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The late and legendary Lee Gobble meant many things to many people. It's safe to say that over more than five decades he touched just about every resident of Fairfield and every student who attended Parsons College in one way or another. His love for his city and his college was unwavering.

The **Lee Gobble** statue is in the final stages of completion. It is being cast in Colorado and not back yet. Courtesy of **Suzan Bates Kessel**, Volunteer Director of the Fairfield Art Association, and photographer **Werner Elmker**, here is a sample rendering of the final statue.

Photos of the final full-size bronze figure of Lee have not been taken yet, but should appear in the next issue of E-News. A keen eye will identify the Parsons crest on Lee's sweater.

This project is being funded by donations from Lee's many friends and colleagues, hailing from across the country. Although we are getting closer to meeting our fundraising goal we still have a ways to go. Currently, we are about \$8,000 short of nailing it down.

We could use your help through the final stages and to insure a late summer installation and ceremony. To make a contribution and help us bring it home, here's how to do so, make check payable to '**Lee Gobble Sculpture**' and mail to:

The Fairfield Arts Association
C/O Suzan Bates Kessel
200 N. Main Street
Fairfield, IA 52556

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS!!



A sample rendering of what will be a life-size statue of Fairfield's legendary haberdasher, Lee Gobble. (Photo by Werner Elmker)

Many thanks to those Parsons Alums who have already made a donation to the 'Lee Gobble Sculpture' project!

Mark Shafer adds “necktiles” to Lee Gobble’s colorful life

By Nicole Major, Ledger staff writer.

Local artist and Carnegie Historical Museum curator **Mark Shafer**, who was one of several artists selected to contribute to the **Lee T. Gobble, “Mr. Fairfield”** commemorative bronze statue commissioned in 2015 by the Fairfield Art Association, is nearly finished with his rendering.

“I call them ‘necktiles,’” Shafer said of the 16 colorful works he painted with acrylics on cotton acid-free rag board. “It’s kind of a tongue-and-cheek, Lee Gobble thing.”

Shafer said that Lee Gobble took his name and “played with it,” and he did the same with his necktile designs. Each frame paints a picture of Gobble’s interesting personality and life legacy, featuring everything from candy Kisses, turkey feathers and his favorite sports teams to Gobble’s Clothier Store and even his family’s general store that began in Abingdon.

“Lee was a collector of photographs and newspaper clippings...he had scores of notepads from the bank,” Shafer said, explaining that Gobble listed words that ended in “ly” that he replaced with his first name, such as ‘curious-lee’ and ‘gorgeous-lee.’

Shafer painted those names into a likeness on the necktiles of the Abingdon store’s brick façade. The artwork even features **Bill Larue**, whom Shafer called a “town character” that Gobble often enlisted to carry out his practical jokes.

When completed, Shafer said the necktiles would create a decorative border of neckties around the base of the Gobble bronze likeness, and would be positioned in the shape of a “stylized turkey tail.”



Sculptor Chris Bennett adds the final touches (the head) onto the Gobble statue which will stand outside the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. (Photo by Werner Elmker)



Mark Shafer works on one of the 16 colorful “necktiles” he has created to honor the former resident and businessman.

Harri Aalto of Aalto Designs is the next artist in line to fashion the necktiles into smooth porcelain tile sections.

“We’re going to be taking (Shafer’s) artwork get it photographed and it will be translated into colored glazes and fired onto porcelain tile – it’s a special tile that comes from Italy and the process is a fired and glazed process so it lasts forever. This makes a permanent process so the colors will never fade,” Aalto said. “Then we’ll be cutting that tile into the shape of a turkey tail and installing it at the feet of Mr. Gobble.”

Shafer is intrigued about the process.

“I’ve painted on tiles directly, but I’ve never had my work reproduces on tile,” he said.

As the project continues, **Suzan Kessel**, director of the Fairfield Art Association, said that, more funding is needed to bring it to fruition.

“We need at least \$8,000,” Kessel said. “We still have neckties that can be purchased that belonged to Lee Gobble. Ties are \$20 each and it’s from Lee Gobble’s tie collection. Donations can be sent or dropped off to the art studio at 200 N. Main Street, and that money goes toward the sculpture – those donations will be recognized.” Kessel said the art association is a tax-deductible 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The ties are hanging in the main gallery at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, along with the small bronze Lee Gobble prototype.

Five artists are working on the Gobble project and they are **Ken Rowe, Chris Bennett, Harri Aalto, Mark Shafer** and **Werner Elmker**. “It’s been great having all five artist collaborating on this one project,” Kessel said, “They all play an important part.”

City leaders and PCAA board members to meet with special guest

The Parsons College Alumni Association Board Members and Carnegie Board of Directors, Carnegie Foundation Board and **Mark Shafer** have been invited to attend meetings at the Carnegie Museum on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 with Mark Peterson, Director of the Winona County Historical Society, Winona, Minnesota.

The PCAA Board of Directors is sponsoring **Mark Peterson**, for a one day seminar/visit to the Carnegie Museum and the Fairfield Community. Mark, the driving force behind making the Winona County Historical Society a reality, will discuss how the Winona community expanded their museum space, gathered volunteers, increased the number and types of programs for children, youth and the community. In essence, Mark will share how he made it happen.

Also, how he recruited additional donors, expanded tourism to the Museum, developed community communication system via newsletter, increased their endowment fund and remained dedicated to preserving the history of their county.

Mark Peterson is excited about coming to Fairfield and engaging in conversations regarding the Carnegie Historical Museum's future growth and development. You may recall from a previous report from the Winona Museum their similarity to the Carnegie Museum.

Just a few years ago, the Winona Museum was small, overly packed with historical artifacts and documents with no storage spaces, no funds and no volunteers. Slowly, with the lure of coffee and fresh donuts every morning at the Museum, conversations were generated about the needs of the museum and how those needs could be met.

