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Carnegie Historical Museum: Home of the PAST and the FUTURE of Parsons College



This is the former Carnegie Library in the City of Fairfield, Iowa. It is a historical landmark and sits at the corner of South Court Street and Washington. This building now serves as the Carnegie Historical Museum for Jefferson County, Fairfield and the former Parsons College. As a student, alumni, or friend of Parsons, you must wonder of what importance this building is to our Parsons family. The striking bottom line answer to that question is: “The CHM is the home and keeper of the PAST and FUTURE of Parsons College and must be preserved.” Our PCAA (and Parsons College Foundation Fund) mission all along has been simply stated: “To preserve and perpetuate the history, memory and legacy of Parsons College.”

Upon the recommendation of PCAA Board member **Dr. Kay Ferguson**, who’s working with **CHM Director Mark Shafer**, it is the intent of the Parsons College Alumni Association (PCAA) to gain board approval to seek a means of teaming up with Jefferson County, the City of Fairfield and various civic and service groups/organization to preserve, protect and secure this history, and to explore the possibilities of pursuing resources through grants and donations to make it happen. As this project is in the early stages, we welcome your suggestions, ideas and any positive input to assist our endeavor. Should you wish to contact us and participate, please direct your response to **Kay Ferguson** at: KFerg2@cox.net...

(Editor’s note: Another story with photos in this series, which will feature the Carnegie building, it’s rich history, the museum, it’s leadership and the progress toward our goals, will be forthcoming in the WINTER E-News, so stay tuned!)

Fairfield ROCKS with activity despite chilly temps and high winds!!

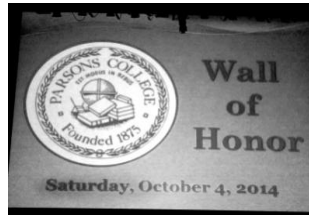
Where else would you find a all-inclusive country, rock'n roll, gospel singer concert, an organ & oboe duet, a Friday Art Walk exhibition, an Oktoberfest bash and a Wall of Honor induction ceremony honoring distinguished student - alums from a college that's been closed for 41 years -- held in the midst of cool temperatures and 40 mph+ wind gusts -- but in FAIRFIELD, IOWA???



Marty Stuart - Singer



An "Oboe & Organ" Concert



Dave Neff presides over Barhydt lighting dedication



"Three Amigos" who make it happen



PC Alumni Hall – OUTSIDE looking IN



Congrats to the Taylor family – Ann and John



Celebrating Art Walk & Oktoberfest



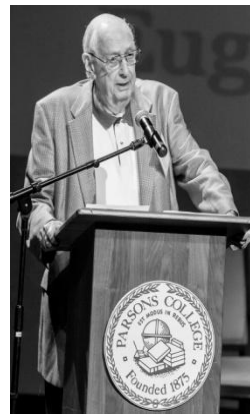
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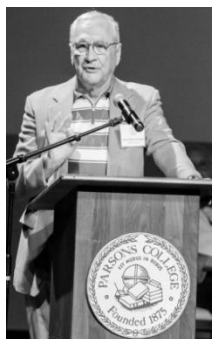
All-encompassing view of Parsons Alumni Hall



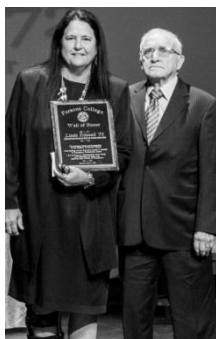
A gracious Doug Marion



Dr. Bob Tree PRESENTS...Gene Copeland ACCEPTS



An emotional Don Butterbaugh speaks



Linda Frizzell and her Coach... Bob Spencer

Photos are the courtesy of Werner Elmker and Doug Marion



Crowd converges on Alumni Hall for the dedication ceremony of the Barhydt window lighting ceremony

We PRESENT: The Wall of Honor – Class of 2014...

On October 4, 2014, the Parsons College Foundation, along with family and friends celebrated the 6th addition of another 10 distinguished Student/Alumni to the cherished Wall of Honor in Parsons Alumni Hall at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. A weekend of jam packed festivities highlighted the Class of 2014's return to "where it all began." Packaged with the WOH was the traditional "First Friday Art Walk" – kickoff of the annual Oktoberfest – several shows at the Sondheim Auditorium – plus the dedication of the lights illuminating the Barhydt Chapel window panels. Here are brief profiles of our 2014 honorees...



Hulbert "Hobie" Bannister, PC'64 – Clive, Iowa... Spent over 40 years in wealth management and is presently Branch Manager and Senior Financial Advisor at RBC Wealth Management and manages over \$50.6 billion in investments. Hobie was President of the Des Moines Golf & Country Club which hosted a Senior U.S. Open Golf Tournament...



Don Butterbaugh, PC'61 – Marion, Iowa... Coach, teacher, counselor and administrator in both high school and college. Head football coach at Huron College and Upper Iowa University. Selected Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association "Athletic Director of the Year" and induction to the South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame...



Denny Chalupa, PC'66 (posthumously)... Respected and distinguished attorney and President of the Iowa Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA). Jasper County Attorney while also representing plaintiff's personal injury, worker's compensation, business transactions and litigation. Board Certified in Civil Trial Advocacy. Admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court...



Eugene "Gene" Copeland, PC'61 – Fairfield, Iowa... Attorney who became top U.S. General Counsel for ING, the 7th largest company in the world. Considered by many as top reinsurance attorney in the nation. Wrote numerous publications and books on Insurance Law. Real estate expertise led to lecturing in China and the University of Peking Law School. Upon retirement from ING, the Mayor of Denver made a Proclamation declaring it, "Eugene Copeland Day."...



Linda Frizzell, PC'72 – LaPorte, MN... Consultant whose licenses, certifications degrees, occupations and achievements include: college professor, coach, personal trainer, CPR instructor, auto mechanic, leisure professional, grant/transportation security administrator, and mental retardation director. Devoted life to assisting the American Indian, rural elderly and minorities. National/State champion in track & field. Qualified for Olympic Trials. Presently teaches at North Dakota State. ..



