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Wall of Honor - Class of 2012 Raises Total Honorees to 39...

Another class of diversified and distinguished Parsons College students and alumni will take their place on the Wall of Honor in the Alumni Hall at the FA&CC (10:00AM) Saturday, October 6, 2012. The addition of this year's class of 10 to be inducted at the 4th annual ceremony in the Stephen Sondheim Auditorium raises the total number of members to 39. The ceremony is FREE and a luncheon at the FA&CC will follow. Luncheon tickets are available for a donation of \$25.00 per person. For accommodations, call: AmericINN at 800.634.3444; Super8 at 641.472.2200; or Best Western at 641.469.2000.



Challant

FRANK CHALLANT, PC'68 – In the mid-late 1960's, Frank was taping ankles for the Parsons Wildcats football team. In the 1970's, as Head Athletic Trainer for the Boston Celtics, he was taping the ankles and giving physical therapy to NBA super stars and collecting World Championship rings (2). Frank also was Athletic Trainer for the World Tennis Association's Boston Lobsters and Assistant Athletic Trainer for the NFL's New England Patriots. Supplemental jobs with the Patriots included strength coach and traveling secretary. In 1979 he left the sports arena and became VP of Operations & Sales for a 10-store east coast furniture chain. Currently retired, he devotes time to the Boy Scouts of American (Assistant Troop Leader) and the Thompson Island Outward Bound program in Boston. Frank is married to Bonnie (Hershey), has two children, three grandchildren and resides in Winchester, MA. While at Parsons, he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. Frank will be presented to the Wall of Honor by John Almack, PC'66...



McPherson-Ferguson

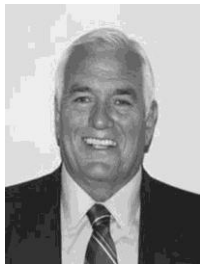
KAY McPHERSON FERGUSON, PC'59 – Kay, a native of Ollie, IA, was twice elected "Professor of the Year" at Dana College in Blair, NE where she served as Chair of the Education and Psychology Departments. She has been bestowed the honor of Professor Emeritus. Kay was married to Charles Ferguson, Dean of Parsons College, in the Barhydt Chapel in 1959. She later earned her M.A. Degree at University of Iowa and a PhD at University of Nebraska and served as instructor and coordinator for the Department of Education at Nebraska. While at Dana, her interest in the NASA space program inspired her to initiate the Space TREK Institute and a partnership with NASA and the Jet Propulsion Lab in California. The Parsons influence played a significant role in her career. "The professors at Parsons provided the foundation and desire for me to search for new knowledge, obtain additional educational degrees and pursue in-depth research projects. Additionally, these professors and the Fairfield community cemented a strong motivation for me to help others to achieve academic success." A member of Delta Zeta Sorority, she and her late husband, Charles and family, resided in Omaha, NE. Kay will be presented to the Wall of Honor by friend Vera Young, PC'46...



Giuntoli

THOMAS GIUNTOLI, PC'63 - (posthumously) – Thom knew exactly where he was headed when he graduated from Parsons. With diploma and college sweetheart in hand, he enrolled at the Dubuque Theological Seminary, earned a Master of Divinity Degree and was ordained as a minister in the United Presbyterian Church in 1967. Shortly after, Thom joined the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps, worked his way to Lieutenant Commander and was sent off to the Princeton Theological Seminary and earned a Doctorial Degree. Upon his return, Thom was promoted to Captain, and became Chaplain of U.S. Sixth Fleet in Gaeta, Italy. His climb continued with nomination and appointment to Fleet Chaplain for the Commander & Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe. Thom coordinated religious support for over 90,000 U.S. military personnel and families. At the height of his career, Thom supervised and mentored 57 chaplains and 80 enlisted personnel throughout Europe and the Mediterranean. He was considered "chief of chaplains" in Europe. After 30 years, Thom and wife Betsy called it quits, retired and moved to Summersville, SC. Prior to losing a valiant battle with kidney cancer in June, 2012, Thom paused to look back on his days at Parsons. "As I reflect, I owe our dear (Parsons) college a debt of gratitude. For it was there that I got my second chance to a college education and (realized) the desire (I had) to contribute to our great Nation." Thom will be presented to the Wall of Honor by John Braidwood, PC'68...

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Greaser

JAMES "NEWT" GREASER, PC'65 – When the state of Wisconsin puts you in their Football Coaches Hall of Fame you must have had quite a career. When they put you in the hall of fame and you've never been a head football coach, and they create a special hall of fame category for you, it's unheard of. And that's exactly what's happened to Newt Greaser. He's been an unpaid "VOLUNTEER" football coach for the University of Wisconsin – River Falls nearly 20 years and counting. Since his arrival, Newt has been instrumental in developing players to All-America status 16 times – and All-Conference honors 30 times. He's had a direct impact on UWRF winning eight Conference Football Championships and he's never received a paycheck from UWRF. Last year (October, 2011), he was voted into the University of Wisconsin – River Falls Coaches Hall of Fame. Then earlier this year (March, 2012), Newt was inducted to the State of Wisconsin's Football Coaches Hall of Fame. He was truly a "positive influence" on those he touched. However, despite continued involvement with UWRF football, he does have a "real job." Newt is working for ING Financial Partners, Inc. He lives in River Falls with wife and college sweetheart Karna (Radden), PC/AGD, and is involved with the Lions Club and Food Pantry. At Parsons, Newt, a native of Souderton, PA, belonged to the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and captained the Parsons football team his senior year. He will be presented to the Wall of Honor by David Neff, PC'69...



