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Finally!!!! The Parsons College Pennant has arrived!!!

We've always wanted a Parsons College pennant! But how do you get a pennant from a college that has been shuttered for 43 years. Well...we'll tell you how. You contact your friends at the FAIRFIELD LINE INC, and have them make one. Then, you like the final product (pennant) so much you decide that all of our Parsons alumni & friends should have the opportunity to also own one. Just in time for the holiday season, we're delighted to add the PARSONS pennant to our collection at the Parsons College memorabilia store. So, looking for a unique and out of the ordinary gift for mum and dad, or sister or brother, or friends for the holiday season, we have it right here? Posted to this page is a sampling of some of the items we're offering through our partners at FAIRFIELD LINE. The L/S Sweatshirt is not shown, but is available in green and white. **For more items, pricing and detailed ordering instructions, go to page 20 of this E-Newsletter.**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS to ONE and ALL!!

The Wall of Honor: Another Proud Class of Inductees



Dan Breen



Bill Burger



Jim Cornick



Bob Harrison



*Ms. David Hubler
for David Hubler*

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*Lois Stuflick
Johnson*



Bill Larkin



*Merlin
Rostermundt*

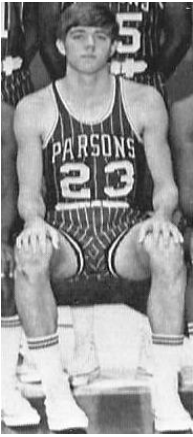


Jeff Stanley



*Frank Repass for
David Thompson*

WOH Profiles: “Little did they know way back then what was to come...”



Dan Breen '71

DAN BREEN '71 - Dan taught and coached in the Fairfield Community School District for 33 years. After becoming the first girls basketball coach when the sport was added in 1972, he put together one of the most amazing, dominant and successful basketball programs in the history of the state of Iowa. Here are some of the incredible highlights: career record 334-60 - conference record 97-3 - home court winning streak 94 (one of highest in nation) - consecutive 20-win seasons 13 - regional finals 11 times - state tournament Final-4 appearances 5 consecutive (only school in 60 year history of class era to achieve that mark) - and State Champions 1983. The recognition that followed included: Kodak Iowa Coach of the Year 1983 - and the Iowa Girls Athletic Union Award 1986 ('Golden Plaque of Distinction for Career Achievement') of which he was youngest coach ever to receive. Dan was inducted to the Iowa Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2005. His rise to the platform of recognition began at Parsons. In 1971, Dan, a 4.0 GPA student, was named recipient of the Parsons College President's Plaque for Achievement, the college's highest award. Over the years, his ongoing contributions to Fairfield have impacted the community tremendously.

Dan founded the “Fairfield Youth basketball” program which has grown to over 150 participants and 12 collective teams. He's also coached and sponsored team travel. But perhaps Dan's biggest impact on the community was his role as a founder and leader of a task force that promoted, designed and helped raise 9.5 million dollars (3.0M taxpayer contributed) to totally upgrade the city's recreational facilities. The upgrades and additions included an outdoor pool and an indoor recreation center that houses 3 full gym floors and a running/walking track. Dan and wife Tina reside in Fairfield, have three children (plus three from a previous marriage) and six grandchildren. He was presented to the Wall of Honor by **Ron Hunerdosse...**



Bill Burger '61

BILL BURGER '60 - Bill's enrollment at Parsons opened the doors for him to flourish as an impacting and effective leader. As a sophomore, he was named Chairman of the Homecoming Committee. In his junior year, Bill was voted President of his Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. And his senior year was highlighted by election to President of the Student Body. His march to a successful and distinguished business career began as a Trust Officer at the National Bank of Waterloo, following graduation from the University of Iowa with a law degree. It culminated in 2007 with retirement, after serving as President of the Iowa City Market for USBank. Sandwiched in between were his 27 years, serving as Senior Vice President Head of the Trust Department, and President of the Iowa Trust Association. Terms as Senior Vice President and Senior Trust Officer at First National Bank in Iowa City followed on Bill's path to his final position at USBank. Also paralleling the journey

his commitment to caring for others. The Iowa State Jaycees recognized his contributions as president, when he was named "Outstanding State Governmental Affairs Chairman in 1965." Bill's incredible and relentless participation in community affairs also included, chairing drives for the Iowa Heart Association, the American Cancer Society and the Blackhawk County United Way. To top it off, he's served as President of the Chamber of Commerce in Waterloo, AND was named "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" in 1973. Bill's community contributions led to his appointment by, then Governor, Robert Ray, to the Iowa Development Commission, which he chaired for four years. Bill's involvement as chairman of the Waterloo Public Library Board led to sweeping changes, the issuing of bonds, restoring, and consolidating two libraries into one. His support for all the University of Iowa's athletic programs resulted in his election to the National I-Club board of directors, a position he still holds. And for the last 17 years, he has served as an advisory board member, and one-term president, for The Oaknoll Retirement Community. Bill was also one of three founding members of the Community Foundation of Johnson County, which administers over 10.0M and annually grants back \$200,000 to the non-profits of Johnson County. After retirement, Bill and his wife of 56 years, Celia, moved to Gainesville, FL. Although Bill makes time to enjoy his family of one daughter, three sons (families) and six grandchildren, he volunteers as a ranger at a local golf club, still serves on a number of boards and has been instrumental in reviving his third Methodist Church Foundation. Bill was presented to the Wall of Honor by friend and fraternity brother, **Gene Copeland...**

