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1914–2015: A 100-year-old Legend moves on!



1960's



1980's



2008



2009



2010



2011



2012



2015??

Everybody Knew “Mr. Fairfield”

There will be no more “Gobble, Gobble, Gobble!” The turkey is finally done ...or is he?? As people marveled at his journey to the century mark, **Lee T. Gobble II** would randomly announce his presence with a reassuring, “This turkey ain’t done yet” at any given event.

Well on April 27, 2015, this fine man departed this good earth. Everybody at Parsons College and Fairfield, Iowa knew Lee Gobble. If he wasn’t your number one source for college fashions, perhaps he was your

landlord, or your employer, but for sure, he was your friend. Lee Gobble, 100, passed away April 27, 2015 at the Parkview Care Center. Lee was born in Fairfield in 1914 and recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He was married and divorced twice. After graduating from Fairfield High School Lee attended Parsons in the late 1930's for a short time. Lee, the eternal humorist, frankly admitted he was asked to leave Parsons. He said, “They told me I was having an adverse effect on the college’s grade point average.” Lee did finally receive his degree, an honorary degree, from Parsons College in 2009 when he was inducted to the Parsons Wall of Honor.

He spent his active life as owner/manager of Gobble's Clothing Store. The first Gobble store was opened in Abingdon, Iowa by his great grandfather in 1853 and moved to Fairfield in 1898. Lee's father met and married his mother while students at Parsons in the early 1900's. Lee served in the U.S. Army during World War II and joined his father in the business following his discharge. Over the years, Lee was involved in numerous local and statewide organizations and projects. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church and in 1990 was one of two Fairfield residents named "Outstanding Citizens of the Year." In 2006 his name was placed on the Hall of Fame Entrepreneurs list.

Lee supported countless community projects but his largest undertaking was the steeple for the Jefferson County Courthouse, replacing one damaged years ago via a campaign which netted donations of \$50,000. Lee, who donated his body to University of Iowa Department of Anatomy, is survived by a daughter, **Mary Ann Collins**, one grandson, two nieces and a host of friends. Having donated much of his estate to the city of Fairfield causes one to pause and wonder... “Maybe this turkey ain’t quite done yet!” A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church on May 16. The family was assisted by the Pedrick Funeral Home of Keosauqua...(more Gobble see page 15)

All-Classes Reunion booked for October 2-4, 2015

WE DON'T CARE WHERE YOU GOT ON, OR OFF, THE PARSONS COLLEGE BANDWAGON for that matter, but we would like very much to invite you to join us back in Fairfield this October. The Parsons College Alumni Association and Foundation Fund have jointly announced dates for the All-Classes Reunion this fall. Festivities commence Friday, October 2 and carry through Sunday morning, October 4.

Is this your checklist? Well if so, that's awfully GOOD company you're hangin' around with!!



The message portrayed above has adorn the classic blue T-shirts sold by Mr. Lee Gobble for years. The checklist sequence message is loud, clear and chronological and is one of the BEST SELLERS of the Parsons memorabilia shop. (see page 20)

PCFF set to expand memorabilia

Your wish is our command! Response to our Parsons memorabilia store has been so good we're expanding the line. We intend to announce the addition of a logo/crest lightweight jacket, knit ski cap and another visor in the next E-News.

But with Father's Day on the horizon, don't wait, now is the time to order for that special person. If you've already done so, good for you. Your T-shirt, golf shirt and visor are just around the corner. Everything comes in GREEN and white and most sizes run from S – 3X. Plus, don't forget to checkout the rest of our line of merchandise including, caps and visors on page 20 (*last page E-Newsletter*) and follow the quick and easy ordering instructions...

The fun-filled 3-day event which begins with registration and Happy Hour at the Fairfield Country Club, Friday at 3:00pm, will be followed by a hot hors d'oeuvres dinner.

Our Parsons gathering will then shift to the downtown square where we will join the celebration of Fairfield's "1st Friday Art Festival" and the commencement of the kickoff of the "Oktoberfest."

A parade of activities starting with the Parsons Student/Alumni Wall of Honor ceremony at 10AM, sets the pace for Saturday. This is followed by a luncheon and a tour of the updated Carnegie Historical Museum and Parsons College Collection. That should pretty well take us into the next Happy Hour and an evening of food, fun and entertainment.

We will salute and recognize those attending alums and classes celebrating their 50th (1965) and 60th (1955) reunion.

Rooms have been blocked at the following motels at a special rate: **AmericInn** – 2014 S. Main – 800-634-3444. A block of 25 rooms at \$89.00++ per night has been reserved at under promo code "Parsons College" for the weekend. King & Queen executive rooms are available at a higher rate.

Best Western Fairfield Inn, 2200 West Burlington Ave, (641) 472-2200; Identify w/Parsons College, 20 rooms reserved at \$80.00 per night p/tax. Hold until 2 weeks prior. Pet friendly, 2 pets max and \$10.00 p/night, per pet.

Fairfield Super 8 Motel, 3001 West Burlington Ave, (641) 469-2000; Identify w/Parsons College, 15 rooms reserved at \$74.88 p/night p/tax. Hold until 2 weeks prior. A 6:00 p.m. hold on arrival unless confirmed.

Best to get your reservations in at this time if you're thinking of attending as it will be a busy weekend in Fairfield. Stay tuned more information to come in the Summer edition of you Parsons Alumni E-Newsletter...

We need your Parsons yearbooks and memorabilia: Buy, Sell, Trade or Auction

Over the past 3 years several of the Parsons College Alumni Board of Directors have had requests for certain years of Parsons College yearbooks. They're out there. We found one at an estate sale of a Parsons alum and another in a thrift store near Fairfield. Currently there are 20 for sale on EBay.

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

Each year at the Parsons alumni reunion an opportunity exists for families to share, exchange and/or trade yearbooks as well as all other types of memorabilia including, plates, cups, saucers, mugs, mortarboards, etc. 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 is interested in developing this exchange. **We will even pay shipping for yearbooks/memorabilia of families or alums who would like to donate their items to sell. Contributions and income would be directed to foundation and alumni activities.**

Please address and mail any items to: **Ed Longanecker, 211 W. Washington, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641.** Our next opportunity to make this program happen is at the October 2015 reunion...

Former Dean of Students Robert Fox offers great ideas

Received some terrific ideas recently from former **Dean of Students Bob Fox**. Apparently Dean Fox is a regular reader of our Alumni E-Newsletter. He also understands that a lot of our success depends on the material we receive, edit and print from our fellow alums and classmates.

Over and over we have asked for your submissions. In very simple terms, Dean Fox has suggested seven topics of interest from which to choose. We want to hear from you and we offer up



Dean Robert Fox

these seven candid questions to jog your memory. In your own words tell us:

...1 – Who was your most memorable professor or administrator??

