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PCFF's 7th Annual Wall of Honor Ceremony will honor another 10 "diverse and distinguished" honorees...

WOH induction to be held in conjunction with PCAA All-Classes Reunion, October 2-4

At 10:00AM on October 3, another 10 outstanding and distinguished Student/Alumni of Parsons College will be honored and inducted to the Wall of Honor. The Class of 2015 will bring the Wall of Honor membership to 69. Here are brief bios/profiles of the newest class of honorees:

Philip Allen, PC'40 (posthumously)... Phil was a meteorologist who went onto University of Chicago and UCLA. He joined the US Army Air Corps, taught meteorology, forecasted the weather for transatlantic aviation, supervised atmospheric research for the detection of foreign nuclear explosions and supervised the National Meteorological Center in Washington, DC. Phil transferred to the Nevada Nuclear Test Site where he provided weather and fallout predictions for the US Weather Bureau Research Station. In later years he volunteered time to the Clark County, NV Health District Hospice and the National Atomic Test Museum. Philip passed away June 27, 2015 in Pleasant Hill, CA. He was 96-years-old...*(see Memoriams)*

Dennis Edwards, PC/PSE '64 (posthumously)... Dennis was an All-American NAIA basketball player who was drafted by the St. Louis Hawks of the NBA. He was also an Executive/Plant Manager for the Chrysler Corporation who worked his way up the ladder and became one of Lee Iacocca's key management personnel. Dennis managed plants in Wilmington, DE, St. Louis, MO and

Detroit, MI. Along the way, Dennis managed to earn his Master's Degree from Central Michigan University. Following retirement from Chrysler, he founded D&S Tooling, and later became a vital partner and consultant to the Vitec Corporation, a company which manufactured and sold plastic containers to the automotive industry. Dennis volunteered his time and effort to the Boys & Girls Clubs of American, Goodwill Project Hope, 100 Black Men and various urban youth programs. Dennis passed away April, 2014 in Clarkston, MI...

Mike Gilpin, PC/SPE '63... Mike was a highly respected college mathematics professor who earned his Master's Degree at University of Arizona, his PhD at University of Oregon and taught for a short time at Gonzaga University. He did sabbaticals at Southern Polytechnic University, the University of Illinois and NASA Space Center in Houston, TX, while posting a 40-year teaching career at Michigan Technical University in Houghton, MI. Mike has given numerous national and international presentations at math meetings and wrote and taught a distance learning course which was videotaped for GM and was seen by over

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200 GM employees weekly. He's been a 6-time chaperone for the Special Olympics and directed a Mathematics Enrichment Program for students at six local high schools.

Ellen Mosher Hanson, PC'71... Ellen is a distinguished women's college basketball coach. At Parsons she was an All-American basketball player who played in the Pan-American Games, the World Tournament and World Festival. Over two seasons, she coached the UCLA women's team to 20-3 and 19-4 records. Ellen then settled down at the University of Minnesota where in a 12-year period she carved a sports hall of fame career. Her 172-125 record (211-132 overall) earned her entry to the Minnesota Golden Gophers Sports Hall of Fame. In addition to coaching basketball she taught physical education. Ellen earned her Master's Degree at Central Missouri State University and did teaching/coaching stints in Kansas City and California before retiring to become proprietor of the Highland Pines Resort in Hayward, WI where she also taught school and conducted basketball camps...

Dean Honnold, PC/PSE '63... Dean met up with the IMT Insurance Company while coaching and teaching in Ft. Dodge, IA. A summer job went full-time and he marched up through the ranks to become President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. Dean has been named to "Who's Who" in the property/casualty insurance industry and following his retirement he was named Chairman Emeritus. During his tenure with IMT he was required to make a number of critical business decisions. The result of those decisions transcended to a 63% increase in net premiums written. In his West Des Moines community, Dean has coached, promoted and directed various sports. He was also instrumental in raising funds to renovate the local high school baseball field...

Don Kivowitz, PC/PSE '68... Don is the Founder and Chairman of Regency Post-Acute Healthcare Systems, located in Victoria, TX, and manages a conglomerate of over 120 limited partnerships and corporations. The business is active in building and managing post-acute healthcare facilities, the acquisition of real estate and staff development. Over a 26-year period, Don has opened 33 post-acute and rehabilitation facilities across the state of Texas. That translates to the accommodation of 4,200 beds and the hiring of 4,000 employees. Don worked for a New York stock exchange company prior to Regency. On the community front, Don goes statewide. He is a major donor, supporter and promoter of a number of philanthropic organizations which help in the prevention of cruelty to animals, provide services for homeless children and families, supports various cancer related charities and awards scholarships benefitting students locally and state-wide. Don and wife Stacey live in Dallas, TX...

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James Nield, PC/TKE '66... Jim's career in the egg industry started with the Diamond Company selling egg graders. In less than 10 years he was president of the company. Eight years later, he and a partner bought the Diamond Automation Division company. Innovative Jim invented and patented an egg grader that increased the speed of grading eggs from 6 eggs per second to 60 eggs per second. He patented the egg grader and now holds US Patents in all three product lines: graders, cages and breakers. Jim's impact on the business increased the company's US market share to 90%, and the efficiency of his equipment and processes has helped keep the cost of eggs reasonable for decades. Jim is known for taking care of his employees and his community. In 2004, Jim was named Northville, MI "Citizen of the Year." And in 2014, the American Egg Board presented Jim their prestigious "Good Egg Award."

Paul Read, PC'67... Paul was a high school and college teacher and coach for over 30 years. He co-captained the Wildcats football team for two years. Paul's impact on the program was so great that upon graduation, the Athletics Department offered him positions of Director of Intramurals and Assistant Coach of the football team. He holds the distinction of coming full-circle, both playing for, and being named head coach of his alma mater. But the position was short-lived with the demise of Parsons. Following the final game, a 21-3 loss to Tennessee A & I in the Gateway Classic at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, MO, Parsons discontinued its football program. Over the next few years, Paul held a variety of coaching and teaching positions before landing in Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO for six years. He then moved onto the Maryville RII School District where he found his niche and launched a 25-year coaching/teaching career which resulted in him receiving the "Maryville RII Service Award." Paul was President and Lieutenant Governor of the local Optimist Club, was involved in the DARE program and the Boy Scouts of America...



OCTOBER 3, 2009... "Making It Happen!" These three Parsons alums (l to r): John Braidwood, '68, Dave Neff '69 and John Blackstock '64, who Co-Founded the Student/Alumni Wall of Honor, celebrating the inaugural Class of 2009. The Class of 2015, number seven, will be honored on October 3rd...

Lindsay "River" Shannon, PC/WTBA '66... Lindsay's first job in Kansas City was driving a taxi cab. Today, over 40 years later, he is hailed by the KC Star newspaper as one of the "25 Most Influential People in Kansas." KC Magazine awarded Lindsay's B.B.'s Lawnside Barbeque their "Best Lifestyle Award" as one of Kansas City's "Top 10 Companies." Lindsay loved music, got "lost in the blues" and ended up with a very popular "KC Blues Show" on the radio. He has parlayed that interest with his purchase of B.B.'s Lawnside Barbeque and Blues Restaurant and created one of the hottest eateries and night spots in Kansas City. His formula was simple: "Great barbeque and live blues music 6-nights a week." Television and radio appearances and magazine, newspaper write-ups have been off the charts. On the local front, Lindsay is one of the founders of "Fund Raisers for KC Blues Society" and has raised \$250,000 over a 25-year period to benefit autistic children. He also supports charities for battered women and collects and raises money and support for the needy. Lindsay lists his most important professional mission in life as: "Giving back to the community." He and wife Jo (Davis) have been married 44 years...

