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The Quadrangle Dormitories – “The Quads” – would be celebrating 50+ years had they and Parsons survived...



Pictured above are the Quadrangle Dormitories, affectionately know as the “Quads” during their peak years of existence. The design was an eccentric architect’s dream come true and certainly on the cutting edge of innovative college student housing.

At first glance, this photo might lead one to suspect that Parsons College was invaded by a fleet of flying saucers from outer space. But you may dismiss that thought. The Quadrangle dormitories were just another of the many innovations inspired and contrived by the master of the Parsons Plan – **Dr. Millard G. Roberts**.

The “Quads” were first built on the north side of campus, adjacent to Lake Louise. The mandatory relocation of five fraternities from off-campus houses to the “Quads” in 1963 resulted in filling them to capacity. Not long after, a trio of sororities were transfer red to another set of “Quads” on the south side of Lake Louise. The movement to Quadrangle housing was then in full swing.

The “Quads” were built in sets of three separate, but clustered units. Unit #1 housed a family/game room, housemother quarters and (initially) individual private rooms branching off an open entry area. Unit #2 served as private rooms and sleeping quarters on the upper level

and as the breakfast/lunch/dinner dining room on the lower. And Unit #3 was 100% private rooms on the upper and lower levels. Each room was supplied with air conditioning, desk, sink, closet and bed. And each organization was given an allowance of \$20,000 to furnish their units.

As enrollment increased, the college was forced to add bunk beds to double the occupancy. Except for the Greek/Social Club name and signing, the “Quads” all looked very much the same. The “Quads” later served as dormitories to all students and were turned into apartments for students during the early Maharishi years. The “Quads” as E-News understands, were build to last 20-30 years. They served their purpose well and, like most of the original Parsons campus buildings, they, too, eventually met the wrecking ball and have been torn down...

(Editor’s note: This edition’s “Remember When” column includes some very special memories of the “Quads” as experienced first hand by author Doug Marion, PC’70...)

“The Pride of Parsons”

Where Are They Now?? - 1970 Basketball "Wildkittens"

The year was 1970 and Parsons College was at a cross roads. The school had been in an enrollment decline since 1967 and there was an "opportunity of a lifetime" about ready to be placed on the doorstep to Parsons Hall by an alum by the name of **Bob Spencer '57**.

Women's intercollegiate athletics at the start of the 1970's was far and few between. Most women played basketball with sponsors such as LOOK Magazine, Des Moines, Iowa and Real Refrigeration, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. One school in Nebraska, was providing a basketball program for their women students and offering scholarships to attract top prospects to the small community in southeast

Nebraska. Communication began between **Coach Bob Spencer** and **Dr. John Wahrer**, Athletic Director at Parsons College and the possibility became a reality as a majority of the women's athletes from John F. Kennedy College were invited to enroll at Parsons and receive athletic scholarships for their participation in basketball, softball and track and field. At the same time, Midwestern College in Denison, Iowa was under severe financial stress and the doors of the college were ready to close. Midwestern also had a women's athletic program. The perfect storm came to be, and in the fall of 1970 the Parsons College campus was awash with women athletes arriving from around Iowa, the midwest and beyond.



The Wildkittens Basketball team. Kneeling: Jean Weifenbach, Glenda Matthias, Marilyn Smith, Karen Gerard, Kris Wesphal. Standing: Willie Jones, Sandy Konrad, Dona Fenskie, Ellen Mosher, Lois Stuflick, Joyce Berlin, Colleen Bowser.

The first season tipped-off in December of 1970 with the "Wildkittens" running up a 5-0 record by the end of the month. The local fans were wild about coming to Fry-Thomas Fieldhouse. They filled the stands to watch the "Wildkittens" warm-up to the strains of "Sweet Georgia Brown". The ball handling drills and juggling were some of the warm-up routines used to dazzle the home crowd and jiggle the opponents confidence. According to the Ottumwa Courier in March of 1971, Parsons home crowd attendance would consistently be in excess of 2,000.

On March 21, 1972, the Amarillo Daily News reported that the Parsons College "Wildkittens" were ranked # 4 nationally heading into the prestigious AAU National Basketball Tournament, hosted in Council Bluffs, Iowa. According to the Sioux City Journal, the Parsons team finished fourth in the AAU National Tournament, behind the first place Wayland Flying Queens, second place Raytown Piperettes of Missouri, and third place Ouachita College of Arkansas. Tournament favorites were selected as All-Americans, **Lois Stuflick** and **Ellen Mosher** of Parsons were honored for their play during the tournament.

What an exciting first season for the Parsons "Wildkitten" women's basketball team. Parsons women's basketball continued for two more years of quality intercollegiate and AAU basketball.

The legacy lives on today in the Division I College ranks in Iowa. Coach Spencer moved his basketball program to William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, when Parsons College closed its doors on June 3, 1973. The William Penn Statesmen continued to play at a high level of competition with Coach Spencer at the helm, and on this particular occasion found themselves playing St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa. The Penn team soundly defeated St. Ambrose.

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Sandy Konrad McCullough lets one fly for another two-points for the 1970 Parsons Wildkittens.

The next week, Coach Spencer received a letter from the young St. Ambrose student-coach congratulating him on a fine road victory. The student-coach told of his admiration for the Penn Women's program and would be willing to transfer to Penn for his sophomore year if he would be able to work with Coach Spencer and the basketball program.

That sophomore transfer took place, and **Bill Fennelly** became the student assistant coach for the Penn team. Bill is now the coach of the nationally ranked Iowa State University women's basketball team. The nationally ranked University of Iowa Hawkeye women's basketball team coach, **Lisa Bluder**, was a student athlete at Linn Mar High School (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) and was coached by former "Wildkitten", **Susie Kudrna**.

Where are the "Wildkittens" now?

Dr. Linda Bane Frizzell, PhD - Taught at a number of universities including North Dakota State. Believed to be living in LaPorte, MN. Technical advisor for the National Medicare & Medicaid Policy Committee, Portland, Oregon. Area of expertise includes, American Indian Public Health.

Joyce Berlin Witzenburg coached basketball and softball while teaching high school math for 35 years. She was the second woman head coach in the state of Iowa to reach 200 career wins. In softball, her Fairfield High School team finished in the top five three years in a row.

