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Barhydt Chapel Stained Glass Window Restoration Project Gets Boost But Still In Need Of \$\$\$ Support



Ron Bovard (L) of Bovard Studios accepts first installment check for restoration of the famed Barhydt Chapel's stained glass windows from Suzan Bates Kessel (C) and Sally Rinehart Denney (R).

"Friends of the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center", represented by FA&CC Co-Founders **Suzan Bates Kessel** and **Sally Rinehart Denney, PC'71**, present the first installment check to **Ron Bovard** of Bovard Studio, for the restoration of the Parsons College Barhydt Chapel stained glass window.

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The 168" by 150" window, containing L.C. Tiffany glass, will be placed in the Parson's Alumni Hall area of the FA&CC. This past October 18 marked the 100th year of the chapel's dedication. This portion of the restoration was made possible by a grant from the Greater Jefferson County Foundation. The next two invoices will be covered by the "Windows for the Soul Foundation". Donations are being collected for the remaining balance of \$33,000. Anyone wanting to contribute to the preservation of this Parsons College and Fairfield Community treasure, can send their tax deductible donation to the FA&CC, 200 N. Main, Fairfield, IA 52556, attention: Sally, Suzan or Dave Neff. If funds are received in a timely manor, the window could be installed by spring of 2012.

We Need Your News!

2012 Wall of Honor Nominations Accepted Through April 1

The Wall of Honor is growing and now recognizes 29 former Parsons Student/Alumni who have posted distinguished careers and/or contributed to their communities. Nominations for induction onto the Wall of Honor – Class of 2012 - are now being accepted through April 1, 2012.

If you believe a former Parsons student / alumni qualifies, please contact Dave Neff at: neffacres@lisco.com for a nomination form. In addition to your form, your nomination should include a resume of education, career, civic, and community achievements, along with any other distinguished awards and recognition. A common denominator shared by all of the inductees is that they all radiate a major pride in having attended Parsons. Clearly the current honorees have taken their God-given talents and education to a new level of excellence while making their marks.

The WOH class of 2012 will be announced in the Summer issue of the Parsons e-newsletter and the 4th annual induction ceremony will be held at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center – Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, October 6, 2012. The nomination form and resume of achievements and awards should be emailed to Dave Neff (see above address) or Nancy Wirtanen at nwirtanen@yahoo.com for consideration.



The plaques of the Parsons College Wall of Honor's 29 inductees hang on the west wall of the Parsons Alumni Hall located adjacent the Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts in the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center.

PARSONS COLLEGE WALL OF HONOR MEMBERS

Class of 2009

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

Class of 2010

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

Class of 2011

*Douglas Billings '63
John Glotfelty '48
George Long '58
Richard Reece '64
Charles Reed '42
Ida Nakashima Schneck '46
Steve Smith '67
Bob Spencer '57
Bob Stiller '67
Gene Timmerman '63-'65*

Next Issue – Spring 2012 News Deadline is April 1, 2012

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information about the photo.
If you need help contact Nancy Wirtanen
nwirtanen@yahoo.com**

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

The Mystery Quiz... Who Are These People??



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MEMORIES FROM 50 YEARS AGO... Can you identify the five (5) heralded entertainers pictured above??? It was 50 years ago during the fall, spring, and summer trimesters when these celebrities graced our campus with their presence and performances. You didn't have to attend Parsons College in 1962 to put the correct names on the correct photos. These entertainers were stars. And how special, and how privileged, we were to have seen these individuals perform at Parsons College at the Fry-Thomas Fieldhouse in Fairfield, IA??

Last Call on Peira Yearbooks

We've been close to retrieving the Peira '66 BIG BOOK, but as they say, close only counts in horseshoes. So our search continues as The Parsons Alumni e-news is STILL looking for Peira yearbooks from the following years – 1955, 1966 (the BIG book), and 1973... Quite frequently we scan and print photos from various yearbooks and we would like to pull representation for the above mentioned years. If you can help fulfill this request, please contact e-news editor/publisher John Blackstock at 636-926-7881 or email jblackstock@prodigy.net. Special thanks to Kevin Duffy '70 for providing the 1969 Peira and to Bill Freeman '73 for stepping up with the 1972 Peira yearbook. THANK YOU!!!

Parsons is Alive - Spread the Word!

Your e-news wants to reach as many Parsons Alums and friends as possible – **YOU CAN HELP!!** We request that you send a copy of this e-newsletter to at least five people and/or pass along five names with email addresses to Nancy Wirtanen at nwirtanen@yahoo.com.

Go Wildcats!!!