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Richard Tallin, PC/PKA '66... Richard owns one of the largest wholesale antique, antique reproduction, furniture and gift businesses in the world. His 500,000 square foot showroom in St. Louis, MO features reproductions of some of the most rare and valuable antiques in the world. Richard has traveled and shopped over 125 countries gathering 30,000 individual pieces, each personally hand picked. At one time, he operated 17 antique/gift retail stores in California and employed over 700 people. That included the largest antique store in the world, the 150,000 square foot Los Angeles location. After graduation Richard worked for the college as Director of Inventory Control. But changes of the mid-1960's led to employment at AA Importing where he had previously shopped for the college while furnishing dorms and faculty residences. Richard moved quickly from trunk-show sales to owning the company. In the city of St. Louis, Richard's support and donations for a senior living complex, which offers 276 senior living units, led the facility to name a section, The Tallin Towers. He also supports the largest food pantry in the St. Louis area and after leaving and relocating his business, he donated the property, the equivalent of a city block, to St. Louis University. However, he is most proud of a statue he designed and produced of a young Mark Twain, the riverboat pilot, which stands as the centerpiece at Riverfront Park in Hannibal, MO. Richard "lives to work" and his advice to others: "find something you like and run with it..."

Hey!!!! Don't pitch that yearbook!! Wait, don't toss it into the fire!! Contact Ed Longanecker and he'll gladly help find a new home

There are many yearbooks and lots of Parsons memorabilia of little or no value to many families, yet they are of some interest and value for existing alums who have since lost, misplaced or perhaps, never purchased a yearbook. Parsons Peira yearbooks continue to remain a hot and important item to the graduates in their years.

Bring those unwanted Peiras to our upcoming reunion or just mail them back to **Ed Longanecker** and he'll pay the shipping. Yes, that's right, Ed will pay the shipping! There are opportunities to share, exchange and/or trade yearbooks. And this isn't just limited to yearbooks. "Easy Ed" will take your Parsons plates, cups, saucers, mugs, mortarboards, etc. With the reunion on the October horizon, this would be an excellent time to clean out the shelves and help find a new home for those unattended items.

The Parsons College Alumni Board and the Foundation are in the process of developing this exchange. **Yes.... You heard it right! We will even pay shipping for yearbooks/memorabilia of families or alums who would like to donate them to our cause. Any contributions and/or income would be directed to foundation and alumni activities.**

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



One of the Treasures of Parsons College – A 1958 Peira

Next Issue – FALL, 2015
News Deadline is OCTOBER 10, 2015

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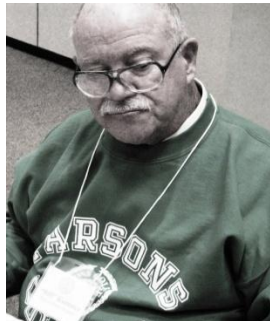
Gala All-Classes “Welcome Back Reunion” Planned for October

The Parsons College Foundation Fund (PCFF), in conjunction with the Parsons College Alumni Association (PCAA), has announced plans for the Parsons College (every other year) Student/Alumni All-Classes Reunion to be held in Fairfield, October 2-4, 2015.

The 7th Annual Wall of Honor ceremony will highlight a 3-day weekend of events. We will also salute those classes celebrating their 60th (1955) and 50th (1965) reunions. Tickets for all weekend activities (Friday night, Saturday lunch, Saturday night buffet dinner and Sunday Farewell Breakfast) will be available for pickup at registration for \$85.00. It’s recommended you pre-register through the form enclosed in this newsletter.

Student/alumni registration opens at 3:00PM Friday at the Fairfield Golf & Country Club (909 East Harrison), followed by a “Welcome Back to Fairfield” reception with beer, wine, soft drinks and heavy hors d’oeuvres. Other activities going on in Fairfield and around the town square include, “1st Friday’s Art Walk” and the kickoff of Oktoberfest, complete with beer, German food and a polka band.

One of the truly neat happenings at the Wall of Honor ceremony is the number of former WOH inductees who return each and every year. Dr. Biff Kummer (right) has become one of those regulars. Each October he returns, steps up and volunteers to run the memorabilia table.



Reunion and Wall of Honor registration will continue Saturday morning at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center (200 N. Main) at 9:00AM. The Wall of Honor ceremony begins at 10:00AM, followed by a Barhydt Chapel organ presentation and the unveiling of the plaques of this year’s 10 inductees in Alumni Hall. A luncheon will follow at the Elks Lodge (West side of the square) at 12:00 noon.

Carnegie Historical Museum (CHM) Director, **Mark Shafer** will throw open the doors to the museum’s Parsons College Collection, the **Lee T. Gobble** Collection, and the Barhydt Campus Cornerstone Memorial (112 S. Court Street – 3rd floor) at 1:30 PM.

There is no charge to tour the museum . This visit is guaranteed to bring back some fond memories.

The Saturday evening 3-course Reunion Buffet Dinner, with cash bar, has been booked at the Fairfield Golf & Country Club (909 East Harrison) for 5:30PM – 7:30PM.

The final event of the weekend is the optional “Farewell Continental Breakfast,” Sunday morning at 9:00AM at the Hy-Vee Restaurant (1300 W. Burlington). This traditional gathering is totally informal.

If you are interested in attending, step one, call and make reservations at one of the following hotels/motels in Fairfield or Ottumwa. We have had great response from the Spring E-Newsletter and have confirmed two of the Motels in Fairfield have already filled the block of reserved rooms. So, we’ve now blocked a number of additional rooms and locations in Ottumwa,

All rooms must be booked by September 17, 2015 for the special block rates. The sooner the better as rooms are at a premium. Please ask for the Parsons College Reunion/Dave Neff block of rooms and the special rates which range from approximately \$80.00++ to \$115.00++ per night. Here are the locations and the status as we know it. It’s possible cancellations may become available, but our recommendation is you reserve something now so that you’re covered.

FAIRFIELD: **AmericInn**, 2104 S. Main – 641-451-6600 (**FULL**); **Best Western Fairfield Inn**, 2200 West Burlington Ave, (641) 472-2200 (**FULL**); **Fairfield Super 8 Motel**, 3001 West Burlington Ave, (641) 469-2000 (**AVAILABLE**); **Landmark Inn** (old Hunt Hotel), 115 N. Main – 641-472-4152; **Seven Roses Inn** (a bed & breakfast) – 641-209-7077.

OTTUMWA: **AmericInn**, 222 W. 2nd Street – 641-684-8222; **Hampton Inn & Suites**, 943 N. Quincy Avenue – 641-814-8888; **Lexington Inn**, 2813 N. Court St., - 641-682-0000.

Step two, complete the registration form included in this E-Newsletter, or contact **Dave Neff** (neffacres@lisco.com), or **Nancy Wirtanen** (nwirtanen@yahoo.com) to obtain a registration form and pre-re-register now for all activities and events...

Next E-Newsletter Deadline – October 10, 2015

**PARSONS COLLEGE FOUNDATION FUND & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2015 WALL OF HONOR AND STUDENT/ALUMNI REUNION
REGISTRATION FORM**

Who: Parsons College Students/Alumni and Friends
What: 2015 Wall of Honor and Student/Alumni All-Classes Reunion
When: October 2-4, 2015
Where: Fairfield, Iowa

Name _____
 Please include maiden name if applicable _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone numbers: Home _____ Cell _____
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 Class of _____ Affiliation(s) _____
 Spouse Name _____
 Class of (if applicable) _____ Affiliation _____

- Student/Alumni ALL EVENTS Inclusive.....\$85.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
- Friday Reception & Happy Hour (ONLY) at\$25.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
Fairfield Golf & CC (Includes draft beer, house wines, soft drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres)
- Saturday Wall of Honor Lunch (ONLY) at\$20.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
Elks Lodge (Hot buffet lunch, cash bar)
- Saturday Reunion/Buffer Dinner (ONLY) at.....\$30.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
Fairfield Golf & Country Club (Three course buffet dinner, cash bar)
- Sunday Optional Farewell Continental (ONLY)....\$10.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
at Hy-Vee Store (Continental Breakfast)

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

**Please return form and include check payable to Parsons College Foundation Fund:
 Parsons College Foundation Fund, 2272 Glasgow Road, Fairfield, IA 52556
 See attachment for complete details of the Reunion Weekend. GO WILDCATS!**

Parsons College Alumni Association: Just what does it do? Who are these people who donate their time and effort to the mission?