James-McCarty

MEREDITH JAMES McCARTY, PC'67 – Meredith's road to becoming a National & International Nutrition Educator was not easy. Following graduation from Parsons, where she had been voted Miss Mistletoe, Homecoming Queen and chosen to the Green Key Society, she was working for Vogue Magazine in New York. But during a trip to New Hampshire, Meredith experienced chronic fatigue and discovered a spot on her lung. It was there, she began a diet/lifestyle change to one based on plant foods, while also cultivating an interest in holistic health cuisine. She went on to earn a Senior Certificate in the Art of Cooking. Two years later, Meredith saw major relief from fatigue and the spot on the lung disappeared. Opportunity knocked, and she became Associate Editor of "East West/Natural Health Magazine. With husband to be Patrick, who is now deceased, she co-directed a holistic health center for macrobiotics in Eureka/Arcata, CA. Meredith has become known as a natural health expert and international speaker on topics of diet and health and has taught public and private cooking classes. She has authored three cookbooks, including the award winning "Sweet & Natural" and she is an associate of Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. Meredith also earned a Senior Certificate in "Art of Cooking" from Kushi Foundation and received Nutrition Education Certification from Bauman College. She lectures world-wide and authors a monthly E-card, "Healing Cuisine." Meredith, who is a member of Delta Zeta sorority at Parsons, also sells real estate and lives in Mill Valley, CA. She will be presented to the Wall of Honor by Sally Denney, PC/DZ'71...



Johnson

DR. JOHN T. JOHNSON, PC'68 – John is a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Back in the early 1960's, he was blazing the track at Parsons on an athletic scholarship. After dropping out to serve as a medic in the U.S. Army, John returned and graduated in 1968. In the early 1970's, and after graduating from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, he was blazing the medical field as the first African-American intern in Davenport, IA. John, who grew up in Donnellson, IA and the oldest of eight children, was the third black physician to practice in the area and a pioneer in paving the way for African-American Physicians in the Quad-Cities. He was inspired to a medical career by his mother and an uncle and took a number of pre-med courses at University of Iowa prior to entering Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine where he graduated in 1974. After returning to Iowa and finishing his internship, John opened his own family practice in Davenport. He is described by one medical director as, "A rare doctor who is loved by patients and staff alike. He is an old-time physician who is true and solid, with deep core values and high ethical standards. He is so good, and I could go on, and on." John is now retired after recently serving Community Health Care on an on-call basis. He and his wife Geraldine Lowry, who have three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, have returned to the quiet life of his 12-acre farm to raise livestock and horses. John will be presented to the Wall of Honor by David Neff, PC'69...

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Kane

LEE KANE, PC'55 – Lee, a native of Mt. Pleasant, was a coach and teacher at Urbandale High School. He was recently honored with induction into the Iowa Senior Olympics Hall of Fame. Lee competed in 21 different events 154 times. If that doesn't knock your socks off, try this. In those competitions, Lee Kane, known as "Dr. Free-Throw," the ultimate competitor, won, and walked away with 132 medals. Lee is a shooter, a very accurate shooter, we might add. Most of his medals were won primarily from basketball shooting accuracy. Not only is Lee a shooter but he is also a writer. He spits out poems just about as fast as he rips the basketball nets. Lee has written, published, and had 120 of his poems copyrighted by the U.S. Copyright Office, some of which, have, and will appear in the Parsons College E-News. During his college days at Parsons following graduation from Fairfield High, he was President of the Student Government, a member of the Zeta/Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, played basketball and captained the track team. Lee was also elected to Who's Who in Americas Colleges and Universities. In his later years, he was a member of Urbandale Action Committee and chaired a number of programs. Lee and wife Nancy continue to live in Urbandale and are enjoying time with their family and 10 grandchildren. He will be presented to the Wall of Honor by his son, Jeff Kane...



Kirby

JAMES R. "BOB" KIRBY, PC'70 – When Bob Kirby recited the Gettysburg Address at 12-years-old, he thought it was a big deal...and it was. But the really big deal came his way 50 years later with a promotion to Head Superintendent at the Gettysburg National Park and Battlefield in Gettysburg, PA. A native of Fairfield, Bob attended Parsons briefly in the late 1960's early 1970's after graduating from FHS. "Although my time was brief, Parsons was an important interval in my life, he said. "The mere fact that we are still reflecting on our days and experiences at Parsons is a testament to its meaning and its impact on our lives." From Parsons, Bob moved on to several other colleges prior to landing at San Francisco State University and earning his BA and MS Degrees. It was there, his love of history, recreation, park management, and a passion for the outdoors came together, leading him to a career with National Parks Service. Over the next 40 years, Bob struggled on his way to Gettysburg, the most prestigious position in the National Park Service. After leaving SFSU, meeting and marrying his wife, Beth, the road took them overseas where he served as director of three military communities. Upon his return, Bob did an internship at Golden Gate State Park in California with the National Park Service. Nine years later, he was named Superintendent at Petersburg National Battlefield in Virginia. In 2010, on his third attempt applying for the position, he became the 11th Head Superintendent at the Gettysburg National Park, supervising 80 people and overseeing America's premier Civil War site, the 6,000-acre Gettysburg battlefield. Bob sums it up by saying, "Working here is a surreal experience, and you count your blessings every day." Gettysburg is a long way from Fairfield, but it's real close to the site of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, which Bob nailed so conscientiously 50 years ago. Bob and Beth have two children and hope to reside in Gettysburg for many years. Bob will be presented to the Wall of Honor by John Braidwood, PC'68...