The community members began volunteering, donations were made for specific projects and the museum was expanded, actually doubled in size. Today, the museum hosts many projects, programs and exhibits with the assistance of 140 local volunteers and five Experience Works free workers. The museum has collaborated with area tourist agencies and has designed tours that lead tourists to Winona to view their museum; attend productions at their log cabin in the woods and engage in a variety of activities at the museum.

Many of the Winona features could be replicated at the Carnegie, such as poetry reading; book binding workshops; quilting; activities for children; features and exhibits of early community families; a photo history of old homes and farmsteads; book chats.

Additionally, the Carnegie could be a center meeting place for tours of homes in Fairfield; a center for replication of historic crafts; a host site for a "handmade neighborhood," event; a two day site for displaying hand crafted items for purchase; a site for a "Human Library" featuring community members who discuss life in Fairfield in older historic times; lunchtime Book Chats; and create Voices from the Past, A Cemetery Walk with community members assuming the role and dress of the person whom they represent.

The Museum could host an activity to feature Veterans of Foreign Wars; feature Chronicles of Pioneer families; display some highlights of Jefferson County, both current and historical. These are samples of events and activities conducted at the Winona County Historical Society and could be easily replicated at the Carnegie.

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Friends of the Barhydt Organ

The Barhydt Organ Committee is beginning a fundraising drive to enhance the sound of the Barhydt Organ. Professional organists performing on the Barhydt Organ have agreed that the organ is well designed for professional organ recitals but the Principal Rank of pipes lacks depth.

John Connet, local organ expert and tuner, says he has pushed the 13 large sixteen foot metal pipes in the bottom octave of the Principal Rank to their limit. Carroll Hanson is a Casavant Frères Organ Company representative and curator of organs at the UI and he is our consultant on the care and maintenance of the Barhydt Organ. He has suggested that an immediate improvement would result from replacing the metal pipes with wooden pipes which produce a deeper resonant sound.

Casavant Frères, a leading organ company, will build these pipes to fit the existing chests that support the pipes. The cost of this project has been estimated to be \$21,325 plus 40 hours labor at \$35 per hour. These new pipes will make a noticeable improvement in the sound quality of the organ for the enjoyment of the audience and they will last the life of the Barhydt Organ.

We have raised \$4352 toward this project. Please help us reach our goal of \$22,725 by making your generous donation today. The new organ pipes will be ordered when we have reached our goal.

Thank you !

The Barhydt Organ Committee: John Connet, Gene Copeland, Doug Daller, Jim Davis, Werner Elmker, Robert Glocke, Ed Kelenyi, Rustin Lippincott, Gary Roth, Dee Sandquist, Robert Tree.

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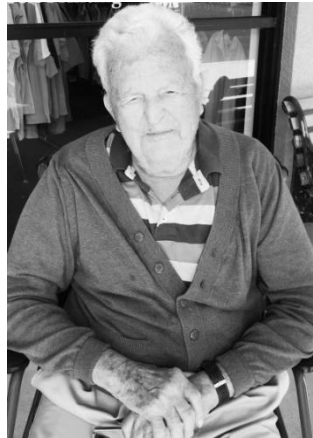
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Chatting with Dr. Everett & Carol Hadley at 'The Villages' in Florida

Today, March 31, 2017, Parsons College Foundation Fund Officers, **John Blackstock** and **David Neff**, were privileged to have lunch with **Dr. Everett Hadley** and his wife of 68 years, Carol. They chose a delightful Italian Restaurant for our meal and casual reminiscing of Fairfield, Iowa and Parsons College. Dr. Hadley was recruited by Dr. Roberts from the West Hartford school district in Connecticut to come to Parsons College for the fall semester of 1965. He stayed until the doors closed in June of 1973. His primary responsibility was to teach Psychology and Research Methods. Some teachers were recruited to work in the administration of the college and according to Dr. Hadley, this was one of the best moves because the president was able to use the talents of the faculty and not have to pay separate salaries for the administrative offices. All jobs had a teaching aspect. The best part was the teaching.



TODAY 2017: Dr. Everett Hadley (L) retired living in Florida; YESTERDAY 1969: Dr. Everett Hadley (R) VP of Student Services living in Fairfield, Iowa.

He advanced to vice president of the college and at the time of closing was acting president of the college.

Dr. Hadley shared observations about former president **Dr. Millard G. Roberts** dealt with the quality of the academic program and the extra-curricular activities. Dr. Roberts reached out to the marginal student who had not returned to their college for academic reasons and worked with the college registrar to accept these individuals to the school. At that time there was a stigma between the Registrars that Roberts was a micro manager and there were times when the administrators were torn between doing what was right and what Dr. Roberts requested.

Dean **Jack Brown**, from the Biology Department was one to follow Roberts orders to the "T", and others like **Dr. Robert Tree** were able to keep the balance between what Roberts requested what was right and Roberts recommendations. One time Tree told Hadley, "Don't be sick, I will have to find three people to replace you." When Roberts left the college the faculty voted "no support" and the Chairman of the Board, who was president of the Morrell Meat Packing in Ottumwa followed their recommendation and Roberts was dismissed.

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The final chapter of Parsons College

Dr. Karl Kreisler, former president of Parsons College, was looking for a way to keep the college going and he went to two of the local Fairfield Banks, Iowa State Bank & Trust Company of Fairfield and First National Bank of Fairfield and obtained a \$75,000.00 loan by mortgaging the books in the library. When Kreisler left to move to Western Kentucky as a professor. Much to the surprise of the next administration, Dr. Hadley found about the lien on the books and was very much disturbed. His premonition became reality leading the college to future closure.