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JAMES CORNICK '65 - Jim was born in Fairfield and raised on a dairy and hog farm. He graduated Fairfield High School and went on to Parsons. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree, he took a job as a sales representative with an oil company in Chicago. Two years later, Jim was back in Iowa and back in the farming industry. In 1967, he went to work for the Des Moines based Meredith Corporation, starting on the ground floor as a field merchandising representative for their *Successful Farming Magazine*. Jim learned the business from the bottom-up. It was a challenging road but in 1981, he was named publisher of *Successful Farming*. The Meredith Corporation magazine was founded in 1902. Jim holds the distinction of becoming only the sixth Publisher in the history of the 100-year old publication. In addition to his responsibilities of planning the strategic direction, financial performance and providing commercial leadership, Jim branched out to other related sectors of the industry. Throughout his career he was active in the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA). In 1990, he was recognized by the NAMA as its "National Agricultural Communicator of the Year." Jim later served as President of the Iowa Chapter of NAMA, and was inducted into the Iowa NAMA's Hall of Fame in 2001. During his nearly 35-year career at Meredith, Jim also served on the National FFA Foundation Board (formerly Future Farmers of America) and was a recipient of a FFA's Honorary Farmer Degree. For a number of those years, he was a member of the Business Advisory Board of the National Association of Conservation Districts in Washington, DC. And he also is a past president of the Agricultural Publishers Association. While at Parsons, Jim belonged to the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He credits his college education as having played a large role in preparing him for the business world. Jim is grateful to have gone through the tedious and tumultuous times which Parsons endured in the early-mid 1960's. He looks back on those innovative, creative and diversified times as the catalyst for producing a challenging climate for us (the students) to grow. "We not only learned, but we learned to think outside the box, and we were exposed to a worldwide culture of people and events. Parsons was decades ahead of the times verses the traditional colleges," Jim concluded. Once retired, Jim jumped right into working on the Board of Trustees for the Iowa 4-H Foundation. He's been president of the Des Moines Club, former board member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, was a founder of Iowa's popular DAM to DAM Running Event, and for 15 years made time to contribute as a certified Iowa High School baseball official. With the recent loss of his son, Jim has become an active spokesperson and advocate for raising awareness toward the evaluation, treatment and care for those suffering from mental illness. He is currently on the Iowa Mental Health Planning Council and is a member of the Polk County Health Services board. Jim is married to **Sue Ann Roxbury**, they have two sons, Patrick and Jeffrey (deceased) and have lived in Des Moines nearly 50 years. Jim was presented to the Wall of Honor by his high school and college classmate and friend, **Don Samuelson...**



James Cornick '64

"BOBBY" HARRISON '54 - When you mention the name Bobby Harrison in the state of Iowa, you immediately think of music, the Fairfield Dixieland Band, and one extremely talented trumpet player. Bobby's contributions to the music scene in the Fairfield community and state were endless. It began while a member of the Iowa National Guard 34th Infantry Red Bull Band, based in Fairfield. Bobby was a core and founding member of the Dixieland Band. In the early 1960's the band was selected to participate in the "Sell, See Iowa Caravan", traveling the state to promote tourism. Over the years, the band traveled the country and performed their "free-lance" style of music at numerous state events, showcasing the state of Iowa. While at Parsons, Bobby also showcased a stellar athletic ability. He became the first post-WWII Parsons athlete to be awarded four-sports-letters in one year, and totaled 12 letters during his college career.



"Bobby" Harrison, '54

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Bobby returned to Parsons in the mid-60's to help establish Pershing College, a satellite school located in Beatrice, NE. And in 1972, with Parsons winding down, he volunteered to coach the Wildcats last season of "club-level" football. Bobby's professional career began at the First National Bank in Fairfield and ended decades later with retirement from the Loudon Corporation in Fairfield. During his Loudon days, he not only became Corporate Sales Manager, but was involved with the drafting and designing of a number new projects. The highlight of Bobby's career came in 1971 when he received the award for "Highest Level of Marketing" from the Loudon Division of American Chain & Cable. In the final chapter of his music career, for a period of time, Bobby, the trumpet player, volunteered to play "Taps" at graveside funerals for fallen veterans from the Marion, IA area. He and wife Ruth have two daughters, two sons (and families) and one stepson. Bobby was presented to the WOH by his son, **Doug Harrison**...



David Hubler '60

DAVID HUBLER '60 (posthumously) - In the world of college and university student unions, Dave was regarded as a leader and an authority on usage and design. His stellar career in Student Union and Activities Management began at Parsons and thrived thereafter. Dave was later recognized as a national and international authority and consultant on Student Union operations, interior usage and design. He's authored and co-authored numerous articles on College Student Unions which were published in "The Bulletin of the Association of College Unions-International." Dave was a frequent presenter at the ACU-I Annual Conferences held world-wide, and he held various regional and national leadership positions for over 30 years (1968-2000). In his later years, Dave served as a consultant on a number of new student unions projects. He also served on committees for the ACU-I which included, the Fine Arts Committee, the College Bowl Committee, the Recreation Committee and the Historical Black Institutions College Bowl Committee. But where Dave really made his mark and made a difference was in the community. While living in California, he saw a need to assist the low income

families who were unable to purchase a home. So he started the first Habitat for Humanity group in Chico, CA and built their first house before moving on. After moving back to Iowa, Dave saw a need to help those suffering from blood cancers. So he started a Leukemia & Lymphoma Support Group in Des Moines. In 2010, Dave was named "National Volunteer of the Year" by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He dedicated the latter part of his life to actively advocating and lobbying at state and federal levels for improved health legislation and funding for those with blood cancers. Dave's volunteerism and selfless concern for those with serious health issues made a difference for many. Dave, who passed away in the spring of 2016, served in the U.S. Marine Corps and married his college sweetheart, Tamara (Davis). He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, two children and three grandchildren. Dave was presented by Mark Hubler and his plaque was accepted by his wife **Tamara Hubler**...

LOIS STUFLICK JOHNSON '71 - Lois was instrumental in organizing the first women's basketball camp in the United States. At Parsons, she was an Academic All-American and Valedictorian of her senior class. Lois represented the United States in the Pan-American Games and played at the National AAU Tournament and was an All-American. Coach **Bob Spencer** called Lois, "One of the hardest working players on any of my teams and one of the best players in the world." She was later inducted into the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. In 1968, upon graduation from Kanawha High School, Coach Spencer was waiting on her doorstep and Lois was off to John F. Kennedy College in Wahoo, NE. She later transferred to Parsons where she wrapped up a stellar career, both in the classroom and on the court. Lois left Parsons with a great education and also a great husband, **Howard Johnson**, who also graduated from Parsons. She continued her participation in summer basketball camps and began her lengthy teaching and coaching (basketball and track) career at SE Polk High School in Pleasant Hill, near Des Moines. In 1977, SE Polk High School won the Iowa State Girls High School Basketball Tournament Championship. For the past 24 years, since the community recreational facility opened to the public, Lois has worked for the Altoona Campus, starting and implementing youth basketball programs.

Lois Stuflick Johnson '73



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Activities Director **Bruce Mason** credits Lois, saying, "She gets the kids active and moving. She makes basketball and fitness fun for the children." Lois is also involved with the local Catholic Church in Altoona, assisting with youth programs and annual fundraising events. Coach Mason added, "Her greatest strength is her positive attitude. All of the children win by being associated with Lois!" Although now retired, she still works closely in a supportive role with the "Girl's State Basketball Tournament." Lois and Howard have two daughters, a son (families) and reside in Altoona, IA. Former coach, **Bob Spencer** presented Lois to the Wall of Honor...