Richard Ivins, PC'68 Joins PCAA Board

The PCAA is happy to announce the election of Richard Ivins, PC '68 to the Board of Directors. He replaces Bill Gibbs, who recently resigned. Richard resides in Boothwyn, PA, and is a psychologist, specializing in clinical and forensic neuropsychology. During his 2-1/2 years at Parsons, he was instrumental in starting up the campus radio station. Later, Richard served in the U.S. Naval Reserves prior to earning his M.S. Degree at Old Dominion and his PhD at University of Mississippi. "I am proud of my Parsons roots, and now I would like to be able to spread the word (preserving its memory) as an alumni and help keep that memory alive," Richard said. PCAA President Nancy Wirtanen, who nominated Richard, stated, "Richard's deep affection for Parsons will make him an immediate asset to our board."

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!!

SPOTLIGHT... Parsons and Three Generations of Gaumers...

It was fall of 1893 when a farm boy named James Stewart Gaumer entered his freshman year at Parsons College. He would be the first of three generations of Gaumer's to attend Parsons over the next 76 years. James was a rugged kid whose day began doing his chores on the family farm prior to attending classes. Meanwhile back in town, Minnie Corey, the daughter of a local miller-operator, tended to her family's needs while preparing for her classes.

They met at Parsons and four years later graduated with degrees in education. James started his teaching career in Albia. Minnie taught locally at the Logan Elementary School. Realizing that his meager salary was insufficient to support marriage to Minnie, which he so desired, James relocated himself to Chicago where he attended Rush Medical School. His love for playing football also prevailed and he joined the RMS football team. James returned to Fairfield as a doctor and he received permission from Mr. Corey to marry his daughter. His return to Fairfield marked the commencement of a medical practice which lasted nearly 40 years.

During that time, he started a program and taught nursing with his sister-in-law at Jefferson County Hospital. In addition to his medical practice, he maintained his agricultural heritage by investing in farmland. James experienced some ups and down and was once chastised for installing farm drainage tile during the mid 30's drought when most of Iowa's crops were lost to dry weather.

Twenty-one years after graduating from Parsons, Minnie and James had their only child, Stewart Corey Gaumer. Stewart was a precocious child, but luckily his well educated parents guided his early development. Unfortunately, Stewart did not inherit his father's rugged frame, nor did he follow his father's footsteps to the gridiron. From the outset, Stewart was being groomed to become a doctor like his father. However, despite the fact he started school at 4-years-old, skipped a year of elementary school, he felt that he needed further development before pursuing his ultimate goal of attending the University of Iowa.

So in 1934 he enrolled at the local Parsons College, joined the basketball squad, and found time to mischievously carve his initials in one of the classroom desks. After leaving Parsons and transferring to SUI, Stewart's interest shifted from medicine to business.

This decision and the following two years of education at the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia would later impact the city of Fairfield. But it was about this time the war in Europe was calling young men to join the Army. Stewart enlisted in the U.S. Army and it wasn't long before his educational background caught the attention of his superiors. He was enrolled in the OCS program and found himself in the Medical Corps.



Stewart Gaumer Jr. and wife Carolyn met on a Coca Cola blind date at the Parsons Student Union during the mid-late 1960's and the rest is history...

Along the way Stewart married (Virginia) and returned to Fairfield following World War II. He went to work for the locally owned Dexter Company which was owned by the Hunt family. During his stint with Dexter, which included relocation to Philadelphia, Stewart met Mr. Harry Munn. Together they conceived a plan to purchase the company and run it as an employee owned business. They were successful and the formation of the Dexter Apache Holdings Company led it to becoming a major producer of commercial washers and dryers the USA, while additionally exporting to 20 countries.

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***Happy Valentine's Day!
CALL A FRIEND!!!***

(Spotlight cont'd)

A number of years later, while living in the northern suburbs of Philadelphia, a group of Parsons recruiters were invited to the Gaumer household to enlist the local support of Stewart and to entice their son, Stew Jr., to attend Parsons. Initially, Stew, a devoted Hawkeye loyalist, shunned the group's interest.

At the time, he dreamed of playing football for Iowa. Then during Stew's senior year in high school, Parsons head football coach Frosty Westering, who had replaced Gary Nady in 1962, offered Stew a football scholarship. While living in Fairfield and president of the school board, Stewart was responsible for hiring Westering as FHS athletics director and head football coach. But Stew choose Iowa and Parsons would have to wait.



Stewart and Carolyn now living in White Plains, NY...

After a successful freshman football season at Iowa, Stew found himself drifting far behind his peers academically. With his tenure at Iowa in question, and the prospects of being drafted and dispatched to Vietnam beckoning, Stew traveled hastily to Fairfield and attempted to enroll at Parsons as many other "second chance" students had done.