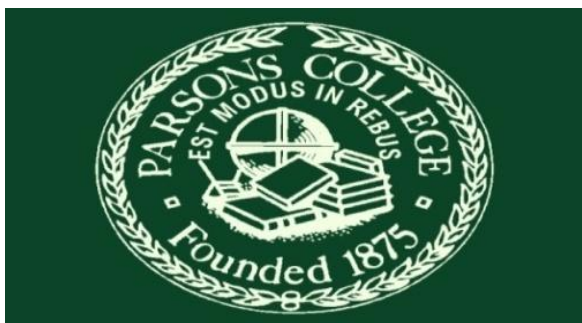


A jubilant Dr. Hadley celebrating the graduation of the Class of 1970. Hadley remained confident Parsons could succeed until the bitter end.

John Amberg, VP and Comptroller of the college shared with Hadley that there were a total of 467 secured creditors and he had agreements worked out with all but two, that being the two aforementioned local banks. The plan to sustain the college had been bolstered by Hadley and the administration as they raised over \$250,000 by May of 1973. Then, the calling of the library book loan by the two local banks, thrust the dagger into the heart of the college. The administrators plan was to downsize the school as they still had good teachers and “We could have done it” according to Dr. Hadley. Dr. Hadley also shared a story which may not be widely known of an agreement between Parsons College and The Strategic Air Command (SAC). There were seven SAC bases in Idaho, Texas, Arkansas and Michigan that had approved agreements to teach college courses on the bases with local instructors running the schools and approved by the Parsons College Faculty. Dr. Hadley with the coordination of John Davies provided the forethought and inspiration for this program, which never had the time to come to fruition because of the closing of the college.

In his closing comments Dr. Hadley saluted Dr. Robert L. Tree as being an icon for the faculty and administration. Tree was able to roll with the punches and always had the concern of the students foremost in his mind. Hadley felt that Roberts was too aggressive in the growth of the college and ended up that there were no rules to be followed by the faculty and the administration, leading up to Roberts being fired as president of the college.

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The Iris City Cleaners in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa has created a Parsons logo mat. The decorative mat is 3' x 4' and made of nylon pile fabric with cleated nitrile rubber backing. If interested in purchasing this piece of memorabilia, contact Ed Longanecker via email at: emlong2@iowatelecom.net, fax at 319-385-9707, or call 888-485-9707. The price is \$62.95+ shipping. (See page 20 for more PC memorabilia).

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The Game

One of Dr. Hadley's favorite memories was when the Quantico Marines football team came to Blum Stadium to play the Parsons College Wildcats. The last football game of the 1969 season was a home game with the Quantico Marines. Among those who paid attention to Parsons College football there was some excitement. The Wildcats lost their first four games of the year – including a 14-3 loss to neighboring Northeast Missouri – not a very promising start for Coach **Wayne Williamson**. However, Parsons had won the last four games, including a fairly decisive Homecoming win against Cameron State the previous week.

The problem rested with the Marines at Quantico. They had played Drake in Des Moines the previous week. They had beaten a respectable Drake team on a 4th down and 4 yards-to-go with the ball at midfield towards the end of the game. This led Coach Williamson to warn the defensive ends about this play. And he had instructed them to be alert towards the end of the game.

At the end of the third quarter, the score was tied, 7-7. Neither team could mount a consistent offense. At the start of the fourth quarter, I believe it was Ed Tuttle, who started racking up yardage. This drive was stopped by an interception. Inevitably, the Marines found themselves in Parsons territory with a 4th down and the game about to end. Coach Williamson had the two defensive ends rush the quarterback. The ensuing fumble found end **Larry Marshall** on top of the ball at the Marines 35 yard line! This game changing event found Parsons with just enough time to score the winning touchdown. The FINAL SCORE: Parsons 13, Quantico 7.



Dr. Hadley, wife, Carol and daughter Karen enjoying an outdoor luncheon during the good ole days at Parsons.

After the game the Quantico entourage was having their post-game meal at the Fairfield Golf and Country Club. Carol Hadley invited the entire group to come over to their home for after dinner drink and they took them up on the invitation. Car drivers, aids and the general all enjoyed the Iowa hospitality. It was a night to remember for the Hadley's.

A Marine General Visits Parsons

It had become a custom for the president of the home team to invite the president of the visiting team to sit with the home team president during the football game. Thus **Karl Kreisler**, the Parsons president, invited the commandant of the Quantico Marine base to sit with he and Mrs. Kreisler during that October 1969 game. Not only did the Marine general accept, but he announced that he was bringing his entire office staff with him.

Unfortunately Dr. Kreisler, on the Thursday prior to the game, had a death in his family which was going to take him out of town causing him to miss the Saturday game with the Marines. Dr. Kreisler contacted Robert Tree, a bachelor, to host the Marine general and his entourage at the Country Club for the Saturday night dinner. He also asked Dr. Hadley and his wife to sit with the general and his entourage at the game.

"Had" recalls sitting next to a squirmy general who punctuated what was happening on the field with constant comments. Carol, "Had's" wife, found herself explaining to the general's wife what was going on down on the field since the general's wife did not know much about football. (The entire group met for lunch in the student center prior to the game and at that time a pecking order was established with the general leading his junior officers.) The only comment that "Had" recalls was a question the general posed to his aide, a major. He asked, "Major, do you think Captain Morse called that play from the bench?" (That play being the one that turned the game

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around.) “Oh, no,” the major said, “Morse would never do such a stupid thing?”

The Hadley’s had special out-of-town guests in for that weekend. The Steins from New York City had a student who believed that his professor, Dr. Hadley, could walk on water! Since they had arranged earlier to take the family to dinner at the Country Club, they were at the Club at the same time as the general and his staff. As the Hadley’s were leaving, Carol stopped by the general’s table to invite them to their house for a nightcap, as the Hadley’s lived close to the club. After asking Tree if he knew where he lived, he took Carol’s hand and said, “We’ll be there in 20 minutes!”