Bill Larkin '66

BILL LARKIN '66 – Bill is the founder of PASS Charters, an air charter management company headquartered in Waterford, MI. PASS Charters is in its eighth year providing air charter services to the collegiate market. Currently, PASS Charter transports various sports teams for more than 40 colleges, including Notre Dame, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Indiana, Butler, Arkansas, Vanderbilt and Duke. PASS Charter, does not own their own planes, they, contract aircraft from various sources. Previously, Bill was Executive Vice President and Principal of F.X. Coughlin, a global provider of integrated logistics services. Over a 20 year period, Bill was a key factor in growing the business from a modest customs house broker to a leading provider of "Tier I" integrated logistic support services to, primarily, the automotive industry. Following a peak year of 320.0M in sales, expanding to 1,200 employees, and shipping over 300,000 ocean containers globally, F.X. Coughlin was approached by Exel Logistics, the largest logistics company in the world, and sold.

Today, in addition to owning PASS Charter, Bill is a minority partner in the ownership of two professional minor league baseball teams, the Connecticut Tigers (Detroit - Class A) and the Biloxi Shuckers (Milwaukee - Class AA). Bill's journey started fresh out of high school in the early 1960's. He was headed to a Detroit community college when he reneged and accepted a football scholarship offer from Parsons. That decision opened a whole new world for a kid from modest means and average grades. Bill generously attributes his success at Parsons, and in his business career, to the relationships he established with the great guys he met, both rich and poor, and the fabulous professors, who helped you, spent extra time with you, and were genuinely interested in your success. "My four years at Parsons opened a whole new worldly outlook of possibilities," Bill said. Following three years of football, two years as president of the Letterman's Club, membership to Gold Key, Omicron and belonging to the Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity, Bill graduated and was drafted into the US Army. He entered Officers Candidate School, served as a Transportation Officer and Company Commander in Europe and Southeast Asia in the transportation support division. That is where Bill got his first taste of logistics, moving/loading supplies and equipment in the motor pool. Following the service, Bill's familiarity with transportation led through a job as a cargo sales rep and onto F.X. Coughlin (1974-2003). Bill is now firmly entrenched in building his PASS Charters business, adding more college teams to his client list, and exceeding 20.0M in charters this year. His philanthropic endeavors are too many to name. But he is most proud of his two favorites: "Forgotten Harvest" where he is a board member and dedicated to helping to relieving hunger in Metro Detroit, MI. Last year they rescued and passed on 49.0M lbs of food; and "Troops First" where, as a board member, he is working to provide programs and specialized events designed for wounded military and their families which address - relationship building, mentoring, reintegrating and looking forward. Bill and wife Cathie, who have one son, split the year living in Naples, FL and Bloomington Hills, MI. Bill was presented to the Wall of Honor by **Dick Barton**...

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MERLIN ROSTERMUNDT '52 – Merlin has done just about everything there is to do in his town of Ireton, IA. He's served as Mayor, and on-down a list of positions and occupations. The town of Ireton, IA has a population of around 600 residents. Merlin has been a resident for nearly 60 years. For all he's done - for all the positions he's held within the community and surrounding area - one would have thought, by now, a movement to change the name of the town from Ireton to Rostermundt, IA would have been in order. The 1952 graduate of Parsons not only served a term as Mayor of this quintessential little town, but - he was Chairman of the Ireton Development Corporation - was a member of the City Council 4 years - held the position of City Clerk for 21 years - and worked on the Election Board for 23 years. On the business side, he could very well be doing your Income Tax preparation - if doing a transaction with the Security Savings Bank over a 29 year period, you were probably sitting across from Executive Vice President Rostermundt. And if looking to satisfy your insurance needs, Merlin,



Merlin Rostermundt '52

the President of Ireton-Craig Insurance Agency, was there to handle your business. But actually, it was an opportunity in the field of education that brought Merlin to Ireton. After graduating from Manning High School, he headed off to Iowa State on a full-ride basketball scholarship. Merlin was not happy at ISU and successfully transferred to Parsons with the scholarship intact. He lettered in three sports, has a string of O.B. Nelson stories, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree (Zoology). Immediately after leaving Parsons, Merlin joined the Fairfield High School faculty/staff. He taught science and history, was named assistant football coach, and shortly thereafter, he became the men's head basketball coach. Four years later, Merlin moved to Ireton and held the positions of principal and head basketball coach at AR-WE-VA High School (Arcadia, Westphalia, Vail). During this period he also began a 20 year stint as a high school and small college football and basketball referee. It was at the end of this period Merlin left AR-WE-VA to become principal of West Sioux Elementary School. Over the years, he continued his pursuit of a Master of Education Degree in Administration and was awarded that degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermilion, SD in 1966. Three years later, the passing of a friend led Merlin to ending his duties at West Sioux Elementary and moving onto the business world. And after that lengthy career, he retired in 1993. Merlin is a supporter of a number of local activities, and can be seen frequently at a Friday night West Sioux Falcons football game. He and his Manning High School sweetheart, and wife of 66 years, have two daughters, a son (families) and seven grandchildren... Merlin was presented to the Wall of Honor by his daughter, **Monica Verros...**



Jeffrey Stanley '64

JEFFREY STANLEY '64 - If you're looking for the best hamburger in the state of Wisconsin, head to *Dotty Dumpling's Dowry* in Madison. No doubt you will meet the owner of this legendary establishment of 40+ years. Jeffery Stanley, a Parsons '64 grad, is the proud owner and proprietor. Currently, his *Dolly Dumpling's Dowry* restaurant, which has received major recognition, is located downtown near the university. Dolly's was named "Best Burger in the Big 10" by USA Today. The restaurant has been featured in the New York Times. Trip Advisor rated it "The #1 Joint in Madison for a Dining Experience." Dotty's was also included in a recent book titled, "1001 Places to Eat Before You Die." Locally, Dotty's owns the ratings: "Best Burger in Madison" by Isthmus Publication 30 times - Madison Magazine 30 times - The Badger Herald - and The Daily Cardinal. Jeff fried his first hamburger in 1974. After failed attempts at a career in retailing and owning an eclectic gift shop in Des Moines, Jeff took the name *Dotty Dumpling's Dowry* to Madison and found what he refers to as a "burger hut." Equipped with a grill, a counter top and only 10 stools, Jeff began frying hamburgers. Two years later, Dotty's had out grown the burger hut and moved to a larger location where their popularity and reputation soared. Then after moving to a third prime location and adding antiques and a boutique-ish like atmosphere, the city took over his property through eminent domain in favor of the development of the Overture Cultural Center. Jeff battled the take-over to the very last day.

