



Happy Holidays to one and ALL!!!

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The glitter of the Wall of Honor just got brighter!



CLASS OF 2015 - L/R: Don Kivowitz, Mike Gilpin, Richard Tallin, Jim Neild, Paul Read, Lindsay "River" Shannon, Dean Honnold, Cathy Jensen (Ellen Mosher Hanson), John Matthews (Dennis Edwards), Phil Allen (presenter missing)

One by one they were presented. One by one they stepped to the podium, receiving their plaques. And one by one they took their place on the stage seated with their fellow honorees. The Class of 2015 had arrived. **Phil Allen '40** (posthumously), the meteorologist who studied nuclear fallout, was presented by Ray Ham; **Dennis Edwards '64**, (posthumously), an executive in the automotive industry was presented by Johnny Matthews; **Mike Gilpin '63**, a nationally and internationally known mathematics professor, presented by Don Butterbaugh; **Ellen Mosher Hanson '71**, the All-American basketball player who became a university Hall of Fame basketball coach. Ellen, who was absent was presented by Dave Neff; **Dean Honnold '63**, a insurance executive was presented by John Blackstock; **Don Kivowitz '68**, a health care executive, business entrepreneur and philanthropist was also presented by Blackstock; **Jim Nield '66**, egg grader executive and innovator presented by Phil Como; **Paul Read '67**, a teacher and coach who captained the Wildcats football team and later became head coach. Paul was presented by Dave Neff; **Lindsay "River" Shannon '66**, owner of the highly acclaimed Kansas City BBQ restaurant and Blues Bar, was presented by Paul Garrison; and **Richard Tallin '66**, designer and owner of one of the largest wholesale antique reproduction businesses in the world. Richard was presented by David Oswald. The Wall of Honor ceremony was held in conjunction with the very successful Parsons All-Classes Alumni Reunion the weekend of October 3rd...

First PCFF "Wildcats Spirit Award" goes to Nancy Wirtanen

It's hard to believe a college that closed 42 years ago would be initiating a new awards program but such is the case with the alumni of Parsons College. The announcement of the new "Wildcats Spirit Award" was made following the WOH ceremony by John Blackstock. Moments later, a very surprised **Nancy Wirtanen '73** was called forward by the Parsons College Foundation's Dave Neff and became the very first recipient of this award.

Nancy is a founder and now president of the Parsons College Alumni Association. She's worked diligently to help our alums stay connected, accumulating nearly 3,500 alumni names and addresses. Nancy, who chose to graduate from Simpson College after Parsons closed, spent a career in education as a teacher. She is originally from Gettysburg, PA and currently lives with husband Dave in Phoenix, AZ. Those receiving the Spirit Award will receive a plaque, and their name will be engraved to a master plaque plate which will hang permanently in Alumni Hall. Future recipients will be chosen by the PCFF and have visibly demonstrated an unrelenting spirit and commitment and devoted a significant amount of time and energy toward our mission of preserving the memory and legacy of Parsons College.



Nancy Wirtanen is awarded the inaugural "Wildcats Spirit Award" by PCFF board members, Neff (R) and Blackstock (L).

Reunion 2015 attendance may have been best ever!!!

The Parsons College All-Classes Reunion sponsored by the Foundation Fund (PCFF) and Alumni Association held the first weekend of October may have been the best even since doing the “every two-year” event.

Between the 7th Annual Wall of Honor ceremony, the Elks Lodge and Fairfield Country Club activities, coupled with Fairfield’s “First Friday Art Walk” and the kickoff of Oktoberfest, reunion organizers reported that Fairfield was SOLD OUT. Many of the attendees found themselves having to find lodging in Ottumwa and Mt. Pleasant. It’s estimated that nearly 200 alums and friends returned to Fairfield for the weekend. In addition, and unlike past reunions, there was a tremendous number of last minute walk-ups.



One of the true special moments of the reunion was the arrival of Dave Williams and his 91-year-old mother, Phyllis. Dave is a member of the Sharpchuters and you’ll recall that his dad Dean Robert Williams was Head of the Business Department

Registration opened at 3:00PM Friday at the Fairfield Golf & Country Club including a “Welcome Back to Fairfield” reception with beer, wine, soft drinks and heavy hors d’oeuvres. Following the country club party many of the attendees headed to downtown Fairfield for the activities and we understand George’s Pizza had a really good weekend.

The Saturday Wall of Honor ceremony began at 10:00AM, followed by a Barhydt Chapel organ presentation, the unveiling of the plaques and a luncheon at the Elks Lodge.

Carnegie Historical Museum (CHM) Director, **Mark Shafer** threw open the doors to the museum's Parsons College Collection, the **Lee T. Gobble** Collection, and the Barhydt Campus Cornerstone Memorial at 1:30 PM. The progress and improvements to the museum received rave reviews from the alumni.

The wind down began with Saturday evening’s 3-course Buffet Dinner at the Fairfield Golf & Country Club, and the final event of the weekend was the optional Sunday morning 9:00-11:00AM “Farewell Continental Breakfast” at the local Hy-Vee Store.

Many former Parsons groups – TKE’s, Sharpchuters, Rummors and several others - took advantage of the big weekend to branch off to do reminiscing mini reunions. A good time was had by all and we expect many returnees for our next event...

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 neffaces@lisco.com

Next E-Newsletter Deadline – No More Deadlines

Statue of Lee T. Gobble to be erected on the lawn at the FACC!!!



“Lee T. Gobble, Mr. Fairfield” will grace the front lawn of the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center and forever glance at the Courthouse Steeple he succeeded in replacing. Most everyone attending Parson's College knew Lee, who passed away at 100 years old in April 2015. There are countless stories about Lee, his family clothier establishment since 1853, his unique style & quirkiness, his generosity, and love of Fairfield and Parsons.

The figure of Lee will reflect his personality and some of his favorite silly traits – he will be clothed in dress pants, a shirt with unbuttoned collar, topped with a Parsons College sweater, and sports jacket (Left: artist's rendering) If you knew Lee in the 1960s and 70s, you'll understand the old style phone in his pocket. There will be GGG turkey designs, a bow tie, U of I considerations, and of course a Hershey's kiss in hand.

There is so much to say about Lee Gobble, that an added feature will be the colorful “fan of Lee's tie collection” spread at the base like outstretched turkey feathers, depicting more Parsons stories and Fairfield history.

“We are excited to announce that Christopher Bennett, the same artist we brought to town in the late 1970s to create “William Coop & Friend” for the Fairfield square, and in 1986 “Leapfrog” for the Carnegie Building lawn, has been commissioned to do another bronze figure sculpture that will be placed in front of the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. The project will involve another native artist, Ken Rowe in modeling parts of the figure, and collaboration with Mark Shafer on historical details and design.”