With the semester already underway, Charlie Barnett, the Director of Admissions, told Stew that the semester was already underway and he would have to sit out until spring of 1965. Stew recalled his meeting with Knute Hughes, VP of Parsons, in Philadelphia several years earlier and felt comfortable enough to contact him and make an appointment. When Stew entered his office, he was introduced to the new football coach Chelo Huerta, who had just been hired.

Ironically, Huerta had just come from a national coaches meeting where he had coincidentally met Stew's high school coach who was aware of Stew's intentions to enter Parsons. Sensing the connection, Mr. Hughes approved his acceptance and sent Stew back to Barnett, who had already printed out his class schedule.

They say things happen for a reason. The transition from Iowa to Parsons was monumental. It was the academic tonic Stew needed. Knowing full well that his academic performance was the number one priority, Stew finished the semester on the Dean's List. He buried himself in the books and found little time to socialize. Stew found spring football, which pitted 120 candidates against one another, to be an overbearing demand.

The practices were physically intense and Stew, who had been injured while at Iowa and lost 50 pounds, no longer had the exceptional strength he had inherited from his grandfather. His suspicions were confirmed at practice when he was matched against a tough ferocious hitting kid from California named Malcom Williams. During the encounter, Stew received a pinched nerve that ended his season and sent him on to exploring the social side of campus life.

The social scene centered on the fellows at Churchill Dormitory. One of Stew's friends convinced him to attend a pajama party and told him he would fix him up with a date. After meeting his blind date, Carolyn Anne Braddicks for an introductory Coca Cola date at the student union they attended the party and the rest is history. Carolyn and Stewart Jr, the writer of this story, were married and are now living happily in White Plains, NY.

Stew went to SUI and finished his education in dental hygiene. His footsteps were followed by younger sister, Larue, who attended Parsons, was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and was named Spring Flight Queen of 1968. And, like her brother, Larue, went on to SUI and studied dental hygiene.

An amazing story – from 1893 to 1969 - three generations of Gaumer's attended Parsons College. Nobody is more grateful and appreciative than Stewart Gaumer, Jr, who most humbly says, "There's no way that I can repay Parsons for giving me a 'second chance'. Parsons also enabled me to send three sons to private colleges and one to the University of Iowa's grad school. In some way, I hope that you, too, can relate your experience to what took place within this 76 year time frame, which included the discovery of soul mates, and resulted in the great education received by three generations of the Gaumer family..."

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

(Editor's Note: In the FALL issue of e-News, Doug Marion tossed a flier asking if anyone remembered a highway patrolman who worked the southeast Iowa region and who may have impacted the driving habits of the younger generation. To Doug's delight, Dr. Bob Tree responded with the name and answer he was seeking – See Dr. Tree's Letter-To-The-Editor.)

Who would have thought that Dr. Robert Tree would know of, and remember, Iowa Highway Patrolman Roy Eubanks? I am sure glad he did! Really!! The impact Mr. Eubanks made by showing me those dozens of 8X10 photos of deceased Iowans killed in auto accidents has never left my memory. It was a positive and life lasting experience for me.

I promise you, Dr. Tree, I will return to Fairfield and buy Roy Eubanks breakfast, lunch, or dinner – or all three. It's unbelievably, and perhaps coincidental, that during my career, most of the people I've known, or met "by-profession", have been connected to law enforcement. I will see if I can locate Roy via the internet. But, in the meantime, if you see him at McD's, please ask if he remembers me and tell him my intentions. *(Following is some more Remembering When...with Doug Marion)*

... on *BURNING RUBBER* - And thank you Dr. Tree for not taking me to-task for making those tire burnout marks in the Lambda Chi Alpha parking lot. I guess that's about the wildest thing I did during my PC years).. .

... on *STRUGGLING YEARS* - I would prefer more to remember my basketball dunking skills during layups at the JV team games. However, in my earlier years at Parsons, grades were an issue. Due to being a slow reader and struggling with my grades, I bagged the 1963-1964 season, telling coach Roger Neilsen I had a hernia and could not play. Shortly after, I dropped out of school but returned in 1968...

... on *RETURNING TO PARSONS* – Thanks Parsons and a special thanks for some personal advice on developing good study habits, passed onto me by O.B. Nelson upon my return in June of 1968. I went on to make the Dean's List for the next five semesters and graduated June, 1970 with a 3.00 GPA in my major (History), and a 2.67 in my minor (Business Administration). Again – THANK YOU PARSONS for sticking with me and giving me that second chance!!!