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You know you've done something right when the local population shows up in huge numbers to support your cause. A tearful Jeff said, "I was overwhelmed by the caring crowd and their desire to help." During his final week on Fairchild Street, in a gesture of customer appreciation, Jeff rolled back the prices to the 1974 rates. Rather than mourn the setback, he created a celebration. Jeff's desire to find a new location and reopen never wavered. After being closed for a period of time, *Dolly Dumpling's Dowry* reopened in 2003. That little 10 stool hamburger hut is now a large humming restaurant, equipped with 86 seats. The 2016 projected sales are 2.0M. Looking back on his Parsons days, Jeff proudly recants: "I successfully majored in history and sociology - was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and WTBA - lettered on the Wildcats golf team - had a charge card at Gobble's Clothing Store - drank Brandy Alexander's at the country club - met a helluva lot of great people - and had a helluva lot of good times." Giving back to the community is also a big part of Jeff's life. He and Dotty's are affiliated with a number of charities, including the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Gio's Garden (a therapeutic respite center for children), Aldo Leopold Nature Center (children's camp) and the River Food Pantry. Jeff lives in Madison and spends time in Florida. He is happily single, has two ex-wives, three daughters, two sons and eight grandchildren. He was presented to the Wall of Honor by **Dr. Biff Kummer...**



David A. Thompson '71

DAVID A. THOMPSON '71 - Dave owns the largest multi-point truck and trailer dealerships on the west coast. He carries the largest inventory of Volvo and Mack trucks in the United States. Dave's empire of dealerships now includes 26 locations spread over 16 cities, five states (Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Arizona), nearly 1,500 employees, and serves a population base area of over 40.0M. TEC's growth in the dealership industry is unprecedented. Each dealership was a ground floor up project and all locations and facilities are company owned. Dave started with one dealership in Portland, OR in 1976 and now owns 26. His methodical strategy has yielded an incredible streak of 39 years of profitability, and revenue exceeding \$740.0M. On the board for 2017 is a state-of-the-art facility to be located in Fontana, CA. It will be the largest Truck Dealership in North America with 174,000 square feet of space, including 90 service bays. Dave represents Volvo, Mack and GMC as a franchise dealer. TEC Equipment ranks as one of Volvo's top three dealerships in North America. In 2014, TEC ranked as the largest Volvo, Mack and GMC dealership in the United States and the 5th largest of all dealerships. Ranking at the top of Dave's list of

awards was being named "North American Dealer of the Year," the only dealership to have won the award two times. A plethora of awards follow including, "National Dealer of the Year" (twice), plus numerous Dealer of the Year awards in the areas of truck operations, leasing, parts and supplies. Parsons and Fairfield had a big impact on Dave's life. With the demise of Parsons, he could have easily joined the exodus of departing students but didn't. He remained loyal to the college that accepted him, and to the friends with whom he formed lifelong relationships. Dave credits the college and his Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity brothers for drawing him out socially and giving him the self-confidence to go forward. The shy kid and part-time jock, from a modest west coast family, also picked up a summer job driving for a transport company to help pay for school. Dave's goals at the time were to graduate and make enough money to earn a decent living. His interest in buying and selling used trucks surfaced. After graduation, two years service in Vietnam, selling his first truck for around \$1,200 and moving to Portland, OR, he founded Thompson Equipment Company in 1976. Seven years later, he transitioned to TEC Equipment. Dave bought his first franchise in 1990 and continued buying and adding franchises like a kid at the corner confectionary buying baseball cards.. Twenty-six years and twenty-six franchises later, Dave, who has been joined in the business by his three sons, and TEC Equipment are regarded as a leader in the industry. His leadership and contributions to the associations, councils and boards within the industry, which focuses on education and safety, is evidenced by his many roles as member, director, chairman, fundraiser and advisor. Giving back to the community has become more of a routine than an annual event. The numerous local and national causes and charities of which Dave is involved, as a founder, sponsor, donor, chairman and/or board member, are also too many to mention. However, his contributions and the founding of a vocational program directed at improving the graduation rate at a local high school garnered much attention. The program, received community-wide recognition and was profiled by local ABC, NBC and CBS affiliates. Dave, who resides in Tualatin, OR, with his wife Ann, was attending a Volvo Trucks board of directors meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden this week and unable to attend. He was presented by, and his plaque was accepted by friend and fraternity brother, **Frank Repass...**

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PARSONS COLLEGE WALL OF HONOR - NOMINATING INFORMATION

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We welcome your nomination of a candidate to the Wall of Honor.

The Parsons College Foundation established the Parsons College Wall of Honor to recognize students/alumni who have taken their talents, education, and successes, to a level of excellence.

Ideal candidates will have fostered a distinguished career in their field of endeavor, made a contributing impact on their community, and achieved role model status, thus bringing pride and recognition to the name and memory of Parsons College.

The first full weekend of each October has been designated Parsons College Students/Alumni Wall of Honor Weekend. In addition to family and friends of the inductees, an OPEN INVITATION exists to all students, alumni and friends to return, celebrate, and reunion in Fairfield.

The Nomination period will be open from December through March of each year. This is the official announcement, which appears in the Fall/Winter PC E-Newsletter. The names of those selected to the Wall of Honor will be published and revealed in the Summer PC E-Newsletter.

Please use a separate piece of paper to submit your application for the nomination of a Wall of Honor Candidate.

MAIL your nomination package to David Neff at the above address.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME OF NOMINEE

CONTACT INFORMATION

PHOTOGRAPH OF NOMINEE (minimal 5x7 – prefer bust pose)

ACTIVITIES AT PARSONS

YEARS ATTENDED PARSONS

YEAR OF GRADUATION

POST GRADUATE EDUCATION

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS/RECOGNITION

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

DISTINGUISHED ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FAMILY INFORMATION

NAME/CONTACT INFORMATION OF NOMINATOR

We, thank you for your time, consideration and nomination...

A well-deserving Ray Ham, Jr., '73 receives WILDCATS SPIRIT AWARD



Ray Ham

Ray Ham '73 is our second Wildcats Spirit Award honoree. He arrived in Fairfield in the fall of 1970. Over the years, Ray has been an active supporter of our mission to perpetuate the legacy of Parsons College through the written word of Parsons College E-News. His support as a researcher and contributor have proven invaluable. Plus, Ray's assistance physically and financially with these annual Wall of Honor ceremonies has been most appreciated.