Neff

DAVID NEFF, PC'69 - There's very little that hasn't be said about the contributions Dave has made to his community and to his college. Fairfield is a better place to live with Dave as a resident. He is a pillar within the community. The memory of Parsons College is much more vivid with Dave leading the Parsons College Foundation Fund, and directing the Parsons Alumni Association. He is the glue that holds it together. Dave Neff, originally from Cleveland, OH, landed in Fairfield in 1965 via a Trailways bus...and never left. At Parsons he did it all – student, alumni, teacher, coach and director. Dave belonged to Sigma Phi Epsilon and served as president. He married (Sally Rinehart, PC'71) in Fairfield, started a family in Fairfield and launched his working career in Fairfield. But that teaching/coaching career was cut short with the closing of Parsons in 1973. Despite having also earned a Master's Degree in Recreation Education from the University of Iowa, he was desperate to find a job. Through local connections, he was hired as a bank teller at the Iowa State Bank & Trust Company. Dave worked his way up the ladder and was named president of the bank in 1991. He is currently semi-retired but working several days a week at the bank in a consulting role. His contributions of time and labor, as a 24/7 volunteer within the community, led to the honor of him being named "Fairfield's Citizen of the Year" in 1985. Several years ago, a "Fairfield Volunteer of the Year Award" program was launched. The winner of the inaugural award? Dave Neff! Mayor Ed

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Malloy said, “It was only appropriate that Dave be the first to receive this award. The great thing about Dave is that he does what he does with great commitment, passion and joy. He totally enjoys giving back to the community he loves.” Dave care and consideration for others has impacted the lives of many Fairfield residents. On the Parsons scene, Dave is President and Co-founder of Parsons College Foundation Fund - Vice President/Treasurer of Parsons College Alumni Association - and Co-founder of Parsons College Wall of Honor . His “roll up your sleeves and dig in” approach to everything is visible on a daily basis. His gratitude to Parsons for the education he received is evidenced by his on-going efforts to help preserve its memory and keep it alive. Dr. Bob Tree says it best, “Fairfield was fortunate that Dave elected to stay on at the college, then after the closing, join the staff at the bank. From there, in his quiet and good-natured, affable manner, he has been involved in a variety of projects which have bettered the community.” Dave is divorced, has two daughters, Laurie and Betsy, and four grandchildren. He has since been remarried to Sheri Blough and is step-father to Scott Blough, who is currently serving in the U.S. Army Special Forces. Dave will be presented to the Wall of Honor by Ray Ham, PC’73...



Staton

JERRY STATON, PC’63 – Jerry was a born winner. If his successes were not posted by victories and turning programs around on the football field, they would have been at the top of the pack and leading in whatever field of endeavor he had chosen. At Parsons, the blueprints were on the wall. Jerry was an all-around student/athlete. He graduated Cum Laude in his class, was a 4-year letterman in football and voted by coaches as the “Player Who Contributed the Most to the Team” in 1962. Jerry’s leadership ability is also well documented. He was voted President of the Letterman’s Club, President of the Senior Class, Chief Justice of Student Court, selected to Omicron (campus leadership society) and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Career-wise, when you’ve been a distinguished high school teacher/football coach for 50 years, who has touched the lives of so many, it’s a certainty you’ve done a lot more than play with X’s and O’s and call plays on the football field. Jerry, born in Ottumwa, is still one of the most revered coaches in the state of Iowa. Currently coaching Albia High School after 29 years at Oskaloosa and winning a state champion, his goals as a leader and coach are still the same. They are centered on helping men and women become better people. Jerry’s winning formula is simple: Don’t accept mediocrity or subpar performance in athletics, or the classroom; pledge to change; do what good students and athletes do; go to the field/classroom with a “want to” attitude; make yourself better each day; and understand you will be evaluated by what you have learned versus what you did on the field. Jerry Staton spent 29 of his 50 years heading up the Oskaloosa football program and has been nominated and inducted into the Iowa High School coaches Hall of Fame.. In the community, Jerry organized the first junior football league, and once a year, for the last 30+ years running, gathers his varsity athletes to do formal community service and physical work for the elderly. He is a member of Kiwanis and has been characterized by many as, “the role model of role models.” Jerry and wife Sharon have three children and eight grandchildren and live in Oskaloosa. Jerry will be presented to the Wall of Honor by his son, Jeff Staton...

PARSONS COLLEGE – WALL OF HONOR MEMBERS....