Colleen Bowser currently lives in Kansas. She went on to play in the 1971 Pan Am Games in Cali, Columbia with **Ellen Mosher**. Colleen married a professional football player.

Donna Fenske Nixon was inducted into the Girl's HS Hall of Fame in 2013. Currently lives in Portland, Oregon area.

Karen Gerard coached track & field and taught physical education in Webster City. She is currently retired and living in Sigourney, Iowa.

Sally Havens Corcoran was Assistant to the Drake Relays Director. Moved to the West Coast and has since moved back to Des Moines. She coached volleyball at Greenfield before working at Drake University (2000 to 2009).

Karen Hoesel – Married Larry Moore and moved back to Texas to complete her education.

Jan Irby – Transferred to William Penn College and played basketball for Coach Spencer and then coached in the state of Texas for a number of years. School locations are unavailable.

Cathy Jensen – Cathy taught all levels of Physical Education, as well as coaching basketball and track & field in the Bondurant-Farrar School District in Iowa. Cathy was "Willie the Wildcat" during her years at Parsons.

Sandy Konrad McCullough lives in Indianola, IA. She was a HS counselor in Indianola. Sandy served as an assistant basketball coach at Pleasantville High School, Iowa. As a fall softball coach, she took her team to the state tournament in 1984.

Susie Kuderna, Upon graduation she moved into the teaching and coaching field in Marion, Iowa. One of her young players on the Linn Mar basketball team was **Lisa Bluder**, currently the head coach for the University of Iowa women Hawkeyes basketball team.

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Ellen Mosher Hanson currently owns a resort in Wisconsin. Ellen was a 7-time AAU All-American and played on the USA team for 5-years, including the World Tournament. She was the head coach at UCLA (1972-74) and coached Ann Meyers, one of the nation's top players. Ellen later became head coach at the University of Minnesota where she now resides.

Marilyn Smith was an assistant coach at Washington, IA high school 1973-75.

Lois Stuflick Johnson was an Instructor of Physical Education & Health for 34 years at South East Polk School District in Des Moines. Also assistant track & field coach and assistant basketball coach at SE Polk where they were Girl's State Basketball Tournament Champions in 1977. Lois is a five time AAU All-American and played in the Pan Am Games 1971. She was inducted into the Iowa Girl's High School Hall of Fame in 1974.

Cindy Thompson Albers is living in Decorah, Iowa. Cindy is still coaching basketball at Decorah High School. Her children competed in sports at Luther College and played against **Sandy Konrad's** children who played at Central College.

Sandy Van Cleave lives in Montezuma, IA and competed in basketball at the 1971 Pan Am games with **Lois Stuflick**, in Cali Columbia. She later went to the Olympics in rifle shooting. Sandy was inducted to the Iowa Hall of Pride, representing the 6-on-6 player basketball in Des Moines.

Kris Westphal was Athletic Director at Iowa City's West High School. Kris would perform ball handling drills with **Marilyn Smith** and had a booth at the Iowa State Fair showing off their juggling and ball handling skills.

Jean Wick and husband **Tom Lappe** live the Winfield, IA area. Daughter, **Linda Lappe**, is head coach of the University of Colorado Buffalos in Boulder. **Jill Wick** married a farmer and is living in NW Iowa.

Jeannie Weiffenbach became an Attorney-at-Law. No further information is available.

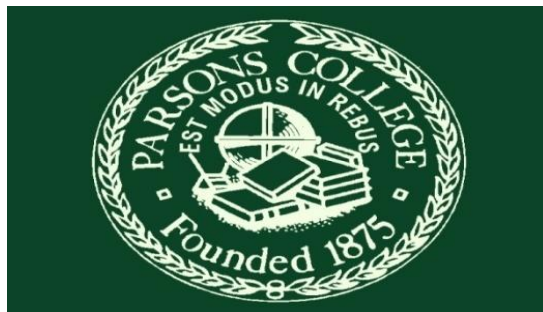
Becky Witzenberg Quiesner, currently of Ft. Madison, Iowa where she is an accountant with Cryotech, which makes salt antifreeze and runways antifreeze.

The continuing saga of success in women's intercollegiate basketball repeatedly winds its way back to Parsons College from the period of 1970-1973. That's when **Coach Bob Spencer** (currently of Des Moines) and his student assistant coach **Ray Ham** (currently of Fairfield) arrived just before the start of the fall semester. They made ad difference and women's basketball in Iowa, the midwest, and the country would never be the same.

Editor's note: This information was gathered by former Sports Information Director, Dave Neff, using six reliable sources and is presumed to be accurate. Additional updates as received will be published in a future issue of E-News.)

Parsons Logo Mat Available

The Iris City Cleaners in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa has created a Parsons logo mat. The decorative mat is 3' x 4' and made of nylon pile fabric with cleated nitrile rubber backing. If interested in purchasing this piece of memorabilia, contact Ed Longanecker via email at: emlong2@iowatelecom.net, fax at 319-385-9707, or call 888 485 9707. The price is \$62.95+ shipping. (See page 17 for more PC memorabilia)



Bill Bangham leaves a mark of EXCELLENCE before moving on

Recent Wall of Honoree, **Bill Bangham**, **PC'70**, is moving on with a "bang." E-News has just learned that Bill's 'Commission Stories Magazine' which he served as Media Production editor-in-chief for the past five years, was honored by 'Pictures of the Year International' for EXCELLENCE in the use of photographs by a magazine.



Bill Bangham, '70

Joining 'Commission Stories' as finalists were 'Geo', a German magazine, and 'National Geographic Magazine', which won top honors. Bill just recently relinquished responsibility for the magazine and is moving on to other opportunities. He extended

credit to his great staff for making the award possible. Bill said, "I'm going to miss it here, but what a way to go out!"

Oboe and Organ Concert Planned for WOH Weekend

The 2014 Wall of Honor weekend has added a another touch of class. Parsons Foundation Fund President **Dave Neff** told E-News there will be a special Barhydt Organ presentation on Friday night, October 3, 2014.

Scott Bell, the son of 2013 Wall of Honor inductee, **Dorothy Bell**, and his colleague, **Larry Allen**, will be providing an Oboe and Organ concert in the Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts. Scott is the principal oboe with the Pittsburgh Symphony and Larry is a guest performer with the symphony when the program calls for a pipe organ.