As a student, he graduated from high school in York PA. Ray started his college career at John F. Kennedy College in Wahoo NE, transferred and graduated from Parsons with the final class of 1973. For a short time he served as assistant women's basketball coach for the Wildkittens. His professional career actually began as a recruiter for both JFK and Parsons. In recent years, Ray has been working with law enforcement and private entities as a polygrapher, working closely with various branches and sectors where lie detector tests are essential. Ray has also stepped up financially and underwritten the rental of the Sondheim Center for our Wall of Honor events for the last several years. He is the father of three children and, along with his wife Judy, reside in Fairfield and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. The Parsons College Foundation CONGRATULATES Ray as a recipient of the Wildcats Spirit Award...

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Carnegie Historical Museum Project moves forward slowly

CHM's **Kay Ferguson** and her team continue to work diligently toward making the old Carnegie Library the elite Landmark that it deserves to be. The huge progress and impact they've made in such a short time and with such few funds is incredible. Having toured the first and third floors, we can report first hand that their work looks top-notch and such that any historical venue would be proud to display.

Kay continues to explore multiple sources in an effort to obtain grants and donations. **Mark Peterson** of the Winona, WI Historical Society is ready and willing to share his expertise. And **Mark Schafer** ably manages the project on-site daily and oversees the few workers who are moving forward to learn to digitize and catalog the artifacts and documents.

Here's a brief rundown of CHM happenings: Past Perfect Software purchased and installed; Grant in the works to hire 4 helpers; Two volunteers currently working; Grant in the works to rewire and relight the old Barhydt lanterns; The Jefferson County Foundations purchased several mannequins to be used for Parsons displays; **Biff Kummer** had a number of "I Love My Museum" T-shirts made and they're being passed out to volunteers and helpers; Lack of storage space to house newly arriving items continues to be a major problem; Meetings and conversations regarding ideas to setup a Membership Program are underway.

And Lastly, a very special CONGRATULATIONS to our Museum Director, **Mark Schafer**. Mark, who attended and taught at Fairfield High School, received their "Outstanding Fairfield High School Graduate Award!"

DR. TREE'S CORNER... with Bob Tree



For those of you interested in music and the cultural arts scene in the Fairfield area, I have some interesting news to report. The photos (by Werner Elmker) seen on this page were taken of an instrument some of you may have heard about, but rarely seen by most. This is an organ that was custom designed and built several years ago by the Moeller Organ Company of New York, specifically for our now demolished Barhydt Chapel. Unfortunately, as you all now know, the chapel no longer exists.

However, the organ and plans to build it were rescued. After a number of discussions and a major fund drive, the organ has been built and will be permanently housed in the Stephen Sondheim Center of the Performing Arts at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. As luck would have it, the organ's measurements for the area of the Chapel for which it was originally designed were almost identical to the space at the Sondheim.

Last Monday (November 28), **Chris Nelson** performed an organ recital at the Sondheim and was well received by the large crowd. Chris spent the earlier part of his childhood growing up in Fairfield. In later years, he returned frequently to visit his grandmother. Currently, Chris and family are residents of Davenport, IA, where he is the organist for the Lutheran Church and St. Ambrose University. Upcoming events at the Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts commencing December 9th include: *Holiday Extravaganza 2016* (3 days) by the Fairfield Area Community Group; *Jake "The Snake" Roberts Unspoken Word*; *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer Musical*; *Christmas Sing Along*; *Holiday Trade Fair*; *Holiday Concert* and on and on..... Should you be in the Fairfield area and interested, you can obtain a complete listing of all scheduled performances at the Sondheim thru May 7, 2017 by accessing the FA&CC at: www.fairfieldacc.com, or calling: **641-472-2787**. We always love to see our Parsons alumni and friends returning to Fairfield. And it never ceases to amaze me, that for a small town (9-10,000), like ours, there's always a lot going on!!!!



Chris Nelson and "THE" BARHYDT ORGAN

Parsons College Alumni Website

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

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It's a WINNER!!

Bet you didn't know?? by John Braidwood

"Not knowing what else to do, I stood behind my grandmother, and my father took her by her hands. Then we began the steep ascent, three generations climbing together, three generations supporting one another. Amazingly, we made it to the top of the stairs in one piece. Grandma shuffled to the newly painted rooms she had insisted on seeing and looked inside, I could only stand there dumbfounded, by the amazing feat this 86 year-old woman dying of cancer had just accomplished. It's only in hindsight that I realized the lesson my grandmother had taught me that day. It is not how we die that defines our lives, it is those special moments when our spirits triumph."



Dr. Louise Roberts

This excerpt was part of Dr. Louise Evelyn Roberts memorial tribute given by her grandson William David Roberts. Dr. Roberts was born November 10, 1917, and died October 2, 2004. Dr. Roberts was admired for her academic prominence, her "rapid fire" delivery, and her warmth and concern for her students. She personified the teaching excellence we all experienced at Parsons College, she was of course the wife of our former president Millard G. Roberts, who incidentally died in April of 1989...

The board of trustees at the conception of Parsons College considered three physical sites. The one selected, of course, was north of the city at the price of \$13,300, \$273,880 in today's dollars. The property had been the home of Bernhart Henn. The "Henn House" as it was affectionately called, or the "Mansion," was erected in 1857. In 1875 the building housed the first and only classrooms for the newly founded Parsons College campus. In later years it was named Ewing Hall in honor of Parsons third president, Thomas Davis Ewing. MUM authorities have since returned the name to Henn Mansion...



An early 1900's sketch of the Bernhart Henn Mansion. Mr. Henn was Fairfield's first Congressman.

When Millard G. Roberts arrived in 1955 the board consisted of thirty-three trustees, quite unheard of for a college it's size. Remarkably Roberts increased the number into the forties. The conclusion of a number of dissenting trustees was, "There was really no reason to have a board at all since Roberts has a completely free rein." Roberts was quoted as saying with a smile, "I was the strongest of all the trustees." He dazzled the board with his imaginative financial reports which ostensibly demonstrated that Parsons was in excellent, if not outstanding financial health and therefore growing at a remarkable rate. Roberts had the board in his pocket. He dominated and could isolate, or fire any trustee, who in his mind, offered too much opposition to his plans." In truth, the college was suffering from some monumental failures, far from making a profit. The college was deeply in debt throughout Roberts administration. For all of Roberts creative educational prowess, his business acumen (and patience) was nearly nonexistent, creating, and then culminating in the financial demise of our alma mater...