Class of 2009

West Bartlett ‘38
 Lee Gobble ‘37
 Rhine McLin ‘69
 O. B. Nelson ‘46
 Allen Paul ‘67
 Edward Rogalski ‘65
 Robert Scott III ‘63
 Marcia Wallace ‘64
 Verle Whittington ‘52

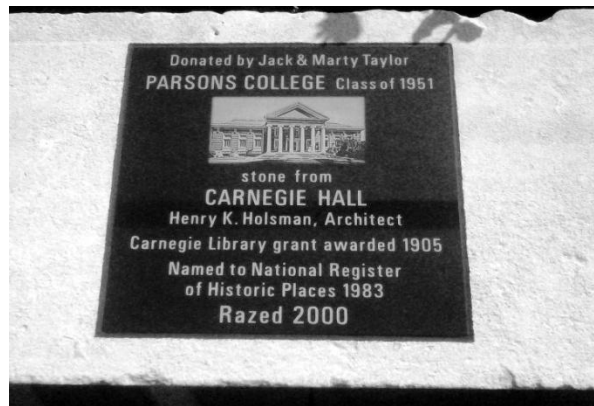
Class of 2010

Roger Bachman ‘67
 Dean Gabbert ‘46
 Bob Gamrath ‘38-‘42
 “Biff” Kummer ‘68
 Richard Lawson ‘51
 Roger Nielsen ‘56
 Willard Pedrick ‘36
 Larry Spencer ‘62
 Susan Fulton Welty ‘26
 Louis Wilson ‘64

Class of 2011

Doug Billings ‘63
 John Glotfelty ‘48
 George Long ‘58
 Dick Reece ‘64
 Charles Reed ‘42
 Ida Nakashima ‘46
 Steve Smith ‘67
 Bob Spencer ‘57
 Robert Stiller ‘67
 Gene Timmerman ‘63-‘65

Carnegie Hall Stone Bench Installed Adjacent PC Alumni Hall



The Carnegie Hall stone bench, donated by Jack & Marty Taylor, now rests adjacent Parsons Alumni Hall on the grounds of the FA&CC. The photo on the left shows the bench sitting on the south side of Alumni Hall prior to installation of commemorative plaque. The plaque (photo on right) has now been placed onto the stone bench and, thanks to the Taylor's, will forever remain as a tribute to our Parsons College Carnegie Hall...

Barhydt Stained Glass Windows Installation Update

The stained glass windows of the Barhydt Chapel from Parsons are about to come alive. Yes, through various grants, along with donations from Parsons alumni and community members, the restoration project continues to move forward.

Suzan Bates Kessel's relentless and successful pursuit of state grants paid-off in getting the restoration project off the ground. Thus, the 100-year-old Barhydt Chapel stained glass window containing Tiffany and multiple layers of glass will be placed in a new fabricated frame and installed inside the Parsons Hall at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. The work is being done locally by Bovard Studio, Inc.

Grant stipulations in several instances require that grant funds are matched. Currently, the bottom line dollar amount necessary to satisfy grant requirements is \$5,000. Kessel, **Dave Neff** and **Sally Denney** are working feverishly to bring that number to \$0.00. If you have a special Barhydt memory and the means to help bring the project to closure please step up and contact Dave Neff with your offering at: neffacres@lisco.com.

The stone bench was constructed from the remains of Parsons Carnegie Hall and now sits at the south end of the FA&CC. A commemorative name plate has since been engraved and added to the bench. The bench was a prize possession of the late Jack Taylor PC'51, and his wife, Marty. The couple donated the stone structure to the FA&CC several months ago. Henry K. Holsman was the architect of Carnegie Hall which originally opened in 1907 as a result of a grant awarded in 1905. Carnegie Hall served as the library for Parsons students, was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1987 and razed in 2000.

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Demand For Parsons Memorabilia Exceeding All Expectations

Several issues ago, the Parsons College Foundation Fund set out on a mission to liquidate the remaining inventory of Parsons memorabilia from the garage of Mr. Lee Gobble. The former fashion store owner donated a supply of sweatshirts, golf shirts, t-shirts and mugs to the PCFF. We published the merchandise available along with an ordering form and put the items up for sale.

Well, the response has been off the charts. It appears as though there's a craving for Parsons College memorabilia. The demand has been so great that your PCFF has decided to replenish the merchandise from Mr. Gobble's original supplier and continue the offering. The prices are slightly higher than originally posted due to increases over the years, so we're dealing with 2012 rates.

Check out the styles and sizes available on the ordering form at the end of the E-News and follow the ordering instructions.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
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PC Alumni Hall Gets Fresh New Look With Rotating Displays



Dr. Bob Tree gives a "thumbs-up" as he reviews the east wall of Parsons Alumni Hall which now features 12 of the most famous personalities to visit Parsons and deliver commencement or convocation speeches. The photos and mini-bios include the likes of Gerald Ford, Paul Harvey, Associate Justice William O. Douglas, Drew Pearson and General Maxwell Taylor, to name a few...

Mystery Quiz... Answer!!!

This quaint Fairfield landmark was known as the DREAM MOTEL



The DREAM MOTEL, located west of town on highway 34, was owned and operated by the Hunt family. It provided rest, comfort and memories to many Parsons students and their families. It was the scene of fraternity and sorority formals and many other "firsts" which we dare dream of today. The motel has since been raised and the grounds have given way to a beautiful new Wal-Mart Shopping Center.

Remember When... with Doug Marion '70...



The boys of Delta Chi take a break to enjoy the flavor of the latest issue of Playboy Magazine. Playboy named Parsons as one of the top three “party schools” in the nation. If you attended in the mid-late 1960’s you would have agreed.

Just How Cool Was Parsons College?