As Dave Neff (L) and John Blackstock (R) found out, Dr. Everett and Carol Hadley have not lost their touch. They were wonderful hosts and their sense of humors sharp as ever. They recanted Parsons memories and detail as if it was yesterday.

Two events happened worth repeating.

“Had” walked into the kitchen where the booze was, just in time to hear his guest, Mr. Stein say to the general, “Now I know why our taxes are so high...so that we can finance you excursions.” Before the apologetic general could respond “Had” said, “You had better tell about your plane.” Said the general, “We select the one event we want to go to. There were 19 empty seats on this plane. We occupy 18 of those empty seats. That is the only freebee we get. All of the other expenses are the responsibility of each couple.

Carol looked out the front window and said, “Why are people sitting in their cars with the motors running? Bob Tree answered, “Those are Marine reservists from Des Moines who have volunteered to drive the general while he is in Iowa. Said Carol, “Nobody sits in my yard while others are having a drink!” So she went out and took the six drivers down the driveway to the back sliding door of the house and gave each of them a beer and munchies.

The Marine General wrote to Carol the following week and said, “Thanks to you we have agreed that you are the best hostess that we’ve ever had!”

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Look back into the early years and history of Parsons College with a yearbook from yesteryear!!

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CEREMONY
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Saturday, October 7th
Fairfield Arts & Convention Center
BE THERE!
DON'T MISS IT!

Bet you didn't know?? by John Braidwood

(Dr. Louise Roberts was one of the most revered, talented and popular professors at Parsons College. At the June 1995 Parsons College reunion the following letter from **Dr Louise Roberts** was read to Parsons alumni in Barhydt Chapel.)

Dear Friends,

Your loyalty to Parsons College, as it its expressed in your gathering this weekend, would have given Dr. Roberts much pleasure, were he alive today. I must feel that pleasure for him. And so let me send greetings to all of you who have come to renew friendships, and to recall your college years. Let me send greetings, too, to all Parsons College students throughout the country.

Of all my years of college teaching, and they will number 60 years soon, the time Dr. Roberts and I spent at Parsons will remain the most challenging, and most memorable.

But there comes a time when we must step aside and, like old King Lear, be content to ponder the mystery of things. My time has come, but yours lies in the future. May that future be long and rewarding. Good luck and best wishes.

*Sincerely,
Louise Roberts*



Dr. Louise Roberts

I had the privilege to meet with Dr. Roberts at her country home in Oneonta, N.Y. prior to the writing of this letter. We chatted about the many things she loved about teaching at Parsons, her admiration for the college, and her fondness for her students. I was struck by her warm demeanor, her intellect, and sense of humor. She was a very special lady.

It turns out that between 1875 to the early 1900's, the founder of Parsons College, **General Louis Baldwin Parsons** who resided on his farm in Flora, Illinois at the conception of the college, and years following, had at that time the largest barn in the country. The barn was massive, about 175 feet square, and covered about an entire acre of land, nearly equivalent to the size of a football field. From ground level, to directly beneath the peak, it was estimated to be about 45', nearly four and half stories high, making it almost stratospheric compared to other barns of that era. In the "haymow" was a very large hay press. The bales from this press weighed about 300 pounds, and most of the hay was shipped out on rail on the General's private railroad tracks to primary tracks such as the Baltimore & Ohio. This was a very lucrative business for the General that paid him large financial dividends for the remainder of his life.

"Fairfield's darkest day came in an unlikely setting of bright sunshine and spring flowers." wrote Fairfield Ledger Editor **Dean Gabbart**. It was that day, June 1, 1973, that Parsons College took it's last breath. In solemn procession, President Hadley, trustees, and faculty walked across Carter Drive and filed into Brown Learning Center, where the entire college community waited with feelings of both fear and hope. "Insurmountable odds," Dr. Hadley stated, the

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college would close its doors after Saturday's commencement exercises, less than twenty-four hours away. As he spoke to us, "President Hadley kept emotion out of his voice, but when he started to express his gratitude to all present he hesitated, and then handed the paper to a student to read." Apparently, the announcement ended with an unexpected bit of drama when **Dr. Charles Sloca** seized the microphone and proposed a last-ditch scheme to keep the college alive by bringing back Millard Roberts. "He has the resources to maintain the college, at least for a short period, and he is interested."

Students in unison, however, shouted him down with a large chorus of "NO!"

In the end, it was the college's monumental debt, exceeding \$16,000,000, equivalent to a whopping, \$90,892,000 in today's dollars, that sent the college to its final grave. It absolutely begs the question, how could the Parsons College board of trustees have allowed our president to put the college in such horrific debt? Negligence, ignorance, and stupidity come to mind, tragically, the title "trustee" proved to be an oxymoron!

In 1904 there was discussion concerning the consolidation of the Presbyterian colleges in Iowa. It was suggested that Parsons College be merged with Iowa Wesleyan, Coe, and Lenox College into what would be called Iowa Union College. Obviously nothing transpired, but just think if it had come to pass you might today be holding an I.U.C. college diploma...

Parsons grad, Bob Pedrick named 'Citizen of the Year.'

Parsons grad, **Bob Pedrick**, PC'n/a, of Keosauqua, was recently named "Citizen of the Year" by the Keosauqua Chamber of Commerce. Bob and wife, June, own funeral homes in Douds and Keosauqua.

In addition to this award, the Pedrick family is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of H. C. Pedrick & Sons, Inc., which has operated hardware and furniture stores, along with the funeral homes, over the last century. Commitment to the community has always been one of Bob's priorities.

At one time, while funeral director and running the hardware store, he also drove the ambulance, the fire truck and helped installing shingles. Bob has assisted in a number of community projects and was instrumental in the formation of the van Buren Development Corp., which became the Villages of Van Buren. Bob was President of the State Funeral Director's Association, served two terms as President of the Rotary Club and is a Korean War veteran.