"The time is perfect and this would be a wonderful opportunity for all music focused alumni to hear and enjoy the Barhydt organ with 21 ranks of pipes in concert with two very talented performers providing music the Friday night prior to the 2014 Wall of Honor Ceremony," Neff said. "Truly a special event for our Parsons alumni and the city of Fairfield," he concluded.

Lee Kane named Grand Marshall of Urbandale's July 4th Celebration

Lee Kane was informed he will be the Grand Marshal for the Annual Urbandale 4th of July Celebration. It is a three day affair with a parade of over 100 entries taking an hour and a half to complete. They also have a carnival, street dances, Music by different groups, and is culminated with the best fireworks in the state. Lee will also be hosting his 5th annual high school Alumni Soccer Game. They honor each 25-year class. This year it's the class of 1989. "I have been most fortunate enough to receive all my honors while still here, kicking and alive," Lee said.



Lee Kane '55

Etch your name in Parsons College History!



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Help support our mission to preserve the memory of Parsons College – **BUY A BRICK!**
For details and information call **Dave Neff at 641-919-4640** or email at neffacres@lisco.com

Time to "LIGHT UP" the Barhydt Chapel window!

The Barhydt Window installation is complete and now it's time to illuminate the Angels and the window for all to proudly see. Take a moment, close your eyes, think back to your evening walks across our campus. If you remember walking near the chapel, in the evening, then you know exactly how the Angels shined for all to see. Many of you, like me, still hold onto that vivid memory from our past. It is as real today, as it was years ago when we called Parsons our home. Unfortunately, many of us are from the last Parsons generation that was able to see the Barhydt Window illuminated in all its glory by the Chapel lights. Will you help us make the Angels shine and create new memories for us, our kids and for the Fairfield community?

We are very pleased with the progress on the restoration project and now it's time to finish Phase III of the project by returning the Angels glow. The illumination will be installed and ready for dedication by October 2014's Parsons College Wall of Honor ceremony. You can make this happen. You can be a part of something that honors Parsons name and cements us in the Fairfield community for generations to come. The lighting will be from both the inside and outside so the viewing after dark can be enjoyed by all patrons of the Center and the community. This project is under the direction of MUSCO Lighting of Oskaloosa, Iowa, a nationally recognized lighting firm.

But, we need your support! Any amount of support for the Barhydt Society Window Restoration project is very much appreciated and will be recognized at the dedication in October 2014. Gifts of \$500 or more will be recognized permanently on an appreciation plaque that will be designed by one of our very own, **Suzan Kessel**, and hung in the Parsons Alumni Hall for all to see. Your gift is tax deductible as the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center is a 501c3 non-profit entity.

Please help us over the final hurdle in illuminating the Angels in the Barhydt Window and show your alumni support for Phase III of the window celebration. This dedication of light will help the entire City of Fairfield in remembering Parsons College and its' proud heritage, which still lives on today. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 which will complete the illumination project. Initial donations were received at the 2013 Parsons College Reunion Weekend this past October – so, we're on our way!!!

PARSONS FOREVER!!!

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Please complete the following and send directly to: **The Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, 200 North Main Street, Fairfield, IA 52556 Att: Director of Development.** Please make your check payable to: Fairfield Arts & Convention Center – Barhydt Window Project.

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Mystery Quiz – The Answer!

The answer to your Winter Mystery Quiz: They don't make a better breaded pork tenderloin sandwich in southeast Iowa than at the Walton Club in Fairfield. That's exactly what recent Wall of Honor inductee **Narda Simonson** is holding up and showing off– **a breaded pork tenderloin** – and that is the answer to our Winter Mystery Quiz.



> ***IT IS NOT A PIECE OF INSULATION FROM THE OLD AXD HOUSE.***

> ***IT IS NOT A LARGE FANTAIL SHRIMP FROM THE UNION.***

> ***IT IS NOT AN OLD WRINKLED UP AND BATTERED TEST FROM DR. TREE'S U.S. HISTORY CLASS.***

> ***IT IS NOT THE PRIMARY INGREDIENT OF A BRAIN SANDWICH.***

> ***IT IS NOT ONE OF THE COW PADDIES MS. PEASLEY USED TO TEE-UP HER GOLF BALL AT THE COUNTRY CLUB.***

>>> ***IT'S THE WALTON CLUB'S "FAMOUS" BREADED PORK TENDERLOIN!!!***

Remember When... by Doug Marion '70

Parsons College 1965-1970. I enrolled from 1962-1965, then took a three year break and returned in mid-1968. The enrollment in mid-1965 was around 4,400. As most know, the college peaked at 5,500 students in 1966, but the grossly yellow journalistic (my professional opinion) story in *LIFE* Magazine, June, 1966, titled, "*The Wizard of Flunkout U*," sadly ignited the unfortunate and demise of Parsons. When its accreditation was later revoked, over one-half the student body transferred. But many, like myself, were intent and lucky to return. I was determined to earn my BA degree. After receiving a letter of re-admission from the Director of Admissions, **Charles Barnett**, I returned in June of 1968.



"The Quads" – 3-unit clusters of dormitory housing, upper left and top, flank the science center in the foreground at the north/west end of campus.

Back in the summer of 1963, through 1964 and forward, a major building expansion campaign was launched. This included a new library, student union followed by a number of on-campus "Quadrangular", two-story student housing facilities, referred to as "The Quads." Each complex included three clustered, but separate dormitory buildings. Building #1 had a rectangular lounge in the upstairs center area along with dorm rooms and a first class kitchen and dining facility on the lower level.

Building #2 had the same upstairs features and a family/game room of sorts on the lower floor. And building #3 housed dorm rooms on both upper and lower levels. Soon, they were filled with sororities, fraternities, athletes and non-affiliated students. But in 1968, Parsons was still without accreditation and enrollment had dropped to 1,500 students. Sadly, that drop in student enrollment caused many of the quads to become vacant. However, to maintain insurance (a must with PC Creditors), each vacant quad had to have a live-in "caretaker". My wife and I were offered residence and caretaker duties for Quad #153. Our monthly rent was \$25. (Yes, twenty-five dollars). This Quad also served as a storage facility for Ex-President, Dr. Roberts' lavish furniture and décor. During this period, Parsons' new President, **Dr. Carl Kreisler**, his executive staff (including Dean of the College, **Dr. Robert Tree**) and Board of Trustees, worked feverishly to regain academic accreditation. The student body continued to attend classes daily, fully assuming this would happen – and it did in 1969. But by then the damage was done, enrollment dropped and was hovering at 1,000. In 1970, it increased to 1,500, but that wasn't enough to cover the financial obligations and the creditors demands. In less than three years, Parsons sadly closed (June, 1973). Collateral was called in, which included volumes of books from the library, and the property was vacated. After laying dormant for a year, the current owners were said to have paid around \$1,000,000 for the land, buildings and property, a sizeable amount in the early 1970's. Looking back in retrospect, I, along with many of my fellow alumni have wondered: "What if WE had gone after it? Could the student body, faculty and alumni have raised that amount of money back then to save the college? Had we only known. Interestingly, *LIFE* Magazine, has met its demise and has also shuttered its doors...