John Greenlee, PC'26-'27 (posthumously)... Joined the California State University and became President after 13 year as Vice President of Academic Affairs... Graduated Fairfield High School at age 15. Attended Parsons, Iowa and Chicago Universities. Was a high school principal, taught science and became Dean of a community college. Served three years in U.S. Navy during WWII and was awarded a Bronze Star...



Doug Marion, PC'70 – Simi Valley, CA... Founding Editor of *Super Chevy Magazine*. Also became the Editor of *Popular Hot Rodding Magazine* and wrote a 225-page all inclusive book on *Chevy II / Nova*. Recruited to write speeches for Los Angeles, California Mayor, Sam Yorty. Continues to freelance for *Super Chevy Magazine*. Member of the National Nova Club Hall of Fame, National Chevelle Owners Association Hall of Fame and Who's Who in America... (Continued on page 4)



Jack & Marty Crowl Taylor, PC'51 (posthumously)... Restaurateurs and Hospitality Specialists who fed, employed, befriended and/or touched nearly every Parsons student. Leased *Fairfield Country Club* (oldest west of the Mississippi) prior to taking over the *Broadway Grill* which later relocated and became *Taylor's Off-Broadway Grill*, and a meeting place for returning alumni. Befriended everybody, put paychecks in the pockets of many others and were active in community affairs...



George Vogel, PC'70 (posthumously) ... A Guidance & Counseling specialist who also taught and coached. In Waukegan, Illinois School System was named "Illinois Teacher of the Year." Community service contributions earned him Waukegan's "Distinguished Service Award." After moving to Midlothian, Virginia, taught Social Studies in Virginia Department of Juvenile Correctional Education Program and was named "Employee of the Year."...



Richard Wright, PC'63 (posthumously)... Founded the Academy of *Continuing Education* in Houston, Texas. Later, while battling some major physical setbacks, founded and developed a family printing business which became nationally prominent as *Wright Media*. Taught printing at the American Association of Publishing. Early years included, working at Gobble's, founder of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, teaching/coaching at Fairfield High and becoming a Parsons recruiter.

Oboe and Organ Concert dazzles

Scott Bell, the son of Wall of Honoree **Dorothy Bell '49** returned home to Fairfield with his colleague, **Larry Allen**, and they thrilled a gathering at the Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts with a stellar Oboe and Organ Concert, Friday, October 3. Scott is the principle oboe with the Pittsburgh Symphony and Larry is an occasional guest performer with the symphony when the program calls for a pipe organist. Parsons College Foundation Fund President **Dave Neff** worked closely with representatives of the Fairfield & Arts Convention Center (FA&CC) to help schedule this event. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed the Barhydt organ program with its 21 ranks of pipes along with the oboe, as put together by two very talented performers... (see photo page 2)

Long awaited illumination of Barhydt window signals completion of project

With a nice size gathering of Parsons Alumni and friends looking on, local officials finally flipped the switch. The long awaited lighting of the outside lights has been completed. They will now shine brightly and illuminate the beautiful Barhydt window panels from the outside and bring color to the night at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center on the corner of Main and Briggs Streets.

As alumni and townsfolk partied to a multitude of happenings throughout the streets of Fairfield, one could easily envisioned "Dandy-Don" Meredith of Monday Night NFL football announcing fame singing, **"TURN ON THE LIGHTS, THE PARTY'S STARTED!"** Donations from alumni and friends paved the way and MUSCO LIGHTING of Oskaloosa made it happen... (see photo page 2)

Parsons College Alumni Website

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

It's a WINNER!!

How a \$10.00 speeding fine changed the life of this Parsons Alumni

This is a convoluted story so pay attention to the particulars. I know, this may seem a bit trite at the beginning, however, it rambles on to a successful event which has rebounded for decades. Read on....

I was an English major while at Parsons and I loved every book, every chapter, and every paragraph that came out of that wonderful English department to this very day. The fall of 1968 was my 'last' semester and I had enough credits to graduate in the middle of the year...January '69. I was engaged at the time to **Callie Bach '69** (now divorced) and had my life planned for success. Callie would have graduated in June so in the interim between graduation and my wedding day (24 hours after graduation), I needed to find a job! Graduating was fine, but having a new wife with no job was not on the list. I knew I was going to be a teacher - but in the middle of the year—it was tough to find any teaching job. Parsons College never told you HOW to get a job but augustly prepared you!

I headed back to New Hampshire in January of '69 with the glimmering hope that I could find something, anything, resembling a job to have when I got married in June. My dad was an English teacher at the local high school (Nashua, NH) and of course he suggested substituting to "get my foot in the door." Needless to say, I called and placed my name on every substituting list within 45 miles of home and then...waited. I occasionally was called for a one or two day job which put a few dollars into my pocket, but I needed something a little stronger so I filled application after application for a permanent job in the fall. As luck would have it, I got a call one afternoon and I can still hear my voice responding to the caller, saying, "Yes...I can go to Hollis. How about right now? OH YES...tomorrow would be better." After I hung up, I couldn't write all the information on my little phone pad, but I did manage to copy the important stuff, like...the principal's name...Mr. Corson, and where he worked. I was psyched. I was smiling from ear to ear, but I had to wait till the following day to see this brilliant fellow who was going to hire me. Now, how should I dress? What would I say? Did I need to bring my transcripts along? So many questions just made me more nervous thinking about the interview.

The following day I drove to Hollis, NH with great expectations and even arrived early for my one-on-one interview with Mr. Corson wearing a smile on my face. I carefully parked my '63 Volkswagen in the "Teachers' Parking Lot," and then headed inside for my grand appearance. The interview was at noon. It was February and the weather was pretty cold outside, but I gleefully walked up to the glass window in the hallway and bellowed, "I have an interview with Mr. Corson." The nice lady behind the window looked at me as though I had three heads and said...WHO? I repeated myself and waited dutifully to be invited in. She gave me a head to head look and said that there was NO Mr. Corson employed at that school.