...2 – What was the funniest/most embarrassing thing that happened to you at Parsons??

...3 – Something you did but didn't get caught??

...4 – How did Parsons change your life??

...5 – Why I would want my grandchildren to attend Parsons College??

...6 – Successes that I've had which I attribute to having attended Parsons??

...7 – Were there any Parsons students who influenced your life?? If so, who were they??

We would love for you to share the memories.

Please submit to: jblackstock@prodigy.net ...

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Dr. Bob Tree's corner...



I believe it was **William Allen White**, a famous Kansas editor from years past, who wrote: "Names are the Alpha and Omega of journalism." And you certainly got the names into the last issue of the Parsons Alumni E-Newsletter.

I think it is wonderful that you are receiving such good responses and that such a substantial number of Parsons alums are keeping in touch with each other and are having reunions all over the country. This makes for delightful reading. The E-Newsletter really has risen to where it serves as the nerve center for all.

I got a kick out of the Hell Week article. But I do have a question, however. Didn't the sororities do anything like Hell Week in a similar nature, or aren't the ladies talking? (see *Alumni Write Margaret Weiss Bloebaum*).

Really enjoyed the Winter Edition of E-News and I'm looking forward to the next issue.

Perhaps your readers can help me out with another question. The Barhydt Chapel Organ which is now resides in the Stephen Sondheim auditorium was initially installed in the Barhydt Chapel during the summer of 1966. I recall a conversation between **Dr. Roberts** and **Bill Medley** concerning the new organ. Dr. Bob expressed great pleasure at having such a fine organ. Bill agreed, but said, "You don't have an organist that can play it." This led to **Jeane Waits** coming to Parsons to become the organist and no question she was a fine one.

Although the organ was installed in the summer of '66, I think the dedication ceremony was held off until the fall, when the students returned. My questions are: 1- What was the date of the dedication ceremony; and 2- Who played the organ at the dedication ceremony, Jeane? Or, if not Jeane, then who??? (If you can help answer these question please submit your answer to: jblackstock@prodigy.net)...

William "Biff" Kummer Selected to PCAA Board of Directors

Dr. William "Biff" Kummer of Bowling Green, KY has accepted an invitation to join the Parsons College Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

Dr. Kummer graduated from Parsons in 1968, and then became Director of the Physical Education Department's Intramural program. He gained his Masters and PhD from the University of Utah in Parks & Recreation and was returning to teach at Parsons in 1973, but the school closed.

After a brief stay at the University of Iowa, former Parsons President **Carl Kreisler**, recruited him to Western Kentucky University. That move launched the beginning of a 25-year career which culminated with Dr. Kummer serving as a member of the WKU Advisory Board, among others. He rose to national prominence as a teacher and a scholar and in 1998 was named Kentucky state "Recreator of the Year."

Dr. Kummer is in both the Kentucky Recreation & Parks Society Hall of Fame and the Parsons Wall of Honor. He received the ultimate honor in 2007 when the city of Bowling Green built a recreation center and attached his name to the facility.

He continues to be involved in the local Boy Scouts of America and splits his time between Bowling Green and a summer home in Wisconsin. Since his induction to the Parsons Wall of Honor in 2010, Dr. Kummer has returned each year for the annual ceremony.

And generally, you will find him helping our cause by running the Parsons T-shirts/Sweatshirts table and selling them in the lobby adjacent Alumni Hall.

Welcome aboard Dr. Kummer!!!!



Parsons basketball Coach Bill Carlyle's record 1,110 wins over a 51-year coaching career leads to National Junior College Hall of Fame



During Bill Carlyle's 2-year tenure as coach, the Wildcats set 15 school records while going 35-14. The 1971-72 team: Standing – Rich Forbes, Sam Hamilton, Tom Fiore, Moe Stanley, Greg DeAth, Ron Claybourne, Tim Dieters, George Green, Ozzie Egelton, Gene Williams, Jim Limbaugh, Charlie Lawson, Dom Ciciriello, Henry Washington. Kneeling – Coach Carlyle, Brian Smith and Ben Robinson.

Parsons College always had a strong athletic program, and this was the case in 1970 and 1971 when **Bill Carlyle** came to Fairfield from Morristown, TN to be our basketball coach. Athletic Director, **Wayne Williamson**, recruited Carlyle who had coached basketball, football and baseball at the high school level in Kentucky and Tennessee. He began his college coaching at East Tennessee State University (1968-1970) and Oklahoma State University (1971-1977) as assistant coach.

In 1970-1971 he was head coach of Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa. The team finished with a 17-7 record, the best in 10-years. The next year, Parsons finished with a record of 18-6, finished the year ranked in the top 20 NAIA schools nationally, and ended the year in second place in the NAIA tournament. At this time he was selected to appear in *Outstanding Young Men in America*.

Coach Carlyle is in his 37th year as head basketball coach of the Walters State Senators and his 51st year overall.

Coach Carlyle has led the Senators to 14 Eastern Division Championships and played in 8 state title games, winning 5 championships. Bill has been honored as Coach of the Year 14 times by the TJCAA Region 7. A more important statistic to Coach Carlyle: more than 150 of his players have signed with four-year colleges and universities since 1977.

In 1999, Coach Carlyle was inducted into both the Cumberland College Athletic Hall of Fame and the Tennessee Junior and Community College Hall of Fame. In 2000, he was inducted into the Morristown High School Alumni Hall of Fame. In 2008, Coach Carlyle was inducted into the National Junior College Hall of Fame during the national Tournament in Hutchinson, KS. His all-time record includes over 1,110 career wins.

In a telephone interview with Bill he shared the following memories about his time at Parsons.

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Etch your name in Parsons College History!



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Midwest Snow Storms - The Wildcats had just finished a two game road trip to DePaul and Lewis College, right after Christmas Break and as they headed back toward Fairfield a major snow storm was coming from the west. By the time they returned to Fairfield the snow was up to the "running boards" of their van.

Australian National Team – The Australian Olympic National basketball team was touring the United States. They had just played the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA and had an open evening the next day. They came to Fairfield to play Parsons College at Fry-Thomas Fieldhouse. The agreement was they would have free housing and an evening meal. Much to the Australian National Team's dismay Parsons beat them on a last second shot. The next day they travelled to Champaign, Illinois to play the University of Illinois.

Gonzaga Trip - The spring of 2013 Parsons College e-newsletter highlighted Parsons playing Gonzaga. This was during Coach Carlyle's tenure at Parsons. The part of the story that Coach remembers was the trip to Des Moines to catch their plane, provided a memorable moment as the college limo had mechanical problems and they almost missed their flight to Gonzaga.