Parsons College Alumni Website

Check out our **FREE 3-DAY** trial viewing of the *Parsons College Alumni Association* website at: www.parsonscollegealumni.com.

It's a WINNER!!

HOW ABOUT SOME HAPPY NEWS?

If we've heard it once, we've heard it a dozen times, "Why isn't there more news from my college years and era?" Why is there so much doom and gloom? Once again, the answer is relatively simple. It's because the students and alumni of your era are not submitting any information to E-News. If most of what you're reading is from the 1960's, it conclusively related to those people who are uncovering and reporting the information and news to us. We'd love to hear some of the great stories from the 1940's, the 1950's and the early 1970's, and we promise we'll do our best to edit, print, and make them as interesting and entertaining as possible. But somebody has got to dig up the news and the stories. And those "somebodies," I must tell you, are - YOU - the former students/alumni of our once great Parsons College. We look forward to hearing from YOU!!!

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For the perfect gift for your Parsons College relative or friend, check out the selection of T-Shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, caps and visors on page 19 (the last page of this E-Newsletter) and follow the quick and easy ordering instructions...

**** Springtime ****

**The rain is falling.
The birds are calling.
Springtime is on the mend.
Culminating Winters end.**

**Leaves will come to foil.
As people begin to toil.
Grass will turn to green.
Blooming flowers are a scene.**

**Everything begins to thrive.
Bushes/Trees come alive.
Aromatic odors fill the air.
Outward actions begin to flare.**

**Rolling clouds in the sky.
Floating particles pass by.
All come available to bring.
This Season known as Spring.**

Lee Kane, PC'55

The Mystery Question... It's Springtime - What's happening?



You're looking at the hillside on campus just east of Trustee Gym. Any idea what these stalwarts are doing? Well, take a guess from the following. As usual, the ANSWER will appear in the next issue of E-News...

- 1 – Students digging for precious metals?*
- 2 – Destroying pesky ant hills?*
- 3 – Raking the campus grounds back into shape?*
- 4 – Burying wayward, disobedient freshmen?*
- 5 – Preparing for a Spring Fling bonfire?*

Greek and Social News...

Last Call! TKE's and Friends are heading West...

The TKE's and friends are heading West to the "Talking Stick Resort & Casino" in Scottsdale, AZ, May 1 - 4, 2014. **Gary Ratkin, John Matthews** and **Barth Holohan** are heading up the reunion. Here are the instructions and contact information to pre-register.

- Individual attendees commit with their own credit card.

- Last minute reservations via credit card should be made through **Debra Heidemann**, Group Sales Manager, of 'Talking Stick Resort' by referencing the Parsons College Reunion; Phone: (480) 850-7712; Fax (480) 302-6438.

- Please also provide your affirmative response through **Gary Ratkin** or **John Matthews**.

- To see the quality of 'Talking Stick Resort' which has golf, spa and casino, view the website:
<http://www.talkingstickresort.com>.

- Room rate for single/double room is \$119 per night and you are welcome to bring your spouse or significant other.

- Alternative activities include golf, Taliesin (Frank Lloyd Wright) and numerous others.

- Appears to be 50+ Parsons people signed up and committed to attend.

For more info and updates contact:

Gary Ratkin – grrat4211@gmail.com, 480-661-9982 (H), 602-692-6090 (C);

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Lambda Chi's Reunion in Sunny Florida



The Lambda Chi Alpha brothers and wives showing off their tans and doing it up right at their recent reunion in sunny St. Petersburg, Florida. Front row: Jim & Susan Wonnacott, Clara Ann Over, Judy Smith, Liz Findlay Long, Joyce & Rich Becker, Ron Long. Back row: Van Hackett, Jerry Over, Gene Rizer, Bob Martin, Bill Winger, Steve Smith. Middle row: Karen Over, Nancy Rizer, Connie Raid Martin, Donna Hotaling Winger. Clara Ann and Liz are holding the donated 1963 LXA jersey - signed by all (ongoing annually until full).

LXA reunion tradition is established

The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and friends just completed their second Florida reunion in St. Petersburg.

Ron Long reports the weather was terrific, sunny and warm, and the food and upscale location was outstanding. Most rewarding was the renewing of friendships and the continuing of our Parsons College brotherhood and lifelong memories. Nine brothers and wives needed no coaxing to leave the frigid Midwest and east coast for this beautiful, warm, multi-day get-together. A special highlight of the event was the autographing of a 1963 Lambda Chi Alpha jersey which had been donated by brother **Doug Marion**. The LXA's have already hit the drawing board for a third repeat. For 2015 reunion information, contact, **Ron Long**, v83756@comcast.net and/or **Bill Winger**, wewinger@msn.com.



Each year this LXA jersey will make it's annual appearance at the reunion and will be autographed by all attendees...

Gooooo Wildcats!

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Sig Eps rolling into Nashville for 5th reunion in last 10 years

Here we go again! It's party time for Sigma Phi Epsilon. We're in the planning stages of our 5th reunion in the last 10 years. This year we're heading to Nashville, TN to rock the hell out of country music. Positive responses have been received from the following Brothers: **Paul Gustafson, Dave Pierce, Gary Wilgocki, Bill MacFarland, Bob Habetler, Herbie Weiss, Greg Mountsier, Dave Neff, Don Palmer, Fred Ramlow, Fred Ortiz, Steve Gilliat, Larry Blixt, Gary Olson, Ron Langner, Jim Cornick, Kirk Armstrong, John Connor, Mike Gilpin, Jon Loeb, Lynn Banta**, and yours truly, **Larry Marino, PC'66**. We're reaching out to all of our Brothers to get off the couch and join us in Nashville. Hey guys, we're not getting any younger, and it really hurts when we add the names to the list of Memoriams. Having said that, please try to make it and renew some old friendships and meet some of the younger Iowa Zeta's.