Parson's Alumni are especially invited to help us remember Lee Gobble, with this life size bronze figure, which will be placed near the entrance to Parsons Alumni Hall at the FACC. The amount of \$36,500 remains to be raised, after the FAA contributes its \$16,000 saved for a public art project. Further funds will be secured by applying for a public art grant, donations, memorials, and fundraising events. Donations are invited from anyone that appreciates art, and the memory of Lee Gobble.

All donors and memorial gifts to this project will be recognized on an appropriate plaque. The FAA is a 501C3 non-profit and donations are tax deductible. Contributions to “Lee Gobble Sculpture” can be sent to: **Fairfield Art Association, C/O Suzan Bates Kessel, 200 North Main, Fairfield, IA 52556.**

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OR left at FAA Studio, or Fairfield Arts & Convention Center**

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Parsons Yearbooks are “IN” – Buy, Sell, or Trade!!!

Parsons College yearbooks are the “IN” thing. We receive frequent requests for yearbooks from this year or that year. **Ed Longanecker** is planning to do something about it and has volunteered to help satisfy those requests. There are many yearbooks and lots of Parsons memorabilia of little or no value to many families hiding in the attic/basement. Yet they're being discarded. To those who have lost or never purchased a yearbook they are a valuable item.



So you are invited to contact Mr. Longanecker and he will be of assistance. He will welcome receipt of those unwanted Peiras and he will even pay the shipping. Yes, that's right, Ed will pay the shipping! There are opportunities to share, exchange and/or trade yearbooks. And this isn't just limited to yearbooks. Ed will take your Parsons plates, cups, saucers, mugs, mortarboards, etc. You don't need to wait for spring to clean out the attic/basement of your Parsons yearbooks and memorabilia...do it now!!



Major kudos and thanks accorded Dick Thomas (center) of Denver, CO by PCFF members Neff and Blackstock for his recent donation of dozens of Peira yearbooks that his family had accumulated over the years. Dick's father is the Thomas, as in Fry-Thomas Fieldhouse.

The Parsons College Foundation has just received a sizeable donation of yearbooks from **Richard Thomas**, one of the original founders of WTBA. The dozens of donated yearbooks include many from way back to the 1920's.

We will continue to develop the yearbook exchange and **any contributions and/or income would be directed to foundation and alumni activities.**

Here is the contact information: **Ed Longanecker, 211 W. Washington, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641; email: emlong2@iowatelecom.net...**

Don't forget your Parsons Jacket!!

We've cut the red tape on getting your Parsons Jacket. Just pick up the phone and dial 1-800-247-3383 and ask for Summer. She will take your order, give you details and expedite the jacket. Cost is 50.99 plus S/H.

Lightweight – Zip Front



This handsome, just below the waist, lightweight cotton jacket is our latest addition. It comes in green/white trim and has a nicely embroidered Parsons logo over the heart.

As promised your PCFF has added this attractive lightweight jacket to the Parsons College line of merchandise...

The jacket is made by Russell Athletic Wear and is available in sizes S - 3XXX. If you wish, you may also order online by logging onto the internet and typing in: www.fairfieldlineinc.com.

AND don't forget to checkout the rest of our line of Parsons merchandise including, T-shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, caps and visors on **page 20** of this E-Newsletter!!

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News Deadline: NO DEADLINE

Your news and photographs are needed. Please submit as a jpg and provide information about the photo.

*If you need help contact Nancy Wirtanen
nwirtanen@yahoo.com*

Getting a new email address? Receiving multiple issues? If so, please notify Nancy of address change and any duplication.

WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS AN ISSUE!!

Dr. Dean Roussos, Cleveland, OH... checks in...

*(Editor's note: The following letter written by former faculty member, **Dean Roussos**, was originally sent to PC Alum **Dave Dillingham**, who forwarded it on to E-News...)*

Dear Dave... Just a short note to say I'm sorry that I wasn't able to make the October reunion due to heart issues and upcoming knee surgery. I enjoy the newsletter and appreciate all the work you all do to keep the Parsons heritage alive. The summer of 1960 was my first of teaching (Marketing, Sales, Statistics, Logistics, Economics, etc, etc...) in the Business Department under **Bob Williams**. The next year I also undertook duties as Dean of Students – Department of Business. Student's class sizes were often large – 100+ for basic courses, and with also counseling students, that led to long days and nights. Under **Dr. Roberts** and his policy of allowing up to a year sabbatical for four trimesters in a row, I was able to continue working toward my Doctorate in Marketing/Management/Economics at the University of Iowa. I received my PhD in 1970.

Fairfield was a wonderful city in which to raise a family – great town – great people – and we loved it. As for Parsons, I loved being there as we forged new ideas in education and management. I felt at home with the “second chance” policy since my Greek immigrant parents, among millions of others, were given a second chance by America and that helped make this the great country it is today. By the way, I proudly served three years (1950-1954) in the US Marines and spent 13 months in Korea. The G.I. Bill gave me the chance to pursue a degree in higher education.

Now at 86, I look back fondly at my years (1960-1971) at Parsons and in Fairfield. I still resent what a few outside academia did to a fine maturing college and student body. My admiration and thanks to you, and again, to all those of you who work on the E-News. Please also convey my thanks and gratitude to **Dr. Bob Tree** for allowing me to finish my last semester at the University of Iowa and to complete my doctorate. Enclosed also please find a small contribution (\$500.00) to the Parsons College Foundation Fund.

Sincerely, **Dr. Dean S. Roussos, PC/faculty '60-'71**
(Professor of Marketing, Dean of Students and Chairman of the Business Department)



Dr. Dean Roussos, PC/faculty '60-'71

A MESSAGE FROM NANCY:
“We’ve all taken different paths in life, but no matter where we have gone, we’ve taken a little of each other everywhere with us. Please join us in helping to keep the spirit and the memory of Parsons College alive, and the contacts and connections to old and new friendships active and on-going. Remember, a new friend is valuable and old friends are priceless. Please send us the names and contact information of any newly located alumni.”

Des Moines Register "opinion" article brings back sad memories

A piece written by Laura Crossett stating that the University of Iowa has "faced difficult financial times" recently appeared in the *Des Moines Register* (October 28, 2015). The article titled, "*Parsons College: A cautionary tale for UI*," reports, that against the wishes of the faculty, students and staff governing bodies, the Iowa Board of Regents has hired and outside business leader, who, in their opinion, lacks "academic leadership experience" to be president of the university. The Board's choice was Bruce Harreld.