"We are going to build the Harvard of the Midwest!" - *Millard G. Roberts*. Perhaps a bit overstated and somewhat of a stretch most would argue, but truth be known, by some analysts, we did have the third highest paid faculty in the country, second to the University of Chicago, and then, Harvard...

"If you build it they will come.... provided it's the right product, in the right location, and at the right price!" 65'nWise

(Editor's Note: In this column Doug looks back to those weekends where we just had to get away and we headed out of town. Whether it was a short jaunt to one of the small town country bars or off to Des Moines, Kansas City, St. Louis, New Orleans, Ft. Lauderdale, or Chicago, Road Trips were fun and created lasting memories. Here are a few of those towns that might jog a memory or two...



Weekends Away: The Road Trips...



In previous E-News issues, we've highlighted Parsons College fraternity and social group parties - many of which became legendary. This issue's story is about gettin' out of town. Whether by bus, car, motorcycle, or train, we ask, where were you most likely to go? Did you stay close and converge on one of the nearby small towns, OR did you go big time and find your way to one of the larger cities. Wherever you went and whatever you did, we're certain those trips created some indelible and unforgettable memories. For sure, Fairfield had much going on with a plethora of things to do, but getting away was a fun thing, too. You could have accompanied any one of the Wildcats sports teams as they traveled the state and region, and many of you did just that. However, for those of us who weren't out of town on a school event we often ventured away every now and then for a night, a weekend, or school holiday break. Of course the allotted time and funds were the key determining factors. Generally, what happened on those trips, stayed on those trips! So, to help jog your memory of the WEEKENDS AWAY, here is an list of 15 cities to give you a helping hand. These commutes ranged from a mere ten minutes, up to four hours. We hope that some will ring a bell! We'd love to hear your favorite places and any printable stories that may have gone along with them. Let us know!

1. Burlington - (a big shopping/entertainment city by Midwest standards)
2. Cedar Rapids - (perhaps a visit to General Mills/Quaker Oats?)
3. Des Moines - (entertainment, shopping, maybe visiting the Governor?)
4. Eddyville - (drag races, says it all!)
5. Gulfport, Illinois - (more ADULT entertainment that you should have been allowed)
6. Iowa City/Coralville - (Iowa City? Hawkeye football!; Coralville? Buying a Honda from Jerry Smith's Cycle Ranch?; Or maybe you ate family style at the Amana Colonies?)
7. Ottumwa (how bout the Key Club in the Hotel Ottumwa?...and the famous Canteen Lunch?)
8. Kansas City (singing KC with Wilbert Harrison at 12th & Vine, and eating the best BBQ in the world?)
9. Keosauqua (original Mason Jars and the neatest state park and swimming hole in Iowa?)
10. Knoxville (sprint car races?)
11. Libertyville (Jim Bucher Automotive?)
12. Mt. Pleasant (Old Threshers Reunion? The Iris Motel was good, but better than our Dream? No way!)
13. Oskaloosa (sprint car races and a Maid-Rite sandwich?)
14. Quad Cities (if you couldn't find it in Rock Island, Davenport, Bettendorf, or Moline, you didn't need it)
15. Rome, IA (nearby music, dancing, a beer and an Iowa Breaded Pork Tenderloin sandwich?)



You found the Maid-Rite, near and far



You discovered Ottumwa's Canteen Lunch



Travels led to your first Pork Tenderloin

THE ALUMNI NOTES...

Henrietta Bishop, PC'67 writes... I enjoy reading the Parsons College Newsletter and also enjoyed reading the Parsons College directory from **Nancy Wirtanen**. I entered Parsons in 1966 and graduated in 1967. I only needed one year of college to finish, as I had completed three years at my previous college. I recently found an old newsletter/newsline from **George Jordan III** that I had saved. I wonder what happened to him. I was (concerned) when he said the money sent to him for the dues was being put in a financial institution in Indianapolis, IN. I have lived in Indy all my life and I had never heard of that financial institution. I even looked it up in the phone book and there was no name, nor address, nor phone number for this institution. I noticed in your newsletter that you stated you were not connected with George C. Jordan III. So I wondered what happened to him. I am sending in my E-News dues to Dave Neff...

Editor's Note: Yes, you are totally correct. The Parsons College Foundation Fund, the Parsons College Alumni Association and the Parsons College Alumni E-News are in no way affiliated with George C. Jordan III, or the Parsons Newline, nor do any of these entities recognize or support any of Mr. Jordan's plans or programs...

Frank Zrinsky, PC'66 writes... I attended Parsons during the year of 1966, and was finally able to bring up my grades and even made the Dean's List. I returned home to Toms River, NJ and had enough credits to teach grammar school, which I did for a number of years. I completed my studies at Trenton State College and then worked at the Ocean County Board of Social Services as a Licensed Social Worker and Supervisor in their Adult Protective Services Unit. After my retirement in 1996, I approached the Ocean County Surrogate's Court and secured appointments as a Legal Guardian for Incapacitated Adults, which I continue to do. ... I remember my two roommates at Parsons, **Al Neuman** and **Bruce Trent**. Bruce has since died and I often wonder what happened to Al. If anyone knows where they are, or just wants to chat, feel free to contact me at my E-Mail which is flzrinsky@yahoo.com. Parsons was a very enlightening experience and not to be forgotten...

Don Samuelson, PC'64 writes... What a GREAT job you all do with this publication! I was born and lived in Fairfield all of my life until 10 years ago. Thus, I saw the rise and fall of Parsons College. I am proud to have attended the school in the "glory days" of the early 1960's and graduating in 1964. I originally wanted to attend the University of Iowa. However, my parents could not afford it; I could stay rent free at home, and had some financial benefits to attend Parsons. Those were some of the best years of my life. I met new friends that have lasted a lifetime, I received a very good education (just wish I'd studied more) and the social life with people who didn't care what side of the tracks you grew up on. *LIFE MAGAZINE* and all who campaigned against the school were simply wrong! Horribly wrong! It was a wonderful school and I have no regrets having gone there. I have friends who went elsewhere and received no better education and are no more successful than many of the (so-called) "2nd-Chancers" at Parsons. Please keep up the good job of keeping my alma mater alive!!!