Could this have been Dennis' 1963 Vintage Volkswagon Beetle Bug??

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HUH? Did I make a mistake? Was I at the right school? Did I have the right day? I turned flush and gulped knowing that I blew my first interview and probably would never ever again have a chance to get a job! The nice lady turned around from her seat and hollered out to another lady in the same office, “Do you know of a Mr. Corson?” The slim voice responded that there was a fellow by that name who was principal at Milford High School. It was suggested I ought to check that school and see what was happening there. Lordy, what a mistake I made. So I recovered quickly and asked for easy directions to the “other” school. I ran out the door

to my trusty Volkswagen to get me there. I eventually got to Milford HS, ran in and went through the same procedure that I had just performed 15 minutes earlier. I was told that Mr. Corson would see me in just a few minutes and to take a seat with the other students in the main office. I looked around the office and realized that the students I was sitting with were not there because they wanted to be there, but because they were thrown out of class and were waiting for Mother Superior to cast deep spells onto them. What was I doing there? My mind was racing and my heart was beating for...THE INTERVIEW.



Milford High School... “Sorry, but we’re looking for a history teacher!”

Mr. Corson came to the door and ushered me into his office which was quite large. I sat in the “interviewee’s seat.” I was peaked and ready to work at a moment’s notice and my eyes never blinked once. After roughly 20 minutes of nonsense blabber, I was asked outright, “How many hours of history do you have?” HUH...I am not a history major – I’m an English major. He rose from his chair, said he needed a history teacher and thanked me for coming in. That’s it? No Job? I panicked? I left his office, ran to my trusty Volkswagen and headed home...slumped in my car and wholly disillusioned.

Along the way I saw a fellow thumbing for a ride. Contrary to instructions to never pick up anyone on the road, I stopped and offered him a ride. He looked how I felt. I knew he had some hard times by the way he talked, looked and...smelled. Overall, I was glad to help him out. A car coming toward me was flicking his headlights off and on warning of impending notice. My hitchhiker turned to me and said that there must be a COP ahead, and sure enough there was. The state police pulled me over for speeding 45 miles per hour in a 30 MPH zone. Oh my, what next? Besides going to the wrong school, being denied by Mr. Corson, and being stopped for speeding, It just wasn’t my day! My passenger told me he recognized one of the state troopers whose back was to us. I said, “Buddy, if you know him...say something now before we leave.” As luck would have it, I drove away with a speeding ticket in my hand, a fine which had to be paid and a pretty sad face on my kisser. Then the hitchhiker told me the trooper whose back was to us tried to pick him up the previous week for grand larceny, breaking and entering, and seductive rape. I took three gulps and said that I was turning at the next street and he had to get out. After he bailed out...I kept driving, thinking it was probably because of him I got the ticket! What next???

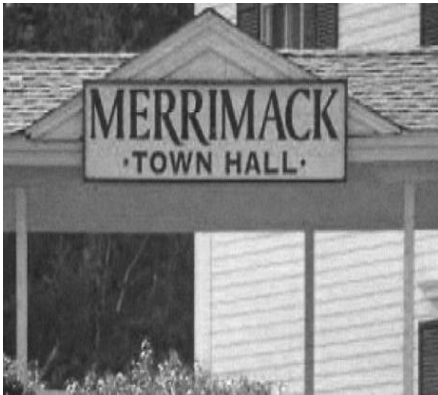


If Dennis isn’t doing 45 mph in a 30 zone who knows where he’d be today.

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SPOTLIGHT– (cont'd)

My court date was scheduled for the following Monday in the local Town Hall in Merrimack, NH where, when court is not in session, they played high school basketball. Not ever having been to court, I thought it would be a good idea to put on a clean shirt and tie to make myself look professional. You can't go wrong looking good, even if caught speeding. Just outside the court room there was a very small piece of paper on the top of a rail fence which stated your rights in court. I could plea either guilty...not guilty...or *nolo contendo*. Well, I knew of the first two but was hard pressed to understand *nolo contendo*. However...I didn't think anything of it. The court room was packed. It appeared the state and local police had a productive 10 days for there must have been 85-95 people waiting to see the judge.



It was here at the Merrimack, NH Town Hall that Dennis converted a \$10 speeding fine into a life-long teaching career...

Going to court or not it's supposed to be a big deal, but if you haven't been before ...it's a very big deal. I sat and looked around at everyone. Most were standing because there weren't enough chairs to accommodate the "chosen ones" there. I sat on a bench. I think it was used by the home team, and waited for my name to be called. An hour later, my name was called and I stood—no jumped—to my feet at attention. The bailiff read the RSA numbers and asked, "How do you plead?" My mind stopped and all I could remember was the white piece of paper outside the entrance so I blurted out, "NOLO." At that moment, the judge looked up at me and asked, "What do you have to say in your defense?"

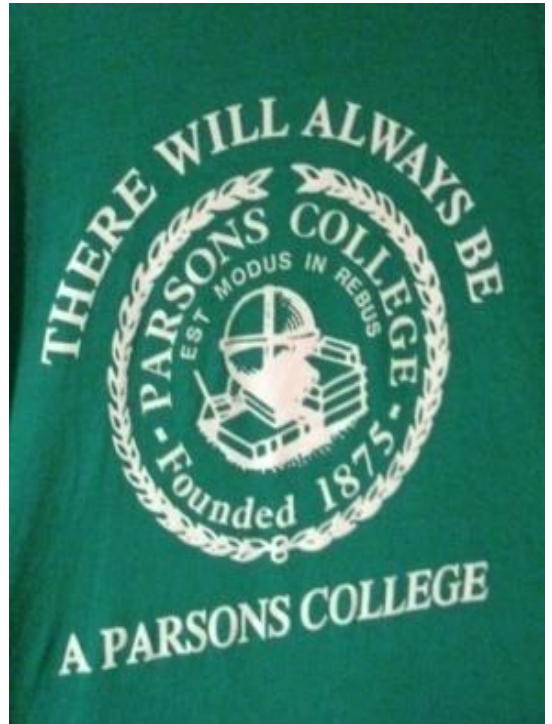
I really didn't have anything planned but my mind was racing to tell him I didn't speed on purpose. I explained that I had an interview at the local high school in another town. And that I also picked up a hitchhiker and that I was headed home at the time. The judge didn't seem too interested and simply gazed at the careening horses pulling a coal-based fire truck picture on the wall. I don't think he heard a word I said, so I sat down, but jumped to my feet again and said, "And I am a teacher, too." Knowing that there aren't any millionaire teachers, I was hoping he would keep the fine low. The bailiff continued onward with the name calling and I sank into a cold collapse. The judge saw that there were too many people in the court room and called for half of those heard to receive their fine and move on. He said he wanted to clear out the room (basketball gym) so there would be fewer people standing and more sitting. I received my fine (low as it was) and approached the bench where, at that time back then, the offense was written on the back of your paper license. As I moved closer to the bailiff's table, the judge rose from his seat and directed the bailiff to send that young man (me) to his chambers. I had already paid the fine, and the license was in my pocket so what could he do now?