... on *GIVING BACK* - I've never forgotten that, and as a native Iowan (born in Des Moines raised in rural Illinois), I always felt bad that I left without giving something back. Thus, it is with much satisfaction that I'm able to assist John Blackstock with the editing and publishing of the Parsons e-newsletter. It has been both fun and rewarding and I believe we've taken the e-news to new levels of excellence...

... on *MY CAREER* - Over the past 35 years, I've been a photo-journalist and executive in the automotive magazine business, including participation in weekend events and television fields. But I will never forget my first job after completing a year of graduate school. I was hired in Los Angeles as a sales executive with the "Flying Tigers" All Cargo Airline and moved to a new home base in Seattle. My territory included the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana....and Alaska.

In Fairbanks, Alaska was cold. But I once witnessed a record minus-88 degree day in February of 1973. I now live in Simi Valley, CA... and I've never been "cold" since!!!!...

Next E-News Deadline – April 1, 2012

The Alumni Write...

Lloyd Jerome, PC'51 writes... Looking back sixty years. I can remember the fun I had at Parsons. One of the things I remember took place in the spring of 1950 following "hell week". The end of "hell week" signaled the beginning of the spring dances by the sororities and fraternities. The fellows would ask the girls to go with them to their fraternity dance. The girls would invite the boys to their dance. I recall hitchhiking home to get the folks family car so I could drive my date to the dance, and I borrowed a tuxedo from one of my buddies. We had a good time at the dance.

But when I took my date back to the sorority house, she and two girls wanted me to take them out to a farm where one of the girls lived. I consented to take them to the farm which was south of Fairfield near Stockport. On the way down it started to rain. I dropped the girls off and started back to Fairfield. During those days the road was not paved, as a matter of fact, it was a dirt road. All of a sudden the car started to slide sideways. I over-corrected and went into the ditch. I was stuck and all I could see was a farm house a short distance away.

I walked up to the house and called out. The farmer answered and I told him I was stuck in the ditch. He got his tractor and pulled me out of the ditch. I got to Fairfield about 4AM in the morning. I had to be at my job at the bakery by 4AM. So here I am showing up in a tuxedo covered with mud from head to toe and I have to make several deliveries. I made those deliveries but what a sight I must have been. I finally got back to the fraternity house about 10AM, took a shower, changed clothes and took the tux to the cleaners. Several of the fellows help to clean up my folks car before I took it home. What a muddy experience that was. The next year was problem free. Dad let me use the car again and there were no problems with the car, the dance or the mud. The weather was perfect!!!



Courtesy of Dennis Marandos '69

After reading your FALL issue and the piece on Parsons football players drafted by the NFL, I have an addition to your sports page. **BILL JEROME** who graduated with Class of 1951 was selected as a member of the All-Iowa Conference football team in 1950. Bill was then drafted by the LOS ANGELES RAMS in 1951. He was also into music. Now in his later years and living in a nursing home, Bill had a unexpected surprise recently. Simon Estes, the world-wide tenor was in Keokuk for a concert. Back in high school Simon was an athlete and Bill was his coach. The next day following the concert, Simon drove up to see Bill. He told him since he couldn't attend the concert he'd give a short concert for the entire nursing home. Needless to say, Bill was grinning from ear to ear. I thought that was great. By the way, I liked the last e-newsletter even though I was in it – Lloyd....

Greek & Social Club News...

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA... Several of the AGD sorority sisters meet frequently and reunion on the west coast. Pictured to the right at their most recent mini-reunion luncheon in Glendale, CA are: (L-R) **Linn Harnagel Cauley, PC'64;** **Karen Chamberlain, PC'64;** **Sue Weatherly Vandervelde, PC'64;** and **Ann Johnson Tash, PC'65 ...**



PHI SIGMA EPSILON... Former Portfolio Editor and member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity, **Bob Montgomery, PC'66,** is attempting to put together a mini-reunion of Parsons alumni, fraternity brothers, and friends on the central west coast in Venice, FL during late February, early March. If interested, living in the area, a resident of Florida, or wintering in Florida, please contact Bob for further information on the developments at: RTMonty1@aol.com...

SIGMA PHI EPSILON... Reunion Coordinator **Larry Marino, PC'66,** has announced the dates and location of the Sig Ep's 4th Bi-Annual Mini-Reunion. The next gathering of the brothers will be in New Orleans, LA during the week of October 23-25, 2012. If any of those interested have not yet received the reunion package, or wish more information on how to sign up, please contact Larry at: LMarino312@yahoo.com; or ebbtidesam@aol.com ...

TAU KAPPA EPSILON... The annual gathering of TKEs and friends will once again be hosted by **Ron Lang, PC'62,** at the Lake Panorama Resort and Golf Club in Panora, IA over the dates of June 19 (arrive) to June 23 (depart), 2012... Contact Ron at: 641-431-3343 or at: langslagoon@aol.com to make a reservation...