Reunion dates are, October 23-26, 2014, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Nashville. We'll check in on the 23rd, and check out by noon on the 26th. The DoubleTree by Hilton is anchored in downtown in the heart of Music City USA, and only blocks from restaurants, entertainment, and many attractions such as: Country Music Hall of Fame; Tennessee Museum; LP Field (home of the Tennessee Titans); Historic Second Avenue; Bridgestone Arena; NEW Music City Center; Ryman Auditorium; and the Tennessee Museum of Art.

Plans for the event include, a Saturday evening sit down buffet, daily Hospitality Suite with food and drinks, golf at two different golf courses, SPA activity for the ladies, and/or brothers. There will be a photographer on hand during the Saturday night dinner. I'd like to thank **Dave Neff** for handling all the financial responsibilities, **Jon Loeb** for help with contract negotiations, **Herbie Weiss** for selecting and acquiring drinks, **Bob Habetler** for coordinating the golf, and **Fred Ramlow** for assistance with hotel and food selections. If you would like more information and to sign-up, please contact **Larry Marino** at: Lmarino312@yahoo.com...



Rob Schwoeble, PC/PSE '64-'65, happily retrieves his golf ball after shooting his "first-ever" hole-in-one at the Villages in Florida, five days following his February arrival.

Alpha Gamms mulling over locations for 2015 reunion

E-News has learned via the rumor mill the Alpha Gamma Delta's are considering a number of locations for a 2015 reunion. Under consideration are: Chicago, New Orleans and Charleston. Apparently several of the sister's have stepped up to make it happen. Charleston seems to be the preference with a possible extended "cruise" added to the event. E-News will monitor and report as more details and contact information becomes available.

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The Alumni Write...

... A helping hand and a smile

Dave Wilber, PC'65-'68 - dwilber3@gmail.com writes... I was doing doughnuts in my drummer's (Steve Hintlian) old S***box Oldsmobile one day when I found myself stuck up to the car's suspension in that nasty Iowa mud leaning into a farmers fence. The location was on campus in a field behind the Quads. A farmer, who was a very nice gentleman, drove up in his tractor and offered some help. Of course, I yelled back, SURE and THANKS. The farmer opened and drove through a "over yonder gate." He then threw me the end of a chain which I attached and in two seconds me and the car were free and clear. After thanking him and offering him some money for his trouble, he said, with a big smile on his face, no thank you son, the school will be paying me a "grand sum" when they finish the construction of the last building here. Well, curiosity killed the cat (so to speak), so I asked, why, and he answered, while still laughing, "they (the school) was building on his property." I never found out how much he received from the school (it had to be a bundle) but I'll never forget his (great big) smile...

... Sealing the deal

David Switzer, PC'n/a - switz@mcn.net - writes... The history and oral tradition within our family includes the following story. A few years before Parsons came to be in 1875, 100 local Fairfield businessmen of which, my great-great and great grandfathers were a part, each contributed \$100 to the seed money intended to help attract **Lewis B. Parsons** to select Fairfield as the location upon which to establish a college. Both of my relatives were college graduates and government surveyors, one graduated with a degree in math from the University of Iowa. They both wanted a college in Fairfield. I was the first male in that direct line of descendents to go back to college, although some cousins had gone on. Several of the women in the family earned college degrees as well and became teachers... My sister **Maxine Switzer Reed** and brother **Ken Switzer** also are graduates...



Even before Dave Switzer's great-great-great grandfathers assisted in getting Parsons College off the ground in 1875, the historic Henn Mansion was standing tall as the first building on campus. "The Mansion" was built in 1857 by Fairfield's first congressman, Bernard Henn, and served as the home of Parsons early presidents. It was renamed Ewing hall in 1912.

... A special way of giving back

Maureen McGlynn Pritchard, PC'64-'68 writes... We live in Romney, West Virginia and are sheep farmers in the mountains. We train Border Collies for sheep herding competitions and both my husband and I compete. We also raise money for breast cancer awareness for West Virginia University. And sponsor an annual sheep herding trial to raise money for "Bonnie's Bus" - a mobile cancer screening facility that travels to rural areas in West Virginia providing cancer screenings for women who either have no transportation or lack the proper insurance. I was an Alpha Xi Delta at Parsons and would like to receive the e-newsletter. I certainly enjoyed the recent issue and look forward to keeping up with the latest news through the future newsletters. Thank you... (Editor's Note: Nancy Wirtanen has added you to the distribution list and placed your info in the Alumni Registry.)

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60 Years ago...Parsons featured an “All-Iowa” team



O.B. Nelson's 1954-1955 basketball team featured a unique “home state” squad of players, all of whom hailed from the state of Iowa. Left to right: Charlie Baugher, Keokuk; Lee Kane, Fairfield; John Smith, Fairfield; Rod Smith, Batavia; George Long, Muscatine; Stu Stiner, Council Bluffs; Charles Merritt, Marengo; Bob Hinson, Ottumwa; Terry Hoage, Fairfield; Dick Criner, Burlington; Dick Bitner, Ottumwa; Terry Ditch, Anamosa; Roger Nielsen, Manning; and Darrell Schenk, Winfield... (Photo provided by Lee Kane, PC'55)

Even in the 1950's not many Iowa Colleges/Universities could boast having an “All-Iowa” team. But coach **O.B. Nelson's** squad of 1954-1955 had 14 players, all of whom hailed from Iowa. The Wildcats finished third in the Iowa Conference with a 14-9 season-ending record. However, in addition to being a “home state” squad, the team posted several other marks of distinction. First of all, they averaged 85 points per game (second best in the state) – and broke the 100 century mark four times – the 109 points scored in the victory over Upper Iowa may have endured as the most ever for a Wildcats team – and ALL BEFORE the inclusion of the 3-point score. **Charlie Merritt** was the big man and **Ron Kester** bolstered the attack with his 2nd semester return. **Roger Nielsen, John Smith** and **Stu Steiner** were the team's leading scorers with **Rod Smith** and **Lee Kane** rounding out the starting five. R. Smith had the blazing speed - Kane launched many long, left-handed sets from backcourt - Nielsen was the ball hawk - and Steiner the floor general... Interestingly, of the 14 members on that team, four (**Fred Bankus, George Long Nielsen** and **Kane**) went on to compete in the Iowa State Senior Olympic Games and won a number of medals. In 2011, Kane was named to the Senior Olympics Hall of Fame. And three squad members (Nielsen, Long and Kane) were recently honored with induction to the Parsons College Student/Alumni Wall of Honor. This memorable squad had many common denominators, both athletically and with their lifetime accomplishments. Happy 60th anniversary to a very distinguished bunch!!! *(Editor's note: The information included in this story was provided by Lee Kane, PC'55)*

HAPPY, HAPPY EASTER!!!