It's a general consensus that Bob Pedrick has given back to his community, big time...and impacted the lives of many!

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Summer Festival '64 – '65 displays featured in Alumni Hall



Marcia Wallace and Eloise & Pat O'Brien in 'Holiday for Lovers'



Darryl Hickman and Mary Lynne Metternick in 'Where's Charley?'



Margaret O'Brien and David Drew in 'Gigi'



Eddie Bracken in 'Tea House of the August Moon'



Irene Maryan and Orson Bean in 'Send Me No Flowers'



Hal Holbrook in the recreation of 'Mark Twain'



Mary Lynne Metternick and Marcia Wallace in 'Brigadoon'



Betty Blough Downey in 'Brigadoon'

The Parsons College Foundation Fund announces a new display in the Parsons College Alumni Hall at the Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts. This new display highlights Summer Festival 1964 and 1965.



Sydney H. Spayde

Dr. Millard G. Roberts was in the process of growing the college from his arrival in 1956. The areas he focused on were academics, sports and theater to draw students, faculty and the community to participate with the college. **Dr. Sydney H. Spayde** (photo left) was recruited from the renown Cain Park Theater, in Cleveland Heights, Ohio to become the producer and director of the Summer Festivals. His mission was to bring top notch live theater entertainment to Fairfield during the summer months. The college was on a trimester system and many students opted to be in college year-round. The aspect of summer stock theater was a great boon to entertain the students as well as the Fairfield community.

Dr. Spayde was provided a generous budget to bring this program to the forefront. Many national actors and actresses would come and stay in Fairfield for one month or sometimes the full three months of the summer. Those who came to Fairfield included **Darryl Hickman**, **Margaret O'Brien** and **David Drew** performing in "Gigi", **Orson Bean** in "Send Me No Flowers", **Eddie Bracken** in "Teahouse of the August Moon", **Hal Holbrook** in "Mark Twain Tonight", **Pat and Eloise O'Brien** and **Mary Lynne Metternick** in "Brigadoon". One of our local Fairfield High School graduates was attending Parsons College at that time and played opposite of Mary Lynne in "Brigadoon" – **Betty Blough Downey** was cast in "Brigadoon" and "Music Man". Betty graduated from Fairfield High School in 1962 and Parsons College in 1966.

Marcia Wallace, also a graduate of Parsons College Class of 1964, appeared frequently in many of the summer productions. She went on to be a Hollywood star with the "Bob Newhart Show". Marcia was inducted into the Parsons College Wall of Honor inaugural class of 2009.

Dr. Sydney H. Spayde continued on with Maharishi University of Management when they arrived in Fairfield in 1974. His name was given to the theater in the main library on the college campus.



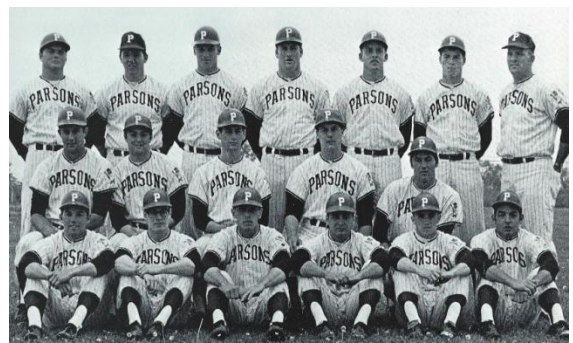
*Margo Smith
'Homecoming Queen'*

A FOND LOOK BACK AT “1967”... In remembering 1967, here’s a hint: It was a spectacular year! Not perfect but none-the-less spectacular. At least for we young adults back then. In the U.S. national beauty and talent contests, Miss USA was **Rachel Smith** of Tennessee. The Miss Teen USA winner was **Hilarey Cruz** of Colorado. All Parsons College New Jersey-ites can rejoice as the 1st Runner-Up to Ms. Smith was a Jersey gal! The Parsons Homecoming Queen was **Margo Smith!**

The football Wildcats rolled over Idaho State in the Homecoming game, 24-0! At season’s end the football team’s record was 6-3-1 and was AP-ranked (Associated Press) 8th in the NAIA. Parsons’ Fall, Winter and Spring campus activities were pretty spectacular. Try Homecoming, Sweepstakes and Gala Fete” in the Fall, the Holiday Christmas festivities and the Greek Christmas Sing over early winter then in May, there was Greek Week while a few weeks later, Spring Fling!

Not to be outdone, the Wildcats baseball team compiled an unbelievable 33-5 record and were ranked 2nd in the NAIA (National Association Intercollegiate Athletics/Small College). Five players were later drafted into the major leagues. Speaking of MLB, the 1967 World Series was won by the St. Louis Cardinals over the Boston Red Sox. The series went a full seven games and going in to the final game, both of the competing star pitchers had compiled 2-0 records in their previous World Series games.

Was the ‘67 team Parsons BEST EVER?



St. Louis pitcher, **Bob Gibson** won game seven (his 3rd game), the World Series title and was voted the Series’ MVP. How close you say was the 1967 MLB season? Two teams in the American League tied for 2nd place at 91-71. Over in the National League, the Cards won a whopping 101 games to best 2nd-place San Francisco. Its record was....you guessed it.... 91-71. Three teams with identical records over 162 games. That’s how close three of the top four MLB teams were.

In the NFL’s 1966-67 season, the Green Bay Packers played the Kansas City Chiefs in the very first Super Bowl football game at the Los Angeles Coliseum on January 15, 1967. **Bart Starr** and the Packers prevailed over the Chiefs, who were led by **Lenny Dawson**. The final score was a decisive 35-10 played before a crowd of 61,946, the smallest crowd ever to watch any Super Bowl game.

In the NBA’s 1967-68 season, the Boston Celtics won their 10th championship under coach **Bill Russell**. They bested the Los Angeles Lakers 4 games to 2.