ALPHA XI DELTA... (This blank space reserved for AXD news)

DELTA ZETA... (This space blank reserved for DZ news)

ALPHA CHI RHO... (This blank space reserved for ACR news)

PI KAPPA ALPHA... (This blank space reserved for PIKES news)

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA... (This blank space reserved for LAMBDA CHI news)

SIGMA PI... (This blank space reserved for SIG PI news)

WHERE THE BOYS ARE... (This blank space reserved for WTBA news)

RUM&CHOWDER SOCIETY... (This blank space reserved for RUMMERS news)

TOWN&COUNTRY TAPPERS... (This blank space reserved for TAPPERS news)

ALPHA EPSILON PI... (This blank space reserved for AE Pi news)

"WE NEED NEWS!!!"

DELTA CHI... (This blank space reserved for DELTA news)

"GET THE MESSAGE???"

Letters-To-The-Editor...

What a tremendous edition of e-news. The research you do and share with us has to make you proud. PC was very special. What “youse” folks are doing to keep alive our special Alma Mater is wonderful. Having just attended my Sigma Pi – 12th reunion in Myrtle Beach recently, I know firsthand how special our associations and memories of Parsons are for so many of us. We are so fortunate to still be coming together to share some very special friendships – all because we were initiated and invited to join Sig Pi while in Fairfield... Gotta Luv It!!!
Calvin Hill, PC’66-’68 – calvinhill2000@yahoo.com

Received e-newsletter today. Really enjoyed it.
Sue Davis, PC’65 – suedavis101@comcast.net

Thanks for keeping the Parsons spirit alive. Please tell me again how I can get back into the (communications) system.
Everett Hadley PC/faculty’64-’73
wildrose69@centurylink.net

(Editor’s Note: To be reinstated contact Nancy Wirtanen at: nwirtanen@yahoo.com)

A few years ago I came across a Parsons website put out by George??? I can no longer find it or him on the internet. Are you familiar and is information available at some other URL?? I enjoy your e-newsletter..
Dick Schmidt, PC’66
dick@schmidtcompanies.com

Editor’s Note: The Parsons e-newsletter is not affiliated with George??? To further explore our PCAA go to www.parsonscollegealumni.com and take advantage of a FREE 3-day trial viewing)

Thank you very much for the Parsons e-newsletter.
Bob Quigley, PC’64-’68 – bquigley50@aol.com

I always look forward to receiving the Parsons e-newsletter. Thank you!
Russ Rinella, PC’66-’70 – rrinella@earthlink.net

I have a mail list of about 40 (and growing) of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers and will send them a copy of the fall 2011 e-newsletter. Many of those people will join immediately. I will also provide them the alumni website to make it easy to join.
Dick Reece, PC’64 – reece41@yahoo.com

Good stuff!!! Thanks for sharing!
Chickie (Claire) Fauntleroy McDuffee, PC’63-’64 – chickfaunt@comcast.net

Thanks for the hard work. I’m sorry I couldn’t make it to the October Wall of Honor ceremony and celebration. This e-newsletter, as usual, is a great product and I thoroughly enjoy it.
Philip Como, PC’64-’67 – philipcomo@yahoo.com



I certainly enjoyed this issue of the PC alumni e-newsletter. I remember well quite a number of those football players of the 1960’s. It was most interesting to read about what they went on to do. And it’s great to see these ‘Letters-To-The-Editor’ rolling in, shows a real interest in the newsletter. I was quite interested in the piece (Remember When...written by Doug Marion) about the ‘Helpful Highway Patrolman’. The description fits Roy Eubanks to a “T”. He held the job of “High School Student Driver Education” with the patrol during the time mentioned. That Sunday breakfast at the Family Café (mentioned in the story) sounds just like something Roy would do to get his (safety) message across and yet spare the student a costly fine and mark on his driver’s license. Roy is retired now, still lives in Fairfield, and I see him often on Sunday morning at McDonald’s. Like the rest of us, he looks a bit older now, but is still full of good cheer and fun. It was great to see many of the returning alumni at the October Wall of Honor weekend in Fairfield, lots going on, and everyone seemed to enjoy it...
Dr. Bob Tree, PC/faculty’55-’73 – rtree@lisco.com

(Editor’s Note: To Doug Marion – Now you’ve got a name, a location, and a major reason to return to Fairfield (and buy Patrolman Roy Eubanks a cup of coffee, or two, or three!!)

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Letters – (cont'd)

Thank you for the e-newsletter. I enjoy the many articles! Do you live in Fairfield??