A Drive Through Memory Lane... with Dr. Bob Tree

The reference to Howard Dorm in one of the Winter E-News write-in's reminded me of a little anecdote involving the 3rd addition to that dormitory building, and the late **Mr. Hubert E. Howard**, a long time trustee of Parsons College.

Howard Dorm #1 had been built at the north end of the property with an attractive lounge extended east toward Highway 1 with the dorm rooms extending south, parallel to the Highway.

It had been in use a full year when I arrived to join the faculty in September of 1955. Howard Dorm #2 was added to #1 a year or so after. The college continued to grow and a third addition was needed. At the ground breaking ceremony for Howard Dorm #3, as Mr. Howard put his foot down on the shovel to break ground, he commented that he had "not anticipated establishing a dynasty of dormitories with the first one."

I understand Mr. Howard, who was an industrialist joined the board in 1942, contributed generously to the original addition, and each thereafter, and it took one last addition (Howard Dorm #4) to complete the building as it stands today. But prior to finishing the project at the corner of 4th and Carpenter Streets, the old Alpha Kappa (AK) house, which later housed the Tau Kappa Epsilon and Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternities, had to be torn down. That old house saw a lot of usage. In fact, I had a room on the second floor my first year at Parsons and enjoyed living there. When I learned that I would be returning a second year, I began looking for an apartment. I found a great one, brand new, over **Lou and Refa Gaines** three-car garage, a block south of the square on South Court Street and lived there for 30 years, or so. I suspect that had that old house not belonged to the College, it would have been condemned many years before. It was truly a survivor. Mr. Howard, then a prominent Fairfield resident and Treasurer of the Board, later moved to Northbrook, Illinois, where he passed away in 1976. He was 87-years-old...

The original Howard Dorm...expands



As the original Howard Dormitory began its' first of three additions, changes had to be made and land had to be cleared...

An original Frat House...is destroyed



And the grand old fraternity house at 4th and Carpenter Streets had to be demolished to make way for the Howard expansion...

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Letters to the Editor...

Mystery Quiz: It's a pork tenderloin, of course!!

Margaret Weiss Bloebaum, PC'65 – MargaretBloebaum@gmail.com

(Editor's Note: Margaret, you are right on!)

Lots of laughs about the tenderloin photo. That was very clever and very funny. Thanks for the laugh-of-the-day and also for the newsletter. It is always a great read.

Narda Simonsen Murphy, PC'64 – MurphyN@gowcs.net

Another great newsletter and thanks for your contributions. Like so many others, Parsons also changed my life. It got me out of the Northeast. And the Midwest experience definitely helped to shape my present outlook on life. In addition, the three years I spent in Africa also had a major impact.

Robin Wilkins, PC'62 – robinwilkins@me.com

Hi, I think the "thing" in the mystery photograph to identify is a Chicken Fried Steak. Thank heavens we don't see them anymore! Love the newsletter and thanks for all your hard work! Thank you to letting me know it was a pork tenderloin. I wasn't too far off!

Patty Bowers, PC'71, Polson Montana –

pbowers1@centurytel.net

(Editor's Note: You mean to tell us they don't have chicken fried steak in Montana? Come on!)

The winter newsletter was great, as usual. Thank you all for your work and efforts to keep up with the information about Parsons. Also, to give a guess as to the object of the winter mystery quiz – it looks like a piece of chicken fried steak.

Sandra Dexter Short, PC'68-'71 – sandra-short123@gmail.com

(Editor's Note: Sorry Sandra, it's the breaded pork tenderloin.)



Great newsletter. Every time I read one and look at those photos it feels so surreal. I have to keep reminding myself that I was there in 1965-69 and what a life changing experience it was for me 49 years ago. Keep up the good work!

Gregory R. Martucci, PC'65-'69 – gmart826@aol.com

I enjoyed seeing the picture of George who owned/ran George's Pizza in the early - mid '60s. His pizzas were great. I used to always order the bacon pizza. However, his card playing left much to be desired. I remember many snowy winter nights sitting down with him and others to play poker. George always brought a bag full on money. That is the truth, he actually brought a bag. Also, he always lost, and lost big. We loved it when George showed up, as we knew we would all go home with coin in our pockets. As Ring Laundry, a sports writer of the early 20th century stated, "And you can print it."

Hank Trenkle, PC'65 - hatrenkle@aol.com

Next E-News Deadline – June 1, 2014

In Memoriam...

Keith Barnes, PC/TKE'62 of Ames, Iowa passed away September 30, 2013. He was 73. Keith loved life, but following his marriage to Parsons College sweetheart, **Karen Vahl**, which lasted over 49 years, he often called her the "catch of his life." He was born in Grinnell, Iowa but raised in Malcolm before heading off to Parsons where he was editor-in-chief of the Portfolio, Who's Who, and a member of Green Key, Omicron and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Keith graduated Parsons with a BA Degree and went on to Syracuse University



Keith Barnes

where he earned an MBA in Business in 1963. He then joined the Coast Guard Reserves and had the privilege to stand in JFK's Honor Guard. Keith's professional life took him to a number of locations while embarking on a career in the food industry. After serving in a number of executive positions, he retired in 2003 as President and CEO of Proliant Inc. in Ames. Keith gave his time freely to the community and was active in United Way, Planning & Zoning Commission, the Ames Angler's Fishing Club and sat on numerous Boards of Directors. He is survived by wife Karen, two sons (and families) and seven grandchildren. The funeral and services were held in Ames, Iowa...