"Ice Man" - **George Gervin** - was playing for Eastern Michigan State University when the Wildcats arrived. According to Carlyle, "Ice Man" put on a clinic during the game and went on to an easy victory over Parsons. Gervin went on to a professional basketball career with the San Antonio Spurs and Chicago Bulls. During his career with the Spurs he tallied a single game high of 68 points. NBA All-Star Games are also on his resume.



Coach Bill Carlyle 1970-'71

Wayne State and Lea College - Following the game at Eastern Michigan, the Wildcats played Wayne State in Detroit, MI. Their schedule then took them over to Lea College, in Albert Lea, MN. They drove the entire way in the school limo and ended up winning the tournament at Lea College. Hurrying back to Fairfield, they planned on walking into the fieldhouse with their chests "puffed out" sporting their championship trophy, but the Parsons Wildkitten's Basketball game was already over and the Fieldhouse was empty, much to their dismay.

Crunched Corvette - One of his worst campus memories was when Coach Carlyle was showing a prospective player the campus and was driving around the "high rise dorms" on the northwest part of campus. He was telling the recruit about the living facilities when he rounded the corner and drove right into a Corvette. Campus security was called to the scene of the accident. Apparently Coach had forgotten there was one-way clockwise traffic around the dorms.

Parsons People - Coach Carlyle spoke highly of **Dr. Carl Kreisler**, president of Parsons, for the support provided by the college for the athletic programs. He also mentioned that **Lee Gobble** was a great fan of Wildcat Basketball. **Dean Gabbert** was the sports editor for the *Fairfield Ledger*, and coach thanks him for the quality coverage of the program. Coach stated that "Parsons was a great, great training ground and was the college that gave him his first opportunity to be a head coach."

Parsons Coaches Connection - Coach Carlyle continues to keep in regular communication with former Parsons Football Coach **Tom Schlarbaum**. They get together on an annual basis for fun and recreation. Tom and his wife live in Bradenton FL.

In closing, Coach shared that some of his Parsons former players gather annually for a reunion with the names of **Charlie "Red" Lawson, Greg De Ath, Moliston "Mo" Stanley** and others reminiscing "Wildcat Basketball."

(Editor's Note: The Bill Carlyle story was written by Dave Neff from information gathered during a recent telephone interview with Coach Carlyle.)

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

The Parsons Satellite Program flourished like wildfire, then when the college faltered all six schools tumbled along with it like dominos.



An aerial view of Hiram Scott College, located in Scottsbluff, NE. Although the healthiest of Dr. Roberts six satellite colleges, it was strategically located in the middle of nowhere. (Photo courtesy of “The Parsons College Bubble” book.)

I think the first time I ever heard the word "satellite" was in 1957. The Russians launched an object the size of a beach ball into orbit and it circled the earth in 98 minutes. The object is listed as the first ever satellite and was named "Sputnik." 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, which was working in spades, was not enough. The huge increases

in the student enrollment were mind-boggling. Things were working so well, and were so mind-boggling, that the ever-ambitious Dr. Roberts thought it should be expanded and duplicated.

As if the challenge of building Parsons was not enough, Dr. Roberts was not satisfied. He wanted more. A network empire of colleges was in sight. And he was out to build it, and wasn't shy about sharing his incremental successes along the way with anyone who would listen.

Dr. Roberts relentless travel schedule took him from town to town and city to city. He presented the Parsons story and the Parsons plan in the enthusiastic and upbeat spirit of....you too, can make this happen. He rallied the town's civic and business leaders to believe that with the support of Parsons they could also build a successful college in their town.

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. These colleges were by-products of the strong growth and success experienced at Parsons, staffed with several key Parsons personnel and designed to be four-year schools. Their future depended on the implementation of the Parsons plan and on student enrollment, lots of students.

Dr. Roberts believed he had the formula to attract them. After all, if this concept was working at Parsons College in Fairfield, IA, there was no reason why the overlay should not work in Denison, IA and Scottsbluff, NE. Truth be told, had Parsons stayed healthy and Dr. Roberts strategy been successful, maybe all of today's junior colleges might be on the four-year plan instead of two-year terms.

Furthermore, there were many who believed Dr. Roberts wide-ranging vision also included the formation of an Educational Consulting Firm. The firm would have been based out of Fairfield. It would have been geared to teach college and university officials the fundamentals of the Parsons Plan - how to become independent - and how to make a profit. Not surprisingly, a sizeable fee would have been charged for the service and his profits would grow.

In retrospect, when Parsons crumbled, one by one the satellite schools followed suit like the falling of dominos on a game board. Had Dr. Roberts just slowed down the pace, stayed within his means, and kept quiet...who knows how big Parsons and the satellite program might have become...

(Editor's Note: This story was written by John Blackstock and is the first of a two-part series on the Parsons Satellite Program. Dave Neff and Ray Ham contributed to the article.)

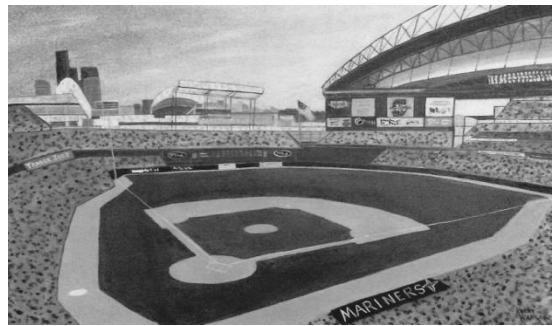
WHERE ARE THEY NOW!!!!

How about 29 ballparks down and 1 to go???

Paul, PC'65 and Linn Harnegal, PC'65, Cauley of Woodland Hills, CA write... (Editor's Note: Paul and Linn were an item at Parsons 50 years ago and they're an item to behold today. Talk about keeping your baseball bucket list clean? They are the champions.) "We are serious baseball fans," says Paul. "When asked how many baseball stadiums we've visited, the short answer is that we have been to 29 of 30 major league parks. One more to go and that is Seattle. We've been to Seattle in the past but not to a game. This spring we intend to catch the Mariners and finish our list in conjunction with a road trip to Northern California, Oregon and Washington.

"Both Linn and I have been baseball fans, and as kids, we attended games - Cubs and Cardinals for Linn, Yankees and Red Sox for me. Living in LA we have been to many Dodgers, Angels (ok, only one Angels game) and Padres games. With a son in San Francisco, we've attended Giants and Athletics games as well. For a number of years, we spent a week in Phoenix during spring training and while visiting friends in Florida, we caught a number of games there as well.

"In 2004, a nephew was getting married in New York City. Linn had just retired, so we decided to drive to the east coast and see some of the sights along the way. We called it our "three headed goat" tour because whenever we saw a sign identifying some local phenomena, we detoured accordingly. Along the way, we landed in Minneapolis and visited the Mall of America. And as luck would have it the Twins were playing that night in the Metrodome and we really enjoyed that experience. Further down the road, we visited the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. It was incredible. I think that set off the spark, as it was about that time we decided it would be fun to visit all 30 major league parks.