Lester Klingerman, PC'65-'67 – lskart@comcast.net

(Editor's Note: PCAA president Nancy Wirtanen lives in Arizona – John Blackstock, e-news publisher and editor resides in Missouri – Advisor Doug Marion lives in California)

Enjoyed the reading!!!

Arlene Lynn, PC'66-'67 – ARL448@aol.com

Great job on the Parsons e-newsletter. I just love getting it. It keeps our alma mater alive. We all loved Parsons and the wonderful memories and with the work you all do, those memories are enhanced.

Thanks soooooo much!!!

Hank Trenkle, PC'60-'65 – hatrenkle@yahoo.com

Thanks for another GREAT e-newsletter!!!

Thomas Giuntoli, PC'63 – bagLTD@sc.rr.com

You've outdone yourselves again!!!

Dave Neff, PC'69 – neffacres@lisco.com

It was wonderful to see you all over the Parsons College Wall of Honor weekend. We had a great time and thanks for putting out such a great e-newsletter. As we get older, and older, we seem to have a greater appreciation of the opportunities and great times we had at Parsons. Keep up the good work.

Jim Cornick, PC'64 – jcornick@mchsi.com

Gosh!! It seems SO LONG AGO and many of those people are a lot older than even me.

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

Great newsletter! One thing, and my memory may be a bit fuzzy, but I thought we called "Crash" Craddock Nate, not Nat. Maybe it was just the way we pronounced it. Whichever, I still remember watching him in a track meet running the 100-yard dash on the same field where they played football and thinking, how and why, anyone would want to tackle that hulk when coming at them at that speed!

Howie Clark, PC'61-'64 – rclark6@san.rr.com

(Editor's Note: No doubt Craddock was addressed as both Nate and Nat in addition to "Crash". Generally speaking, we believe Nathaniel carries the short Nat, and Nathan is referred to as Nate. Craddock's first name was Nathaniel...)

WHERE Are These People??? The Answer Is...



FALL QUIZ ANSWER: And the Answer is... These Parsons co-ed's are enjoying a weekend afternoon on the river at Keosauqua State Park, just south of Fairfield. Other local parks of note were, Lake Darling, north of town off Highway 1, and Chautauqua Park at the east edge of town on Highway 34...

Etch your name in Parsons College History!



Buy A Brick!

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

In Memoriam...

Gus Bartlett, PC'mid-late'60's... Nancy Trott Bartlett, PC'67, has reported that her husband, Gus, who was one of the founders of the "Rum & Chowder Gentlemen's Society" (Rummers), passed away on May 15, 1979. Gus died of a brain tumor and is survived by wife, a daughter, son and four grandchildren. No further information is available at this time...

Cornell Cedar Clarke, PC/faculty'65-'73... Dr. Clarke, 86, died March 20, 2011. He was a devoted and beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Born and raised in Socorro, NM, Cornell attended and graduated from the Kentucky Military Academy, University of Kentucky, and Indiana University, where he received his doctorate degree. He was a member of the Parsons faculty from the mid-1960s through 1973 and served as head of the education department. During his later years in Sun City, FL, Cornell was a member of the Rotary Club, president of the Sun City Center Community Association, president of the Men's Club and served as Resident Advisory Committee. He was also a member of the St. John the Divine's Episcopal Church, where a memorial service honoring his life was held. Cornell is survived by Marjorie, his wife of 65 years, four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren...



Dr. Cornell Clarke

Marshall Darling, PC'63-'66... the PC e-news has just learned that Marshall, one of the original members of the "Rum & Chowder Gentlemen's Society", died October 29, 2008 from lingering complications from a leg injury sustained while serving in Vietnam. Marshall attended Parsons from 1963-1966. He is survived by a wife, son, daughter and grandchild and resided in Andover, MA...

Hal Foster DeGood, PC'51... Hal, who was 79 years old and lived in Clive, IA, passed away on February 9, 2009 after a brave struggle with cancer. Born in Batavia, IA, he grew up in Fairfield, and graduated from Parsons in 1951. Hal worked in management for Equitable Life Assurance during his entire working career and spent his final 32 years living in Des Moines. He was a member of the College of Life Underwriters and an active member of Windsor Presbyterian Church. Meredith, his wife of 54 years, preceded him in death. Hal is survived by two daughters and their families and four grandchildren. The Brooks Funeral Care of Clive handled funeral arrangements...