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SPOTLIGHT--(cont'd)

I left the area where everyone pays their fine and gingerly walked to the judge's chamber door. I gently knocked on the door and was greeted by the judge. His black robe was opened and he was wearing a smile on his face. He said, "I am sorry we have to meet under these circumstances, but my name is Judge Morrow and I am on the school board. Would you like a job?" We chatted and he directed me to contact the superintendent in the neighboring town. And that is where and how I got my FIRST job. That's the entire story. As long and convoluted as it is, it has a happy ending. Plus, it only cost me a \$10.00 fine to be where I am today. Presently, I'm semi-retired, teaching college English (technical writing), and will never forget that day when everything seemed so perfect. What a wonderful moment I had - and Judge Morrow - thank you very much! Parsons College - WHO KNEW what was next after graduation! *(Submitted by Dennis Marandos '69, Brookline, NH - KILGO@ARRL.NET)*



Where do your dues go, you ask?? Here are the answers...

The dues for the Parsons College Alumni Association is \$5.00 annually. You ask why? Some people may think that because the E-News is on the internet it must be FREE. That is not the case. The monies collected are directed to help the underwriting of grants that are intended to help keep the memory of Parsons College ALIVE! Two of the these grants have already been issued to the Carnegie Museum (our repository for Parsons memorabilia), and to the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center (home of Parsons Alumni Hall, Wall of Honor and Barhydt Chapel stained glass window panels). In addition, there are other expenses. Our Alumni website dues is \$20.00/yr, \$15.00 is for website maintenance, and \$5.00 goes to the Alumni Association and includes the E-Newsletter. Donations are always welcome and are tax deductible. Payment can be made via Pay Pal or credit card at: www.parsonscollegealumni.com. Checks can be mailed to: *Parsons College Alumni Association, c/o Dave Neff, P.O. Box 1010, Fairfield, Iowa 52556...*

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THE ALUMNI WRITE...

Tree's History Department article draws alumni response...but what about Dr. Echard???

Pat Gilpin, PC'61 – pjgilpin@sbcglobal.net writes... I enjoyed the article on the Parsons History Department written by **Dr. Tree** and **David Neff** in the last issue of the Parsons E-Newsletter. I was fortunate to be a student in that department. The likes of **Wheelock, Tree, Elkins** and others enabled me to get my MA Degree at Northwestern University and a PhD at Vanderbilt. It was a great department. Many of my classmates earned graduate and law degrees across the county from circa 1960 forward. Regarding the article which appeared in the "Driving Through Memory Lane" column, I believe there were a couple omissions which should be addressed. I did not see mention of **Bill Echard's** name. Secondly, there was only one line about **O.B. Nelson**. Professor Echard made a major contribution to the Western Civilization program. And although he was a coach with only an MA, O.B. was truly an inspirational instructor. In fact, O.B. persuaded me to change major's from Physical Education to History. His convincing question line was, "As a coach, did I want to spend my summers at SUI taking courses like, how to care for, and clean baseball bats?" Tree and Wheelock were wonderful teachers and scholars. They took time to know their students. Wheelock could convince students Parsons was Harvard, and Tree made one feel like they had just spoken to Abraham Lincoln. In summary, they were a great team. Elkin was the heart and soul of the department. Much like yours truly, he was not polished, but he was the down and dirty guts of the department. I never met anyone who loved history the way Dr. Elkin did. He was fact intensive. We used to say: "He never met a fact he did not like." Taking notes in Dr. Elkin's class was exhausting. Keep up the good work. Go Wildcats !!!!

(Editor's note: Dr. Bob Tree's response to the Pat Gilpin letter regarding the History Department professors article which was published in the summer E-Newsletter)... Yes, you are quite right, Dr. Echard was erroneously omitted from the article. Initially I recognized the name but realized I could not tell you anything about him. Then I remembered that Dr. Echard taught the Western Europe course and it was quite good. Dr. Echard lectured to the entire class and then that class was broken up into small discussion groups and that, too, was quite effective. This became routine with the addition of Preceptors and Tutors to help struggling students at a later date. I checked some catalogs and found him listed in the 1963-1964 catalog as Associate Professor of European History, appointed in 1961. However, I did not find him listed in any of the 1961 or 1962-63 catalogs that I possess. Dr. Echard is listed, however, in the 1964-65 catalog as Professor of European History and Chairman of the Department. His MA and PhD degrees are from the University of Pennsylvania in 1955 and 1960, respectively. I did not find him listed in any catalogs after the 1964-65, so assume that he moved on. Perhaps there are other alums who might be able to supply more information about Dr. Echard or other members of the History faculty. If so, please send that info on to the editor of the E-News. It would really be interesting if we could expand on his contribution to the Western Civilization program. And yes, you are quite right that O.B. Nelson was an inspiring teacher and person. I hope that your comments might draw more comments and observations from other alums about O.B. and other members of the department. And indeed, I hope this exchange might stimulate more of our alumni to thinking and commenting about other areas, such as math, science, and languages for example. How about an interesting scholar like Dr. Watts? We need to be gathering this kind of information while there are still many of us around who can still supply it...