There is only ONE alumni association!!! Should there be any doubt or need for clarification, let it be known that there is one, and only one, Parsons College Alumni Association (PCAA). This PCAA is governed by a set of by-laws, has a clear cut mission, a president, officers, board of directors, which convenes quarterly, and is involved in a number of active projects.

The PCAA mission is simple and clear: "We are dedicated to preserving the lasting memory and memorabilia of Parsons College."

Nancy Wirtanen, PC'73 is the founder and president of the PCAA. Her vice president and treasurer is **Dave Neff, PC'69**. Currently serving on the board of directors are: **John Blackstock, John Braidwood, Bill Burger, Frank Challant, Dixie Hogan Hoekman, Dr. Richard Ivins, Marion Jennings, Dr. Biff Kummer, Ed Longanecker Dr. Kay McPherson Ferguson** and they all play active roles.

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 Fairfield, October 2-4 for a weekend of laughter, friendship and nostalgia. Remember, a new friend is valuable and old friends are priceless. Please mark you calendar and plan to attend."*

Nancy has worked diligently collecting over 3,200 names that have been added to the Alumni Directory and she's logged 2,150 email addresses. **Ed Longanecker** has provided the means which allows us to transmit the Alumni E-Newsletter to over 1,300 student/alums. Retired attorney, **Bill Burger**, offers legal guidance.

The PCAA developed the quarterly E-Newsletter. It is published and edited by **John Blackstock, Dave Neff**, in addition to his other duties, has negotiated and streamlined a direct ordering procedure with Fairfield Line, Inc. to offer a ordering & shipping process for the assortment of Parsons merchandise shown on page 25.

Kay Ferguson is heading a committee that is dedicated to exploring grant opportunities in order to assist the Carnegie Historical Museum restore and preserve its current memorabilia and artifacts, which includes a large representation of

the Parsons Collection. The CHM is actually the home of Parsons past and must be preserved. Lastly, Mr. Neff, "Our Man in Fairfield," is currently leading the planning and organization of our every 2-year All-Classes Reunion, in conjunction with the Parsons College Foundation Fund's Wall of Honor ceremony, October 2-4, 2015. This is your PCAA at work. All the time and effort is on a volunteer basis...

(NOTE: The PCAA is NOT affiliated with the Parsons News-Line or George Jordan III.)

Your Parsons Jacket has arrived!!

The Parsons College logo/crested lightweight jacket has arrive and is now available for purchase. As the demand for Parsons memorabilia has increased so has our assortment of merchandise and memorabilia.

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

The jacket is made by Russell Athletic Wear and is available in sizes S - 3XXX. The cost is \$50 plus S&H and can be order by following the easy ORDERING INSTRUCTION on page 25 of this E-Newsletter.

And while at it, don't forget to checkout the rest of our line of merchandise including, T-shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, caps and visors. What's next you ask?? What's next?? Stay tuned!!!



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

Dr. Kay Ferguson's reports on the progress being made at the Carnegie Historical Museum, the home of Parsons College history

(Editor's note: We cannot overemphasize the need to help support the restoration and preservation of the Carnegie Historical Museum. Outside of the small displays and housing of our Wall of Honor inductees, the CHM is the home, and the only home, of our Parsons College memorabilia. Without this location and the efforts of a few, like Kay Ferguson, this history ends up in dusty basements and antique shops across the Midwest. Here is an edited version of Dr. Ferguson's report to the board. Your support is essential...to help, contact Dr. Ferguson at kferg2@cox.net or Mark Shafter at shaferm1@iowatelecom.net.)

This past week I was in Fairfield helping with some tasks at the Carnegie Historical Museum (CHM), attending a board meeting and creating a work/intake/restoration room. As you know, space at the museum is limited so this room is very small. The Indian Hills Community College still occupies some large areas. A small room was cleared and the space has been converted to a work room with storage shelves. Mark arranged for two high school students, who are earning points for Community Service, to move items out and bring in work tables and also create a computer area. As artifacts and documents are donated to the museum, they first go to the work room to be inventoried, cleaned, sorted, and appropriately packed for storage until display space is available.



Dr. Kay Ferguson (left) and former Parsons teacher and coach, Vera Young, take time look over some of the progress made at the CHM.

Experience Works Program – a new worker for Carnegie - Currently, one board member is helping with processes on a regular basis. I was able to set up another from a federal program called Experience Works. The program pays minimum wage to a 55-year-old or older retired person in the low income category. One worker is available now and will hopefully begin work soon. Mark is sending several board members to a Past Perfect training session in August to learn the program in order to inventory, assign catalog numerals, storage space locations and digitize artifacts and documents. After the

training, one of those board members will train the Experience Works person to utilize this program and the Carnegie will have a working system in place. This will initiate a system used by museums around the nation.

Funded proposals

1. The proposal submitted to an Iowa City Foundation requesting \$20,000 was funded at \$2,500. We are awaiting an explanation why the reduction in the amount requested. This proposal was designated to restore the large and valuable collection of Civil War items.
2. The proposal submitted to the Greater Jefferson County Foundation requesting \$5,000 to design, create and erect signage had a beneficial result. The company that Mark was working with became excited about the Carnegie and donated the materials and work. Thus, the proposal was absolved. However, the Foundation still awarded the Carnegie \$810.00 – a wonderful gesture.

Past events

The Museum Crawl was highly successful for Southeast Iowa institutions. The Carnegie was a major stop with many activities, including activities relating to the Parsons Collection. There are continually groups and other visitors to the Museum daily. Mark designs and delivers many programs each month.

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"If there's a word bigger than MODERATION, please tell me what it is!"

65'nWise

New items donated to the Museum in July

The **Floyd Von Ohlen** papers were donated; A 1900 padlocked ballot machine including the marbles that were used for ballots; a replica of a Louden Barn is being constructed in Mark's office. Louden items are being displayed in the barn. A donor has provided the materials and the workmanship; a restored parlor organ fret was donated. Walkers Office Supply donated hanging file folders and some office supplies. Postcards, books, clothing and Parsons Memorabilia have been donated including a well worn T-shirt from the Den. This garment will be on display in October.

New cleaning service

The Foundation is now sponsoring a cleaning service twice per month. Prior cleaning was completed by **Susan Shafer**, Mark's wife, and this was gratis work.

Work was initiated on the display case

One of the Parsons Board members donated funds to refinish a display case. This work has been initiated. The work had to be completed in the Museum as the case was too large to remove. The refinisher put the Museum on his work list and is now at work engaged in the refinishing process.

Training in Past Perfect

The Iowa Museum Association is providing free training in Past Perfect, the software program important to museums. Several Carnegie board members will be taking this training.

Needs

- A chairman/woman to organize a **Volunteer group**, manage and recruit volunteers
- Donated funds to pay a stipend to the chair of a **Volunteer group**
- More space for working and restoring/cleaning items
- Nice cardboard boxes with removable lids for storing items

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- A committee to sort, clean, inventory and pack items in the Carnegie attic. There are valuable items sitting there in dust and heat.
- Restore a large brass and bronze Asian lamp with dragon feet. It is stored in the attic. It is beautiful and should be cleaned, repaired, furnished with a lamp shade and displayed with the matching lamp that is already displayed in the Parsons Collection. This is a lamp belonging to **Lewis B. Parsons**.
- Clean and restore a large, rare and valuable collection of southwestern early Native American baskets that are sitting in the heat and dust of the attic. Interns trained in restoration. (Actually this may happen. **Bill Burger** is working on this need)
- Donors to fund the restoration of the collection of Civil War items
- A few board members to travel to the Winona Historical Museum to view the behind-the-scenes work and storage areas and return with ideas to use at the Carnegie
- Manila file folders...