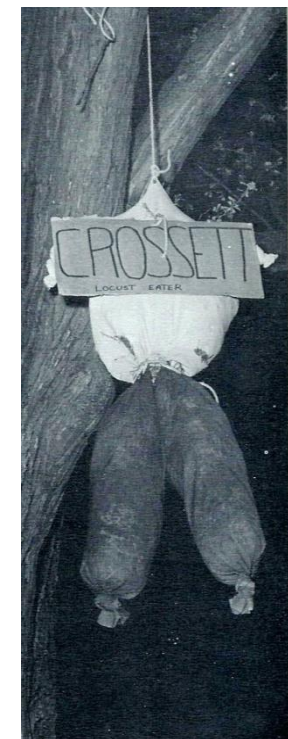
Ms. Crossett then chose to delve into the history of Parsons College (and Flunk Out U) in an attempt to merge some parallels and ignite some warning signs of a businessman running an institution of higher learning. After reading her "opinionated" story from top to bottom, it would be easy to lash back in the defense of the Parsons family. But after taking a deep breath, we can only scratch our head and ask, what was her real intent? Unless Ms. Crossett has a magical crystal ball, we find only two definitive similarities between the college and the university. Number 1 – yes, both Parsons and apparently the U of I experienced degrees of financial woes. And number 2 – yes, both Dr. Millard G. Roberts and Mr. Harreld have been labeled business leaders. It is beyond our library of knowledge as to if, and where, Dr. Roberts ever played football!?!?!?

For whatever reason, the writer flies off on a tangent about the growing pains of Parsons, Flunk Out U, overflowing classrooms and dorms, students being threatened and changing grades. What did this have to do with U of I? Answer: Virtually NOTHING! The rest of the article appears to be more the release of a personal vendetta, aimed at a college situation from past years, rather than valid and helpful advice that would relate to, and benefit a university in the year 2015. And... have there not been many great businessmen who have led colleges and universities?

Furthermore, the attempt to paint a parallel between the Dr. Millard G. Roberts era and the Bruce Harreld era is, in my opinion, absolutely ludicrous. Comparing the past Parsons situation to the University of Iowa's dilemma is like comparing the Green Bay Packers of the 1960's, to the Pittsburgh Steelers of the 1970's, to the San Francisco 49er's of the 1980's. Clearly... different times, different needs, different goals, different strategies and different personnel.

Parsons College did not fail because they hired a businessman who supposedly played football (???)...nor will the University of Iowa follow suit. Dr. Roberts took over a struggling school at a time when the need for a college education was becoming an increasing necessity, and many of the incumbents didn't get it. This was a time when the opportunity to obtain that education was pretty much limited to top-of-the-class standouts who could afford it.

Dr. Roberts, for better or worse, gave marginal students a second chance. He opened the eyes of educators all over the world. Many of those educators clamored at his doorstep to learn his strategy. He pioneered the field of education in so many ways, and was on the verge of becoming the originator of a version of the junior college concept with his satellite program.



Dr. John M. Crossett was one of "6 Dissidents" who signed a complaint against Dr. Roberts (Parsons).

Do you think there could possibly be a connection between writer Laura Crossett's negative reference to Parsons in her Des Moines Register story titled: "Parsons College: a cautionary tale," to the demise of Professor Crossett?

What do you think?

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This photo appeared in the 1963 Peira yearbook on pg. 25.

Photo: Courtesy of Peira 1963

Dr. Roberts fulfilled his promises to grow the college, he brought students, and he paid the professors top dollar as promised. Contrary to some beliefs, he DID award scholarships, lots of scholarships. But to those who bought into his program he also promised giving students a "second chance" and plenty of "hard work." A number of professors bought in for the top dollar, but had philosophical differences with the "second chance" and "hard work" aspects of the contract.

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Did he make mistakes? Yes! Dr. Roberts, along with his innate penance for getting things done, was impatient. He had a huge ego. He was a relentless one-man operation. He was very demanding and his break from the norm of some traditions of education, and the old school ways, earned him a number of enemies.

He opened the doors and the avalanche of students followed, thus creating the problems of over-crowded dorms and overflowing classrooms. Very simply, the college grew too fast...the project got out of control and those who did not want change, and those who did not want to work hard and take on multiple responsibilities became “dissidents!”

We find it extremely interesting that out of the 100 of so Parsons professors, there were only 6 who stood out and signed a complaint. We find it interesting that the majority and large core of professors remained on board and in tact. We find it interesting that out of the “6 Dissidents” that only one was hung in effigy, Dr. John M. Crossett (1963 *Peira yearbook*, page 25). We find it highly unlikely that the hanging was administered by Dr. Roberts. This appears to be the work of a disgruntled student, or students. The “6 dissidents” were later fired or resigned. Perhaps the student(s) and administration were together on this one, and rightly so.

If the name Crossett is beginning to sound more familiar, it should. The writer of the *Des Moines Register* article being discussed, titled, “*Parsons College: A cautionary tale for the UI*”, as mentioned earlier, is Laura Crossett. She is the daughter of Dr. Crossett, former Parsons professor and one of the “6 dissidents.” Ms. Crossett is a University of Iowa graduate. Perhaps she is now feeling relief and reeling in personal satisfaction that she’s rekindled the memories of Parsons and “Flunk Out U.” We view it as a stretch,, a reach, and an unnecessary shot at Parsons College. Your opinion is your opinion. But, in our opinion, what a travesty Ms. Crossett had to weakly link the hiring of a businessman at the University of Iowa, and Parsons College, to the release of the pent-up memories of her father’s demise at Parsons.

Does the great University of Iowa have anything to worry about regarding any association with Parsons College? That would be a resounding, NO!! If there’s any concerns here it would be Ms. Crossett’s failed attempt at lining up, and stirring up, what happened at Parsons in the 1950’s-60’s as a comparison to the University of Iowa of 2015-16... There is a connection all right...but, in our opinion, it goes much deeper than two businessmen running a college and university. **WHAT DO YOU THINK???** Final note: The great and proud alumni of Parsons College have taken their education to all four corners of the world. They’ve made an **IMPACT**, they’ve been **SUCCESSFUL** and they’ve **MADE A DIFFERENCE**. We’ve done quite well in this world....**THANK YOU!!!**

(Editor’s note: The viewpoints and opinions expressed in this writing are those solely of the Editor and do not necessarily represent those of the Alumni, PCAA or the PCFF.)

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR WALL OF HONOR – CLASS OF 2016

As has been the custom for the last seven years, the Parsons College Foundation Fund is now taking nominations for candidates to the Wall of Honor’s Class of 2016. Please contact **Dave Neff**: neffacres@lisco.com for a nomination form.