And then there was 1. PC Alums Paul & Linn Cauley have visited 29 of 30 MLB ballparks!! Only Seattle's Safeco Field (photo above) remains on their list.

"In 2010 we drove to the Midwest, and in a great circular route, we went to all the parks there. Most of the time we bought our tickets in advance from Stub Hub, so we were able to plan an itinerary within which, we could get to games and also plan to see the sights along the way. Actually it really was not necessary to pre-purchase tickets because in April and May most ballparks were less than half full and not crowded. But the pre-planning did provide a framework for our side trips. We made room reservations on the fly, depending on where we were that day and we never had a problem.

"In 2011, we flew to the east coast and saw games from Florida to New York and everywhere in between. We also went to Boston on that trip but just as we entered Fenway Park the game was called due to rain, and we were scheduled in Philly the next evening. So we decided we'd have to go back to Boston at a later date, as that visit was not really a 'get' and did not count. Two years later in 2013, we flew east again to visit family. It was then we knocked off Boston and traveled on to see the Toronto Blue Jays as well. In addition, we toured northern New England and collected some maple syrup along the way. Last year we flew to Texas for two games (did Houston and Texas Rangers in Arlington) and added a side trip to New Orleans. We also did a weekend trip to Denver to see the Rockies. That was ballpark number 29 and the one that got us to where we are today.

"We really loved the road trips and if you're a baseball fan we would highly recommend it. There is so much to see. We visited museums, both presidential and others (the Ford Museum in Detroit was fabulous), civil war battlegrounds and cemeteries, beach cities along the eastern seaboard and dozens more adventures too numerous to mention. We are a bit sad that it is over," said Paul, "but we've decided we need to find one more new adventure before our kids put us in the home and take away the keys!"

Bet you didn't know?? by John Braidwood

"Unusual and Historical Facts about Parsons College." Parsons College, since its inception in 1875, has tracked a most intriguing and "colorful" past, truly a kaleidoscope of historical events that are quite amazing, and some, downright unbelievable. It is my pleasure to share some of these events with you so you will know and enjoy some of ... "the rest of the story."

With the advent of World War I, Parsons was faced with a severe depreciation of enrollment because of the draft. Immediately the administration was placed in a state of panic over what appeared to be financial doom for lack of enrollment revenue.

Miraculously and quite unexpectedly, the college received a wire from Washington stating, they had chosen Parsons to institute a "Student Army Training Camp." This news as you might expect was greeted with a great deal of enthusiasm and sense of relief because it guaranteed Parsons a vigorous student enrollment, therefore staving off certain financial woes for the college.

In the Fall of 1918, Fairfield and Ewing Halls were appropriated as barracks, mess hall and hospital, while Foster Hall housed offices and class rooms for the college.

Unfortunately, college ideals and traditions plummeted. Necessities of war and demands made by the government required adjustments and modifications that proved almost catastrophic for the traditions and ideals of the college. Fortunately though, the war soon subsided and Parsons was able to return to its founding ideals and growing enrollment.

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Over the years it had been thought that a novel component of Dr. Roberts "Parsons College Plan" was the advent of the "summer trimester." Well actually in 1915, Parsons tried its first experiment with a summer session. The College announced: "After careful consideration, a decision has been reached to introduce summer school work as a regular feature of Parsons College." Well Dr. Roberts, it was almost a novel idea.

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"Hi yi, Hi yi, Hi yi Hippikanoori, Ki yi.... Parsons!" That was the official college yell. "It is thrilling to note its effect upon the student body at a booster rally or sports event," stated "The Portfolio" on June 6, 1896. Please, please ... tell me it wasn't so!

"Misery does not love company!"
65'nWise

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THE ALUMNI WRITE...

Pickleball Champ Seeks More GOLD!

*Jim PC'54 and Jeanne Hughes Waincott PC'52-'55, Fresno, CA (waincottji@comcast.net write...*The senior citizen group from Parsons is still alive and kicking. Jim is continuing his athletic career!. The national pickleball tournament is held in Arizona every year and Jim is two-time national gold medal winner in singles in his age group. We continue our annual trip to Huntsman World Senior Games every October in St. George, Utah. Last year Jim won gold medals in tennis doubles and pickleball doubles in his age group. This qualified him for National Senior Games this year in those two sports. The Nationals will be held in Minneapolis this year and we will head there in July hoping to add to the medals and spending some time on the way in Iowa and Texas with relatives and friends...

The great Christmas tree heist!!!

Kenny Norton, PC'n/a, Fairfield - norti@iowatelecom.net writes... Boy.....do I remember HELL WEEK!!! Can you imagine doing this today? Not many could take the constant harassing and late night marches. I remember every last step of the adventure as if it were yesterday. As you look back, it was not much fun, but you were brothers for life and would do anything for each other and the fraternity. Those were good days. You probably don't remember, but our pledge class was given the job of acquiring the Christmas tree for the front of the house on Main St. We couldn't get enough pledges together at the same time so **Steve Smith**, who later became house president, and I set out on the venture of getting the tree. We cut the tree out at the Walton Club entrance and it was just the height we had been given. Problem was, the trees had been planted by the C.C.C.'s during the war and you can imagine the rest of the story.

We wrestled that tree to the bottom of the hill and tied it to the back of my car and headed back to town. WE were so proud of the tree and the brothers surely would be too. WRONG! As we approached the house we passed a police car that must have been looking for the thieves from Christmas' past. I stepped on the gas as the red lights came on and he started to turn around. Down Kirkwood hill, up the alley, and I pulled in behind the house. I didn't get my foot off the brake in time and he spotted the brake lights. CAUGHT! Well we have a tree, but the cops have us and off to the police station we go. It ended up that we had to take the tree back to Walton (at 50 MPH), and there were no branches when we arrived. Never could figure that one out. Later we were hauled off to court and fined, but the worst was yet to come. Once the brothers found out what had happened, now it was line-up time. The reason for the line-up was the fact that the WHOLE pledge class was not involved in the heist. UNITY, UNITY! I will never forget the UNITY bit! Again, there was HELL to pay that night, too. There are so many good stores from fraternity life and how you became a man, a brother and a friend for life...

"I wish I would have done more!"

Doug Wolter, PC'57-'60 – djwhhi@roadrunner.com writes... I was in a Parsons fraternity during the late 50's and can share some horror stories about the hazing that took place. In fact, I became so disgusted that my senior year I did not attend any fraternity functions. Here are only a couple of those stories: Severe paddling bare "ass" with the active member using a two-handed full swing. Making a blindfolded pledge believe someone was urinating on him, while being squirted with water. Putting Baby Ruth candy bars in a toilet and making a blind folded pledge reach in to retrieve what he was told was someone's bowel movement. Not willing to consider accepting an African-American who was editor of the Parsons newspaper and yearbook. In my senior year and from then on, I had nothing to do with this fraternity. Thing's have progressed and changed, but I fault myself for not doing more to facilitate changes. Warm Regards...