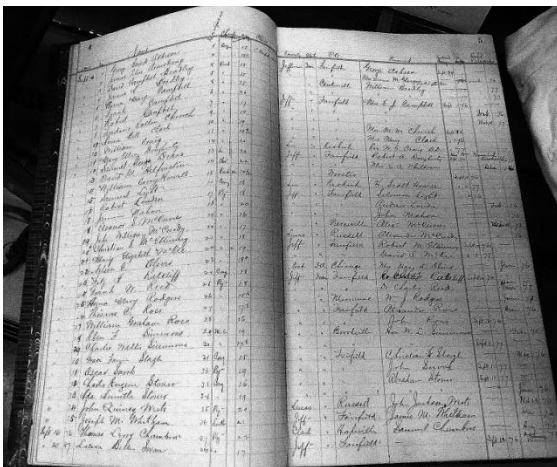
Original 140-year-old Parsons Registration Book on display at museum

Some forty years ago, a Fairfield antique collector stopped by my house for tea and presented me with a box of dirty, dusty books - most of which displayed broken spines and tattered pages. I anxiously began sorting through it all - one vintage item at a time. At the very bottom lay a very interesting-looking, rectangular book. I immediately knew this book was special due to its fine leather covering with gold borders.

Upon further examination it indeed proved unbelievably special.....truly "Parsons College" special!! What was it? This lovely old leather-bound, 140 year-old book was the original Parsons College Registration Book - used the first day the college opened its doors to students. The first students attending Parsons College had their names written in on September 4, 1875 - the very opening day of Parsons College, according to page 4 of the ledger. For years, new students had their names and personal information written into the book.



A Parsons College treasure



Registration Book – 1st Class - September 4, 1875

Interestingly, one of the first students (#16) was **Robert B. Loudon**. He went on to become President of the Loudon Machinery Company in Fairfield. This company became a successful world renowned company manufacturing equipment for both farm and factory. R. B.'s successors were influential Parsons College Trustee members who helped the college expand and prosper. The Louden brothers also built large family homes in Fairfield. Those homes stand today and are on the National Register.

This lost and once forgotten book is now on display in the Carnegie Historical Museum in Fairfield, Iowa. When you are visiting Fairfield, stop by the Carnegie Museum and ask the director, **Mark Shafer**, to show you this special book. It was in and out of antique auctions and attics but eventually found its way to once again be seen by, and reunited with, all remaining Parsons students...

Dr. Bob Tree's... Corner Commentary...



DR.TREE ON THE WOH CLASS OF 2015: This is an outstanding group, excellent choices. I am happy to vote “aye” for each of these candidates to the Wall of Honor. I certainly enjoyed reading every one of the essays about these graduates, most of whom I remember quite well. I would say, there was more than just one “WOW” per individual. We, the faculty, must have been doing something right at Parsons. These WOH selections are right up there with those who have preceded them. The variety of careers and lives of these people is almost unbelievable. It also struck me that they all shared one trait in particular. What really stood out was “SERVICE TO OTHERS” and to their communities. No matter what they actually did, or how they may have prospered, and each seems to have prospered, underlying whatever each did, SERVICE always seemed to have been there. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

DR TREE ON DOCUMENT/CERTIFICATE STICKERS: A question about the stickers on the Dean's List certifications was raised by **Doug Marion**. I'm not aware anyone has asked that question before. Frankly, I doubt they have any particular significance other than representing a seal of authenticity from the College.

You may recall that in the Middle Ages few kings and great lords could sign their own names. Instead they wore rings on which their coat-of-arms was engraved. When they issued an edict, a proclamation, or any type of diploma, a dollop of hot wax was dropped on the document and the signer's coat-of-arms from the ring was placed onto the wax in place of the signature.

As time passed, the seal became so customary that after officials, even deans, could sign their own names, the seal was affixed to the document. Today, when a Notary Public authenticates a document, he or she, not only signs, but affixes the seal of office to that document.

What the red seal on the one certificate might mean, I really don't know, but read on. The other seal really is different. The academic colors of Parsons College were gold and green (athletic colors were green and white) and those are the colors of the seal on one of your certificates. It would be interesting to know what the seal color is of the one remaining certificate you have that also carries a seal.

The certificate with the red seal was for the “First Summer Session, 1969.” But what was the color seal for the second summer session, 1969? The gold and green seal was used on the certificates for the “Fall Trimester, 1969.” There is a significant difference between the two. The College colors are used on the seal of the trimester but NOT for a “summer session.”

That question about the Dean's List certificate leads to the next inquiry: What about the seals on the graduation diploma itself? Any seals, colors, or anything that might be unusual are of interest. Should any of our readers out there have knowledge of these certificates, seals, or colors, please forward that knowledge onto our editor...

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“If you build it they will come”...and they did...for a while!

*(Editor's Note: Part 2 of 2 - The SPRING edition of E-News highlighted the “satellite” program and what we believed to be the goals of Dr. Roberts. In this edition we're profiling each of the “satellite” schools - who was sent from Parsons to execute the plan, and what happened to each following the demise of Parsons. The content is provided by **Ray Ham, Dr. Biff Kummer and Dave Neff**, while visiting in Tomahawk, WI. **Dr. Bob Tree, Kay Ferguson and Bob Spencer** also contributed to the story.)*

In the early 1960's **Dr. Millard G. Roberts** laid the foundation for a whole new meaning of the word "satellite." He conceived what was to be called The Parsons College Satellite System Program. The “Parsons Plan” academic model employed at these schools was the brainchild of



Hiram Scott College, located in Scottsbluff, NE, one of six Satellite Schools to falter...

Dr. Roberts., who was president of Parsons College from 1955 to 1967; the multi-faceted plan featured innovative teaching and administrative techniques, and emphasized the recruitment of a geographically and academically diverse student body. Among other characteristics, the “Parsons Plan” schools welcomed unconventional students who had not seen success at other colleges.

In the 1960's, the schools were also attended by a substantial number of young men seeking draft deferments that would allow them to avoid military service during the Vietnam War. This led to the planning, building, staffing and the opening of six prototype models in the Parsons College Satellite System Program. The carbon copy schools were mostly scattered across the upper Midwest in remote areas. They included, *Midwestern College in Denison, IA; Charles City College, Charles City, IA; John J. Pershing College, Beatrice, NE; Hiram Scott College, Scottsbluff, NE; Lea College, Albert Lea, MN; Artisia College, Artisia, NM;* and although *John F. Kennedy College, Wahoo, NE* was not considered a satellite school, it followed the same academic format.

Dr. Roberts hand picked the personnel for each of the six newly planted colleges. These were dedicated people who believed in the plan, and who Dr. Roberts believed to be trustworthy. Here are the profiles of the schools and personnel as we best know:

MIDWESTERN COLLEGE – DENISON, IA: Nickname – “Packers” - Established 1965 - Closed 1970. School Motto: “We kindle the light of knowledge.” **Dr. Richard Simon** was appointed president of the college and he was assisted by **Judy Lauretson** who now lives in Fairfield. Dr. Simon led a long list of Parsons affiliates who were recruited to Midwestern. **Roger Nielson** became Athletic Director and head football coach. **Phil and Brenda Knack** were in charge of the women's basketball program. Parsons grads **Lindsay Shannon** and **Bruce Rowley** were recruiters in the admissions department. **Benny Dillow** was Chairman of the Speech Department. **David Elliott, David Dobscha** and **Carol French** assumed tutorial roles.

Upon its' closing in October, 1970, two weeks into the semester, the entire student body was recruited to Parsons. The offer was accepted by 378 students, including a host of athletes. From the women's basketball program, **Ellen Mosher, Colleen Bowser, Joyce Berlin, Donna Fenski, Lilly Alma Jones** and **Sally Haven** moved on and became the nucleus of the Parsons Wildkittens. The former campus is now the home of the Denison Job Corp Center...

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(SATELLITE – cont'd)

LEA COLLEGE - ALBERT LEA, MN: Established 1966 - Closed 1973. The most noteworthy of the Parsonsites who moved to Albert Lea was band director **Ken Carpenter**. While the old Hotel Albert has been demolished, other campus buildings survived, including the former campus field house which has been named the Albert Lea City Arena.