If you know anyone, Alumni/Student, who attended Parsons and has had a simply outstanding and distinguished career, or has played an exceptional role in his or her community, we need to know about it. The

ideal candidate will be one who, after reading their accomplishments, you stand back and say, WOW!!!

The selection committee, comprised of **Dr. Tree, Neff, John Blackstock** and **John Braidwood**, will review the entries after the March 1, 2016 deadline. The Class of 2016 Honorees will be announced in the Summer Edition of the E-News. Inductees and guests will then be invited to the annual WOH Ceremony which is held on the first Saturday of the first full weekend in October (7-9).

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!!

Sharpchuters gather in force at Parsons Alumni Reunion



2015 Sharpchuters gather for Official Reunion Photo at Fairfield Country Club and PC Alumni Reunion. L/R: Dave Ferling, Tony Stroh, Ray Bundy, Joe Hartman, Jeff Mazer, Dave Williams and Rick Young.



1965 Sharpchuters gather for the annual yearbook photo. Kneeling: S. Greenfield, T. Dovi, T. Peterson, A. Plattis, DNK, B. Price; Standing: E. Beardsley, D. Kroll, B. Beck, M. Moore, R. Bundy, L. Shaw, D. Ferling.

By Dave Ferling

The Parsons Sharpchuters managed to get together at the 2015 Parsons Reunion and Wall Ceremony. This was the first time in fifty years that we had seen some of our members. To quote **Jeff Mazer**: "We are a band of brothers and it was like we never left and it was like yesterday that we got together and drank some beer." The camaraderie was evident as we chatted about our days at Parsons and beyond. Five of us had been together at **O.E. Gene Timmerman's** funeral in Dallas in 2000. That was **Jeff Mazer, Tony Stroh, Ted Beardsley, Mike Moore** and myself (Dave). Email and Skype has kept most of us recently in touch, something that was not possible many years ago.

Three of us toured the town and compared then and now. The Oktoberfest event in the square was about the liveliest event we noticed. We were disappointed in the state of neglect of the remaining Parsons buildings and the lack of life on the old campus. We did find humor in the aging trailer park north of campus labeled as "Utopia Park" at the corner of "Taste of Utopia Street" and Heavenly Lane. Utopia, for sure!

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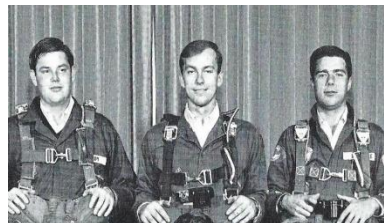
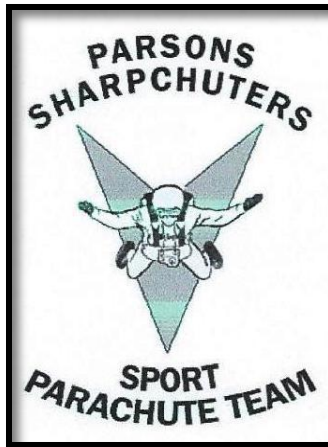
FOR THE THRILL OF IT ALL!!!
Tony Stroh, Joe Hartman and Al Wein "ready to roll!"

(SHARPCHUTERS – cont'd)

On sad news, learned that another of our members had passed on a couple of years ago. **Denny Kemp**, a Fairfielder, who most recently lived in Mt. Peasant had succumbed to cancer. **John Snyder**, also a US Army Golden Knight, passed last year in Illinois. John attended the WOH ceremony for **Gene Timmerman**.

Our experiences as Parachutists, both at Parsons and after, were very rewarding. The Sharpchuters had three members become Golden Knights.

Gene Timmerman, John Snyder, who was on the Knight's World Record Team in 1968, and **Rick Young**. Several of us were all stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC at about the same time. To the Knights, it was amazing that three members from the Parsons



Ray Bundy, Gene Timmerman and Steve Larrabee led the founding of the Parsons Sharpchuters in 1963.

Sharpchuters, and a small college in Iowa became members of such an elite organization.

Our reunion of a bunch of aging adrenalin junkies was a success and we only wished that more members had been able to attend. Unfortunately, we were not able to meet at our old off airport Fairfield Headquarters: *The Den*. We were happy that **Joe Hartman** and **Dave Williams** were able to make it. We had lost touch with Joe after he moved back to Iowa from Southern California. Plans for future reunions are being considered. Many thanks to the Parsons Alumni Association for a job, again, well done.

“WE ARE A BAND OF BROTHERS (AND SISTERS) THAT HANG TOGETHER THROUGH TIME!”

Gene Timmerman, Steve Larrabee along with Marty Schlumberger, Donny Moore and John Snyder Founded the Parsons Sharpchuters in 1963. Gene's leadership and local influence got the club off to a good, safe start. After leaving Parsons, Gene was a continuing influence over the club even after he was inducted into the Army in Feb. 1966. Without Gene's leadership, local ties and some experience from Steve Larrabee, the club might never have formed. Club Members during that time and in the following years included:

D Gene Timmerman (GK)	Bill Beck	** Dave Ferling	** Dave Williams
D Bill Healey	** Steve Greenfield	** Joe Hartman	** Marty Schlumberger
D Donny Moore	** Tony Stroh	** Harry LaForge	** Ralph Hunt
D Denny Kemp	Lee Wight	Hank Brenner	Tom Mozer
D Andy Johnson	Chris Bruch	Tom Dolezal	Bill Price
D Bob Williams	Sam Johnson	Dave Andrews	Sandy (Sam) Schucker
D John Snyder (GK)	** Rick Young (GK)	Dave Kroll	Tina Peterson
Vic Weiss	** Ed (Ted) Beardsley	Hank Morse	Rita Hand
** Ray Bundy	** Jeff Mazer	Dick Detzel	Judy Ficklin
** Tom Dovi	** Alan Wein	Bob Seltzer	Barbara Bauder
Steve Larrabee	** Charles (Stretch) Harris	Stan Harris	Clara Ann Elfers
Tom Ogles	** Mike Moore	Lang Phillips	

D= Deceased

** = Address Known

GK = Golden Knight

We are always looking to update our database. If you know of anybody missing from this list or have address, email and phone info on any of the members not listed, please send it to Dave Ferling at drferling@earthlink.net

REMEMBER WHEN???

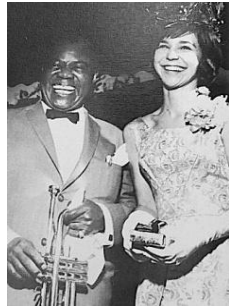
By Doug Marion '70

(Editor's note: Doug has researched many yearbooks regarding the people and the happenings of Parsons College. In this column he has extracted 50 of the most active and contributing classmates along with their activities. Although many members of the class of 1964 posted success in college and career, these 50 names represent the most active of the actives of their time...)