As the years go by, most of us have forgotten the small things – seemingly meaningless things, but perhaps not. In past E-News, we’ve recommended going back and taking a trip through your Peira yearbooks - not only for personal enjoyment – but to see what great memories might resurface. I did just that and what I remembered was amazing. I recognized the faces and names of so many. I even recovered a list of co-eds I wish I could have dated. In addition, the photos brought back memories of a zillion guys that I admired, looked up to and respected. Parsons was a cool place with cool people. After a month’s time, I finally realized just how cool the Parsons social scene was. Surely, for its size and location, one would have never believed how many sororities, fraternities, social groups, clubs and great sports teams were present. They all absolutely thrived and not only that, but Playboy Magazine recognized Parsons as one of the top three party schools in the nation during the mid-‘60’s. It was fun to scan the pages and related photos (I recommend you do so!) and count up all those people that we knew. We now ask the obvious question....I wonder, where they all are today??

Lake Louise & The Quads...

The development of the beautiful Lake Louise was well intended and equally well appreciated. Initially, the lake served environmental purposes and also separated the fraternities from the sororities. But it was the adjacent Quads (housing units) which dotted the shoreline that really stole the show. The Quads, built in the early 1960’s, served much more than college housing. They were well constructed, offered private rooms (initially) and were fully air-conditioned. Built in clusters of three-building groups, they offered a fully finished family room and on-site dining. I



Lake Louise, with fraternity and sorority quads in the background. Was the Lake “FAMOUS” or “INFAMOUS?” You make the call...

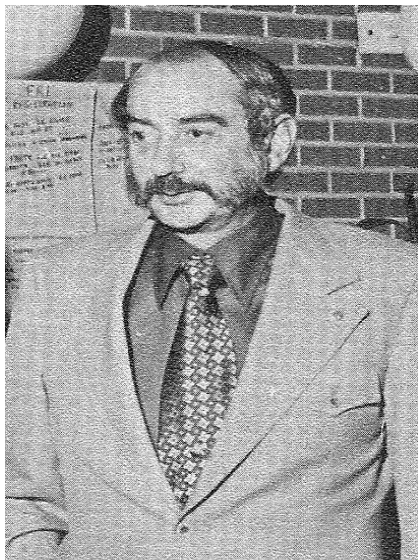
remember visiting friends at other colleges and universities. We found nearby off-campus housing at each to be very expensive while on-campus dorms were usually located in high-rise buildings. Eventually in the mid/late ‘60’s Parsons expanded and built a number of additional Quads at the far north end of campus next to Blum Stadium. After several years of absence, in 1968, at the age of 24, I returned to Parsons determined to complete my college education. Thankfully remembered from my prior three years of enrollment, I considered myself “honored” to reside in Parsons Quad 151.

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REMEMBER WHEN (con't)

During that 1968-'69 school year, I was the sole occupant and caretaker of Quad 151. But I was not totally alone. The Quad housed piles of unused bedding and all of the departed Dr. Roberts leather furniture which was owned by the college. And the best part, get this, the rent was \$25 per month. There were other caretaker-quads and several of the faculty members even signed on as caretakers. All I could say was, THANK YOU Parsons, THANK YOU!!

...One very "COOL" man!!!



Wyatt Earp? Bat Masterson? Or, one very "with it" - Dr. Bob Tree (Circa '72)?

We remember Robert L. Tree as one of the pillars of Parsons College. Many considered him "the glue" that kept most everything together. He was cool and calm, never wavered, winced, or left the stature of his stoic imagine. Dr. Tree, Dean of the College, was at the opposite end of the pendulum from the Mod Squad. Well, that was until 1970. He did not exactly join the Mod Squad per se, but whether it was the Beatles rock band influence, or just the (hippy) times at hand, the good Doctor let his hair down a bit. Not only did he let his hair fill out (as best he could), he cultivated a pair of really l-o-n-g, l-o-n-g championship sideburns. It was noted by all, that Dr. Tree had done a very cool thing and was a very cool man. ROCK ON Dr. Tree, ROCK ON!!!

1970 Registrar, Charles G. Waldren

The Parsons' Registrar my senior year was Charles G. Waldren. I received one of the most wonderful and most important letters in my life from Mr. Waldren. Even compared to all the



Waldren

professional awards, honors and letters I have received in my working career, his letter still ranks as #1 and means the most to me. In short, he wrote, "If you satisfactorily complete the spring 1970 semester, you will have earned the required 120 credits necessary for graduation." And the celebration began!!

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Parsons College History!**



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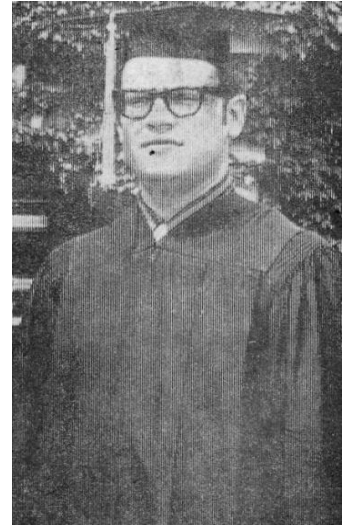
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The Alumni Write...

Valedictorian Expresses Thanks and Gratitude

Don "Homer" Homerding, PC'70 - Irwin, PA - homerdings@comcast.net writes...I appreciate very much your photo of the Troops on page 11 of the Spring E-News issue. Let me be the first of the Troops to check in...maybe I can find some others. Although I was behind you at Parsons, I definitely remember **Dave Neff, Nancy Wirtanen** and **Ed Longanecker**. In summarizing my bio and debt to Parsons, after you left, I graduated Valedictorian in 1970 with an education that served me well. I was Controller and Vice President of several Bechtel Group companies and retired from my position in 2008. After reading the Spring issue of E-News, I retrieved my company (retirement) announcement from 2008 to see if Parsons College was mentioned in it...sure enough it was! Maybe you can keep my "then and now" files on hand. Who knows, several decades from now it might be information time for my obituary. Also, thank you for offering to broker the sale of Mr. Gobble's remaining (T-shirt and sweatshirt) inventory, and thanks for all you do with the Parsons E-News.