Peter Taylor, PC'65-'67 died December 6, 2013 at the Toronto (Canada) General Hospital. He was living in Tottenham, Ontario and was 69 years old. While at Parsons Peter was affiliated with Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity and attended the 2004 reunion in Las Vegas. He was an investment broker with Merrill Lynch in Toronto and at one time worked for Dean Witter and Union Securities, also in Toronto. Peter was a familiar face on Toronto's busy Bay Street. He loved the outdoors and was passionate about his farm north of Toronto with its stable of horses. When the opportunity arose he would join friends for hunting and fishing. The cottage in Algonquin Park was a family love as well. Peter is survived by his wife **Barbara Wile** (barbarajwile@gmail.com) and a number of relatives. A memorial service was to have been held in January of 2014...

Ronald Teague, PC'mid-60's, of Coralville, Iowa died January 27, 2014 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City. Ron was born in Rock Island, Illinois. He loved basketball and played at Rock Island High School and also at Parsons, where he attended for four years. Ron worked for John Deere for eight years. He later cut his first record with Marshall Ains and played gospel music twice a week on WQAD. Ron's love for music resulted in a career as music instructor for 24 years at the University of Iowa. He retired in 2006. Ron is survived by a host of siblings, nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at Gospel Mission Temple in Davenport...



Ron Teague

Robert A. Manchester III, PC'64-'66, of Oklahoma City, died peacefully on November 16, 2012, after a lengthy battle with a number of health issues, while surrounded by friends and family. Robert was raised in Canfield, OH and attended Parsons 1964-66. Throughout his career as attorney and judge, he found great reward in utilizing his immense legal talents for the benefits of others. Robert championed the rights of those both unable and unwilling to compensate him. He led numerous Pro Bono actions on behalf of Veterans. As a dedicated Marine, upon discovering the American flags flown at the Iwo Jima Memorial in Washington, DC were in tatters, he founded the Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation, dedicated to honor the brave acts of those Marines who gave so much for their country and to ensure new flags will always fly on that memorial. From 1984 to the present, Robert served as Chief Municipal Judge for the City of The Village OK. He was awarded numerous honors throughout his distinguished career, most notably the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers' Association's Lord Thomas Erskine Award. Robert's professional affiliations were many. He was also a member of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. For more than 20 years, Robert was an active hot air balloonist known throughout the Southwest as the "Ballooning Barrister." Robert is survived by his wife, Susan, a son (and family), a stepdaughter and two grandchildren. Funeral Services were held in the Hahn-Cook Street & Draper Chapel. In lieu of flowers, Robert requested that you please do him the honor of buying an old friend a drink...

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Robert Gamrath

Robert L. Gamrath, PC'38-'42, a Fairfield businessman and civic leader, died February 11, 2014 at Parkview Care Center in Fairfield. He was 94. Bob was born in Sioux City but shortly after moved to Fairfield where he became a lifelong resident. He attended Fairfield High School and American Institute of Commerce briefly. Bob attended Parsons College in addition to several military schools, including Command and General Staff College. He was married to **Evelyn Watts** in 1941 and was a long-time member of the Iowa National Guard and was the state's senior troop commander when he retired in 1969. Including his service in the National Guard and World War II, Bob spent 29 years in the military. He entered the insurance business in 1946. In 1972 Neil Doyle became a partner and Gamrath-Doyle & Associates, Inc was formed. That business continues to operate with offices in Fairfield and Mt. Pleasant. Bob's role in community service began shortly after World War II when he

was elected to the Fairfield City Council. He helped implement the first planning and zoning board and served as chairman of the board of review. Bob served on the Chamber of Commerce, was instrumental in securing natural gas service for the city and was a member of the Fairfield Economic Development Association which raised \$100,000 to finance Development Park. In 1969, Bob was named Fairfield's "Man of the Year." In 2006 he was inducted to the Fairfield High School Wall of Honor and in 2010, Bob was accorded the same honor by Parsons College, where he also served on the Board of Trustees. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, director of the Evergreen Cemetery Association, and held memberships to the Rotary Club, Elks Lodge, American Legion, Abracadabra, Wit & Wisdom Club and the Fairfield Golf & Country Club. Bob is survived by his wife Evelyn (of 70+ years), four children (and families), 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church and the funeral arrangements were handled by Raymond Funeral Home in Fairfield...

Rae "Kathleen" Linderson Billingsley, PC'n/a... age 90 of Fairfield, Iowa passed away September 7, 2012 at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City. She was born in Des Moines, and was married to **Roy Bower Billingsley** in Lockridge on August 24, 1944. Kathleen was a lifelong resident of Jefferson County, living most of her life in the rural Glasgow area, and while at Parsons was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority. She taught Public School music in Ainsworth Community Schools, Gilbert, Iowa, Consolidated School, Lockridge Public Schools and in the Fairfield Public Schools. Kathleen served as either pianist, organist or choir director in the First Augustana Lutheran Church for over 60 years. She also served as rural chairman for Jefferson County Cancer Board; past president and member of Fairfield Women's Club; past president and member of PEO chapter MB; charter board member of Greater Jefferson Co. Foundation; Community Concert Board; and Round Prairie girls 4-H club leader for several years. Kathleen is survived by her husband Roy, two daughters (and families) and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Word of Life Lutheran Church in Fairfield...

Wesley E. Brown, PC'68 of York, PA, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, November 8, 2013, after a long battle with cancer. He was the husband of **Jennifer Altland Brown** and they were married 38 years. While at Parsons, Wes majored in business, served in the student government and was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, **Steve Brown, Laren Moskowitz** and **Harrison Brown** and families. He is also survived by two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Wes, who was 67, founded the Brown Realtors and Appraisers and was self-employed. He was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, a former President of the York County Shrine Club, a 32nd Degree Mason, and a member of the 266 Blue Lodge. A memorial service was held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in York...

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Edward Ahrens

Edward F. Ahrens, PC'1940's...died March 10, 2014 at Iowa City VA Health Center. He was 91. Nicknamed “The Candy Man”, Ed was born in Grinnell where he graduated high school prior to spending three year at Parsons. He married **Roberta Wilson** in 1948. Ed served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Following his discharge, he operated “Ahrens Candy Wholesale” for 37 years before retiring in 1986. In 1992 he and his wife moved to Keosauqua, Iowa where he was a member of the Elks Lodge, the Keosauqua Riverview Club and the Circle B Coffee Club. Ed is survived by four daughters, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Behner Funeral Home in Fairfield...