For much of the last 45 years, I have scoured my Peira yearbooks to recall all the great things which took place. I wanted to recall who did what, as well as, who won what. Although I clearly remember a lot - only the Peira yearbook told everything. This short story highlights some of the campus doings in academic year 1964. The Peira lists 276 Senior Graduates. We graciously salute these 50 grads, listed alphabetically:



Jane Sheffer DZ President, Quincy, MA and Gary Michael awarded membership to Alpha Psi Omega, honorary drama society.



Miss Mistletoe '64 Sue Graves '66 DZ President, Greenfield, MA at Winter Ball with Louie Armstrong



Homecoming Court '64: (L/R) Mary Marotta (DZ), Peggy Rusch (AGD), Sue Harris (DZ) Queen, Karna Radden (AGD), Paula Chomka (AGD); Escorts (L/R) Ken Rice (TSC), Jon Williams (TKE), Gary Gardner, Knute Greaser (SPE), Fred Otiz (SPE).



Sue Harris '64, Webster, NY. DZ (Treasurer), Cheerleader, '64 Homecoming Queen, '64 Peira Queen. Bob Emerick '64 places the Crown. WTBA Bob had stellar career with GM



Donna Grenn, Alpha Gamma Delta, '64 Greek Week Queen, TKE National Queen.

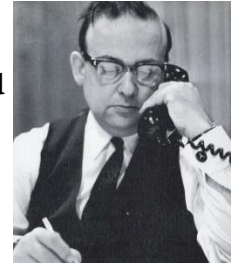
Active standouts from the great Parsons College Class of 1964

Don Alfano ('64 Class President), Kirk Armstrong (SPE), Sharon Armstrong (WRA), Hobie Bannister (SPE President), John Blackstock (PSE, Portfolio), Janie Brockway (AXD, '63 Homecoming Queen), Susan Carpenter (AGD President), Connie Chisholm (AXD), Carol Clark (DZ), Noel Dennis (AEP President), Joe Drake (NAIA 1st Team/Football), Dennis Edwards (PSE & All-American/Basketball), Gary Erb (TKE, Jr. Class President & Student Body President), Linda Harnagel (AGD), Don Hartmann (TKE), Bill Healey (WTBA), Fred Jenks (TKE), Carol Johnson (AGD), Pat & Jerry Kamp (Letter Club/Football), Alan Keller (TKE, PC Radio), Thomas Le Boutilier (AXP, Debate & Portfolio), John Lindell (PKA, IFC & Student Senate), Robert Mason (SP, Student Gov't), Martha Miller (Parsons Players), Joe Montross (PSE, Senior Class VP), John Nair (SPE, Letter Club/Football, President), Chris Noble (TKE), Jim Ostrander (PSE, letter Club/Football), Dorothy Pagels (DZ), Mary Pearl (AGD), Chip Pough (WTBA), Gary Ratkin (TKE), Gary Ritter (WTBA), Harvey Schwartz (Drama, APO), Lou Schwartz (TKE), Brian Scully, Susan Wehby Sherrard, (DZ President), Dixie Simms (AGD), Narda Simonsen (AXD President), Robert Smith (TKE, MVP/Basketball), Phil Suarez (PSE, Letter Club/Basketball), Sally Jo Taylor (AGD President), Gary Thomas (PSE), Gary Thompson (TKE, Portfolio, Student Senate), Marie Trione (DZ, Portfolio), Marcia Wallace (DZ, APO), Wendy Will, (DZ), Debate, Student Court), Lou Wilson (All-American/Football), William Winger (LXA President, IFC).

The remaining graduates were exceptional as well. For sure, Parsons College helped produce a vast array of top collegians who then went on to become leaders in a vast array of careers...

Bet you didn't know?? by John Braidwood

In the summer of 1967, upon **Dr. Millard G. Roberts** dismissal (firing) during a Parsons College board of trustees meeting, **Lee Gobble**, board member, recalled that Dr. Roberts was so angry and upset that he abruptly stood up, uttered some not so kind words and stormed to the door only to discover that the door he had chosen was a utility closet.



Dr. Roberts

Perhaps lending new meaning to the adage a "closet case".

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Professor **Dr. Bob Tree** and alumnus **Dave Neff** both Fairfield residents, shared an interesting story demonstrating an example of citizenry pride and affection that Fairfield residents and alumni felt for Parsons College. Shortly after the closing of the college groups of Fairfield residents met weekly and worked tirelessly in an effort to maintain the campus. "The citizens of Fairfield just couldn't bare to see their beloved campus deteriorate, hoping against hope that someone, some organization, would purchase and restore the school back to its "glory days."

Sadly did anyone know or understand what the future would hold for Parsons College?

In the early 1970's what could have been a promising opportunity to increase enrollment and contribute much needed revenue for Parsons was the newly established aeronautics department in concert with the newly instituted Air Force ROTC program.

At the time there was a substantial need for air traffic controllers in the United States. **Robert Ryan**, director of aeronautics, created a curriculum in conjunction with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Albeit small in its initial enrollment of thirty students he expected a thirty to fifty percent increase in enrollment over the following three years.

Unfortunately Parsons would never benefit from such an initiative as the college declared bankruptcy before the program could be instituted.

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THE ALUMNI WRITE...

Ed Reed, PC'n/a, edyardo37@cox.net writes... Dr. Charles Sloca, I believe, was the Dean in the 50s. When the student union was still located on the lower level of the girls dorm (Ballard Hall), the manager decided to raise the cost of a cup of coffee. In protest, some of us decided to “we’ll show him” by bringing our own pot of coffee/cups and drinking it at a table in the union. Dean Sloca got wind of this (carrier pigeon) and immediately sent one of his minions to traverse the campus from his office to the union. Upon arriving, and in a threatening tone, he said, “Get the coffee pot out of here, or Dr. Sloca says you guys will have your scholarships rescinded.” End of protest, unlike what happened at the University of Missouri last week. In those days, we students, in essence, had no power, or at least we didn’t think we did. We just mostly did as we were told. And by the way, the ten cent price of a cup of coffee stood. All of you, have a very Happy Holiday...

Cathy Jensen, PC’70’s, skyhichthy@q.com writes... Wildkitten Lois Stufflick Johnson, PC’71 and Howard Johnson, PC’73 enjoy an outing at Halloween with twin grandkids Maverick and Isabella Calise, grandson Mario Calise and the Hulk at Halloween time 2015. Here’s the Wildkitten newsletter picture...



