schriever of the New Orleans Athletic Club started a wrestling program. To help grow the sport, the two gentlemen went around the city to different schools to teach it to all who would listen.

The combination of weight training with wrestling translated into 23 state championships before Polowy retired in the 1970's. The only year Holy Cross didn't win a state championship during his tenure was 1955 when he battled an unknown illness. It was also the only year the school didn't field a team.

After his passing, a number of his former wrestlers banded together to form the Brother Melchior Society as a way to ensure his contributions were never forgotten. To that end, the group had trophies built for each of the three divisions which have his picture. The winning coach of each division each year has their name and school added to the trophy, which they keep for one year. In the following year, the trophies are returned to Holy Cross so that they can be brought to the state meet for presentation for the next champions.

Brother Mechior Receives Award



Today is the beginning of
the best days of my life.

I want to thank you for this
great honor.

I don't know if I'll ever get
any rewards in heaven,

But I've certainly received
more than my share down
here.

Thank you kindly

Br. Melchior Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NmqsYUDGFM>

If I Were A Rich Man . . .

Br. Melchior Recalls 'Golden Past'

Holy Cross Bulletin

March 26, 1971

Memories are one of the most precious possessions a person has, so in this sense Holy Cross' recently retired wrestling coach Br Melchior Polowy is a very rich man. Indeed, few persons have equaled Brother's accomplishments in the field of wrestling, and his influence on prop grappling in Louisiana will remain as unshakable as his string of 21 successive state championships.

"I hope to have added, over a period of years, something to wrestling which has improved it to the extent of better techniques," Brother said, in regards to his greatest accomplishment while at Holy Cross. "Before, there were no techniques at all. Now I feel the competition is sharper – quantity-wise as well as quality-wise."

Upon arrival at Holy Cross there was no wrestling at all on the high school level in the form of inter-scholastic competition.

"Holy Cross and Isadore Newman were the first schools with wrestling squads," Brother said, "and in 1944 they had the first dual meet in the old gym here. Holy Cross won by one point, and we cleared fifty-two dollars, which was pretty good for a minor sport" The coach of the Newman squad assisted Br



Melchior in getting into competition through his position as wrestling instructor at the New Orleans Athletic Club, and in 1945 the first state meet was held.

"There was no city meet then," said Brother, "but we did win the three city meets until 1969. We kept on winning by a minimum of fifty points.

“There were, at that time,” Brother added, “about four city schools – Holy Cross, Jesuit, Newman, and St. Aloysius. St. Aloysius was coached by a very good student wrestler, and they were always after us, but they never could beat us.”

Brother said that the Holy Cross wrestling program was building constantly, from a twelve-man squad in 1944 to his invincible force of eighty matmen in the early 1960s. “In the past two years the response has been very small – only about forty or so.” Brother said. “This is due primarily to a misunderstanding on the part of the student as to the concepts of wrestling, and I think this contributes to the lack of response.”

“However,” Brother continued, “the teaching of wrestling fundamentals in the physical education classes helps relieve much of this.”

As for the future of wrestling at Holy Cross, Brother said that success depends upon the dedication of the next coach.

“For a school of this size, there should be three wrestling coaches – a junior coach and two varsity coaches,” he said. “To ask one man to do it alone – that’s pretty much.”

In regards to his own future, Brother said, “My retirement is only from wrestling. I’ll continue to maintain a weight-training program and to instruct physical education classes.

Plaque of recognition presented by Samuel Cashio, chairman of the Louisiana Scholastic Wrestling Association.

Remembering Wayne Troyer

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Wayne Troyer, a New Orleans architect who was acclaimed for his talent for preserving historic buildings and designing modern structures, died Friday (May 3) of pancreatic cancer at his New Orleans home. He was 66.

His expertise in both aspects of building “starts from a place where you love and appreciate historic architecture for what it is and you’re interested in exploring modern design,” said Tracie Ashe, a partner in studioWTA, the firm Mr. Troyer founded. “I think Wayne had the most fun when he got to work on an old building and bring it into a fresh light with modern materials so you can appreciate the old and the new.”

One such project grew out of Nathalie Jordi's dream of creating a hotel in Faubourg Marigny. Mr. Troyer, she said, was the first name she heard from building professionals when she was looking for an architect to make her dream come true.

"He met with me long before we had the property, and he totally took me seriously," she said. "He believed in my idea, he believed in me as a person, and I respect him for that."



The result of the \$22 million renovation was Hotel Peter and Paul, which comprises buildings that used to be a church, rectory, convent and school. Ashe was the project manager.

Mr. Troyer "had this sparkly personality that drew people in, but at the same time, he was very conscientious," Ashe said. "He was always sharing things with us. He always wanted to learn the next thing, and he wanted us to be inquisitive."

His projects included new buildings such as the St. Tammany Performing Arts Center, Mussafer Hall at Tulane University and a 950-square-foot PJ's coffee house

at Tulane that won local, regional and national praise from the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

In addition to Hotel Peter and Paul, Mr. Troyer's work on existing buildings includes The Pythian, the Rice Mill Lofts and the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life at Tulane University, as well as the \$30.5 million conversion of New Orleans' Municipal Auditorium into a temporary home for Harrah's Casino in 1995.

Mr. Troyer's renovation of his home, as well as an addition to it, won an Honor Award from the AIA's New Orleans chapter.

"He could seamlessly go from contemporary design for new construction to gorgeous reconstructions of historic structures," said Danielle Del Sol, the Preservation Resource Center's director. "He could design new that blended in with the old in interesting ways. He was an incredible weaver of styles. It was perfect that he did his work in New Orleans."

A lifelong New Orleanian, Mr. Troyer earned an undergraduate degree in music at Loyola University in 1978 after earning an associate degree in musical therapy at Delgado Community College.

A classical guitarist, Mr. Troyer was classical-music buyer after his graduation for the Mushroom, a record store just off the Tulane campus. He became friendly there with Steve Jacobs, a customer who was an architecture professor at Tulane who recommended that Mr. Troyer think about enrolling at the university, Ashe said. It worked. Mr. Troyer earned a degree in architecture in 1983 and a master's degree in the subject in 2004.

He established studioWTA in 1992. At his death, the firm employed five licensed architects and four designers, Ashe said.

In addition to his work, Mr. Troyer was active on civic and cultural commissions and boards, including the Historic District Landmarks Commission, the Architectural Review Committee, the Preservation Resource Center, the New Orleans Film Society and the Contemporary Arts Center.

After Hurricane Katrina and its floodwaters ravaged New Orleans in 2005, Mr. Troyer was busy helping the city rebuild, working with initiatives such as the Bring New Orleans Back Commission, the Unified New Orleans Plan and Operation Comeback.

He also helped restore houses in the Holy Cross neighborhood, Del Sol said. Mr. Troyer founded the New Orleans chapter of Docomomo, an international organization dedicated to the documentation and conservation of buildings. That was especially important after Katrina, Del Sol said, because the group worked to fight demolitions.

He also taught at Tulane and the University of Arkansas.

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