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Parsons and a World Class faculty!!

Marvin Fink, PC'n/a – marvfink@gmail.com writes... The reason I have contacted you is that over the years I have thought about our incredible faculty at Parsons. Unfortunately, many of us did not appreciate it at the time. And only now reflect, if only I could have gone to my 8AM classes, or was of mind to grasp the content and knowledge of the presenter. At the time of the loss of accreditation a small book was printed entitled, *Scholars Who Teach*, by the schools administration. It listed all the faculty members and their credentials and writings. I do know that this is in the archives in Des Moines. If copies could be printed I would purchase one, thereby acknowledging the scope of the intellectuals that stood before me and were not appreciated by me. I was a Teacher / Guidance Counselor in NYC for 36 years. I also was a financial advisor for 28 years. I now travel the world doing photography. I have exhibited my pictures and some have been published. If you wish, you can see my work on my website: marvinfinkphotography.com...

For better or worse, yes, the quads are gone...

Jack Weiss, PC'65-'67 – jrw@ec.rr.com writes... When I first arrived the fall of '65, we were assigned to the smallish quads just up from Lake Louise. **Dave Stem** is the one who told me about Parsons and actually got me into the old quads prior to pledging. Dave's sister, Judy, was my girlfriend, off and on for a number of years, even when I was at Parsons. Anyway, why these types of clusters of buildings, all mirror image of one another, were called "quads" is out of my pay range, but that's what everyone called them. The rooms were tiny. We lived in those units until the new and much larger ones were completed "way up" the hill, farther away from campus closer to the baseball field and football stadium. I think it was the summer semester of '66 that the move was made. I've not been back to visit but I'm relatively certain all the quads were torn down, decades ago when Yogi and his crew (the Maharishis) wanted to all but eliminate those reminders of Parsons. Wife, family and I are doing a little traveling. Last fall did a day in Raleigh, NC and attended the Notre Dame/State game. That is what I call fun!!! Cheers!!!

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The Spring Mystery Quiz – THE QUESTION???

WHAT IN THE ...???

This crusty looking establishment (photo: is circa 2011) has seen its' better days. Your clue: During the mid - 1960's it soared with popularity and was neatly "sandwiched" between two of the more popular "watering holes" in the "New Chicago" section of town, near the railroad tracks. One of the owners moved on to fame and fortune.



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

Ooooooh yes, the sororities had Hell Week, too, but not like the men!!

Margaret Weiss Bloebaum, PC'65 writes... My memories of Pledging and Hell Week from the sorority standpoint are somewhat different than what was reported for the fraternities in the last issue of E-News.

My sorority had a demerit system. Any active could give you demerits based on any real or perceived infraction of the rules. I don't remember what happened as a result of those demerits but I somehow managed to get through my entire pledge period in the spring of 1963 without incurring a single one. Not one.

Our pledge trainer supposedly tracked the demerits, but no one ever noticed I didn't have any. Not because of good behavior, but for some other (unknown) reason. The day after I was initiated as an active member of the sorority, I presented my pledge book to my pledge trainer and she was horrified.

We did pull our share of pranks though. One time we captured our Social Chair and her assistant, handcuffed them to a seat on the Zephyr (train) and sent them off to Chicago with only a dime each in their pocket. It was the night before our Spring Formal '63 and our president was furious, not so much for what we did but for the timing and the poor choice of victims.

Another time, we kidnapped a pig and turned it loose in the old sorority house (pre-quads) at 2:00am. It squealed and pooped all over the house as it frantically tried to escape. Once again, our president was beside herself. I faintly remember something about pizza boxes – maybe we scooped the poop into those boxes from the night before and left them strategically placed around the house for the hungry actives in the morning.

I remember having to recite the Greek alphabet three times before a match burned out. I also remember being coached on “lady-stuff”, like how to accept a light for my cigarette from a man – unbelievable stuff. In fact, we had a full session on cigarette etiquette.

Our Hell Week was mild compared to the men's. I remember girls being forced to mug a mouthful of cigars down to the stubs with trash cans over their heads. The results were unpleasant for everybody. One night we were ordered to stand in a circle while a variety of stuff was poured over our heads – honey, ashtray contents (everybody smoked in those days) and eggs, I refused to let anybody crack an egg over my head – my dislike of food waste began early in my life – but I invited them to whatever else they wanted. It worked. No eggs were wasted on my head.

I always wondered how mistreatment of “sisters” was supposed to create bonds. So I was glad to see that the last Hell Week I participated in, as an active in 1965, to be gradually morphing into Help Week instead. Less emphasis on the mindless pranks and more on finding ways to create bonds in a constructive way. A very good change to my thinking. I have no idea what Rush and Hell Week are like today since I have no contact with the Greek system, but it seems less cruel-silly and more community-conscious which is a good thing...

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Greek and Social News...

Wildcats of “old” gather to recant stories from their college days!!!

Several classes and two sports were represented when 11 Parsons alumni athletes met at Derby Lanes in St. Petersburg for a mini reunion on March 14, 2015. This marked the fourth time Parsons alumni have gathered at that location to reminisce and re-tell stories they've told a hundred times and are still laughing at.

Meanwhile, the gals wonder how the guys could remember that they “pulled right, or left” on a certain football play. And how they could remember the score of most of the games when the majority of them couldn't remember what they had for breakfast that morning. There were also some poignant moments when the boys fondly remember teammates who have passed on.

Prior gatherings have included Coaches **Wayne Williamson** and **Tony Yelovich** who added their own take to the storytelling. Their wives, Patti and Jean, also attended. Other alumni who have previously attended are: **Mickey Waldrup (Ellen), John Patrick, Frank Antonini (Julie), John Curko (Kathy), Ron Cline (Kathy), Dave Hussey (Judith), Dave Kent (Denise), Jim Lhota, Frank Repass (Edie Sewell Brown), Bob Pacetti (Nancy), Albert Grayson, Robert (Butch) Strayer (Dizzy), Jerry Campbell (Dee) and Jim Zerilla (Janet).**

Representing Parsons at the most recent gathering were: Class of 1968: **Ralph Young** and **Ken (Mutt) Maciejewski** (both football) and **Rich Folkers** (baseball); Class of 1969: **Steve Kane, Barry Connors, Mac Stewart** (all football); Class of 1970: **Ken Sweeney, Mike Schmitz** and **Randall Thomas** (all football); Class of 1971: **Tom Salisbury** and **Don Snowden** (both football). The wives, better halves, significant others, who attended this last reunion were: **Ginger Maciejewski, Becky Connors, Pam Sweeney, Jeri Thomas, Nancy Petrosky, Nora Folkers, Merilee Snowden, and Mary Nicholson.** Anytime a Parsons alumni comes to town, we try to organize a get-together. To that end, if you plan a trip, or know a Parsons alumni who is planning a trip to the Tampa area, please contact:

Ken Sweeney at 813-841-0977 or **Jeri Thomas** (Randall's wife) at 813-920-2809. If you would like info regarding future gatherings, please send your name, email address and graduating year to jthomas18@tampabay.rr.com. Thanks to those who have attended. We look forward to many more get-togethers with the Parsons College Wildcats!