John Myers, PC'65-'67 writes... You might not remember me, but you likely will remember how I tried and tried to find my old roommate **Dave Johnson** (1965-67 era), so I could complete the promise we made to each other. We each gave something we treasured to the other, as we were leaving Parsons ... he had to go into the military and I transferred to U/M in Miami, FL, due to the loss of accreditation issue. We promised to someday get back together and return the items and reminisce. I still have not been able to locate him... which is one of my deeper "long-term sorrows", but you now have his letter jacket hanging in Fairfield ... and someday I hope to see it in person again. Thanks again for taking good care of it. When I received the Summer 2016 newsletter I again thought about Dave. Two things came to mind ... first I read about the great job the tennis team did back in 1966 and had to grin from ear-to-ear when I saw his name as a member of that team. I am still hoping something will foster Dave and me to reunite. I am pretty certain that by this time, if anyone had information on Dave's whereabouts, you would have heard... but I would appreciate it greatly if, for one more time, you could request if anyone knows where **Dave Johnson** is, to please contact me in Fellsmere, FL at: jmyers@catchasail.com. Take care and I wish to thank all of you who keep the Parsons College memories strong...

Greek and Social News...

Yo Pikes!!! Listen UP!!!!

Norman Maywright, PC'73 is attempting to rally up the Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha's Parsons College Zeta Delta Chapter. Norman tell us, "Over the past few years I've been in touch with a few of the brothers from our Zeta Delta chapter. They appear to be excited to get together. So, I'm looking to organize a Pike Reunion for sometime in mid-2017." More information will follow regarding dates, location and details in the near future. However, If you are interested, or know of any other former Pikes from Parsons, please have them contact me via email at their earliest convenience at: maywright.norman7@gmail.com

"You only go around once...don't blow it!"

65'nWise

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Alpha Xi's Fun Bunch Rolls On!!

Talk about a definition and example of great sisterhood, look no further than the photo below. The Parsons Alpha Xi Delta sorority sisters continue to "roll on" like an Alabama football team. They just keep showing up and sending photos. At any given time they can be anywhere, like, Chicago, New York, Ft. Lauderdale, Los Angeles, Boston, or even Erie, PA, and we've got the photos to prove it. Pictured below in Portland, OR are: L/R **Lynette Meisner, Marilynne Wepsala, Pam Plummer, Sandy Hermel, Cheryl Peasley and Joanne Peters Chicko...**



Phi Sigs rally and salute Bill Larkin

The friends and family of **Bill Larkin** gathered at the Fairfield Country Club to celebrate his October induction to the 2016 Wall of Honor. Seated with Bill (*top left*) are **Frank Repass** (*top right*). Bottom L/R **Dick Barton** and **John Blackstock**. Missing from photo was **Dean Honnold**. **David Thompson** was also inducted to the Wall of Honor but was traveling on business and unable to attend the mini Phi Sigs celebration...



Letters to the Editor...

I wore my Parsons College sweatshirt to a huge cranberry festival the other day and no fewer than three people stopped me to talk about Parsons. How wonderful is that?

Larry Litwin '67 - larry@larrylitwin.com

You all should be commended for this entire (Wall of Honor) effort that is now more than a decade. The weekend has evolved into a very nice affair. My suggestion: Make 2018 a monster show and weekend by inviting the entire group of Wall of Honor members back for the climax. I would love to see if a TKE reunion can be held in Fairfield. There's golf, motels, restaurants, fellowship and memories. Parsons has had a grip on me since 1964. I'm grateful for the opportunity I had there...and really happy about all the relationships that I made at Parsons which still continue on today.

Philip Como '66 - philipcomo@yahoo.com

I appreciate all the work and effort y'all expend on keeping us in the loop. Each E-Newsletter serves as an educational background on the history of the college and the community, much of what I never knew. I am now living at 28 Norfolk Lane, Lebanon, PA 17042.

Judie Ball, PC'63-'67 – Lebanon, PA

This is an excellent newsletter! Thank you very much.

David Steele '68 - dsteeler631@msn.com



Thank you so very much to you and the board for all you do to keep the Parsons fire burning! I only attended Parsons in '65-'66 but that one year is a treasure to me.

Linda Horton Javier, PC'65-'66 - lavier@rwglaw.com

I'm mailing a check to cover the E-News for the next two years. You guys are doing one bang up job. I enjoy reading the comments of other graduates and faculty. I was working for DuPont when I was approached by several people asking if I had heard about the demise of Parsons. It was a sad moment because Parsons gave me the one-more-chance that I needed after "partying" around at a couple other colleges.

Walt Samans, PC'62

"JUST DO IT!"

65'nWise

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."

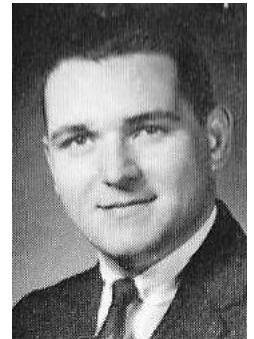
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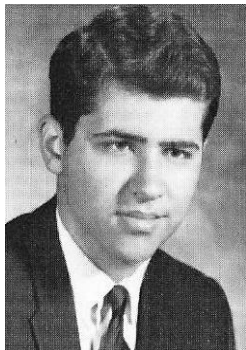
Charles "Chuck" Cox

Charles "Chuck" Cox, PC'59-'62... of Silver Point, TN, passed away from congestive heart failure at the Cookeville Medical Center on November 21, 2016. He was 76. Chuck was born in Des Moines, where he spent most of his life, but was raised in Grand Junction, Iowa. Following Parsons, where he was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity, Chuck became a banker and owned his own mortgage company, The Great Plains Mortgage Company. Chuck and wife Regina (Gina) were married 40 years. They lived in Silver Point following his 2005 retirement. Chuck was affiliated with the Shriners and Kiwanis clubs. Survivors include his wife, two children and two grandchildren. The family was assisted by Hooper, Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home of Baxter, TN. A service was to have been held in Baxter on December 3...

David "Dave" McGuire, PC'58-'61... We've learned from Dave's son, Mike, that Dave suffered from lung disease, which ultimately led to heart failure and his passing at his home in Marietta, GA on September 29, 2016. Dave attended Parsons in the late 1950's/early 60's and was a member of the Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity. He had a terrific sense of humor and a flair for art. Dave worked most of his career for the Federal Government in security and intelligence. He spent 20 years prior to retirement heading up the Security and Safeguard Divisions at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Regional Office in Atlanta, GA. Dave married his Parsons sweetheart, **Joliane Stilson** (Delta Zeta). They had one son and a daughter. No further information is available at this time...



