

1950

TOMMY O. HARRISON JR. manages a farm and timber estate that spans three parishes and more than 500 acres. He received a bachelor's degree in agricultural animal husbandry from SLI and a master's degree in education from Northwestern State University. Harrison got the nickname "Lefty," while pitching for the SLI Bulldogs baseball team. He was later a pitcher for minor league teams in Maine, Texas and Louisiana for four years. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force as a non-commissioned officer for the Special Services Department. Harrison retired in 1983 as superintendent of Grant Parish schools, where he previously served as a principal, coach and teacher. Harrison and his wife, Paula, live in Montgomery, La. They have a son, Gilbert, and a daughter, Jennifer.

1959

The Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus, District 38, recently honored SLI graduate **RICHARD DIETZ** for 60 years of service. He is a member of Bishop Verot Council No. 5845, in Canova Beach, Fla., which he helped establish in 1966. A veteran of the Korean War, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force, completing his service in 1955. In 1990, Dietz retired after working for 31 years at NASA's Kennedy Space Center. He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He and his wife, Carmen, have six children: Sonja, Jeffrey, Rick, Christopher, Janelle and Franz.

1961

ROLAND GUIDRY was inducted into the Air Commando Association's Hall of Fame. A retired colonel



in the U.S. Air Force, he was recognized for his involvement in hostage rescue missions, top-secret intelligence gathering and for his service in the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command. Guidry has worked as a real estate broker, developer and property manager since 1986 and is principal broker at Pat Guidry Agency Inc. He is a certified real estate instructor. Guidry holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from USL, a master's degree in astronautical engineering from the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology and a master's degree in business administration from the University of West Florida. He and his wife, **PATRICIA ANNE BOUTTE, '63**, live in Destin, Fla.

1968

GLEN JEANSONNE is a professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He has written or edited 14 books, including a recent biography, *Changing Times: The Life of Barack Obama*. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from USL and earned a master's degree and doctorate in history from Florida State University. From 1973 to 1975, Jeansonne taught Louisiana and U.S. history at USL, and was associate director for the Center for Louisiana Studies. He has received several teaching and research awards from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Jeansonne has two children, Leah and Hannah. He and his wife, Lauren Priegel, live in Milwaukee, Wis.

1970

NANCY CRAWFORD is senior vice president of Medical Staff Services

for Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge, La. She is chair of the American Hospital Association's Section for Maternal and Child Health. Its members evaluate health information and make policy recommendations for the national organization. She is treasurer of the Council of Women and Infant Specialty Hospitals. Crawford volunteers and participates in civic and professional organizations including Capital Area United Way and the Community Partnership Committee. She holds a bachelor's degree in health information management.

1972

BARRY F. BERTHELOT was recently named executive vice president and director of organizational development for IberiaBank Corp. He previously served as president of the Acadiana Market for JP Morgan Chase. He also served as president of Bank One of Lafayette and of First National Bank of Lafayette. He is a former chief administrative officer for Lafayette Parish and former director of administration and finance for the City of Lafayette. Berthelot holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from USL and a master's degree in public affairs from Northern Michigan University. He and his wife, Rebecca, have five children, Ross; Luke; Hayes; **BENJAMIN, '98**; and Jerome.

1978

ANGELLA CASTILLE is included in the 2010 issue of *The Best Lawyers in America* for her contributions in international trade and finance law. She is partner and



vice chair of international practice at Baker and Daniels, a legal and consulting firm based in Indianapolis, Ind. Castille serves as chair of the international section of the Indiana State Bar Association. She attended law school at Freie Universität Berlin. She holds a bachelor's degree in French from USL and a *juris doctor* from University of Notre Dame Law School. She and her husband, Scott Sutton, have two sons, Nicholas and Alexander.