Could the reason we get together the next time be YOU??

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Back: Tom Salisbury (end), Ken Sweeney (offensive guard), Randall Thomas (offensive guard) and Mike Schmitz (receiver); Middle: Rich Folkers (baseball pitcher), Ken “Mutt” Maciejewski (middle guard) and Steve Kane (defensive back); Front: Mac Stewart (offensive tackle/guard), Ralph Young (linebacker), Barry Connors (defensive line) and Don Snowden (quarterback)...

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Alpha Xi's looking to connect at the Parsons October Reunion

The Alpha Xi Delta sorority is on a search and find mission to locate the missing and rally up to join the Parsons October reunion. During the 2015 All-Classes reunion, there are a few Alpha Xi Delta's planning to get together.

We'd love to build our attendance but we have lost touch with so many of our sisters. So, we're asking for information on the missing and would also like to target those women who attended Parsons from 1958-1965. Please contact **Virginia Langner Pickerell**, PC'59-'62 for more information: vpickerell@gmail.com.

Zeta/Sig Eps returning to Fairfield for June Reunion

We've been advised that for those who can attend, their will be a Zeta/SigEp Reunion this year in Fairfield. Arrival is planned for Sunday afternoon, June 14. On Monday, the activities include: mingling, golf for those interested, a social hour and a sit down dinner at the Walton Club. The dinner cost would be in the \$11-12 dollar range per person. Motel reservations can be made the **AmericInn**, south of town. Their phone number is: 641-451-6600 and the room rate is \$89.00 plus tax. This includes a free continental breakfast. An official letter with all of the details will follow soon. If you are interested please contact **Lee Kane, '55** at: FisherKane@aol.com ... Hope to see you there!! In the meantime, if you're interested in checking out my book of published poems, "Patterns of Life", go to www.blurb.com and/or amazon.com...

Calling all TKE's, calling all TKE's for an October reunion

Members of the TKE fraternity are planning a reunion for the weekend of October 2-4, 2015 in Fairfield. There will be an informal get together on Friday night. On Saturday morning we will join the Parsons College Wall of Honor ceremony and reunion activities at the Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts in the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center at 10:00AM. This will be followed by other TKE planned events during the afternoon and a dinner Saturday evening. Hotel/motel information may be found in the reunion announcement article included in this E-News. For further information contact **Bruce Jordan** - brucekjordan@ymail.com; **Bill Burger** - billb1956@gmail.com; or **Ed Reed** - Edyardo37@cox.net ASAP as we may need to reserve addition rooms for the group...

The Winter Mystery Quiz – THE ANSWER!!

Who was Benny Belch?

In the 1960's a character named **Benny Belch** infiltrated campus. He (they) used the mythical character name to mask the pranks of a band of campus hooligans. The signs, paintings and footprints cleverly appeared under Benny's name from time to time. The tops of Benny's fun loving pranks was probably when he (they) draped a large sheet down the front of the chapel stating: Barhydt Chapel "FOR SALE!" **The answer is H- None of the above...**



Your Clues!!

- A – Politician
- B – Dr. Bob's Cousin
- C – Campus Cop
- D – Hotel Clerk
- E – Bartender
- F – Comedian
- G – All of the Above
- H – None of the Above

Letters to the Editor...

Thanks for the newsletter, e-mail. I played football (#27), on scholarship, from 1965 to '69. What great times those were. Keep the news coming. Life is Good--Go Wildcats!!!

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

Your story on "Hell Week" brings back a lot of "Hell Week" memories. I hated the "penny push," egg drop, Phi Sig's Special Shake (ice cream), the Happy Onion tied around our neck we had to take bites out of on demand, the tire and burlap sack shirt we had to wear that week, especially on campus, the ice cube drop, and the dozens of other crazy stuff we had to do during that long week. It was fun and hard at the same time, but it bonded the pledges and also gave us respect from the active members. That 25-mile "last march" was a pleasure knowing that at the end it was all over. Thanks for the article...

Luis Ramon Sevilla S., PC'67-'71 - lrseso@hotmail.com

Who ever thought we'd still be celebrating our Parsons fraternity heritages almost 50 years later, and away from our beloved Parsons campus and experience. And if only we could be rushing today, explaining to folks that YES, Greek Brotherhood truly does continue and last for a lifetime! Thanks for leading the PC E-Newsletter Social/Greek news section with our Gamma Zeta (Sig Pi) reunion story. Here's hoping this "labor of love" for writing and editing the PC E-Newsletter continues for a good many years!

Cal Hill, PC'68, calvinhill2000@yahoo.com

Thanks to all who work at this task. During the spring semester of 1962 there was a group of us from Parsons that spent the semester in western Europe. **Marty Wearin Rasmussen** and **Yvonne Meely** were staff leaders. Good experience. We all had Parsons green blazers with the Parsons seal on the pocket. I would be interested if any one who reads the E-Newsletter remembers the semester(s) overseas?

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

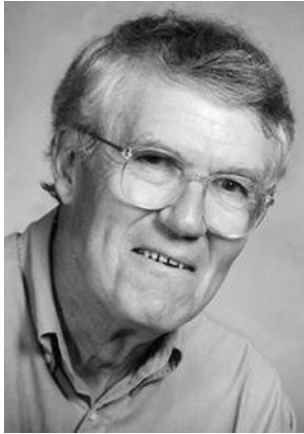
I'd like to say **Lee Gobble** not only helped many Parsons students to dress up-to-date and dress well, but he made the best T-shirts and sweatshirts I've ever worn, and still do!! When I was on KCLS radio, and Gobbles began running radio ads, Lee asked to hear them before we put them on the air. An amazing person and a great sense of humor. Also, Welcome to the PCAA Board **Biff Kummer**!!

Richard Ivins, PC'68 - rgivins1945@gmail.com



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

If you have a special short story or remembrance of Lee Gobble and would like to share it with E-News, we will be giving special priority to those submissions in our upcoming Summer edition. Please submit your story or remembrance to our editor at: jblackstock@prodigy.net



Dean Gabbert
1922 - 2015

Dean Gabbert: “Fairfield and Parsons lose a dear friend who never forgot his town or his college.”