James R. Jenness, Jr., PC’45, writes... Retired in August, 1996 after 20 years as a Senior Research Associate at Penn State’s Applied Research Laboratory. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1925. His father went to Parsons College in 1940, long before the Flunkout U disaster and the Maharishi weirdness. In 1942 high school graduates were destined for the Normandy landing, but a car crash (no air bags in 1942) gave Jim Sr a 4F draft classification. Jim played tuba in high school, college, and community bands, and trombone in the big-band minor leagues. The Parsons College Choir included Russian Orthodox music in their concert programs. Parsons choir director Arnold Running, wanted him to major in voice performance. But his father suggested a physics major. In 1945, with a BS in physics at age 20, Jim was off to a good start, far ahead of his father, who was born on a farm and worked his way through college. Jim’s first job was teaching high-school math and directing the band at nearby Birmingham. He got a graduate assistantship in the physics department at the State U of Iowa. Next Jim started as a physicist at NASA, Langley Field, Virginia. Jim calibrated instruments and worked on the development of pressure, temperature, and air-speed sensors. He sang in the choir of the Presbyterian Church in Hampton Virginia and became infatuated with the organist. In 1949, Anne the organist, and Jim got married in New Castle Delaware (Anne’s home town). In 1951 Jim went to the U.S. Naval Air Development Center (NADC), Warminster Pennsylvania and worked in infrared optics. Temple University taught graduate physics courses at NADC, enabling him to get a master’s degree in 1954. Jim went to Haller Raymond and Brown (HRB) in State College Pennsylvania in 1956. He worked on infrared optics and heat-transfer problems associated with keeping satellite-borne electronic components within their operating temperature range. HRB-Singer had a 70% downsizing and Jim had to get serious. He became a full-time graduate student at Penn State and completed a PhD in Solid State Science in 1972. After getting a PhD at age 47, Jim joined three engineers who had left HRB-Singer to form Scitek Inc. They got a contract from the Naval Ordnance Facility, to investigate techniques for detection and location of unexploded bombs and shells buried by impact on practice bombing ranges. NCSC won, and Scitek paid the penalty for being sponsored by the loser. In 1976 Jim went to Penn State’s Applied Research Laboratory, and worked on underwater acoustics, magnetic, and meteorological lidar. When the State College Community Concert Band was founded in 1976, Jim was there. In retirement Anne and Jim are still living in the State College, PA area in the house they built in the woods in 1962, enjoying visits by their children and grandchildren...

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Joe Montross, PC'64 (sophiamontross@yahoo.com) writes... I have a funny story about three bros, **Pete Andersen, Rich Harvey**, and myself. We all worked the garbage crew, driving a Ford flat bed truck. The three of us went around campus collecting garbage. Around noon we would stop at the Union to eat our lunch. We had no problem getting our lunch and finding a table. Why? We had garbage juice all over our clothing. Lots of flies became our visitors. I don't know what other students thought of us. But, we enjoyed our lunch and our own table without a crowd... (*Editor's note: Sadly Joe passed away shortly after submitting this story...see obits*)...

Barry Moyer, PC'71 - Barr46@aol.com writes... I recently read in the Parsons Newsletter that you would like to get more copies of the Peira Yearbook. I have a very dusty (otherwise in good shape) copy of the 1964 Peira. This year book has been with me since I graduated and left Fairfield in February 1971. How I got it is really not that interesting. A friend was operating a pizza cafe on the bottom floor of the Student Union around 1969-1970. He found a storeroom down the hall from where he ran this pizza operation. In this room were a large number of boxes with yearbooks starting from 1969 and going back to the early '60's. He gave me this book and I have kept it along with a Parsons football helmet I found in the trash bin outside the old field house around 1968 (Gold helmet with Green "P"). Ironically I must have misplaced my own classes yearbook (1971)...it was not hard bound due to the colleges finances in 1970-1971 and it could have been thrown out during one of our moves. I would be happy to send the yearbook to your Mt. Pleasant IA address at my expense. It has moved with my family though the years and my wife has always asked why do I have a '64 yearbook if I graduated in '71. This will give me the opportunity to send this piece of Parsons memorabilia back to where it belongs and to the people who can take care of it...

(Editor's note: Ed Longanecker response - Barry, thanks for the note and offer. You are the second persons who has responded to memorabilia for our auction or archiving. Please send it to: Ed Longanecker, 211 West Washington, Mt. Pleasant, IoA52641. Nice story and thank you again, Ed)

The Fall/Winter Mystery Quiz – THE QUESTION???



MEMORIES FROM OUR PAST...

At one time these two mystery buildings were hot spots for the students of Parsons as well as the residents of Fairfield. As most of the past treasures of Fairfield, both of these buildings have now been transformed. We ask that you look carefully at the photo, turn the key to your vivid imagination and help us identify the buildings. They truly were a couple “lively” spots and should not be forgotten. The answer to this Fall/Winter Mystery Quiz will appear in the next issue of the PCAlumni E-Newsletter... Good luck!!!

Greek and Social News...

Alpha Xi "Fun Bunch" celebrates a birthday!



"THE FUN BUNCH" – L/R: Cheryl Peasley, Marilynne Wepsala Urquardt, Betsy Bernstein, Pam Plummer, Sandy Hermel Parker, Joanna Peters Chicko and Lynetter Meisner Hughes...

Turning 70 was not so bad for **Pam Plummer Anello**. The "FUN BUNCH," a group of Pam's Alpha Xi Delta Sorority sisters, showed up to help her over the hump. The "FUN BUNCH" are a party waiting to happen and they don't need much of an excuse, or reason to party on.

Most of the group attended Parsons during the mid-1960's and they have stayed in touch and kept close tabs on each other. The scene of this year's gathering was in San Diego, Pam's home town...

Alpha Xi's last call results

We know the Alpha Xi's were represented at the PC All-Classes Reunion but where were they. We trust that **Virginia Langner Pickerell** mustered up a group of sisters but we've had no report on the who's, the where's and when's of reunion weekend. We did see the return of **Fran Carson**, but it's unlike the Alpha Xi's to appear incognito. How about it Virginia???

"Rum and Chowder's" Up front!!

The "Rummers" (Rum & Chowder Gentlemen's Society), led by **Kip Walsh** made a nice impact on the All-Classes Reunion. It was no surprise that they immediately sought out the best little alley bar (*The Hideaway*) in Fairfield and rallied around whatever there was to rally around with a cold frosty in hand. The "Rummers" are a spirited bunch and we suspect they'll be back again for the next every 2-year reunion...

WTBA's make a splash!!