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Lee Kane, PC'55, gives the 'Energizer Bunny' a serious run for the GOLD...

The 81-year-old **Lee Kane** continues to compete and continues to rack-up the Gold Medals. Lee entered 6 events at the Iowa Senior Olympics last June and won 5 Gold Medals and 1 Silver. He won the following events: GOLD - Basketball Free Throw (11/15); Shoot Around (14/15); Softball Accuracy (110 points); Softball Distance (99'6"); Football Accuracy (30 points); and SILVER – Football Distance (75'5"). Lee says, "It sure was a lot of fun to compete. I'm blessed in what I can do. One has to stay active." Next on Lee's agenda was serving as "Marshall for the 4th of July Celebration Parade." He just keeps "Going and going and going!"

**Next Issue – WINTER, 2014
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WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS AN ISSUE!!

John "Lash" LeRoux, PC'65 writes proudly about his grandson, Andy, who is 6'5", 205 lbs and 15-years-old. Andy won a spot of the USA Junior Men's Sculling Team for the Junior World Championships which earned him a trip to Hamburg, Germany. He placed 1st out of 111 entrants in a Melbourne, FL competition earlier in the year and was one of the youngest kids in the country to be invited to the U.S. Rowing selection camps. Andy, who trained with the Seattle Rowing Club this past summer, established himself quickly and remains a focus on the USA coaches radar... Meanwhile, grandparents John and Frannie, who raised their grandson, currently reside in Venice, FL, but hope to return full time to their mainstay home in Cooperstown, NY in the future. They visit Cooperstown occasionally, but with the home now rented their stays are limited. John says, "I really wanted to go back this summer but with the 80,000-90,000 visitors in town for the Baseball Hall of Fame ceremonies, I'm glad we didn't." *(Editor's note: Do you have a son/daughter or grandchildren who has done exceptionally well and excelled in their field of interest? If so then please let E-News know about it??)*

How is our friend Lee Gobble, PC'37 doing these days???

The 99-year-old Lee would probably want you all to know that he's doing as well as can be expected for a near centenarian and is still in the "keep on keepin' on" mode. Like he always says, "This 'turkey' ain't done yet!"

Lee has his good days and bad days and his memory falters occasionally. He needs a little more assistance these days and although he still has not lost his keen eye for the ladies, he's not quite as quick as he used to be. This coming December 12th, Mr. Gobble will celebrate his 100th birthday.

So.. if you wish to send him a card, make a note as this will be your last reminder. Here is his address: **Lee Gobble, c/o Parkview Care Center, 2237 Highway 34, Fairfield, Iowa 52556...**

Foursome of Alumni Stars Reunite: Don, Al, Roger and Bob connect in Des Moines, Iowa after 50 years



Don, Al, Roger and Bob

Three old Parsons Wildcat jocks and one old trumpet player reunite for the first time in 50 years. Pictured above L/R: **Don Samuelson** of Des Moines; **Al Wardlow**, Ankeny, Iowa; **Roger Sherrard**, Marietta, Georgia; and **Bob Martin** Burlington, Iowa. Don was a star trumpet player who marched in the Wildcats marching band. Al and Roger were star basketball players and Co-Captains of the 1962 Iowa Conference champions. Bob Martin of Burlington, was a star offensive end for the great Parsons football teams of the early 1960's. Al and Roger had not seen each other since their playing days in the 1960's, over 50 years ago. The gathering was organized by Don in concert with Sherrard's visit to Des Moines. After a fabulous breakfast at the Village Inn the intentions were to attack the golf course. But the good old Iowa weather prevented the golf but did allow extended time for a quality visit. Don, Roger and Bob were all original Parsons Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brothers... *(Submitted by Samuelson & Doug Marion)*

**"You can *STRETCH* your
years by
STRETCHING!"**

65'nWise

Where Are They Now???



Carson McDonald

Captain Fran Carson McDonald, PC'64 (USN Retired)... We understand Fran now lives in Clinton, IA. She met an old Parsons friend in Des Moines and inquired if Dr. Tree was still around. Fran told her friend she wanted to send a note thanking him for the American History course she had taken so many years ago. She also proudly pointed out, "At the 1964 graduation, I was the only one to take the Armed Forces (Navy) oath at the graduation ceremony." At Parsons, Fran majored in Elementary Education, was a member of the Foreign Language Club and served as Vice President and Treasure of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority. She had hoped to attend the 2014 Wall of Honor Ceremony but she's leaning toward accepting an invitation to return to San Francisco for the commissioning of the USS America in September... (Editor's note: Dr. Tree contributed to this write-up)



Hammelman Schaefer Glen

Dorothy Hammelman Schaefer Glen, PC'61... The then Dorothy Hammelman was a Fairfield resident and attended the local high school. Her college education was spread over a number of years but culminated with her graduation from Parsons in 1961 with a degree in Elementary Education. Dorothy was affiliated with the Delta Zeta Sorority and later married Dr. Reed Schaefer, the Dean of Parsons College School of Education. They moved to Lincoln, NE in 1964 and Dr. Schaefer passed away three years later in 1966. Dorothy went back to school and obtained her Master Degree in teaching. In 1974 she was re-married to Carl Glen and they have three sons... (Editor's note: Doug Marion contributed to this write-up)



Sheffer Harrington

Jane Sheffer Harrington, PC'66 – (ancientciv45@gmail.com) ... Jane was an outstanding student who hailed from Quincy, MA. She majored in History/Secondary Education, was a member of I.S.E.A., Green Key, Gold Key and the Delta Zeta Sorority. In addition, Jane was President of the Pan-Hellenic Council and she excelled in drama and theater, winning a BEST ACTRESS AWARD. Following graduation Jane taught at Under-Privileged Children Village in Israel. Next she spent a couple years traveling from England, to Nepal and around India. Jane married Brigadier General Edward Harrington, US Army, and they've been married 40 years. She and her family relocated 21 times across the world, from Germany to Hawaii and many places in-between. In 2001 Jane earned her MA/Education and retired from teaching in 2010. She is now totally retired and living in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Jane and her husband have two children... (Editor's note: Doug Marion contributed to this write-up)



Rothschild

Arnie Rothschild, PC'n/a... Whatever happened to **Arnie Rothschild**? Well, Arnie wants everybody to know he's alive and well and that he's not forgotten dear old Parsons College. In addition to serving as President and Chief Operating Officer of Normal Communications in Rochester, NY, he's still working out, as shown here (*photo left*), grunting and groaning his way through his morning workout while showing off his Parsons College T-shirt. Don't ever let up, Arnie!!! (See page 19 on how to order YOUR Parsons memorabilia!)