Dave McGuire



*Donald Gregory
Nicosia*

Donald Gregory Nicosia, PC'69... of Boca Raton, FL passed away on August 9, 2016. Gregory came to Parsons from East Chicago, IN and following graduation he later received a J.D. from Indiana University, Class of 1972. He was a member of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity, served on the Inter-fraternity council, student council, student court and was a member of the Wildcats golf team. Gregory began his career in Washington, DC where he proudly was Chief Counsel for the U.S. House Rules Committee, which propelled his passion for politics. He went on to practice law for over 40 years in Indiana and Florida. Gregory was an active member of the Palm Beach County Democratic Party and was Chairman from 1994-1998. He is survived by wife, Linda, of 45 years, three daughters and families and four grandchildren...

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Monty Stratton Versteeg, PC'59-'61... There may never have ever been a bigger and kinder person at Parsons College than Monty Versteeg. Monty, who resided in Ankeny, passed away from Pulmonary Fibrosis on August 2, 2016 at the Taylor House in Des Moines. Monty was a record setter, and it all began from the time he was born when he weighed in at 14 lbs. It is believed he was the largest baby born in Iowa in 1940. Monty was born in Des Moines where



Monty Versteeg

he graduated from North High School. He played football and basketball. Newspaper articles documented his impressive size but most importantly they also mentioned his love of life and people. Monty attended Parsons from 1959-61 and played in the Mineral Water Bowl in Excelsior Springs, MO. At 6'3" and 325 pounds, he held the distinction of being the largest lineman in college football in 1961. Although he received invites from NFL teams, including the Green Bay Packers, Chicago Bears and the St. Louis Football Cardinals, Monty chose a career working for the City of Des Moines in the Parks Department. Very simply stated, he did not want to continue college or play football, he wanted to work. When asked about an invitation to tryout with the Bears, which he failed to show for, Monty very softly, said "I didn't have a ride!" He was a hard worker, responsible and trustworthy, and

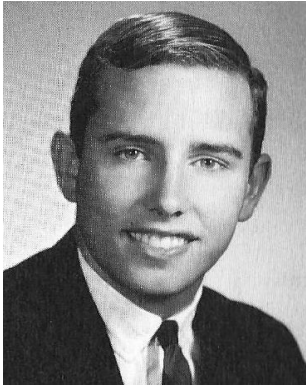
enjoyed his life's work with the city for 33 years. Monty earned respect, admiration and friends along the way. If the Parks Department wanted somebody trained they would send them to Monty. With his keen sense of humor, he got the job done and made it fun along the way. In 1987 Monty married Alice Killham. They were married for 27 years before her passing in 2015. Monty was a gentle giant who never forgot where he came from. He loved his family, was a great friend and had a great many friends. Over the years, Monty kept in touch with his past co-workers, football buddies and his Phi Sig fraternity brothers. He left a legacy of love, hard work, laughter, friendship and family. A big guy with an even bigger heart. Monty is survived by a son, **Scott (Robin) Killham**, two grandchildren, one great-grandson and a sister, **Marcene Monsoor**. Unity Point Hospice, Taylor House and Vintage Hills provided the love and care for Monty during his final days...

Patricia Yardley Beddia, PC'72... Patricia passed away on August 3, 2016 at her Chambersburg, PA home surrounded by family. She was born in Fairfield and graduate FHS in 1969. Patricia received her Bachelor's Degree from Parsons and became a teacher for the Bellefonte and Bald Eagle Nittany school districts. She also instructed at EDS for many years before becoming a foster mom for Children's Home of York. At the Roxbury United Methodist Church, Patricia was the Choir Director, Pianist and Organist, and she was also a member of Kindly K-9 in Chambersburg. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, the Rev. Peter Beddia, two sons, two daughters, seven grandchildren and a host of relatives. Arrangements were handled by the Fogelsanger-Bricker Funeral Home...



Patricia Beddia

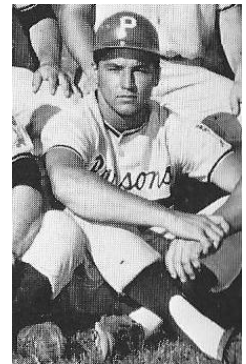
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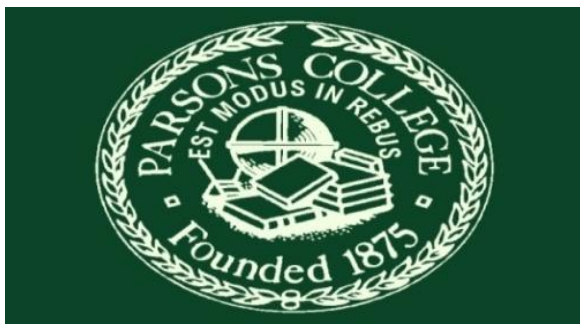
Kirk V. Armstrong

Kirk V. Armstrong, PC'65... of Arlington, TX, passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family. Kirk was born in Huntington Woods, Michigan. He graduated from Redford High School in 1960 and earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Parsons College in 1965. Kirk was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, served on Student Court, was a member of Who's Who, Green Key and was captain of the Wildcats varsity track team. Kirk will always be remembered for his "smile" and his love for people. He was an avid competitor, played golf and completed four marathons. Kirk is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jo Ann; daughter, Lisa Daniels; son, Kirk Armstrong; and grandson, Dylan Daniels. A celebration of Kirk's life was held at Rolling Hills Country Club in Arlington, TX on October 1, 2016...

Thomas "Tommy" Lolos, Jr., PC'mid-1960's... Tom Lolos, of Glendale, AZ, passed away on the morning of August 5, 2016. The cause of death was attributed to renal failure and heart attack. Tommy valiantly fought prostate cancer and the spreading of the disease over the last several years. He came to Parsons from the Boston area and was an integral part of the stellar Parsons Wildcats baseball teams of the mid-1960's. Tom played centerfield on the Parsons team that posted 72 wins in 89 games in 1966. In the spring of 1967, he batted .327. Tom was a major contributor on that team which recorded an incredible 31-2 record. Many believe that team may have been the best Wildcats team ever. Tom was also a popular member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Friend and frat brother **Gary Ratkin**, who reported Tom's passing, had this to say, "We will miss a very special friend and teammate, however, the memories will last forever." If you wish to send condolences, Tom's wife, **Shelly Lolos**, can be reached at: 19231 N. 67th Drive, Glendale, AZ 85308. No further information is available at this time...



Tommy Lolos



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 20 for more PC memorabilia).

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