1979

STEVE OATS was elected chair of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission for 2010. He has served on the commission for the past three years. Oats is a partner at Oats and Hudson law firm, which has offices in Lafayette, Baton Rouge and New Orleans. He holds a bachelor's degree from USL and a *juris doctor* from Tulane University. He is married to **SYLVIA MARIAN MINEO, '78**.



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Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute

1921-1960

Southwestern Louisiana Institute

1960-1999

University of Southwestern Louisiana

1999-PRESENT

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

ALUMNI PROFILE: DR. MILTON CORMIER '48

Alum Makes Glowing Contribution to Science



Dr. Milton Cormier, '48, was a pioneer in the development of one of the most powerful tools in science: glow-in-the-dark genes. The bioluminescent proteins are used in genetic studies and medical research as markers in living cells. The glowing proteins can be taken from one organism and inserted into another. So, scientists can literally see how genes are expressed or perhaps detect tumor tissue without surgery.

After joining the University of Georgia faculty in 1958, Cormier established a research laboratory at UGA and was a founder of the school's Biochemistry Department. In 1985, Cormier published the first example of cloning a gene with coding for a bioluminescent protein.

Dr. J. David Puett, UGA's Regents Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, said Cormier influenced major research in his field. "Many of his trainees became professors in major universities ... his research has withstood the test of time, being at the forefront of a growing field that has continued to advance science."

One of Cormier's former colleagues, Dr. Douglas Prasher, was the first to clone green fluorescent protein using techniques developed in Cormier's lab. GFP is widely used in genetic studies and medical research. In 2008, three scientists, Drs. Osamu Shimomura, Roger Tsien and Martin Chalfie, earned the Nobel Prize in chemistry for the discovery and development of GFP.

Cormier holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from UL Lafayette. He earned a master's degree in biochemistry from the University of Texas, Austin and a doctorate in microbiology from the University of Tennessee.

Cormier retired in 1993 and was named a distinguished research professor emeritus of biochemistry at UGA. In 2007, he published his autobiography, *My Journey*.

He and his wife, Dolores, live in Sun Lakes, Ariz. The couple have three children, Milton **Joseph Cormier Jr.**, '80; Wil Cormier; and Mark Cormier.

1982

OWEN T. CHOATE flies MD-88 planes for Delta Airlines. He is a check airman, qualified to certify other pilots. Choate flew military cargo planes during Operation



Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm and has been a transport pilot in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years. He participated in humanitarian missions, delivering food and supplies and providing airlift rescues in Russia and Africa. Choate holds a bachelor's degree in business administration. He and his wife, **JULIE PINKERTON**, '82, live in Summerville, S.C. They have three sons: Adam, Thomas and Matthew.

1985

RANDALL MANN is director of mar-

keting and sales for Acadian Monitoring Service. He and his wife, **STEPHANIE ANN HANAGRIFF**, '86, created Advice Marketing in 1992. He is a private pilot who provides volunteer marketing services for charity events such as the Sertoma Cajun Air Festival and the Acadiana AirFest. He also has served as chairman of *Le Festival de Mardi Gras à Lafayette* for 17 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in public relations. Mann and his wife have a son, Michael Tyler, and a daughter, Emily. They live in Lafayette.

1987

TROY D. TAYLOR was recently promoted to colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and chosen as staff judge advocate for the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing at the U.S. Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans. He is chief counsel for NASA Shared Services Center at the Stennis Space Center. Taylor received a bachelor's degree in business administration from

USL and *juris doctors* from the University of New Orleans and Loyola University. He also earned a master of laws from George Washington University National Law Center. He and his wife, Dawn, have two sons, Nicholas and Christian.

1989

MICHELLE BACQUE WILSON, who holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication, supervises 23 employees at Fox Sports Network Engineering and Operations in The Woodlands, Texas. She manages the production of commercials, programs and promotions for 20 national television networks. She and her husband, Jason, have a daughter, Ava Elise.