Don Homerding, Valedictorian of the Class of 1970 and proud member of the "Troops" social club.

Memories of the "Great Parsons Experience" Brings Tears

Frank Borg, PC'67, writes... Greetings and thanks for the memories in your Spring E-Newsletter. My wife, Sue, and I took a trip to and thru Fairfield recently. What a culture shock it was - but also an inspiring experience. We visited the new state-of-the-art Fairfield Arts & Convention Center and visitors facility. In fact, the center is now in the same location as our first apartment on north Main Street. It's also where the hotel (Turner Hotel) that burned down in 1967 was located. As we continued our unguided tour, we were met and greeted by many friendly people. This was the weekend of a BIG art show and the artists filled the streets and came from all over Iowa. Very impressive and friendly culture that was in tune with the times. We then drove over to what was left of the (Parsons) campus. At least the field house and the student center were still standing. Apparently the field house did not levitate as was the story of which the new culture on campus attempted to do. Remembering the quads (housing) and the pond (Lake Louise) that separated the men's and women's facilities was difficult - nothing was there, not even the Sig Ep house. That pond has been drained and is now filled with trees and covered with vegetation. And there was no football stadium where the Wildcats used to kick ass!!! Sue and I recalled some very fond memories and fun times we had at Parsons. Tears from remembering those fruitful and good times shared with old friends came down our cheeks as we headed out of Fairfield. We are both thankful for our college friends, and the education we received from the "Great Parsons Experience." Fondly, Frank and Sue...

Parsons College Alumni Website

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Greek & Social Club News...

Sigma Pi-Gamma Zeta Alums Report on 2011 Reunion at Myrtle Beach, SC



Parsons Sigma Pi's continue their reunion tradition at 12th reunion gathering. Seated (L/R): Howie Hall, Bob Payne, Bob Parker, John Robbins, Jim McConville and Bill Stern. 1st Row Standing (L/R): Ron Straley, Bruce Banister, Henry Coan, Chauncey Sage, Jim Williamson Gene Baumwoll, Gerry Frech, Bruce Cowley, Greg Gallagher and Calvin Hill. Top Row Standing (L/R): Dave Howard, Butch Strayer, Bob Buckles, Ken Crofoot, Bill Crapser, Mark Itkin, Doug Lake, John Garvey and David Thorell.

The Brothers of Sigma Pi, Gamma Zeta Chapter, of Parsons College Alumni Association have checked in. Delta Nick Burkhardt, PC'69 reports that last September's (2011) gathering was the Sig Pi's 12th reunion since the Parsons days. Charter brother, Bob Payne of Fairfax, VA, hosted the affair which was held at the Caravelle Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Early arrivals rolled-in Wednesday and Thursday and Friday offered a mixed bag of activities including golf, shopping (for the ladies), sun-tanning and fishing. The ladies were also treated to a tour and luncheon at Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville. The bold and the brave, despite rough seas, went deep-sea fishing and most thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Meanwhile, the golfers hit the links at Myrtlewood Golf Club prior to cocktails served on the sixth-floor deck, dinner and the Gamma Zeta auction. Proceeds from the auction, which included many items of memorabilia from the college days in the 1960's, will be used to help fund our 13th reunion planned for St. Petersburg Beach, FL.

Entertainment during the dinner hour and post dinner cocktails featured English troubadour, Toby Thorne in the hospitality suite. A second suite housed a display of photo albums, memorabilia and a (earlier) presentation of "Adytum on High" in remembrance of departed brothers.

Saturday featured a golf tournament at the premier Tidewater Country Club course. Summing up the degree of difficulty at the Tidewater course, Brother Ken Crofoot was heard to say, "Arnold Palmer couldn't break par at this place." Despite the challenge a great time was reported by all.

Hors d'oeuvres catered by the "Carrabbas Italian Grill" kicked off the evening, followed by our traditional Sigma Pi Orchid Ball. The "No Limit Band" took us through the night playing hits from the 1960's and 1970's. Prizes were awarded for golf excellence, and the "Lt. Robert Falkenau Award", established in the honor of our Brother who died in Vietnam, was presented to Brother Calvin Hill.

Sunday morning we gathered for coffee, pastries and the sad "good-byes" but, as we have for 12 times over the years, we promised to meet again!!!

(Editor's Note: This report was written and submitted by Nick Burkhardt, PC/SP'69)

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50 Years...and counting!



Albia High School Head Football Coach Jerry Staton, PC'63, gives instructions to one of his players.

Tau Kappa Epsilon Salutes "Bro" Jerry Staton's Longevity

The men of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity salute Brother Jerry Staton on the celebration of his 50th year as a high school football coach. "Jerry has impacted the lives of so many athletes and students in so many ways," one of his Brothers, said recently. He's in the Iowa Coaches Hall of Fame and he will be inducted to the Parsons Wall of Honor this Fall. Congratulation Bro Jerry Staton, TKE nation is proud of you.