If you played sports at Fairfield High or Parsons College no doubt you knew **Dean Gabbert**. And whatever sport you were playing no doubt he covered it and wrote it up in the Fairfield Ledger. Dean, a veteran Iowa and Illinois journalist, died April 18, 2015, at his home in Nauvoo, Illinois. He was 92 years old.

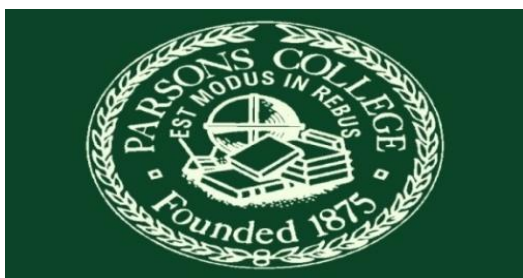
Dean Ireton Gabbert was born at New London, Iowa. He was married to **Joyce E. Phillips** October 9, 1942.

A former editor and publisher of the Fairfield Ledger, Fairfield, Iowa, Gabbert and his wife, Joyce, made their home on the Mississippi River near Nauvoo, IL in 1985. Gabbert began a 53-year association with the Fairfield Ledger in 1938 when he was a student at Fairfield High School. He was named managing editor in 1946 and editor in 1974. Dean became editor and publisher in 1981, holding that position until his retirement June 1, 1985

He graduated from Parsons College following World War II military service in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a director of the Fairfield Independent School District, a member of the Fairfield Airport Committee and a member of the Great Jefferson County Foundation. Dean also served as an elder in both the Fairfield and Nauvoo Presbyterian Churches. In Nauvoo he was active in the Boat Harbor Committee and the Nauvoo Historical Society. Dean had a life-long interest in the Mississippi River. He made many boat trips on the Mississippi and other rivers, writing stories for The Waterways Journal and other publications. He was also the author of two Mississippi River novels, *The Log of the Jessie Bill* in 1993 and *Let the Lower Lights be Burning* in 2002. Dean wrote the non-fiction title, *Brown-Water Boating: Tales of Riverboats & Coast Guard Cutters*, 2007, and co-authored with Marilyn S. Candido, *Nauvoo: a History Featuring the Painting of Lane K. Newberry*, 2006.

Dean’s honors were many and included, the James V. Swift Prize in Maritime Literature presented by the Herman T. Pott National Inland Waterways Library of the St. Louis Mercantile Library, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2006; US Coast Guard Public Commendation, 1993; State Historical Society of Iowa Trustees Award 1985 for his writing *The Death of an American College*; Parsons College Wall of Honor, 2010; Fairfield High School Wall of Honor, 2011; Fairfield Lions Award for Dedicated Newspaper Service, 1938-1985; Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen Community Service Award, 1984; Fairfield Community Education Association, Friend of Education Award, 1985; Nauvoo Grape Festival Grand Marshall, 2010; and the Nauvoo Historical Society Certificate of Recognition, 1995.

Surviving are his four children: Deanne; John; Gretchen; and Lisa (and families). Thirteen grandchildren and step-grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and step-great grandchildren, and 1 niece. He was preceded in death by his wife and one grandson. A memorial service was held April 24, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church in Fairfield. And additional memorial service was held April 25, 2015 at Nauvoo Presbyterian Church, Nauvoo, Il. Following cremation, burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Fairfield, will occur at a later date. The Brian Schmitz-Lynk Funeral Home, West Point, Iowa and the Raymond Funeral Home of Fairfield are in charge of arrangements.



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)

In Memoriam...



Richard "Dick" Mills

Richard "Dick" Mills, PC'n/a... It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of Richard "Dick" Mills. Dick was born on January 29, 1945 and passed away on Saturday March 28, 2015, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his son Ryan and wife Ginny. Coach Mills was diagnosed a few weeks ago with Stage 4 Melanoma cancer which progressed rapidly. Dick was a husband, father, friend, teammate, and coach and will be missed by many. He attended Parsons, was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity and was a star pitcher on the Wildcats baseball team. Dick was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies and the Pittsburgh Pirates. But he held out until June of 1966 and was drafted by his home town Boston Red Sox. Dick made a brief appearance with the Red Sox in 1970. His life long love for the game of baseball, pitching, and coaching will be fondly remembered and his

legacy will live on through the impact he made on his students. Son Ryan has been an integral part of the Pitching.com business, both as an active coach and behind the scenes over the past seven years. He will be taking over operations to ensure a seamless transition and continue teaching based on the methods Dick Mills taught him and pitchers throughout the nation. Pitching.com will continue to be a resource for pitchers and we fully plan to honor Dick's lifework by continuing to develop pitchers according to his research and beliefs. Our team is doing our best to catch up with any past due orders, and inquires. We ask that the family's privacy be respected through this very trying time. Richard Mills was born in Massachusetts and spent his recent years with family and business in Scottsdale, AZ...

Jimmie Lee Johnston, PC'n/a, of Tucson, AZ died January 4, 2015 of renal failure. As a University of Arizona Law School graduate and licensed to practice in Arizona and Colorado, he capped his career with 50 years of dedicated service to the community. "He thought he lost a case once, but he was wrong." Jimmie was an athlete and while studying at Parsons lettered in football, basketball and track and field. He was a member of the Zeta Theta Gamma fraternity and held a life-long attitude of believing that nothing is insurmountable if you set your mind to it. Jimmie was honorably discharged from the US Army after serving from 1955-57. He is survived by five children, a former wife and nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Arrangements were handled by the Neptune Society of Tucson, AZ...



Jimmie Lee Johnson



Evelyn Watts Gamrath

Evelyn Watts Gamrath, PC'42 of Fairfield, died March 1, 2015. Evelyn was born in Des Moines, grew up in Corning, IA and attended Parsons. She married **Robert L. Gamrath** at the Barhydt Chapel on the Parsons Campus in 1941. Evelyn taught vocal music in the Corning Public Schools, Fairfield grade schools, Fairfield Junior High and at Parsons. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and directed the church choir for 25 years. Evelyn was also a member of the Abracadabra, Alpha Gamma Delta, Fairfield Golf & Country Club, Chapter C P.E.O., Wit and Wisdom and the Fairfield Women's Club. Survivors include: four children, 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two sisters. A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church and funeral arrangements were handled by Raymond Funeral Home...