1990

RICHARD P. ALBERT is owner and principal of Albert Architecture and Urban Design, which is based in New Orleans. Since

2001, the firm has specialized in new construction and historic preservation. Albert earned a bachelor's degree in architecture. He and his wife, Amanda, live in New Orleans.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in sociology, **MARY I. HICKS** spent two years teaching English in Japan. She returned to the United States and earned a master's degree in education from the University of New Orleans. Hicks ran the Critical Languages Program at UNO, which included languages that were not commonly taught in the university's curricula. She has served as president, vice president and as a board member of the National Association of Self-Instructional Language Programs. She also has served on the board of the New Orleans Citizen Diplomacy Council. She is married to Scott Smith.

1994

SHAWNE HUVAL TAYLOR serves on the Louisiana Math Fellows Advisory Panel. The 21-member panel includes seven mathematics educators representing each



school level – elementary, middle and high school. They work with the Department of Education to increase students' readiness for college and careers. Taylor teaches seventh and eighth grade mathematics at Cecilia Junior High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from USL. She earned a master's degree in education and post-master's 30 plus certification in education from UL Lafayette. She and her husband, Chad, have a son, Braelon.

1997

KACEE SCHEXNAYDER THOMPSON is vice president of business development at The Cartesian Company, a real estate and financial solutions business in Lafayette. She also serves on the board of the Lafayette Land Revitalization Authority, a non-profit organization that restores and redevelops abandoned property. She holds a

bachelor's degree in English. She and her husband, **ERIC SCHEX-NAYDER, '98**, have three children: Ben, Ryan and Mary Louise.

Attorney **LEE WHITE** was recently



appointed to the board of directors for Downtown Dallas Inc., a downtown development organization.

He is a partner

at Jackson Walker LLP in Dallas. He has been named a "Texas Super Lawyer-Rising Star" by Thomson Reuters, a professional review organization, for three consecutive years. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from USL and a *juris doctor* from Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU. He and his wife, **DR. SHARON ANDREWS, '87, '94**, live in Dallas.

1999

MILAURA BAUGHN SPELMAN owns



the Reading Remediation and Speech Language Pathology Center, where she provides speech and language therapy.

She is also the lead facilitator of Social Bridges, a social cognition program used to teach social skills to children with communication deficiencies. She is nationally certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and holds a Florida teaching certification focused in speech and language impairment. She earned a bachelor's degree in communicative disorders from the University of Central Florida and a master's degree in speech language pathology from UL Lafayette. Spelman and her husband, Jason, live in Oviedo, Fla.

2000

In January, **STEPHEN C. GAUBERT** established Gaubert and Smith law firm in Lafayette with his business partner, **RICHARD E. SMITH, '80**. Gaubert holds a bachelor's degree in general studies from UL Lafayette and a *juris doctor* from Southern University Law Center. He has been selected to participate in Leadership

A Look Back



TERRI FENSEL

1993

Lady Cajuns first baseman Alyson Habetz stretches for a catch in 1993. The team went to the College World Series for the first time that year. It returned in 1995 and 1996. UL Lafayette's softball program celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

Lafayette, a program dedicated to the advancement of community issues. Gaubert and his wife, Melissa Topham, live in Lafayette.

2003

ROGER J. TIMBER plays the role of



Benny in the HBO drama series, "Treme," about life in New Orleans after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He appeared in

"Brazil," an episode of the television series, "Law & Order," which aired in March. Timber also appeared in two films released in 2009, "The Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans" and "I Hope They Serve Beer In Hell." Timber holds a bachelor's degree in performing arts.

2005

CORY J. DUGAS holds a bachelor's

degree in general studies. Since 2009, he has served as advertising manager for HDB & Associates, an in-house marketing and advertising agency for Eyemart Express LTD. He and his wife **JENNIFER JAMISON DUGAS, '04**, live in McKinney, Texas.