HIRAM SCOTT COLLEGE - SCOTTSBLUFF, NE: Nickname – “Scotties” – Established 1965 - Closed 1972. School motto: “Light and truth.” **Dr. Anthony Marinaccio** spent a year at Parsons and gained enough confidence from Dr. Roberts that he was sent to Scottsbluff to start Hiram Scott. His success and stay was short lived. Parsons **Bob Sandburg** was the last president of Hiram Scott and his vice president was former Parsons dean of students **Charles Ferguson**. Located in the far northwest area of Nebraska, Hiram Scott was strapped for cash from its inception. To survive they had to run 100% enrollment capacity. With 30% of the students dropping out each semester due to dissatisfaction with the school’s limited curriculum, HSC was doomed. Rather than looking for ways to keep students, they continued to expand. The school peaked at 1,500 students in 1967-68, but in December of 1970, the trustees declared bankruptcy.

The former campus, buildings and grounds was acquired by the University of Nebraska in 1974 and are currently in operation. The main academic building, now known as the J.G. Elliott Building, was converted for use by the University's Panhandle Research and Extension Center, while the student services building became the State Office complex. Four of the larger dormitories that flanked the student center have since been removed.

JOHN J. PERSHING COLLEGE – BEATRICE, NE: Established 1966 - Closed 1971. Dr. Roberts tapped his friend, the prominent **Forrest Schwengel** to start JJP College. The former campus is now occupied by the Beatrice campus of Southeast Community College.

ARTISIA COLLEGE – ARTISIA, NM: Nickname – “Roadrunners” – Established 1966 and Closed 1971. **Charlie Barnett** was involved with this school and **Steve Case** was Director of Admissions.

CHARLES CITY COLLEGE – CHARLES CITY, IA: This location was opened from 1967 to 1968. Unfortunately a tornado wiped out the entire campus.

JOHN F. KENNEDY COLLEGE – WAHOO, NE: *(Originally there was a movement to merge JFK with John J. Pershing to create one school in Beatrice, NE, but that never happened. JFK was NOT a “satellite” school.)* Nickname – Patriots/Patriettes - Established in 1965 and Closed 1975. There were a number of Parsons faculty and administrators involved with JFK during its final years prior to closing. Parsons Dean of Students, **Ray Greenhalgh** became the first president of the college. During its’ peak years the enrollment grew to 700. **Ted and Connie Dillow** moved to Wahoo. Connie developed the drama/theater departments and Ted, who initially taught in the theology department, had the distinction of serving as the college’s final president. **Mert Oden** became the Director of Development and **Fred Bankus** worked as Director of Admissions. **Bob Wiseman** was in the history department and **Homer and Mildred Sutton** headed the college library. **Bob Spencer**, who had moved to JFK from Carlisle High School to become the Athletic Director and women’s basketball coach, smartly transferred to Parsons when the college dropped the sport, taking most of his team with him along with assistant coach **Ray Ham**. Spencer’s teams had won several AAU Championships at JFK and the women’s softball team won the first three Women’s College World Series Championships (1969-1971).

In 2004 a private physician bought the former library building and converted it into a private office. Since then, a number of the other campus buildings have been purchased and renovated...

REMEMBER WHEN???

By Doug Marion

I'm dedicating this quarter's REMEMBER WHEN to Dean of Students, **Robert Fox**, in response to his great suggestion and submission of FUN QUESTIONS to our alums. With due respects to those alums who submitted responses in THE ALUMNI WRITE section, here are my personal answers to a select few:

1. *Most memorable professor/administrator?* Almost too many to list. Here are a few: **O.B. Nelson**, history – by taking his advice on how to study, I made the Dean's List four times and graduated; **Eugene Hull**, industrial relations – He stated: "All successful companies and people 'ACT'... Everyone else 'REACTS'"... I've used those words over and over in my 40-year career. I never thought about what the competition was doing. I just thought about what I thought would sell...and it did; other favorites, **Eastman, Mellon, Hackett, Tree, Rogers, Barton and Dorsett**.

2. *Funniest/Embarrassing Happening at Parsons?* I was suiting up for a Friday night JV basketball game at Fry-Thomas and my game shorts were missing. The trainer had an extra pair but they fit snug. I entered the game off the bench. The snug shorts made it to the fourth quarter. I played the game leaping, extending, running the court, making baskets and passing to my teammates. The bleachers were full and the crowd was chanting my name. Finally during a timeout, my team mates told me I had ripped my snug shorts. Yes, from the waistband at 12 o'clock high to the stitched bottom at 6 o'clock low. My backside ballooned – fully exposing my rear-end and athletic supporter straps. I played the rest of the game in my practice shorts. The following weeks, several of the co-eds I knew came up to me on campus, patted me on 'you know where' and told me what a cute butt I had.

4. *How did Parsons change my life?* Parsons was my only college. When I went to graduate school on the west coast my history classes were conducted by underclassmen. We only saw the professor once a week. I began to realize how great Parsons was. Most of my professors had Master's and PhD Degrees. They taught superbly with open door policies AND the common theme I remember most: "I was told many times that they wanted to see their Parsons students be successful in life."



Mission accomplished! I graduated!

6. *Successes attributed to Parsons?* Graduating from college was the hardest thing I ever did. I never thought it would happen but I returned in 1968 and after a chance meeting with O.B. Nelson, I hit stride, raised my GPA and graduated...with a BA degree from Parsons in my back pocket. My career has encompassed long hours and weekends of work, but for me, all this was easy, compared to college. I owe a ton to Parsons College.

7. *Students who influenced my life?* As a military high school cadet, I lived with a strict honor code. My college friends, whether from sports, fraternities, independents, or social clubs, all did the same. In sports I looked up to **Roger Sherrard, Al Wardlow, Claude Ervin, Dennis Edwards, Bobby Smith, Lou Wilson, John Lanier** and **John Patrick**. My Lambda Chi brothers, **Gary Stover, Ron Belczyk, Joe Elizarde, Bill Spence, Bob Koch, Bill Winger, Don Samuelson**, and **Rich Rachel**. Others from the fraternity circle included **John Blackstock, Dave Neff, Fred Ramlow, Hank Brenner, Kenzie Thompson, Kenny Rice** and **Joe Cortazzo**. From the WTBA's, **Biff Kummer, Tom Dovi** and others. Each one of these friends performed honorably at Parsons and went onto great careers in life. I've quietly looked up to these friends and many others and cherish the friendship and brotherhood we enjoyed at Parsons College... Thank you Dean Bob Fox for your stimulating questions and for taping our Parsons memory banks!!!

Bet you didn't know?? by John Braidwood

Bill Easton class of 1926 turned out to be a pretty creative mischievous kind of guy, anxious to put more "life" into the college's mandatory chapel service, he carefully wired the front pews to a Model A Ford ignition coil.

The next day the faculty filed in as usual, took their allotted positions in the front pews and dutifully began listening to the sermon of the day. "Suddenly and abruptly they shot out of their pews with a shrill scream, rose a foot in the air, came down with a bang and rose up again gasping for air."

The convocation as you might expect, abruptly ended to the chagrin of the faculty, but as you can imagine to the joy and amusement of the student body.

Thanks Bill Easton your shrewd whimsical imagination (gave us) gives us reason to smile now and for many years to come.

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In 1955 **Reverend Millard G. Roberts**, at the ripe old age of 37, became the sixteenth president of Parsons College, to the board of trustee's surprise (shock) they got much more than they ever could have imagined.

President Roberts expeditiously made rapid changes in enrollment, faculty, academic policies and campus buildings. He moved so fast that trying to keep up with him started a joke around campus.

Two professors met in the Fairfield Square, "What's new?" asked one, "Don't know" replied the other, "I've been off campus for over two hours".

Yes, as we all know, the genius of the "Parsons College Plan" grew the college to be one of the fastest most progressive achievements in the annals of this country's academic collegiate history.



Dr. Millard G. Roberts

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In 1894 the Parsons College Board of Trustees declared: "The most apparent need of Parsons College at present is a greater enrollment of students to draw young people seeking a liberal education."

Decades later the very same message was delivered by the board of trustees. Approximately 60 years later, the appointment of "Doc Bob" and his successes would exceed even their wildest expectations.

"Time is our most precious commodity, spend it wisely!"

65'nWise

THE ALUMNI WRITE...

Yes, I worked at the “Wedge Inn!”