Dr. Frank H. Groff, PC/faculty'66-'68... of West Hartford, died October 5, 2003 of complications from Parkinson's disease. Dr. Groff, 85, was the devoted husband of Carolyn Hance Groff. They were married for over 62 years, had six children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was a 50-year member and former deacon of the First Church of Christ, Congregational. Born in Washington, NJ, Dr. Groff earned his B.S. from Trenton State Teachers College, his M.A. from Columbia, and his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. He began his distinguished career in music education in Essex County, NJ in 1937 after leaving Passaic Valley Regional High School in 1948 to become Supervisor of Music for the West Hartford Public Schools. Dr. Groff was instrumental in starting the Summer Music and Arts Center, which became a model for other towns in the region. He taught at the Hartt School of Music and was the director of the Travelers Choral Club for 31 years, published many choral pieces and professional articles, and conducted All-State choral groups in Connecticut and Massachusetts. In 1966, Dr. Groff left West Hartford to become Professor of Music at Parsons College in Iowa. He returned to West Hartford in 1968 and became Professor of Music at Central Connecticut State University. Upon retirement in 1981, Dr. Groff was named Professor Emeritus. A Memorial Service was held at the First Church of Christ in West Hartford.

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Lee Harrison

Donald Lee Harrison, PC/SPE'57... Lee, 81, who was born and raised in Fairfield, died December 28, 2011 at Jefferson County Health Center. He graduated Fairfield High School in 1947 and received his degree from Parsons in 1957. While at Parsons, Lee was president of the Zeta Fraternity and managed the transition from Zeta to Sigma Phi Epsilon. He served as first president of the Sig Eps. Lee was also a member of Omicron senior honorary society, president of the inter-fraternity council, and one of 12 Parsons student's in Who's Who among students in American colleges and universities. Lee married Dorothea "Dot" Staves in 1951 and served in the U.S. Army (1951-1953) during the Korean War. He launched a retail career with the JC Penney Co. in Alexandria, VA and eventually moved back to the

midwest when he purchased, remodeled and opened "The Harrison House" in Marengo, IL. He later moved back to Fairfield, bought Perry Clothing in 1982, and continued until poor health forced him to retire in 1995. Locally, Lee was a member of the Fairfield Elks Lodge, Walton Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is survived by his wife and one sister...

Wayne R. Lampman, PC/PSE'65-'73... of Troy, NY passed away September 16, 2011 after complications and a short but valiant battle with a brain tumor and brain cancer. Unconfirmed reports to e-news tell us that Wayne was a noted and respected cosmetologist. While at Parsons, he was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity. No further information is available at this time...



Wayne Lampman

Bertha "Bert" Kasowski Kerr, PC'49-'51...died at her home in Washington, IL on May 5, 2011. Bert, 76 was born in Fairfield and attended Parsons from 1949-1951. After leaving Parsons, she married to William "Bob" Kerr in Rockford, IL. Over the course of her working career, Bert performed various administrative functions at the Corporate Headquarters of Caterpillar Tractor Company, retiring in 1993. She is survived by two sons and four grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory in Washington...



Donald Leedy

Donald Leroy Leedy, PC'50... Don passed away from heart failure on January 8, 2012 at his home in Siletz, OR. He was 84. Born on a farm just outside Fairfield, he attended FHS and was raised by his mother and stepfather Herman Johnson. Don married the late Shirley Ann Hansen in 1951, shortly after graduating from Parsons with a B.S. Degree in Biology in 1950. A memorial service was held in Netarts, OR. Don is survived by two daughters, one son, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren...

Godfrey "Milt" Zentmayer, PC/PSE'64-'65... Milt, 67, a resident of Savannah, GA died December 2, 2011 at Memorial University Medical Center. Born in Trenton, NJ, Milt served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Air Force. After spending several years at Parsons, Milt transferred to Rider College in Lawrenceville, NJ and graduated with a B.S. in Business and Finance. While at Parsons, he was affiliated with Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity. Milt was President of Academy Lighting and Zephyr Molding and was a member of the New England MGT Register. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Donna Lynn, two sons and one grandson. A private funeral was to be scheduled at a later date...

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Lansford C. McBride, Jr., PC'mid-60's... Lansford, who was from Allendale, died December 16, 2010. He was 67 years old and the beloved husband of Jeanne (nee Knobel) his wife of 43 years. Lansford had two daughters, Cheryl and Cynthia (and families) and four grandchildren. He was also survived by a host of relatives. The Van Emburgh-Sneider-Pemise Funeral Home assisted the family, a service was conducted and interment followed at the Tappan Reformed Church Cemetery in Tappan, NY..