IN MEMORIAM

SHIRLEY HOFFPAUIR CRAWFORD, '38, died June 20, 2009, at the age of 100. She held a bachelor's degree in education from SLI and taught in Acadia Parish for more than 32 years. She was a member of the Retired Teachers of Acadia Parish and the Ebenezer Home Demonstration Club. Crawford was preceded in death by her husband of more than 50 years, George W. Crawford, and their daughter, **ELEANOR FRANCES CRAWFORD COLEMAN, '68**. She is survived by her daughter, Kayren Ann Mingus; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

WILLARD AVINELL FAVRE, '54, died Nov. 23, 2009, in Baton Rouge, La. He was 79. In 1959, he joined the Louisiana State Division of Administration. He retired in



1986 as director of state accounting. He also maintained a private accounting business until his death. Favre served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. He was an assistant scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Order of the Arrow. He also conducted volunteer research for Magnolia Mound Plantation Museum in Baton Rouge. Favre earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at SLI. Survivors include his wife, **KATHERINE ELAINE BELLARD, '55**, and four children, Willard A. Favre Jr.; Alexandra Farve Smith; Rebecca Favre Lipe; and AnnKatherine Favre Watkins.

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MICHAEL PAUL TRAHAN died Dec. 27, 2009, at the age of 22. He was pursuing a bachelor's degree in musical education with a minor in jazz studies. He played trumpet in the UL Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Big Band and Pride of Acadiana Marching Band. Trahan taught private lessons and served as an instructor at area band camps. He also was a studio musician who recorded with local bands, such as Feufollet. He is survived by his parents, Monique Goutierrez Trahan and Paul Trahan, and his brother, **JOSHUA RYAN TRAHAN**, a sophomore at UL Lafayette.

DR. DEAN F. KEELEY died Feb. 11, 2010. As a U.S. Marine private first class in Iwo Jima, Keeley shielded two fellow Marines when a hand grenade exploded in their foxhole. After two years of recovery, he was honorably discharged as a fully disabled veteran. He also received a Purple Heart. Keeley graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He began teaching at USL after receiving a doctorate in chemistry from Florida State University in 1957. He received the UL Lafayette Foundation's Distinguished Professor Award in 1995. That same year, he was part of 50th anniversary ceremonies at the National Cathedral and the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial, which honors the 50,000 troops who served in Iwo Jima. Keeley collaborated with the U.S. Department of Energy on a 12-year project involving geopres-

sured-geothermal energy. He also worked with physicists at the Acadiana Research Laboratory on a particle accelerator project. He was instrumental in developing a 3-D computer-based instruction and research facility in UL Lafayette's Hamilton Hall. Keeley retired in 2001. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ruth Altepetter; daughter, Mary Patricia; and brother, Thayne Robert.

DR. FRANS AMELINCKX died March 28, 2010. He was 78. A native of Belgium, he served in the Belgian Army during the Korean conflict. He and **DR. CAROL BERNIECE CEDAR**,



'87, '95, were married in Venezuela in 1959. They moved to the United States, where he earned a bachelor's degree in education from Northern State College and a master's degree and doctorate in French literature from the University of Iowa. He taught at the Universities of Iowa and Nebraska before becoming head of USL's Department of Romance Languages in 1983. He served as professor of modern languages and received the UL Lafayette Foundation's Distinguished Professor Award in 1989. He retired in 2002 and was named professor emeritus of Francophone Studies. Survivors include his wife, Carol, and three children: **ALAN LEE AMELINCKX**, '95, '02; **Andréa Amelinckx**; and **ANDREW K. AMELINCKX**, '93.

Alumni Directory Gets Update

Over the next few months, University of Louisiana at Lafayette alumni may receive postcards, e-mails or phone calls from Harris Connect. That's a company working with the UL Lafayette Alumni Association to update its alumni directory.

Dan Hare, the association's executive director, urged all alums to respond. "The directory is a valuable resource and its success depends on how many people participate. It just takes a few minutes to stay in touch," he said.

For more information, contact the Alumni Association at alumni@louisiana.edu or (337) 482-0900.