LAST CALL!!! FOR THE ZETA/SIG EPS NEW ORLEANS OCTOBER REUNION

Larry Marino, PC'66, tells us there's still time to sign-up for the 4th Bi-Annual Mini-Reunion which has been scheduled in New Orleans during the mid-week dates of October 23-25, 2012. Those interested in more information or wishing to pre-register should contact Larry at: LMarino312@yahoo.com...

The Lee Gobble Watch

Just like "ole man river," our dear Parsons friend, Mr. Lee Gobble just "keeps rolling along." Now a resident of the Sunnybrook Retirement Center in Fairfield, Lee, who has his good days and bad days as he battles Alzheimer's, continues his spirited march to the century mark. He will celebrate his 98th birthday in December.

PCFF's Dave Neff and John Blackstock recently paid Lee a visit. "It came as no surprise," Blackstock said, "that when we entered the dining room, there was Lee, sitting at the head of the table, the only male in sight, surrounded by a eight nice looking ladies. The man has not lost his touch."

Both Blackstock and Neff were pleased that Lee recognized them right away. "That," according to Neff, "denotes a GOOD DAY!"

So, true to his word, and as Lee says so succinctly, "this turkey ain't done yet!"



Haberdasher Emeritus, Lee Gobble, PC'37, enjoys a recent visit with Dave Neff at the Sunnybrook Retirement Center in Fairfield.

Letters-To-The-Editor...

Thanks for the E-Newsletter. Today's golf outing was cancelled due to 1st hard rain we have had in weeks. So I perused the Summer newsletter, excellent as usual. Things are fine here in Poughkeepsie (NY) and was on the phone with **Jack Downing** last month. I need to reach out to some others I've been thinking of lately or at least send an email.

Mike Hawkins, PC/PSE' - hawk3m@verizon.net

Great newsletter as usual. The answer to the Mystery Quiz is: It's the Dream Motel, out on Hwy 34, isn't it? (*yes, you are correct*)

Margaret Bloebaum, PC/AXD'65 - margaretbloebaum@gmail.com

Another good newsletter. Thanks for letting me keep in touch with old friends. Never would have happened without you connecting everyone. Many thanks!!

Sandra Dexter Short, PC'68-'71 - ckshort@sbcglobal.net

Great E-Newsletter!! I always look forward to reliving my memorable days at Parsons College.

David Thompson, PC/PSE'70 - dthompson@tectrucks.com

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed this newsletter...it was wonderful! You may not be surprised to hear that page 6 was my favorite page...and that I especially enjoyed the picture (of **Frank Chicko #17**) on that page! Thanks for including the photo and thanks for the write-up about Frank.

JoAnna Chicko, PC/AXD'64 (widow of Frank Chicko) - jchicko@comcast.net

Wonderful newsletter!!!

Sue Harris Davis, PC'65 - suedavis101@comcast.net

It's always a great feeling to read the names of old friends and remember the good times we had 50 years ago...

Dick Todd, PC/PSE'64 - skiptodd@embarqmail.com

Nice job finding the photo of the 1951 Oldsmobile 88. It's the exact model and color of my car, minus a little rust and some dents. Only one complaint. You editorialized and stuck in "hot summer night." I was never in Fairfield in the summer. It was actually late Fall. Good job, as usual, with the E-Newsletter...

Mike Paul, PC/PSE'64 - mjpaul1@comcast.net

Another great E-Newsletter. I just received it in my email. Thank you.

Suzi Milliron Roe, PC'66-'71 - suzimr@zoominternet.net

Way to go DZ (Delta Zeta)!!! A very proud sister (of DZ Meredith James induction to Wall of Honor)!!!

Sally Rinehart Denney, PC'71 - sally.denney@yahoo.com

MYSTERY QUIZ... Dream Motel on 34 West? (*correct!!*) And I cannot tell you how much I enjoy your newsletter!!!

Carolyn (Khaki) Signor Randall, PC'67 - khaki1@citink.net



I love the newsletter. Thanks and I think I'm hooked. The motel was called the Dream Motel, west on Highway 34, a mile or two west of town. The motel was in front and there were trailers in the back where some off-campus students lived and did awful things.

Chip Armstrong, PC'64-'67 - durward@sonic.net

(Editor's note: Would you like to share some of those "awful things" or are they too awful to pass-on to your fellow classmates?)

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Letters – (cont'd)

Great issue - CONGRATULATIONS! You continue to publish great stuff, full of memories and information. The MYSTERY QUIZ landmark is none other than the Dream Motel (*correct!*). Along with formals and other assorted activities that occurred there, three of us, myself, **Gary Schweb**, PC'63, and another friend, who I can't remember, along with a German Shepard dog, lived in the Dream Motel trailer court for one year. While it brings back so many memories, it also got pretty cozy living in that single-wide trailer... **Gary Thomas**, PC/PSE'65 - githomas@tds.net

A great issue!!! Your efforts are much appreciated.

Jon Heckerman, PC'68-'71 – hecker001@aol.com

I received the newsletter and it is GREAT to read about people from the past who helped me become what I became. Thanks for sending it to me. Peace and Grace...

Jerry Staton, PC'63 - staton2@mahaska.org

Thank you for the help. I was able to print and read the news. Even though I attended Parsons from '55-'57, I really enjoy the newsletters and keeping up with the alums. Since I grew up in Ottumwa, after being born in Fairfield where both of my parents were from, I felt like I was more a part of PC...

Marilyn Parker, PC'55-'57 - mjsp25@cs.com

Got the newsletter today – thanks for all the great work you do!!!