Speaking Social Clubs there were a number of WTBA's in the neighborhood, most notably **Dick Thomas**, "**Biff**" **Kummer**, **Jeff Stanley** from Madison, WI and of "*Dotty Dumpling's Dowry*" hamburger fame, **Paul Garrison**, sporting his 1960's Gobble's madras plaid jacket (which still fit nicely) and **Lindsay "River" Shannon**, one of the WOH honorees

TKE's: You can count them IN!

Members of the TKE fraternity appeared in force at the October Reunion in Fairfield. You can always count on the TKE's to appear in numbers. **Bill Burger** and **Ed Reed** spearheaded this year's return to Fairfield and were quite satisfied with the turnout. The TKE's broke away from the mainstream to gather independently for dinner and to rehash old times but they attended the main events in mass.

Phi Sigs celebrate Bros to WOH

Those Phi Sigs in attendance, **Blackstock**, **Don Kivowitz**, **Dean Honnold**, **Glen Motsinger** and **Dave Dillingham** celebrated the induction of three of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Bros who were inducted to the Wall of Honor – **Kivowitz**, **Honnold**, and **Denny Edwards** (posthumously)...

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Charter Members - 1971



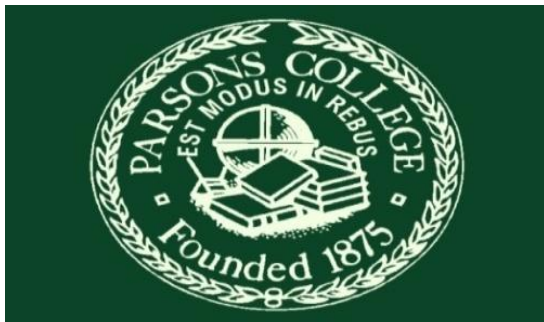
The Charter Members circa 1972. Row 1 L/R: Polly Hamilton, Wendy Glass, Rita Dettore. Row 2: Sue Bauman, Joan Herron, Suzie Stoll. Row 3: Sue Stoffa, Sharon Green, Terri McGraw.

Charter Members - 2015



The Charter Members reunite in 2015 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Deerfield Beach Resort Deerfield Beach, FL after 43 years. Sitting: L/R Susan Bauman, Marcy Hoover; Standing: L/R Lynn McGraw, Terry McGraw DiLauro and Wendy Glass...

In the late 1960's, early 1970's you didn't need to belong to a sorority to have group identification. Pictured above are the *Charter Members* who lived in a house adjacent Howard Dorm. These gals were not deprived of good times at Parsons, nor did they miss out on a fun time at their recent reunion on the sunny shores of south east Florida.



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).

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Letters to the Editor...

Does anybody want Peira yearbooks from the 1940's???

Jim Jenness '45 – jrj8@juno.com

(Editor's note: Ed Longanecker response: Jim, don't know at the moment but as we develop the exchange, auction to benefit the PCAA & PCFF is a possibility and good folks may come forward for any number of reasons. I would be happy to receive anything that you have... ED emlong2@iowatelecom.net)

Thanks for the great E-Newsletter. Sorry to hear about Lee Gobble's death. I remember him well and, as others, I bought many clothes from him. I am curious if you have a list of professors from 1969-1973 to the closing. I remember **Dr. Fox** as the Dean, but I now only remember faces but not names. The Art Department prof was a thin man that lived on the east side of town. The other that I remember was a short guy who taught Chemistry. Both really drew your attention. If you have a list that would be great.

Alan Eckert '69-'70 – cruisenal@gmail.com

(Editor's note: We do not have a list. Best source would be on the internet or if you're in Fairfield, the library has most all yearbooks, or possibly our readers could help you out.)

I have a 1952 Peira yearbook and a 1954 Parsons Zeta mug. I also think I have a 1951 Peira yearbook somewhere but haven't found it yet. If you want these items let me know.

Duane Hill '50's – edpahill@aol.com

(Editor's note: Please contact Ed Longanecker (emlong2@iowatelecom.net) to discuss and make arrangements...Thanks)

As a SPECIAL REQUEST, would someone out there be willing to send me a photograph of their 1964 diploma? Mine has been destroyed but I can build a new one with the autographs (signatures) of **Millard G. Roberts**, etc. I do not need the name of the sending student, so it's okay if whitted out. Most appreciative of any help.

Tom LeBoutillier '64 – lebouts@bellsouth.net

Loved the E-Newsletter. One correction...as much as I would have enjoyed being Director of Admissions at Artisia College in New Mexico (satellite school), I am sad to say that I was never affiliated with that college. I had already moved to Tempe, AZ and I was wandering the world with my consulting business. My brother, Cameron, wrote and asked if I had been living a double life?? LOL!!! Blessings and hope all had a good time in Fairfield!

Steve Case '60's – stevecase2009@comcast.net

(Editor's note: Major apologies Steve. Glad you were able to manufacture our error into some laughter.)



In the bio section of both of my books I added Parsons College because I have never given the college any mention prior. The more I reflect on my short time there the more I remember the great memories. I only attended Parsons for one semester (basketball scholarship) as I got my draft notice the day I was set to leave for the next semester. Though short, the memories are still fond.

Chuck Togias '65 – cstogias@hotmail.com

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LETTERS- (cont'd)

I want to thank you again for a wonderful reunion weekend. Keeping the spirit of Parsons alive gives us all a place to keep our memories. Thanks, Rich Tallin...

Richard Tallin '66 - rtallin@aaimporting.com

I got a copy of the newsletter from The Alpha Xi **Virginia Pickerell**. As usual, it was newsy and memory-inducing - thanks for all your work, and for the huge improvements I see since the first issues years ago. One small quibble: "She was 82-years-old." Hyphenated only when used as an adjective: "This 82-year-old woman died..." I just can't help myself!

Margaret Bloebaum '65 - margaretbloebaum@gmail.com

Another good newsletter. How many semesters did Parsons offer the Overseas Program? I went on the 1962 (or '63) spring trip with Professor **Foster Brenneman** who was the advisor. If interested, I have a Parsons College Bulletin from 1968-1970 and 25, or so, vintage postcards of the campus...

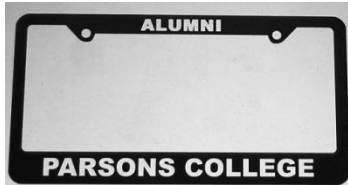
Jim Bush '60- '63 - jl2001ret@yahoo.com

(Editor's Note: We believe the Overseas program lasted three years but we are not positive. Martha Wearin Rasmussen would know. Regarding post cards, please contact Ed Longanecker if you are interested in donating them (elong2@iowatelecom.net))

Photos to the Editor



Dick, Biff and Ray



PC Alumni License Plate...Yes? No?