Everyone has a Parsons book; we'd like you to share yours with us!

We think you're listening to us, but we're not sure. Last month we had terrific response to our request for stories, information and details from your good old days at Parsons. We heard from a gentleman from the classes of the late-1930/s. A great response was received from **Pat Gilpin** whose eagle-eye caught the omission of **Dr. Echard** from the famed Parsons History Department. **John LeRoux** beamed with pride as he wrote about the fabulous success of his grandson. Well.... you get the idea.

This quarterly alumni E-Newsletter will be only as good as the material we received from YOU, the perpetrators of those great stories. Let's not let only the classes of the 1960's rule. Step-up and unleash some of those happenings. We will NOT embarrass you. We'd love to hear some of the great stories from the 1940's, the 1950's and the early 1970's, and we we'll do our best to edit, print, and make them as entertaining as possible. But somebody has got to dig up the news and the stories. And those "some-bodies" are - YOU - the former students/alumni of our once great Parsons College. We prefer not to become JUST the quarterly obituary sheet, so contact us, we're easy to find...

Football season and "hoodies" go together like "chili and hot dogs!!"

It's time!!! Or maybe you beat us to the punch and purchased yours. If not, it's time to splurge on a nice warm Parsons College sweatshirt. And if that's not brisk enough, then reach down a little deeper and order one of our specially priced hoodies. Everything comes in green AND white and most sizes run from S – 3X. For an additional dose of inspiration REMEMBER, Christmas is just around the corner and what better "surprise" gift for the parents, grandparents or great-grandparents than a piece of Parsons College memorabilia. Plus, don't forget to checkout our complete line of T-Shirts, golf shirts, caps and visors on page 19 (*last page E-Newsletter*) and follow the quick and easy ordering instructions...

Had enough of old-man winter? Moving south? Great! Send us your NEW E-Mail

We'd prefer not to have to track you down but we will if necessary, OR at least Nancy will. We need you to take a minute and send us your NEW e-mail address. Changes to addresses, phone numbers are great but don't forget that email address. Mail to: **Nancy Wirtanen** at: nwirtanen@yahoo.com. PLEASE KEEP US IN YOUR LOOP AND YOU WON'T MISS A SINGLE ISSUE OF THE ALUMNI E-NEWSLETTER.

The Fall Mystery Quiz – THE QUESTION!!

Occasionally E-News receives some rather strange and creative photos. We thank **Peter Willmott, PC'65** for supplying us with this one featuring **Meredith James, PC'67**. But...we must ask, "What is Meredith up to now?" Here she is, on a snow shrouded field, mounted on the shoulders of Wildcat football stalwarts **Ralph Young (60)** and **Captain Paul Read (24)**. So, E-News needs your help (clues to the right) in figuring out this Fall Mystery Quiz. The answer and details will, as always, appear in the next issue (Winter) of the Parsons College Alumni E-Newsletter. Stay tuned!!!



What is Meredith doing?

- A- She just scored a TD?**
- B- Being escorted to PE Class?**
- C- Posing for the front cover of the Parsons football program?**
- D- Redefining a "double-date?"**
- E- Off to Pecan Bowl royalty?**
- F- Flipping a football to decide between dating Ralph OR Paul?**

Greek and Social News...

Sig Eps heading to Nashville October 23rd

The Sig Eps/Zeta'a are going to Nashville, TN and there's still time to sign-up. Reunion dates are, October 23-26, 2014, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in the heart of downtown Nashville. Positive responses have been received from the following Brothers: **Paul Gustafson, Dave Pierce, Gary Wilgocki, Bill MacFarland, Bob Habetler, Herbie Weiss, Greg Mountsier, Dave Neff, Don Palmer, Fred Ramlow, Fred Ortiz, Steve Gilliat, Larry Blixt, Gary Olson, Ron Langner, Jim Cornick, Kirk Armstrong, John Connor, Mike Gilpin, Jon Loeb, Lynn Banta, Pat Kurz** and yours truly, **Larry Marino, PC'66**. If you would like more information and to sign-up, please contact **Larry Marino** at: Lmarino313@yahoo.com.



Any idea what the ALPHA GAMMA DELTA'S are up to?? Best guest from the E-News editor's desk suggests these 10 beautiful ladies are demonstrating their version of a "Car Stuffing Contest!" (Photo submitted by Paula Chomka '65)



Sigma Pi's having a St. Pete Beach party this weekend...you're invited!!

There will be an informal Parsons College All-Class gathering at the Hurricane Restaurant (809 Gulf Way, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida) at 12 noon on Sunday, October 12, 2014. The Brothers of Sigma Pi are hosting the reunion following their chapter reunion on St. Pete Beach. All Parsons students/alums and friends are invited to stop by share some memories and friendships over a drink on the beach. For further information contact: **Butch Strayer** – starmine@aol.com, 727-360-6421; or **Jerry Thomas** – jthomas18@tampabay.rr.com, 813-920-2809. Lodging inquiries should be direct to St. Pete Chamber of Commerce, 722-360-6957.

LXA 2015 reunion information

For 2015 Lambda Chi Alpha reunion information, contact, **Ron Long**, v83756@comcast.net and/or **Bill Winger**, wewinger@msn.com.