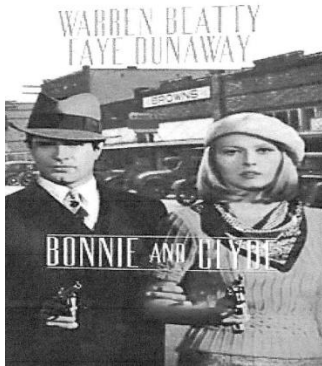
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One day shy of eight months earlier, on May 1, **Elvis Presley** married **Priscilla Bealieu** at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas. Six weeks later, on a summer day in Central Park, New York City, **Barbra Streisand** performed a live concert. The same weekend on the west coast in Monterey, California the historic Monterey Pop Festival packed the house with 55,000 music lovers.

Few of us had funds or time to go to Central Park or Monterey but..... we did buy the latest and hottest music! Rock and roll, soul and country western groups were releasing singles and albums every week! This was a great year for college-sponsored dances, festivals and social group weekend parties.

Some of the popular groups we all rocked out to who released hot new songs and albums include: **The Doors, the Monkeys, Manfred Mann, the Rolling Stones, the Supremes, Roy Orbison, the Stone Poneys, the Jefferson Airplane, the Byrds, the Beachboys, the Beatles, Lulu, Dolly Parton, Elvis, the Mamas and the Papas, Otis Redding, Billy Preston, Tom Jones, James Brown, the Fifth Dimension, Jimi Hendrix, Booker T & the MGs, Wilson Pickett, Martha & the Vandellas, Sam & Dave, Sly & the Family Stone, Gladys Knight & the Pips** and many more. Do you remember “I Heard It Through The Grapevine”? Thank you, Gladys! Listening to new rock and roll between classes was a great way to stay in shape, be happy and learn some new dance moves.



We also went to the movies - a LOT! Two of three great movies expanded the limits of what on goers and/or critics would now accept. First, “Bonnie & Clyde”. No movie before it other than perhaps a war-related movie had as much violence. It went on to gross just over \$50,000,000 (\$50 million) world-wide. Second, later in the year The Graduate topped it! It was **Dustin Hoffman’s** very first movie. No other film in 1967 came close to the revenue this movie generated. Would you believe \$104,000,000 (\$104 million). Lastly, who can forget 007 **James Bond** in Casino Royale?

Back on campus, Parsons students had their voices heard loud and clear during 1967 thanks to the campus “President’s Advisory Council”. It was a cross-section representation of the student body which met at least monthly to cover all aspects of campus life and academics.

Parsons College executives met very often with the Board of Trustees. Each was a business professional with vast experience. How many were there? By my count, 37. Wow!

Due to the Monterey Film Festival and all the new music coming out of San Francisco where all the flower-power hippies congregated, the summer of 1967 was promoted nationally as the “Summer of Love”. Lastly, a big “Thumbs Up” to Parsons’ 1967 Senior Class! In all, it took a total of 40 Peira pages to lay out, compile and list everyone. How many? An unbelievable.....”648”.

Greek and Social News...

Sigma Pi's rambling on to Savannah, GA for their 14th Reunion!!

To All Gamma Zeta Sigma Pi Brothers and their Ladies: We are inviting you to a very special date. This will be our 14th reunion and we want to ask you to celebrate with us. We will be hosting our celebration in Historic Savannah, GA, **September 19, 20, 21, 2017**. We anticipate the reunion fee will be about \$125-\$150 per person (based on attendance).

The Hotel of choice is the Planters Inn located on historic Reynolds Square, a block from the Savannah Riverfront. Two rooms with an adjoining balcony have been reserved for our Hospitality Room. The rooms at the Planters run \$147.00 per night, which includes breakfasts, and available room service from The Olde Pink House, (one of America's most historic Inns). www.PlantersInnSavannah.com. (More information to follow.)

...Tuesday the 19th is arrival and check in, with a free night and open dinner at any of the fine restaurants in the area. ...Wednesday the 20th you may choose from the options listed below. Open dinner Wednesday evening. ...Thursday the 21st you may choose from the options below. Thursday evening there will be a group dinner at Vic's On The River. www.vicsontheriver.com

Here are the options from which to choose:

- Golf Wednesday and/or Thursday. Contact Bob Payne, rpayne.sc@gmail.com
- Lunch cruise on the paddle wheel river boat, Wednesday.
- Dinner cruise on a paddlewheel river boat Wednesday evening. www.savannahriverboat.com
- Historic city tour, Wednesday and/or Thursday.
- Ghosts and Gravestones tour. www.ghostsandgravestones.com
- Ladies lunch (venue to be determined) Wednesday.

Please indicate your optional preferences in a reply e-mail!

We would appreciate responses from all Brothers. Let us know ASAP whether you are coming or not!
(More specific information on hotel reservations, cut off dates and optional events will be coming to you soon, but we need a response from you now.) Comments & suggestions welcomed! Enjoy our Fraternity and long lasting Brotherhood.

Chairman, **Dave Howard**, Co-Chairmen, **David Reed & Robert O. Strayer**, **Joe Reidel**, President.
Gamma Zeta Alumni Association, **Cal Hill**, Treasurer , **Bob Payne**, Secretary.

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It's a WINNER!!

Letters to the Editor...

I'm looking for Kurt Lagerfeldt, He was from Detroit and married Sarah Fisher, also from Detroit. I was a "townie" and they lived next door to my parents. Kurt died many years ago and I am trying to find Sarah. I would be so grateful if anyone knows where she lives and, if so, please contact me. Thank you...