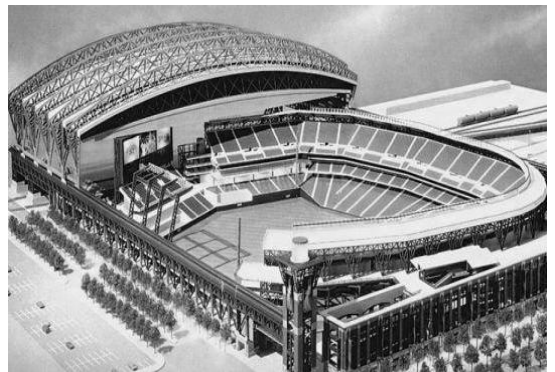
Phil Como, PC'66 – philipcomo@aol.com writes... I worked at the legendary “Wedge Inn” which was the feature of your spring Mystery Quiz. It was a sandwich shop owned by **Phil Suarez** and **Bob “Chick” Ciccarone**. I was their faithful delivery boy in the summer of 1965, making haste with the gastronomic delights prepared by chef “Chick,” who never met a board of health he disliked. I would point my Nash Metropolitan auto toward the delivery dorms and then get back to help out at the “Wedge.” Chick worked out an interesting barter deal with “The Den” next door, if memory serves me correctly. In fairness, I would have to say that Phil was not there that summer, but “Chick” did a great job! We know what happened to Phil (famous restaurateur) but what happened to “Chick”?

Editor’s note: After a lengthy career working for the New York State Corrections facility, “Chick” retired and became the superintendent of a golf course in the metro New York area and at last check lived in Millwood, NY

The Epilogue: The Cauley’s are now 30 for 30!!!

Paul & Linn Cauley, PC'65 - paulcauley@aol.com write... (In the spring issue we included the Cauley’s story of their quest to visit all 30 Major League Baseball Parks & Stadiums. Well, they’ve finished the project and here’s the epilogue). In May, we drove up the California and Oregon coast (think pristine beaches and giant redwood forests) to Eugene (Go Ducks!), Portland (Powell’s Bookstore is huge) and on to Seattle. We nailed the 30th and last of our MLB ball parks. Yes, we saw the Red Sox beat the Mariners 2-1 and that wrapped it up. On the trip we also toured the Boeing Plant, did dinner at the Space Needle and saw the Chihuly Garden and Glass

Museum. Then we drove home on the eastern side of the Cascades by way of I-84 and saw amazing vistas including, gigantic waterfalls. And finally, drove to Mt. Hood, Crater Lake (awesome) and back to Los Angeles. Great trip, beautiful country! Later this month, we’re heading for a Rhine River cruise. Linn and I really enjoy the PC E-Newsletter...



They nailed it!!! PC Alums Paul & Linn Cauley recently visited the 30th and last of 30 MLB ballparks!! Seattle’s Safeco Field (photo above) is in their memory bank and has been removed from their Bucket List...

Responding to Dean Fox’s questions of interest!!!

Jay Litt - jlitt@whamhg.com writes...

1. Most memorable professor or administrator? **Dr. James Snedden**; Philosophy **Ed Epperson**
2. Funniest/embarrassing happening at Parsons? All was good.
4. How did Parsons change your life? Parsons had the patience to allow me to continue to not do well, until I did well, and graduated and moved on.
5. My grandchildren to Parsons? Yes, there could not be a better place to grow up.
6. Successes attributed to Parsons?? Ability to get along with anyone at any time and under any circumstances.
7. Parsons students who influenced my life? **Martha Noyes**. Really good memories...

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Responding to Dean Fox's questions of interest!!!

Anthony Mantarro, PC'70 - CRUNCHBUNCH40@comcast.net writes...

1. *My most memorable professor or administrator?* **Dr. D. Buchanan**, Mathematics Professor. He selected me for Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.
2. *Funniest thing that happened?* Taking new students from the dorm out to a snipe hunt late at night and leaving them to walk back in the middle of the night.
3. *Didn't get caught?* In 1967, late a night we painted the Main Street green for St. Patty's Day.
4. *How did Parsons change my life?* I received a great education with superior professors giving me confidence to face the real world.
5. *My grandchildren to Parsons??* Yes, Parsons was a great school and superior professors. They work with you at any time of day or night if you had problems with your school work.
6. *Successes attributed to Parsons?* In June 1970 I graduated with honors, two weeks after, I was drafted into the United State Army. Spent two years in the army, returned home and ended up working in the postal service for 32 years and retired 2009.
7. *PC students who influenced my life:* I attended Parsons four years. From my second until graduation, I roomed with **Russell Rinelle, Joe Masotto** and **Frank Venezia**. We keep in touch and meet in Florida.

Trying to keep my Bucket List clean...

Sandy Hermel Parker, PC'65 - sandyhwp@sbcglobal.net writes... Thanks for another great issue! Wow, depressing the number of obituaries you're writing. I didn't know many but always sad to hear. Last night the Rolling Stones played at our San Diego ballpark. I couldn't get anyone to go with me because they said the tickets were too pricey. So I didn't go and really regret it because, again, I think we never know how our days are numbered. We should go for all the gusto we can get, whenever we can... **Marilynne Wepsala Urquhart** and I had a great time in Cuba. Loved it! Going to SF next weekend and NYC in October (to see Billy Joel at the Garden). I'm happy and healthy (knock on wood!) and enjoying life... Regarding "Hell Week" story several issues ago. My story differs from the one submitted on the Alpha Xi Delta kidnapping. I was a pledge and the pledge class put me and **Georgia Susnar** on a train (IN OUR PAJAMAS) all right, but we were sent to Ottumwa, not Chicago. I have no recollection how we got back to Fairfield except we may have called **Pete Kirn** (TKE) and he came up to get us?

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The Spring Mystery Quiz - THE ANSWER???

"THE WEDGE INN"

If you guessed *Phil & Chick's "WEDGE INN"* you were right on. During the mid - 1960's it soared with popularity and was neatly "WEDGED" between "The Den" and "Why Not" taverns in the New Chicago area, near the railroad tracks. Owner Phil Suarez moved onto restaurant fame and Bob "Chick" Ciccarone had a distinguished career working in the New York State Department of Corrections.



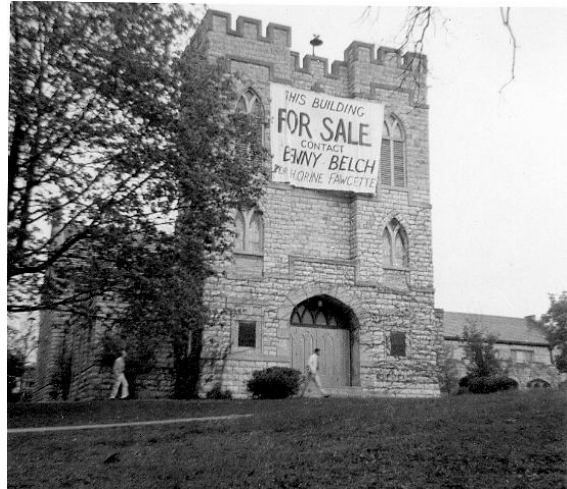
THE ANSWER IS...???

- A – A Massage Parlor
- B – The Mayors Office
- C – Fortune Teller
- D – Submarine Shop**
- E – One Room Schoolhouse
- F – Holding tank for drunks
- G – None of the above

The Mystery of Benny Belch continues to remain a Mystery!!!

*(Editor's Note: A recent MYSTERY QUIZ featured **BENNY BELCH**. The mystery of Benny Belch, a tormenting maverick whose pranks endeared the student body but frustrated the administration, has never been solved. Ron Long has supplied some insightful information below...and the saga continues on!!!)*

Ron Long, PC'63 - V83756@comcast.net writes... Recently you did a piece on the mysterious Benny Belch. I ran across these anonymous submissions which I thought you may be interested in. In top photo #1 – Since the Benny Belch Chapel FOR SALE sign was mentioned in the previous issue, here's a photo of the beautiful sight that greeted an awakening campus on the morning of April 26, 1963. The 18' x 15' banner stayed up for several hours while the perplexed campus crew figured how to get it down. After dropping to a fluttering heap at the base of the chapel, suddenly a figure sprang out of the crowd and scooped it up. The anonymous marauder raced across campus, disappearing into the underbrush. Legend has it the banner still exists in the dark corners of a basement in Minnesota. In photo #2 - One of the painting perpetrators is shown adding the finishing touches to the swimming pool wall under the diving board at the Municipal Swimming Pool (Trustee Gym) at 4:00AM, May 14, 1963...