The Boys - Arizona 2014 Reunion



Joe & Jean Hartman

*Happy Hanukkah!
Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!
Be safe... Be healthy!*



PC Museum Cheerleader



Night time View Barhydt Window



2015 Reunion dinner at Country Club

In Memoriam...

Charles Sloca, PC/faculty... Charles, 93, of Fort Loudon, Pa., formerly of Fairfield, passed away Friday Nov. 20, 2015 at the Village of Laurel Run nursing home, Chambersburg, Pa. He was born in Rahway, N.J. and graduated from Rahway High School.

Charles was a junior at Rutgers University when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942. Following training as a co-pilot, he entered the European Theater flying a B-17 on bombing missions over Germany. On Aug. 7, 1944, his plane took a disabling hit over the target which led to a forced landing in Germany. The crew spent the rest of the war in German prison camps.

Returning home, he enrolled at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., from which he earned both Masters and Doctoral degrees in English. He taught at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA, Bethany College, Bethany, WV and at Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pa.

In 1957, he was recruited by Parsons where he served as academic dean of the college and professor for 16 years. Charles was a colorful character but as dean of the college many viewed him as a hard nosed, non-nonsense professor. He enjoyed an occasional verbal skirmish, didn't hold grudges, but was quick to get to the bottom line.

When Parsons closed, he entered the public school system, teaching at Van Buren Community School District, Keosauqua, Iowa, at the high school and middle school levels until retiring in 1985.

From 1964 to 1985 he also served as local pastor and ordained deacon at New Sweden United Methodist and Glasgow United Methodist country churches in Iowa. During his teaching career he developed and published several English teaching aids and numerous scripture study documents. His study of the Bible led to 17 years as host of a Sunday morning radio program of scripture study at KMCD-AM in Fairfield, Iowa. A member of Fort Loudon United Methodist Church, he also served as a Sunday School teacher and was member of numerous civic, social and ministerial associations throughout his lifetime.

In 1943, Charlie married Maureen Rushmore, who predeceased him in 1952. In 1954 he married Joan Rosenberry, his wife of 61 years, who survives. In addition to his wife, he is survived by nine children, 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a future date with burial of cremains at the convenience of the family. Kelso-Cornelius Funeral Home of Chambersburg, PA is handling arrangements...

16 years Dean & Professor of the College



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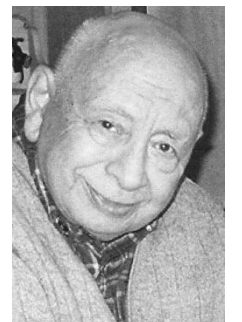
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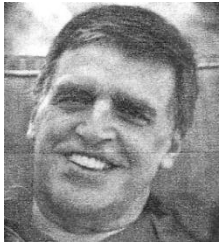


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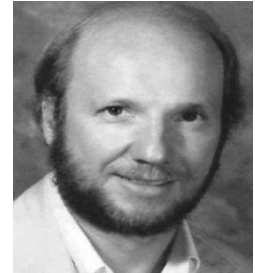
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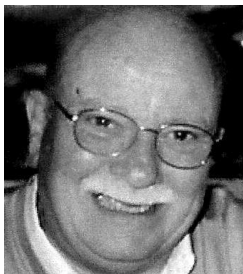
Ralph Compagnone '68

Ralph Compagnone, PC'68... of Mt. Lebanon, PA passed away October 20, 2015. Ralph was 69-years-old. At Parsons, Ralph majored in Sociology and was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He was also a member of Circle K Club, Sociology Club, Lettermen Club and served on the Inter-Fraternity Council. Ralph is survived by his wife Jane, of 46 years, two children (and families) and three grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were handled by William Slater II Funeral Service in Scott Twp and a Mass was held at the St. Bernard Church in Mt. Lebanon...

Joseph George Montross Jr., PC'64... of Port Huron, MI, passed away November 28, 2015 in his home surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. Joe, who was 75, was born in Port Huron and married Amnuayporn "Sophia" Hanwong on July 17, 1995 in a Buddhist Civil Ceremony in the city of Udorn Thani, Thailand. Joe was a former teacher and worked and lived in Michigan, California and Northeast Thailand during his career. He was a lifelong member of Grace Episcopal church. He was also a former sponsor to Amerasians through the Pearl S. Buck Foundation in Southeast Asia and an employee of the Air American Association. Joe attended Parsons from 1960-64, graduating with a degree in English Literature and becoming a teacher. While at Parsons he was a popular member of the Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity, served in the Student Government and was Vice-President of the Senior Class. He was also chosen to Monxhead. Joe is survived by his wife, Sophia Amnuayporn, a son, Anon, a daughter, Praewa and a host of other relatives. A memorial service was held at Grace Episcopal Church. The Reverend Lydia Speller and Deacon Linda Crane were scheduled to officiate...



Joe Montross '64

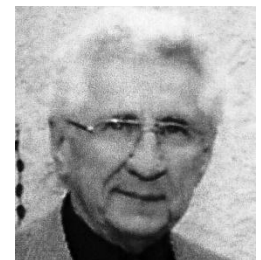


Gary Schweb '64

Gary L. Schweb, PC'64... born in Davenport, Iowa, passed away at his home in Columbus, OH on September 9, 2015, after an extended illness. Loving husband, father and grandfather, he is survived by his wife of 31 years, Vivian; children, Matt (Lisa) and son Devon, Kristin (Paul) Ruiz and sons Jake and Joey, Tami Jones, Jennifer (Heath) Cook and children Adam and Paige; and sister, Susan Schweb. Gary graduated from Parsons where he was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity. His marketing career included the Maytag Company, Jenn-Air Company, and Choice Brands where he was Regional Sales Manager. Gary was a member of the Worthington United Methodist Church, and served as a youth volunteer for Maize Manor Methodist Church. His passion and support for St.

Jude's Hospital will live on forever. Gary's family received friends at the Worthington United Methodist Church, and a celebration of life followed...

Tom Ward, PC'47-'51... passed away September 14, 2015 in Mesa, AZ from cancer. Born in Fairfield and he attended Parsons until 1951. Played bass drum in high school, the 34th Division Army National Guard band, and performed in many concerts on the square. Tom married Dorothy Wingate in 1952. He was revered for his sense of humor and numerous poems written about Fairfield. Tom was a top selling agent for Banker's Life, an account executive/announcer for KBIZ/KTVO in Ottumwa. He entered the paint and decorating business and owned/managed several paint store businesses, in both Iowa and Mesa, AZ where he spent his later years. Tom is survived by his second wife, Dorothy (#2), three children, two step-children and a host of grand and great-grandchildren. A private celebration of life was held November 15, 2015 in Mesa...



Tom Ward '47-'51

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