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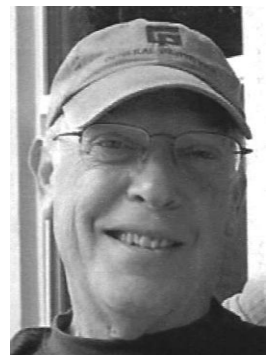
William "Bill" Stout

William Earl "Bill" Stout, PC'71... passed peacefully April 13, 2015 at home in Muncie, Indiana, with his family by his side. Bill, 67, fought his cancer bravely for 18 months. He was born in Glendale California, was a 1965 graduate of Muncie Southside High School and a 1971 graduate of Parsons. Bill enjoyed walking, biking, water skiing, boat rides, his dogs, summer concerts with friends and spending time with his family. One of his favorite things was spending time with his new found loves, grandchildren Willem and Eleanor. Bill is survived by his son, Ryan Stout (wife, Nellie) and daughter, Kristen Wiggerly (husband, Kyle), his best friend of 12 years, Monica Buche and her daughter Julian, and two grandchildren. Bill was

preceded in death by his wife of 32 years **Karen (Alger) Stout**. At this time, per Bill's wishes there will be no funeral services. The family will be hosting a celebration of his life at a later date. The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel handled the funeral arrangements...

Pamela Marie (McCoy) Germano, PC'early'70's... of Gettysburg, PA entered God's eternal care January 14, 2015. Pamela was the oldest daughter of six, and after having graduated Gettysburg High School, she attended Parsons. It was there she met **Clifford V. Germano** from Granville, Ill. In 1972 they were engaged and later married on Dec. 29, 1972. Pamela moved to Granville, IL and continued her schooling at Illinois Valley Community College, where she received a degree in nursing. In 1974 she began employment as a R.N. at the St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley, IL. In 1975 her family moved to Gettysburg where she was employed at the South Mountain Restoration Center. Pamela worked at the then named Annie M. Warner Hospital (now Wellspan) in the Maternity Unit and did so for the next 38 years. A disability forced her into retirement in 2014 and she became a master gardener. Pamela also became involved and served on the board of Survivors, Inc and was a member of the St. James Lutheran Church. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, their two children and one grandchild. A memorial service was held at St. James Lutheran Church in Gettysburg...

Lawrence "Larry" Lake, PC'early'60's... Ed Brunner reports Larry passed away January 13, 2015 in Cleveland, OH. Larry was born in Cleveland and attended Cleveland Heights High School. He attended Parsons, played varsity football and was a member of the Phi Sigma Delta fraternity. Larry also attended The Ohio State University and married his high school sweetheart, **Frances Bergman**, and they celebrated 47 years together. He was a member of the Park Synagogue, Forest City Yacht Club, Lake Erie Tartan Sailors and sang in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. During his working career, Larry was President of the Lake Company which served as a storage/distribution center for accessories to construction companies. He also owned and operated several restaurants and bottled his home made sauce. Larry is survived by wife Frances, two children and five grandchildren. The family was assisted by BERKOWITZ-KUMIN-BOOKATZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL...



Larry Lake

Jon Gartrell, PC'early'60's... Sad news for the Brothers of Gamma Zeta, Sigma Pi Fraternity. Jon's wife, Linda, has just informed us that Jon passed away in his sleep the morning of March 8, 2015. Jon attended Parsons in the early/mid 1960's and was president of the fraternity in 1964. Jon will be remembered by his brothers as an extremely sharp dresser and for his stature, leadership and that deep Maryland accent that forever defined a true gentleman. No further information is available at this time...

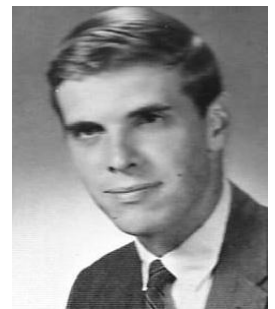
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Sallie Jo Hayes

Sallie Jo Hayes, PC'late '60's, of Deerfield, Illinois died May 1, 2015 in Highland Park. Sallie was raised in San Antonio, Texas, moved to Illinois and graduated from Highland High School. She received a Bachelor of Science in education and a master's degree in Education from Northern Illinois University. Sallie embarked on a nearly three-decade career as an educator, much of it spent in the elementary schools of Community District 95, where she taught first, third and fifth grades. She began teaching in 1970, was also a long time teacher in Lake Zurich and a member of LZEA. Sallie is survived by a daughter, a son and six grandchildren (and families). A memorial in Lake Zurich has been scheduled for June 27. The contact is: denhayes23@gmail.com ...

Howard "Howdy" Davis, PC'64 -'66... passed away April 23, 2015 in Williamsville, NY. He was 72. Howdy was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon and graduated Parsons in 1966. He spent three years in the U.S. Army repairing radios, then did a 10-year stint in industrial sales as an employment counselor. Howdy met his wife Jerrie in 1976 and a few years later settled in as an industrial technician and copy writer. He was a huge supporter and participant on the Barbershop Quartet circuit and loved to sing and compete. Howdy also loved his city of Amherst, NY and served on the planning board and as a comprehensive plan development advisor. His love for writing continually led him to temporary jobs writing and rewriting manuals. Then his last hurrah was a stint with Holiday Retirement working 60-70 hours per week. He called it quits in 2008 and moved back to Buffalo. Howdy is survived by his wife, Jerrie, two daughters and three grandchildren. A Celebration of Life service was held on April 25...



Howard "Howdy" Davis

Paul Lindberg, PC'early'60's, 72, of Charlevoix, passed away April 25, 2015, in his home. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, graduated from Trenton High School and attended Parsons in the early 1960's. Paul was a



Paul Lindberg

member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He studied landscaping architecture at Michigan State University and cultivated landscaping projects highlighting his classic design. In addition to his landscaping work, Paul owned and operated several Dairy Queen's after moving to Charlevoix in 1982. He supported Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, sponsored The Golden Eye Cross Country Race, led fundraising efforts to preserve The Horton Bay Parade, and in 1992, received the Honorary Sheriff Award. Paul also supported Duck's Unlimited, The Billfish Foundation and the Audubon Society. He is survived by his wife, **Georgeanna (Koniocy)**, three children (families) and four grandchildren. A mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church and arrangements handled by Winchester Funeral Home...

John Xavier Dwyer, Sr., PC'n/a, Sr., of Wake Forest, NC, passed away January 15, 2015 at Duke Raleigh Hospital. John, 67 years old, was born in Philadelphia, PA and attended Parsons College on a football scholarship in the 1960's. After leaving Parsons, he started a career at The Budd Company/Red Line Plant in Philadelphia as supervisor which lasted 19 years. After later moving to North Carolina, he became self-employed. John filled a room with love and joy through a bright smile, loving conversation and his larger than life personality. At the center of his world was his wife Lucille. John enjoyed golf and took great pleasure being at the beach and watching his family grow. He made everyone feel special, important and loved! John is survived by his wife of 47 years, **Lucille (Ann Dwyer)**, two sons and families, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A mass was held at Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Wake Forest...

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