Chapel For Sale: Call Benny Belch 555-4444



Could this be the INFAMOUS Benny Belch??

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Greek and Social News...

Alpha Gamms rack 'em up in Charleston, SC

The Parsons College Alpha Gamma Delta Beta Zeta Chapter held a reunion at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, SC on May 26-27. Some of the activities shared, included a harbor tour on the good ship, Carolina Bell, a Palmetto Carriage tour through the Charleston historic district, Footprints of Charleston walking tours, visits to the Magnolia Plantation, dinner at the Rue de Jean Restaurant and a formal dinner in the Parkview room in the Francis Marion Hotel. We had a wonderful time renewing our friendships and remembering all the good times we had at Parsons College. Several of the AGD's including **Nancy Hunt Fleming** are planning to attend the upcoming October All-Classes Reunion in Fairfield...



Alpha Gamma Delta sisters who attended: (Front) - Patricia Kurka Wehr, Nancy Hunt Fleming, Marti Clayton, April Mau Richardson; (Center) - Elizabeth Barker Bowers, Susie Held Garvey, Andrea MacFarland Estelle, Carol Clingan Atkins, Christine Miller; (Back) - Kathy Weld Meindertsma, Lucia Campbell Oswald, Judy Arnold Smith, Maruta Rubens Gardner, Katherynne VanderMolen Munch...

"Rum and Chowders": Listen Up!

To all "Rummers" (Rum & Chowder Gentlemen's Society) who would like to participate in a special reunion gathering to coincide with the 2015 Parsons College Reunion and Wall of Honor ceremonies this October, please contact: **Kip Walsh** at: (518) 281-4373 kwalsh@satchsales.com (or) **John Braidwood** at: (231) 932-8640 8640 jab_parsons@yahoo.com. If you are planning, or even if you don't think you can attend, would you please submit names of any fellow "Rummers" that you are currently in touch with. It's been some 50 years since we have all seen one another...who knows how many more opportunities we'll have. Please help us make this happen!!

Alpha Xi's last call for October

If you are a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, please contact **Virginia Langner Pickerell**, PC'59-'62, in regards to the prospects of joining us for the upcoming October All-Classes Reunion. Virginia can be reached at: vpickerell@gmail.com ..

TKE's: You can count them IN!

Members of the TKE fraternity are planning a reunion the weekend of October 2-4 in Fairfield. There will be an informal get-together on Friday night. Saturday morning we will join the Wall of Honor ceremony and reunion activities at 10:00AM, followed by other events during the afternoon and a dinner Saturday evening. Hotel/motel info may be found in the reunion announcement section of this E-News. For further info contact: **Bruce Jordan** - brucekjordan@ymail.com; **Bill Burger** - billb1956@gmail.com; or **Ed Reed** - Edyardo37@cox.net. ASAP as rooms are scarce...

Letters to the Editor...

Keep sending what ever news you have about our college days and our Parsons friends -- They were an important part of our lives at that time and we formulated some life-long friendships along the way. We probably don't realize how the associations we had with our bros and college friends have affected our lives and careers in one way or another. Keep the news coming, because when I see those names, it brings back many memories of when life was good and the world was ours!!! God Bless!!!

Randy Coppola, PC'66 - rcoppola42@yahoo.com



Thanks for the copy of the PCAA E-Newsletter. But also for the time and effort devoted to it. You are keeping the Parsons memories alive. It is greatly appreciated!!!

Dick Todd, PC'65 - Skiptodd@embarqmail.com

Thanks for the articles and the work you all do on behalf of Parsons. While I have not been back to Fairfield since my graduation over 50 years ago, I have many fond memories of the school and the community...

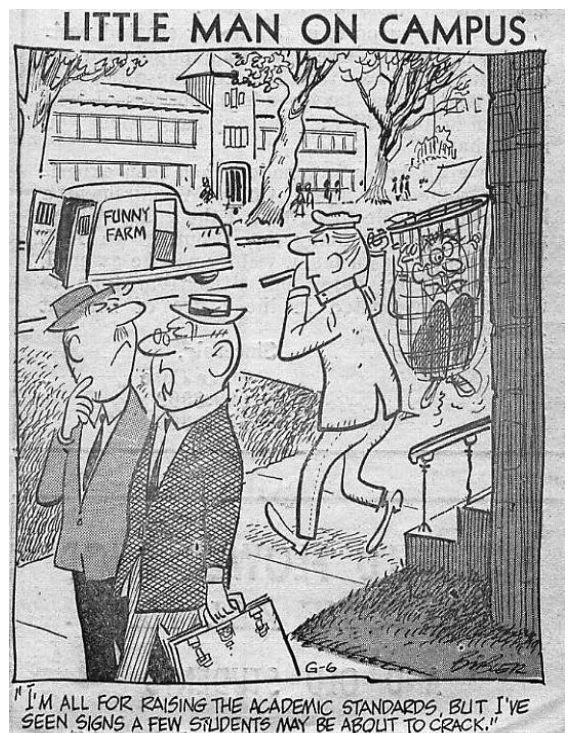
Doug Wolter, PC'57-'60 - dj2hhi@roadrunner.com

Thank you for the Parsons Spring E-Newsletter. It is very sad to read the obituaries. My wife and I are enjoying life in Southwest Florida. Both of our sons decided to move and head south as well. We get together with both of our sons and their families frequently, along with our grandson and three granddaughters...

Bob Pillsbury, PC'65 - bob_pills@yahoo.com

Many thanks for the E-Newsletter. I received my copy last week and again it was most interesting and informative. You all do an absolute fantastic job!! Hard to believe anyone would want to stop the news coming because of the obits. That's an interesting comment. But sometimes, each to their own as they say. My bests!!

Ron Staggs, PC'59 - RStaggs1@cinci.rr.com



Remembering Lee T. Gobble - "Mr. Fairfield!" **1914 - 2015 "100 years!"**

In our last issue we asked our readers to send comments and/or memories of our dear friend Lee T. Gobble. We are happy to say we've received a nice response. We will miss his Parsons spirit and enthusiasm but the memory of "Mr. Fairfield" will linger forever! Here are several of the written responses we received:

Thanks for the article on Mr Gobble.-----I attended Parsons, 1965 to 1969, on a football scholarship, and bought all my clothes from Mr. Gobble's Clothing store.---Loved his wit.---May God's Speed be with him.--Thanks again, # 27...

Steve Kane, PC'65-'69 - skane24@tampabay.rr.com

Good Morning. Thank you for the notification of Mr. Gobble's death. I still recall shopping in his store, it was one of the highlights of the Parsons life. May Peace, Happiness and Prosperity follow all your days...

Roslyn Hogan, PC'n/a - roslyn54@yahoo.com

Thank You, I have the fondest memories of Parsons and of Lee Gobble and his store. That's where I bought my light blue work shirt because that was the thing to do in 1966. Harvard, Yale,...etc...

James Stark, PC'65-'69 - jamesstarkinc@yahoo.com



"This TURKEY" has finally moved on!!!



The town of Fairfield gathers to say farewell to one of its' most popular character's.

I loved Lee Gobble and will miss him dearly. I never worked at his store, but I bought my madras shorts, Gant shirts and G.H. Bass Weejuns penny loafers at that little place on the west side of the square. Mr. Gobble owned the apartments above the Coast to Coast Store. There were four or five units with a common shower down the hall. Four of us rented one of the larger units. On St. Patty's Day 1962, we had a party, a big party. Somebody invited the police and that was the end of the party. Shortly after, Mr. Gobble called a meeting of the residents. We thought he was going to dispatch us directly to the street. Mr. Gobble did not mince his

words as he told us, he wasn't about to tolerate the rowdiness and the wild parties. Then as he concluded the message and was walking to the door, he flashed that sly smile, turned, and said, "And the next time you have a party...be sure that I get an invitation..."