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*Betsy Sandbothe
Homecoming Queen*



*Maxine McGregor
Attendant*



"Parsons Will Star – Beat Central"



Parsons Logo Mat Available

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

The Mystery Quiz – THE ANSWER!!

What we have here is a grave stone monument which marks the burial site of Reverend and Mrs. John Armstrong, the first President of Parsons College. Armstrong was instrumental in the selection of Fairfield as the location for the college which was established in 1875. He was also one three original faculty members of the college which opened its doors to 34 students and grew to 63 by year's end. In 1877 Armstrong was officially named President. However, his tenure lasted only two years, ending with his sudden and unexpected death on August 12, 1879. Currently the site, which remains on the old campus, is virtually unkempt and almost inaccessible as it is covered with overgrown weeds and foliage...



- A – Johnny Carson
- B – John Armstrong**
- C – Johnny Appleseed
- D – John Wayne
- E – Johnny Weissmueller
- F – All of the above
- G – None of the above

Letters to the Editor...

I had three of the professors mentioned in the summer E-Newsletter article written by **Dr. Tree** and **Dave Neff**. **Dr. Tree**, **Dr. Elkin** and **Dr. Wheelock**, and they were all excellent. I may try to get back for the October, 3-5, 2014 festivities. Are many of the old building remaining on the campus?

James Bush, PC'n/a – JL2001ret@yahoo.com

(Editor's note: The few that you will find remaining are: F-T Field house, Student Union, Ewing Hall (Hein Mansion), Science Center, Foster Hall and Howard Dormitory)

Thanks for sending the Parsons E-News by regular mail. It arrived today. But I also received the email copy, therefore I think you can discontinue mailing copies. I am happy to know the Parsons spirit is still out there, in the form of the Parsons College Foundation and in the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. I would like to hear the organ (and oboe) concert in October but traveling that far is out of the question for this 96-year-old. I have a hard time getting in and out of my car, but once I am in, I feel right at home and still drive to stores and even on the busy freeways. Pre-WWII Parsons grads are becoming quite few. It would be nice to learn where the ones I knew ended up, and when. I know only three who are still living. Thanks again.

Philip W. Allen, PC'late/1930's – pw.allen@comcast.net

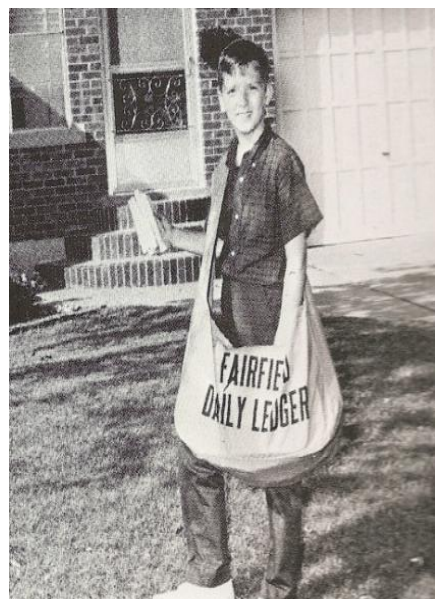
(Editor's note: We would love to receive information on your three (3) friends who are still living. Please forward any and all information on them to either Dave Neff or the Editor of the E-Newsletter. Thank you.)

Have just spent a pleasant hour or so this afternoon reviewing the summer edition of the Parsons E-News. I had enjoyed it when it first arrived, and I read it, and have also enjoyed my second reading. **Vera Young's** contribution about women's basketball was quite interesting and I have told her so. Also, I hope that her contribution might encourage others to send in their own remembrances from their Parsons College days. I did notice that several responded to the article about the Quads. **Dr. Roberts** would have liked that. He was quite proud of those living units and took a real interest in them. If my memory serves me correctly, there were one or two articles in professional journals about them. It seemed to me that they did offer to fraternities and sororities especially, a pleasant solution to their way of life. I also recall that the Quads were the product of some sociological study of "group living" done out in California. Probably that is too long ago to track down. It is unfortunate that the College closed so soon after the Quads were opened and that the experiment never enjoyed enough time to have any real meaning...

Dr. Bob Tree, PC'faculty – rtree@lisco.com

Enjoyed reading the Summer issue of the E-Newsletter. It's always well done and very interesting and I am looking forward to the next issue!

Paula Chomka McGrath, PC'65 - pjmaine@midmaine.com



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LETTERS – (cont'd)

I only attended Parsons for one semester from January-June, 1966 and had a basketball scholarship. But I was drafted and received my notice in September of the same year. That notice arrived the same day I was planning to go back to Parsons. I eventually served in Vietnam from '67-'68. In 1967 I received a nice letter from then assistant basketball coach **Dick Eland** welcoming me to return to Parsons when I got out of the service. I still have that letter. We moved from Syracuse, New York to Naples, Florida in 2005 and have lived there ever since. I still have fond memories of Parsons College and Fairfield, Iowa, although I spent limited time there. Thanks for the E-News...

Chuck Togias, PC'67-'68 - cstogias@hotmail.com

Always great to get your info and updates – My wife Vicki and I just celebrated our 46th Anniversary and also my 70th birthday on 7/13. Currently we're living in Delray Beach, FL. We met at Parsons on her 21st birthday and got married on mine in 1968. Do you have any info on **Dick Delaney**?