Linda Dimmitt McEntire, PC'59-'60 – (macnmil@aol.com)

I love reading the E-News. Thanks so much for sending them to my email address. I attended Parsons after graduating from Clarinda (IA) High School in 1959. I wish I had graduated from Parsons. I loved my time at Parsons and was a member of Alpha Pi Beta. I transferred after two years as the music program curriculum was diminishing and I was a pipe organ major in Music Education. I eventually graduated from University of Nebraska in 1963 and gained my masters in 1964. I took lessons and played for services on the Barhydt organ. I am so sad it's gone. Would love the names of the music teachers of that era. Please contact me if you know...

Sara Wagoner Young, PC'65 – (sarajyoung14@cox.net)



Geat news letter! I have a very old Parsons "kids T-shirt" from the mid 60's, which I have kept, but of course, it doesn't fit. Great that someone came out with all those Parsons shirts and memorabilia items. I'm going to order some of those items this month! Thanks, my man!!

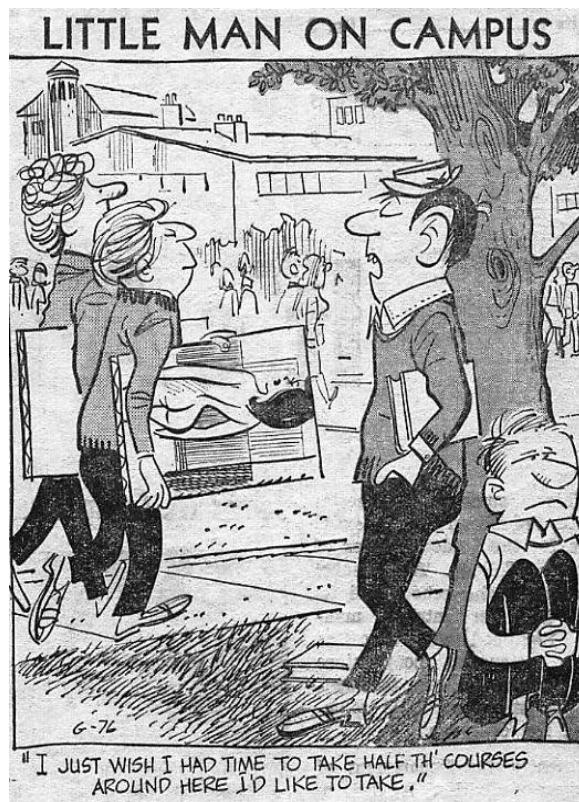
Luis Ramon Sevilla Somoza – (Irseso@hotmail.com)

As always, I'm glad to get correspondence from Iowa. I do not have E-mail service. It's a phenomenon I just never got into using. I first attended Parsons the summer trimester of 1964, immediately after high school, and graduated in June, 1967. College work was hard for me but the returns have been great. All the best to you all and the people of Fairfield...

Paul Emery, PC'67 – (848-227-3629)

A MESSAGE FROM NANCY:

"We've all taken different paths in life, but no matter where we have gone, we've taken a little of each other everywhere with us. Please join us in helping to keep the spirit and the memory of Parsons College alive, and the contacts and connections to old and new friendships active and on-going. Remember, a new friend is valuable and old friends are priceless. Please send us the names and contact information of any newly located alumni."



In Memoriam...



Bill Ashwell, '60's

William J. Ashwell, PC'1960's... Age 70, husband of Andrea Panchak Ashwell, passed away peacefully at home in Centerville, OH on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 after a lengthy illness with his wife by his side. Bill was born in Canton, OH, and grew up in Plantsville, CT. He graduated from Cheshire Academy and received a bachelor's degree from Parsons College in IA. He then served with the USMC in Quantico, VA. Bill was employed by New Departure Hyatt, division of [General Motors](#) in Bristol, CT., entered the management training program, became a superintendent, and was Plant Manager. Bill transferred to the Delphi Brake Plant in Dayton, OH where he completed his 30-plus years of service and retired in 2002. Besides his wife, Bill is survived by a step-daughter, his special brother and a host of friends. Bill was a lifelong member of the Plantsville Congregational Church in Connecticut and while living in Ohio, he attended The Harmony Creek Church. He was awarded the 2015-2016 'Volunteer of the Year' award by the Knights of Columbus of St. Charles Borromeo Parish Church...

Linda G. Grafton Belden, PC'n/a... of Landenberg, PA died March 26, 2017 in Newark, DE after a long illness. Linda attended Upper Marion High School prior to attending Parsons. She married Charles A. Soczek and they established residence in Landenberg. The highlight of Linda's career was working in the National Accounts Division of ADP. However, her passion was beautifying her home, traveling around the region and the world including trips to Europe and Japan. Linda will be remembered for her energy, intelligence and overwhelming generosity. She leaves behind a number of loving relatives and friends.



Linda Grafton Belden, PC'n/a

Andrea Carol Estelle, PC'1960's... of Spring, Texas passed away Monday, May 9, 2016. Andrea was 68. She was born in Fairfield, attended Parsons and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Her career as a Flight Attendant for Continental Airlines took her around the world for 44 years. If she wasn't with her daughter and grandson you could find her outside swinging in her favorite chair reading her latest book for book club, crocheting, getting ready for one of her Bunco clubs, or planning her next shopping/ lunch adventure. She is survived by daughter, son-in-law, grandson and two granddaughters...



Jim Cleaveland '66

Rentzell D. 'Jim' Cleaveland, PC'66... Age 75, of Savage, MN went to be with the Lord on April 23, 2017. Jim attended Parsons from 1963-1966 and was a popular member of Where The Boys Are Social Club (WTBA). He is survived by his loving wife, Katharine Wagner Cleaveland; two children, two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a plethora of relatives and good friends. A Memorial gathering was held in Edina, MN. Jim was a loving, wonderful and humorous husband, father, grandfather and friend that will be deeply missed..

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"You Can Stretch Your Years By...STRETCHING!!!"