John Blackstock, PC'64 - jblackstock@prodigy.net

Thanks for the information on Lee Gobble's passing. As you said, we all saw it coming but I must admit, I did shed a few tears. I worked for Lee at the Gobble's store...and what a character he was!!!

Gary Thorpe, PC'65 - thorpe01@verizon.net

In Memoriam...

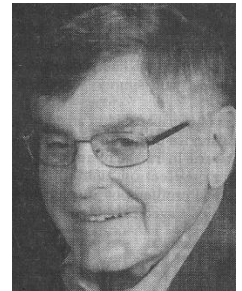


Ruth Green Haifley

Ruth Esther Green Haifley, PC'late-'40s... Ruth passed away July 19, 2015 in Fairfield. She was 88. Ruth was born in Bowmont, ID and married John Haifley in 1948. She attended Parsons and earned her four-year degree in education in three years. Prior to Fairfield, Ruth lived in Idaho and South Dakota. At the age of 20, she enrolled at Parsons. Ruth taught 12 years in the rural schools and at least six years at Pleasant Plain School before transferring to teach at the Fairfield School District. She retired in 1989 after 41 years of teaching. Ruth

was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, Retired School Personnel and DAR. She is survived by one daughter...

Gale Arthur Burk, PC'61... Gale died June 12, 2015 in Natchitoches, LA following a short illness. He was born in Fairfield, graduated FHS and earned his teaching certificate at Parsons. Gale taught elementary mathematics in the Des Moines School District for 18 before becoming a real estate agent and owner of a construction company. In 1987, Gale moved to AZ to pursue a career as Territory Manager for Westar in Tempe. He is survived by his wife Sherry (Baumgardner), four daughters and families and four grandchildren. A celebration of life was held at the First United Methodist Church of Natchitoches...



Gale Burk



William "Bill" Blough

William "Bill" Blough, PC'73... Bill passed away June 6, 2015 at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City. Bill, 69, grew up in Fairfield and attended Fairfield High School before entering the University of Iowa. He returned to Fairfield and graduated with the last class at Parsons with a degree in business. Bill made a career in the Cable Industry, working in a number of different cities before settling in Iowa City in 1979. His family includes two daughters and five grandchildren. A memorial service was held in June and the arrangements were handled by Gay & Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service...

Charlie Webb Wells, PC'1950's... Charlie, 80, died May 28, 2015 at his home in Zionsville, IN after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Birmingham, IA and was formerly of Stockport. Charlie married Janice Heckenberg in 1957 and was involved in the insurance claims business for most of his career. In his later year, for a short time, he owned a cabinet refacing business. Charlie was involved in the local church and a number of church related youth programs. He is survived by a daughter, son (families), seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The funeral was handled by Murphy Funeral Home of Mt. Pleasant...

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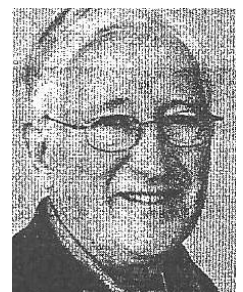
Sylvia Johnson Harrison

Sylvia Marie Johnson Harrison, PC'1950s... Sylvia died May 27, 2015 at her home in Fairfield. She was 82-years-old. Sylvia was born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa and attended Abraham Lincoln High School. She attended Parsons in the 1950's where she met and married C.R. "Bob" Harrison in 1953. Sylvia then became a "stay at home" mom before taking a position with the ASCS office in Fairfield. She was a member of T.T.T. and the First Lutheran Church. Sylvia is survived by two sons, two daughters (and families), eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Raymond Funeral Home...

David Ray Fenton, PC'early-1950s... David passed away May 25, 2015 at the Jefferson County Health Center. David, who was 86, was born in Batavia and married Marilyn Bradfield in 1953. He graduated from Parsons with Bachelor's Degrees in Mathematics and Physics and lived in the Batavia-Fairfield area all of his life. David worked for 42 years at the Dexter Company and when he retired he was Director of Engineering. For most of his entire life he also farmed. Locally, he was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Order of Eastern Star, served on the Cardinal School board for 14 years and was a member of the Bladensburg Christian Church. David is survived by his wife, four children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The Behner Funeral Home assisted the family with funeral arrangements...

Carolyn Ann Muscarelli Higgins, PC'70... It was just reported that Carolyn, 82, of Fairfield, died Thursday, August 13, 2009 at the Jefferson County Hospital. Carolyn Ann was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania and graduated from the local high school. She attended nursing school and then joined the US Army. Carolyn attained the rank of First Lieutenant and served from 1950-53. While stationed in Germany, she met James Higgins and they were married in 1952. They moved to Mt. Pleasant in 1955 and then to Fairfield in 1966. Carolyn attended Parsons for four years and earned her teaching degree. She worked at the Ottumwa Hospital, Henry County Hospital and the Jefferson County Hospital. She also taught Nursing at Indian Hills Community College for 14 years, retiring in 1987. Survivors include her husband, four sons, two daughters, thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The Raymond Funeral Home handled the arrangements...

Michael J. Hagerty, PC'70... Michael died May 1, 2015. He was 67-years-old and resided in Allouez, Wisconsin. Michael attended Premontre High School, married his high school sweetheart, earned his degree at Parsons and graduated in 1970. After retiring from the C.A. Gross Company at age 55, Michael embraced the spirit of volunteerism. He was active in the Green Bay Rotary, Optimist Club, the Miracle League and Red Cross. Michael experienced a hole-in-one in golf and was rarely missing at Lambeau Field when the Green Bay Packers were playing a home game. He and his wife, Nancy, of 41 years, traveled extensively all over the world. Michael also had a passion for cars. He owned a AC Cobra, a Porsche Boxster and a Sunbeam Tiger. Michael is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, one grandson and a host of relatives and friends. A visitation and Parish Wake Service was held at the Proko-Wall Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at the St. Matthews Parish...



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Lewis L. Stoneking, PC'n/a... We've just learned that Lewis, 83, of Whitewater, WI died December 14, 2006. He was 83 at the time of his death. Lewis was born in Hannibal, MO and married Lena (Lee) Precup in 1949. It is believe that he was a member of the faculty but the years are uncertain. Lewis served in the Marine Corps and saw action during World War II. He served for 20 years as the Dean of the College of Education at UW-Whitewater from 1972-1992. Lewis frequently lectured at local, state, regional and national conferences on teachers' education. He was one of 20 Deans of Colleges of Education to speak to college professors in China for six weeks in 1987. Lewis was a member of the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity. He was survived by wife, Lena, two sons, two daughters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services were held at Congregational Church in Whitewater...



Philip Allen

Philip Allen, PC'40... (see Wall of Honor) – Philip, age 96, a long-time resident of Las Vegas, passed away June 27, 2015, in Pleasant Hill, CA. He was born on a farm near Russell, Iowa and graduated Parsons in 1940. He continued his graduate work in physics and meteorology at Iowa State University, the University of Chicago and UCLA. He served during World War II and taught meteorology to his fellow service officers and became a major. He lived in Queens Village, NY and forecasted weather at LaGuardia Airport for transatlantic aviation for three years before transferring to Washington, DC where he became supervising meteorologist at the National

Meteorological Center. He then became head of the Weather and Fallout Prediction Unit from 1956 to 1972 at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site. Phil provided weather and fallout predictions for nuclear tests for a number of states. In 1972 he relocated to St. Louis MO where he organized and directed the Environmental Protection Agency's Regional Air Pollution Study until 1974. For the next 10 years he became a consultant and lectured at various tertiary institutions and for government agencies. Phil was an elder in his Presbyterian Church, volunteer for hospice service and also the National Atomic Testing Museum. He is survived by a son, a daughter, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A private service was held at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Phil will be inducted posthumously to the Parsons College Wall of Honor on October 3, 2015...



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

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