Linda Borman Koelman, PC'65-'68 - revlin@earthlink.net

Many thanks for sending the E-Newsletter to me. I thought it was very lively and interesting. Great to see so many taking an interest and writing in. Participation is what makes a college newsletter interesting.

Dr. Bob Tree, PC/faculty – rbtree@lisco.com

Thank you! That's a lot of work to put something like that (newsletter) out and we are all indebted to you.

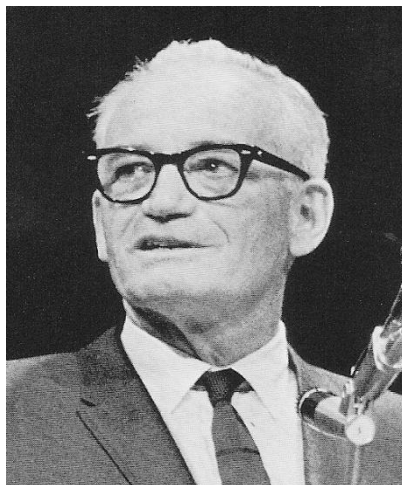
Patty Bowers, PC'67-'71 – pbowers1@centurytel.net

Great newsletter!!

Peggy Lippitt Buckles, PC'66-'70 – yourmom12346@aol.com

Parsons Forever!!!

**FALL QUIZ.. OKAY TAKE A GUESS
WHO IS THIS GUY???**



- A - Entertainer**
- B - Local Mortician**
- C - Politician**
- D - Entrepreneur**
- E - Minister**

As usual the answer will appear in the Winter Issue of E-News.

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In Memoriam...



Cathy Levine

Catherine Killian Levine, PC'72-'73 – Cathy passed away unexpectedly on September 24, 2012 at the Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines after felling ill for several days. A native of Burlington and graduate of Muscatine High School, Cathy attended Parsons College for two years until it closed. She was a fourth generation family member (Hinkhouse) to attend Parsons. Cathy continued her education at Tarkio College, graduated in 1975, and followed that up with completion of a paralegal program at Roosevelt University in Chicago. She worked as a paralegal in several cities before entering the Drake University Law School where she graduated in 1991. Cathy stayed in Des Moines, started her own law practice, specializing in appellate law and taught paralegal at a local college. In her

later years, she reconnected with her Parsons friends, joined the Parsons College Alumni Association and became a valued member of the board of directors. Cathy is survived by her husband, Lloyd “Burke” Levine, of 32 years and a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Killian. Funeral arrangements and cremation were handled by Hamilton’s Funeral Home of Des Moines and a celebration of Cathy’s life will be held at the funeral home 10:00AM on October 6, 2012...

Frank P. Low, PC'66, Davenport, IA died August 26, 2012 from multiple injuries suffered from a tragic motorcycle accident while visiting Florida. Frank, 72, graduated from Davenport High School in 1958. He attended Parsons and it is reported while there he was affiliated with Phi Sigma Epsilon (Social) and Where The Boys Are. Frank graduated in 1966. He married, Jane, his high school sweetheart, 4 ½ years ago. A memorial celebration was held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Davenport on September 5. No further information is available at this time...

William "Bill" Canfield, PC/AXP'66 of Tomball, TX passed away on July 18, 2012 following a long battle with kidney problems. Bill, who was originally from Oneonta, NY, graduated from Parsons College in 1966. He served as President of the Alpha Chi Rho - Iota Phi Chapter Fraternity. According to friend and fraternity brother **Frank Challant**, "he was the glue that held our fraternity together." Bill was a member of the Church of Later Day Saints. He is survived by his wife, Rohamah, two daughters, one son and a host of grandchildren. No further information is available at this time...



Bill Canfield

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LEE GOBBLE'S INVENTORY OF PARSONS COLLEGE MEMORABILIA OFFERED TO ALUMNI...

HURRY! INITIAL RESPONSE HAS BEEN FANTASTIC!! If you've ever thought about or contemplated owning a piece of Parsons College memorabilia, there's no time like the present. While this supply lasts, you can own a Parsons T-shirt, sweatshirt and golf shirt. The Parsons beer mugs have sold out but we hope to locate the source and replenish. Our beloved friend, **Mr. Lee Gobble, PC'37**, who is moving in on his 98th year of age, has generously passed on the remaining inventory of his Parsons T-shirts, sweatshirts, golf shirts and beer mugs to the Parsons College Foundation with instructions to liquidate the at a fair and reasonable price. So, on a first come, first serve basis, here are the remaining styles and sizes of these Parsons treasures and the listed prices:

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		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
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Sweatshirt - white w/green Parsons logo	\$25.00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
T-Shirt - green w/white Parsons logo	\$20.00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
T-shirt - white w/green Parsons logo	\$20.00				Yes		Yes
T-Shirt - blue w/white list of schools - Harvard, Parsons, U.S. Army, etc.	\$20.00			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Golf Shirt - green w/white PC embroidered logo on left breast	\$20.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Golf Shirt - white w/green PC embroidered logo on left breast	\$20.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hooded sweatshirt - green w/white Parsons logo	\$25.00						Yes
Hooded sweatshirt - white w/green Parsons logo	\$25.00			Yes	Yes		

* Add Packaging/Shipping Charges: Orders of 1 item \$5.00; 2 items \$7.50; 3 items \$10; 4 items \$12.50; 5 items \$15.00. If more than 5 items, postage will be quoted at time of shipping.

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