Theodore "Teddy" Rosinski, PC/PSE'62-'65... of Roselle, IL passed away suddenly November 4, 2011 of an apparent heart attack. Ted attended Parsons from 1962 – 1965 and was a popular and respected member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity. His love for animals led he and wife Ann Marie, to purchasing and operating the Hollywood Kennels in Roselle, just outside the city limits of Chicago. In addition to his wife, Ted is survived by one daughter, Deanna. A funeral and service were held the following week and the arrangements were handled by the Salerno Funeral Home of Roselle...



Ted Rosinski



Barbara Knaack Nielsen

Barbara J. Knaack Nielsen, PC'61... of Iowa City, died August 9, 2011 at the Briarwood Care Center in Iowa City. She was 76. Barbara was born and raised and attended high school in Manning, IA. She went on to college at Iowa State Teachers College and Parsons. Barbara was married to Roger Nielsen, (Parsons coach and teacher) in 1957 and graduated in 1961. She became an elementary teacher and taught for 36 years at Glidden, Carroll, Fairfield and Denison, where she retired in 1997. Barbara is survived by husband, Roger, two sons, four grandchildren and a host of relatives. A memorial service was held and the arrangements were handled by Gay & Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service in Iowa City...

Robert L. McCoy, PC'mid-1930's... Bob, 82, of West Liberty, IA, passed away Monday, June 27, 2011, at Mercy Hospital. A Celebration of Life service was held at First Church United. Bob was born Nov. 11, 1938, in Keokuk, and graduated from Keokuk High School. He went on to get his Bachelor's Degree from Parsons College and earned his Master's Degree from the University of Iowa. He was united in marriage to Louise Stutz in 1964. Bob was an educator in the West Liberty School District for 35 years, and also taught in Milwaukee for two years prior to relocating to West Liberty. He was a member of First Church United and the West Liberty Country Club, and was an avid fan of the Hawkeyes. Bob is survived by his wife, Louise, of West Liberty, children, Michael McCoy and Julie and Sydney of Austin, Texas...

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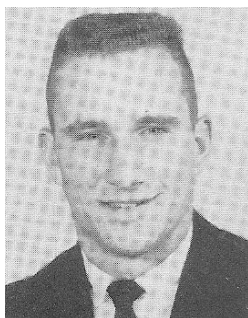
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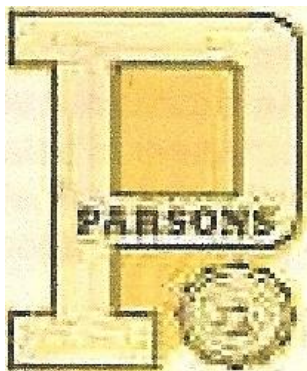
George B. Shott, PC'50... passed away at his home in San Francisco, CA on August 27, 2011 following a battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease). George was a innovative money manager who founded Shott Capital Management Company. He was a recognized figure in Silicon Valley for his association with the venture capital community. George was one of the first securities analysts to identify the potential of companies like Hewlett Packard, Applied Materials and Spectra Physics. Although he was born in Nebraska, his family relocated to Birmingham, IA and he attended Parsons prior to transferring to Stanford University his junior year. At Stanford he received his B.A. and M.B.A. Degrees. George served in the US Navy during the Korean War aboard the USS Iowa and at the Naval Station Great Lakes, IL. His love for baseball led to a short stint with the Baltimore Orioles organization and he founded and owned The Golden Baseball League. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, three children and five grandchildren...



Bruce Vandever

Donald "Bruce" Vandever, PC/PSE'59... Bruce died on November 11, 2011 at his home in Keokuk, IA. He spent the better part of his life in Keokuk except for four years teaching in Mt. Pleasant. Bruce received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Parsons, where he was a charter member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity. He earned his Master's Degree from the University of Montana. Bruce was a teacher and coach at Keokuk Community Schools for 31 years and retired in 1994. Bruce was named 1984 Iowa All-Star Coach and received the Twenty Year Coach's Award. In 1987 he was honored with the Basketball Coaching Award, and a Golf Bronze Award. Bruce was a player, coach, and supporter of high school sports for 41 years. He was also a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Keokuk Yacht Club, Deer Run Golf Club, and the Warsaw Gun Club, where he founded "Coach's Kids" to help kids in need. Pallbearers included Parsons Phi Sig brothers **Ray Linder, Paul Petherick** and **Dick Fornash**. Bruce is survived by wife Janet, three children, three step-children, 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren...

Clella Fiderlein Walton, PC'35... Clella, 95, of Wilton, IA died November 7, 2011 at Leland Smith Assisted Living in Wilton. She graduated from Atalissa High and later graduated from Parsons in 1935. Clella was married to the late Lonnie V. Walton in Muscatine, IA in 1938. She is survived by a son, daughter, four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were handled by the Bentley Funeral Home in Wilton...



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