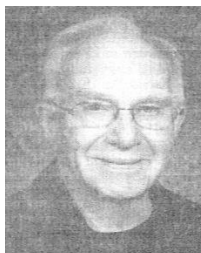
Andrew Bry-Nildsen, PC'61-'65 of Spring Township passed away peacefully April 4, 2011 at the Hershey Medical Center after a courageous two-year battle against Leukemia. Andrew, 68, was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. He attended Parsons from 1961 through 1965, was an English major and a member of Monx Head and Student Council. Andrew is survived by his wife, Jeraldine, two children (and families), four step-children and 10 grandchildren. Andrew will forever be loved and missed and his life's lessons will be passed on through generations to come. Services and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in West Lawn, Pennsylvania...

Albert Grayson, PC'67-'71...age 65, of St. Petersburg, Florida passed away February 15, 2014. He is survived by his mother **Lois Grayson**, three sons, a daughter and a host of other relatives and friends. A funeral service was held at the Bethel Metropolitan M.B. Church and the family was assisted by Lawson Funeral Home...

Charlotte Pierson Lamb, PC/DZ'1940's...age 84 of Fairfield, passed away March 5, 2014 at Sunnybrook Living Care Center in Fairfield. Raised in Fairfield and a '47 graduate of FHS, Charlotte attended Parsons, MacMurray College, and University of Iowa where she received her teaching degree. She was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority and also served as a student advisor while at Parsons and later performed in, and helped with several of the summer musicals. Charlotte married **Harold Lamb** in 1951. They made their home in Fairfield and operated Pierson and Pierson Plumbing and Heating. Charlotte was a long time member of the P.E.O., Women's Club, Abracadabra, and a past president of all three organizations. She was the founder and director of the Fairfield Community Chorus, volunteered for years at the Washington Elementary School library, was a very active member of the First United Methodist Church, served on a number of Board of Directors and was named Fairfield Citizen of the Year for 1992. Charlotte is survived by a daughter, two sons (and families), six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Behner Funeral Home of Fairfield.



*Charlotte Pierson
Lamb*



J. Fredric Roules, MD

J. Fredric “Doc” Roules, PC'51...of Mediapolis, died March 1, 2014 at Trinity Rock Island, Illinois. He was 86. “Doc” was born in Fairfield, graduated Fairfield High School in 1946, joined the U.S. Army and served in the Army of Occupation in Japan before returning to Fairfield to attend Parsons College. He graduated in 1951, married **Margaret Miller** in September of 1953 in Big Mound. “Doc” went onto the University of Iowa and earned his MD in 1954 and served an internship at Broadlawns Hospital in Des Moines. He and wife Margaret then moved to Mediapolis and he became a family practice physician. “Doc” served the community needs from 1954 until his retirement in 1993. He was a longtime active member of the First United Methodist Church in Mediapolis.

“Doc” also became a member of the Mediapolis Lions Club, the American Legion, worked with the Emergency Medical Serviced in Mediapolis and remained active with the Burlington Medial Society. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son and one grand daughter. Funeral arrangement were handled by Hagele & Honts Funeral Home of Mediapolis...

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Dennis L. Edwards, PC/PSE'64...died suddenly on April 6, 2014 from complication of the heart in Clarkston, Michigan, with several family members by his side. He was 72. Dennis was born in Indianapolis, Indiana and attended Parsons on an athletic scholarship. He was a pillar on the Wildcats championship basketball teams of the early 1960's, and watching his 6' 6" frame soar over the bar as a champion pole vaulter for the track team was a sight to behold. He was an All-American basketball player and was invited to participate in the 1963 Pan American Games. Dennis graduated from Parsons



Dennis Edwards

in 1964 with a B.A. Degree and was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity. He was drafted by the St. Louis Hawks of the National Basketball Association, but chose to return to school and obtain his Master's Degree. Dennis graduated from Central Michigan University with his Master's and joined the Chrysler Motor Corporation where he worked his way up the ladder to become Executive Plant Manager of their St. Louis plant. Following his retirement from Chrysler, he partnered with several business associates and formed a company called Vitec Corporation. He remained a consultant until his death. Vitec manufactured plastic automotive accessories which they produced for the Chrysler Corporation. Dennis was into golf until he's knees went bad and was currently planning to attend the "Parsons TKE's & Friends" reunion in Arizona in May. He is survived by his wife, Judith, two daughters, one son and one grandchild. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Lewis E. Wint & Son's Funeral Home in Clarkston... (Editor's Note: Photo left – Dennis being carried off the basketball court after winning the Iowa Conference Championship in 1961-62.)

Bettye Miller Bartholow, PC'late-30's/early-40's...age 92 of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, passed away January 22, 2014 at her home. Bettye was born on a farm in Libertyville and after attending rural schools graduated from Libertyville High School. She attended Parsons following high school and obtained a teaching certificate. Bettye went onto teach in the rural schools and also taught school in Eldon. She was married to **Olen Bartholow** in 1943. Bettye was a member of Mt. Zion Methodist Church and later Faith United Methodist Church in Libertyville. She spent the major of her years farming in Libertyville before moving to Fairfield in 1990 and later moved to Michigan to be close to family. Bettye is survived by one daughter two grandsons and two great-grandchildren. Raymond Funeral Home of Fairfield assisted the family with arrangements...



Bettye Miller Bartholow

Dr. Richard "Dick" Wolff, PC/LXA'63... died April 8, 2014 following a short but valiant battle with pneumonia and influenza at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Dick, who was a resident of Bethesda, Maryland, was 72-years-old. Several years ago, after being diagnosed with Leukemia, he



Dr. Richard Wolff

received a bone-marrow transplant, and by all accounts, the procedure was deemed a success. At his bedside when he passed away were his daughter Lisa and son Eric. Dick came to Parsons from Spring Valley, Illinois and graduated with a major in psychology in 1963. While at Parsons, he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and served on the Inter-fraternity Council. Dick obtained a Master's Degree from Bradley University and later went on to earn a PhD at American University in Washington, DC. He became a clinical psychologist and practiced over the next four decades, specializing in behavior modification. Dick was Clinical Director of M.A.D. Consultants and held

appointments at numerous other institutions. He is survived by his daughter, son and families. The funeral proceedings were handled by the Robert A. Pumphrey Funeral Home of Bethesda...

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