*Kathy Kensinger
Conboy '61 – '65*

Kathy Kensinger Conboy, PC'61-'65... Passed away suddenly from a stroke in Alpharetta, GA on April 8, 2017. Kathy was a small town Iowa girl who attended Parsons College and her leadership ability led her to becoming President of the Delta Zeta Sorority. She married her college sweetheart, Paul Conboy in 1965. Kathy was a mom's mom and the mother of two children, Chris and Kim, and grandmother to a host of grandchildren. She will be greatly missed...

Charles 'Bob' Robert Harrison, PC'54 ...of Marion, IA passed away April 26, 2017, at the Linn Manor Care Center in Marion. Bob was born in Fairfield, graduated in 1950, attended Parsons where he was a 4-sport athlete, and received his diploma in 1954. He married Sylvia Johnson, divorced, and later married Ruth Skaggs in 1976. Bob was inducted to the Parsons College Wall of Honor in 2016. He was in the Iowa Army 34th Division Red Bull National Guard Band, was a founder of the Fairfield Dixieland Band and played for 40 years. After moving to Marion in 2001, he played with the Dixie Notes, was a member of the American Legion Post #298, the Davenport Masonic Lodge and Fairfield Elks, where he was past Exalted Ruler. Bob, who many say, "played the trumpet like non-other," spent his working days as Sales Manager at Louden Machinery and at Airgas, Inc. He is survived by wife, Ruth, two sons, two daughters, one step-son, 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Service was held at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center...



Bobby Harrison '54



Dr. John Glotfelty '48

Dr. John William Glotfelty, PC'48...died peacefully February 23, 2017 after a short illness. He was 88. John grew up on a farm outside of Fairfield. After attending several one-room school houses, he moved to Fairfield High School and graduated in three years. John attended Parsons and earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1948. He is a 2011 inductee to the Parsons College Wall of Honor. John attended the University of Iowa prior to being admitted to the University of Louisville School of Medicine where he graduated in 1953, ranking first in his class all four years. He completed his U.S. Public Health Service residency in 1961 and became a certified Ophthalmologist. John went into private

practice with the Lakeland, FL Eye Clinic and practiced until his retirement in 2004. Prior to heading to medical school, he met and married Bonnie Jeanne Dunnuck in 1949 and they had six children. John joined the National Guard while in college and retired as Colonel in 1992. He earned numerous military awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Army Commendation and Achievement Medals and the Legion of Merit. John served as President of the Florida Society of Ophthalmology and was appointed to the Florida Board of Medicine by the Governor in in 1991. He continued volunteer work after retirement and was named Lakeland's Volunteer in Medicine Volunteer of the Year. John is survived by his six children (families), 14 grand children and eight great-grandchildren. The Behner Funeral Home of Fairfield assisted the family with arrangements...

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John Jackson, '30's

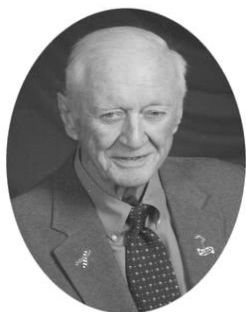
John Jackson, PC'1930's... died April 22, 2017. His stellar life as a Fairfield resident and member of the 34th US Army Band spanned a remarkable 102 years. John joined the National Guard in 1933 before he graduated from Washington, IA High School. He remained in the Guard until 1974 and fought in North Africa during World War II. John, who was born in Washington, IA, founded the Fairfield Feed Company and ran it until his retirement in 1981. But it was his love of music which led him to become a charter member of the Washington Municipal Band in 1932. John later became the 34th Army Band's First Sergeant and shared his generosity along the way. In 2009, he

donated \$175,000 to build a bandstand in Washington's Central Park. John also established the John Jackson Music Scholarship at the Fairfield High School and in 2016, added a second music scholarship. Gene Copeland, a friend and Parsons grad, characterized John, saying, "he'd give you the shirt off his back." Copeland added, "it was not much of an exaggeration to say Jackson's? life was the 34th Army Band." No further information is available at this time...

Dixie A. Johnson, PC'1930's... passed away at the Parkview Care Center in Fairfield on December 14, 2016. She was 102 years old. Dixie was born in Fairfield, graduated from Fairfield High School and received her Bachelor's Science Degree from Parsons. She completed her doctorate work at Wayne University. Dixie was a retired high school counselor. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the PEO Chapter MB, the Fairfield Women's Club, Retired Teachers Association, DAR, Republican Women, ABRACADABRA, Fairfield Golf & Country Club, Friendship Force, along with a number of other community organizations. The funeral was handled by the Raymond Funeral Home...



Dixie Johnson, PC'30's



Bill Hellkamp, PC'ROTC

William Hellkamp, PC'ROTC... Passed away at the Jefferson County Health Center on December 25, 2016. He was 90. Bill was born in Cincinnati, OH and married Dorothy Hotz in 1950. They celebrated 66 years of marriage. Bill served in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1949 he received a BS Degree from the University of Cincinnati along with an ROTC commission as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Bill became a meteorologist with the Air Force and later earned his MS Degree in Meteorology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served in Fairfield at Parsons where he commanded a U.S. Air Force ROTC detachment. Upon his retirement in 1977, Bill decided to make Fairfield his permanent residence. He was active with the Lions Club,

TENCO Foundation and served 20 years as member of the Board of Directors of Indian Hills Community College. Bill is survived by wife, Dorothy, five children, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The family was assisted by the Behner Funeral Home & Crematory...

Mary Mavity "Molly" McQueen, PC'65... Molly was 73 years old and passed away in Ocala, FL on April 24, 2017. She was born in Lafayette, IN and graduated from Parsons College in 1965. Molly retired from Indiana National Bank as an Assistant Manager. She volunteered at: Altrusa, Salvation Army Auxiliary in Indianapolis, Friendship Kiwanis and Friends of the Freedom Public Library in Ocala. She is survived by her brother William McQueen and a sister Katherine McQueen. Burial will take place at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Indiana...

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