Paul McIsaac, PC'67 – Paulwmci@aol.com

(Editor's note: **Dick Delaney** can be reached at: delaneypal@verizon.net)

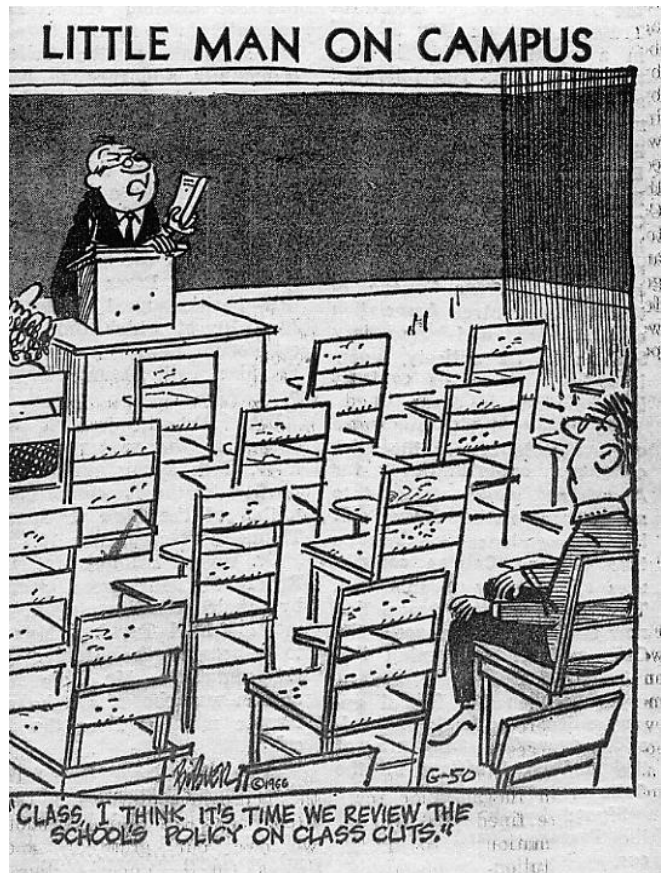
Great job... I will in the Fairfield area sometime in late August. I always try to do a drive thru....maybe I'll have a steak at George's pizza!

Norm Maywright, PC'73 -
stormin4751@yahoo.com

(Comment: Ahhh yes...the steak, salad, potato, Texas toast and a cold bottle of Budweiser. If I remember correctly from the Parsons days in the 1960's, the steak dinner was about \$1.75)

I am writing to let you know your dedication and hard work is appreciated. Currently, I live a happy fulfilling life because I traveled down the same path as so many of my fellow classmates and bros. We had the opportunity to develop and grow, and the world opened up to us at Parsons College in a little town called Fairfield, Iowa. We are now in our twilight years and have the time to reflect on those days and realize that we were so blessed. G-d speed.

David Berkeley, PC'65 – berk430@aol.com



(Editor's note: "LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS" is courtesy of Dennis Marandos, PC'69)

"Watching paint dry may not be such a bad idea!"

(65'nWise)

In Memoriam...

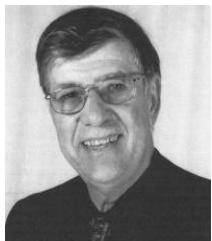


Gailbraith-Harper

Analee Galbraith Harper, PC'n/a... of Choctaw, Oklahoma, departed this world quietly in the comfort of her home on March 15, 2014 with her husband of 59 years at her side. Analee, 80, was born in Fairfield and after earning her teaching certificate from Parsons she taught elementary school in Arkansas. She later attended the University of Oklahoma. Analee married her high school sweetheart, **Bob Harper** in 1954 and had three children. She lived in Midwest City for 38 years, then in rural Choctaw the past 15 years and was a member of the St. Matthew United Methodist Church. Analee was one of the original "Pink Ladies" when Midwest City Hospital opened and continued her service for 24 years. She was an active docent at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum for over 37 years. In addition to her volunteer work, Analee was a master judge with the Oklahoma Flower Show Judges, a member of the Ivy Garden Club, Oklahoma Retired Citizens Travel Club, Iowa Society, and Red Hat Society. Her "Grandmothers Two" catering business fed thousands and she worked for 20 years as a tour guide with Territorial Tours. She is survived by her husband, Robert, a son, two daughters (and families), four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Memorial services were held at Hibbs Funeral Home in Choctaw...

William T.W. "Wild Bill" Morain, PC'63-'66... of San Bruno, California passed away on August 2, 2014 while surrounded by loved ones. Bill lived 68 wonderful, loving and happy years. He was employed as Manager of an auto body shop for over 25 years. Bill, who was born in Ohio, loved cars, wine and his Parsons Sigma Pi Fraternity brothers. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Bill is survived by his wife Donna. Services in his honor were held at Skylawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park in San Mateo, CA...

George Otto Vogel, PC'70... passed away April 19, 2014. He was 69 years old and resided in Midlothian, Virginia. George was born in Chicago, Illinois and received a Bachelor's of Education Degree from Parsons College and a Master's Degree in Counseling and Guidance from Roosevelt University. He had just been selected to the Parsons College Wall of Honor and was to have traveled to Fairfield this fall to receive the honor. George served in the U.S. Army and spent time in Vietnam in the late 1960's. He was passionate about serving veterans and their causes and served in many positions including, Commander of the local VFW Post. George was an author, teacher, mentor and fighter for children. He is survived by his wife and love of his life, Libby Vogel, a son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters. A memorial service was held in April at VFW Post 9808, 7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville, VA...



Vogel

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James Barbagallo, PC'late60's... a longtime REALTOR who was very active with the Illinois Association of REALTORS and the Rockford Area Association of REALTORS, died July 11, 2014, in Presence St. Ann Center in Rockford. He was 65. Jim was in his second stint as



Barbagallo

President of the Rockford Association of REALTORS and worked for Joseph Behr & Sons. With IAR, he was a fixture at association events. Jim was a member of the Major Investor Working Group, the Political Fundraising Working Group and the Public Policy & Government Affairs Member Involvement Group. He was also Vice Chair of the RPAC Trustees. A celebration of Jim's life was held on July 22, 2014 at Giovanni's Restaurant in Rockford. He is survived by his wife, Karen, who often accompanied him to IAR events, a son, daughter and step-sons...



Morgeson

Dan Morgeson, PC'64-'66... Dan passed away August 15, 2014 in Edmond, Oklahoma. He was a man of deep faith and cherished his family. While at Parsons in the mid-1960's, Dan was a member of the Wildcats baseball team and also belonged to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Nina, two children and two grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Fairview Baptist church in Edmond.

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live in the past
but, by golly,
you should
never forget
the past!"***

(65'nWise)

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