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The Great East Wall In Alumni Hall Is Complete



The College Flag; The Barhydt Window Panels; And The Beautiful Campus Are Reunited

It seems like years in the making, but finally, the Great East Wall in the Parsons College Alumni Hall at the Fairfield & Arts Convention Center (FA&CC), has been completed. Three key pieces of Parsons College history have now come together and will be proudly displayed for years to come. Positioned top right is a most descriptive oil painting of Barhydt Chapel and the connecting Parsons Hall, as they appeared on the campus years ago. The painting by **Maynard Goff** has hung in Alumni Hall since the FA&CC opened in 2009. The only things missing from the "like real" painting of the campus are the streams of students racing across the walkways heading to class. Just below are two treasured pieces of the revered stain glass windows salvaged from Barhydt Chapel prior to its demolition in 2001. The two separate pieces were molded together by experts from Bovard Studios in Fairfield.

Rear lighting has been added, giving this piece a powerful presentation. (See page 2 for the wording on the stained glass). And hanging on the most dominate left side of the presentation is the Parsons College flag. This esteemed symbol of the college led scores of graduating seniors, draped in their black gowns and tasseled caps down through campus, to the Fry-Thomas Fieldhouse. It was there they received their diplomas, confirming they met the requirements of graduation. The masterfully framed and matted Parsons flag, which had disappeared until recently located in a closet at Fairfield City Hall by **Scott Vaughn**, was also on hand at each and every convocation. **Dave and Sheri Neff** spearheaded the stained glass window and flag projects and were key to making this beautiful wall happen. They, along with the PCFF and the PCAA are also spearheading a campaign for donations to reimburse the alumni funds that went into the production. **SO, IF YOU WISH TO HELP, YOU CAN!!** To make a spirited contribution to assist in nailing down this project, please contact **Dave Neff** at: 641-919-4640, or neffacres@lisco.com, or **MAIL YOUR DONATION** to: Parsons College Foundation Fund; c/o Dave Neff, 2272 Glasgow Road, Fairfield, IA 52556. Thank you in advance!!!

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IN MEMORY OF LEWIS BALDWIN PARSONS II - 1818 - 1907 BRIGADIER GENERAL AND BREVET MAJOR GENERAL U. S. VOLUNTEERS 1861 - 1865



Dave Neff Named President Of Carnegie Museum Foundation

Just when you thought our Parsons College Foundation Fund and Parsons College Alumni Association MVP. Dave Neff. was about to throw in the towel and retire from active duty, he's agreed to take the reins of the Carnegie Museum Foundation Board. Dave follows past president Gene Luedtke, who passed away recently. Local sources say that Dave has already made an impact. His leadership and guidance will prove invaluable. Whereas, the CMF has a monumental task ahead, preserving and promoting the museum and its programs, Dave has a history of getting things done and moving forward. In addition to Dave joining the CMF, the most capable Sheri Neff has also agreed to join the board. As you may recall from past E-News, the Carnegie Museum is the home and resting place of our Parsons College memorabilia. For Parsons sake, it is imperative that the museum and it's artifacts be preserved.

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The Alumni E-Newsletter has now converted to two issues per year

The year 1960 was not a huge news year but what was going on was BIG news. At Parsons, in addition to taking a full load of 15 credit hours of studies, learning how to become a college freshman, and not forgetting to wear your "Green Beanie," you were immediately swept into the fall Presidential Election of John F. Kennedy versus Richard M. Nixon. (photos below from 1960 Peira)

Beanie Tradition Continues

Meanwhile at Parsons, we freshmen thought it was BIG, having to deal with the egotistical lettermen and the "Green Beanie" tradition. Freshmen were required to wear these Green Beanies, and upon a lettermen's request, stop, come to attention, place the index finger on the top of your beanie and repeat after them: "Beat Whomever" we were playing in football that week.



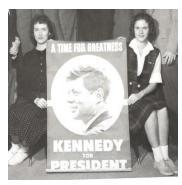
Hey, what's all the excitement?? Turn to page 10, take THE QUIZ and find out!!!

Upperclassmen Win Annual Tug-of-War, Of Course!!!!!

This silliness lingered on through the football season and culminated with a freshman vs. upperclassmen tug-of-war, which of course was won by the upper classmen...



A wet day for the Freshmen tuggers!



G. Lyon and J. Gevock

JFK Defeats Nixon

It was probably the first election we really paid attention to because a series of Presidential debates were shown on national television and it was the topic of conversation all over campus. The charismatic JFK, the Democrat, won by a slim margin over Nixon, the Republican, and you know the rest of the story...

Ms Judy Williams Leads Her Homecoming Court

While **Judy Williams** and her Homecoming Court took center stage there was lots going on in the world... A U-2 spy plane with pilot **Frances Gary Powers** was shot down over Russia... The Pittsburgh Pirates shocked the New York Yankees in the World Series... The Andy Griffin Show made its debut... Domino's pizza was born...



L/R: Patti Winfrey, Sharon Lord, Williams, Judy Hollander and Jan Bresser.

Chubby Checker launched a song called the "Twist" and it swept the nation... The Best movie was "The Apartment" and the two most popular records of the year were "Theme from a Summer Place" and "Theme from Exodus." ... and a little musical group which named themselves "The Beatles" was coming together in England.

Wildcats Coach Gary Nady Carried Off The Field

Coach Gary Nady being carted off the field after winning the 1960 Iowa Conference Co-Championship. Nady layed the ground work for future Wildcat gridders. He was known for his toughness and also remembered for being married to 1958 Miss America, **Marilyn Van Derbur**. The marriage ended in divorce after one year. And his stint at Parsons ended shortly after.



Jubilant Wildcat players hoist Coach Nady after a major upset victory over Wartburg College.

After 55 Years, Duke & Cid Call It Quits And Close Down The Cycle Shop



Duke and Cid Schmidt, back in the good ole days celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their Ducati-Norton-Triumph Cycle Shop. What a fabulous run they had and what a huge trail of friends they leave behind.

Alumni Directory Project Being Discussed

The prospects of an all-class, all-years, Parsons College Alumni Directory are being discussed by the PCAA. The idea was submitted by **Bill Burger** and endorsed by several board members. Starting with email addresses, the available information would be extracted from President **Nancy Wirtanen's** vault of collected data and placed into paper booklet form. The directory would then be published and made available to alumni and friends at a reasonable price...

Special Request: All Alumni and Faculty

There are also discussions about the compiling of a storybook which would be available at the 2023 reunion. The intent is to request, which we are doing now, that alumni and faculty submit short stories from their Parsons days. They would then be submitted to **Nancy Wirtanen** for editing and inclusion in the Parsons Storybook. It's quite possible these stories would be placed in a Special Edition of Memories in the E-Newsletter. A short paragraph of your fondest memories would suffice. You should include your years at Parsons, your e-mail address and maiden name, if applicable. Please send your short story(s) to Nancy Wirtanen at: nwirtanen@yahoo.com.

Duke's Cycle Sales started 55-years ago with **Duke** and Cid Schmidt. Two young people had a big dream of having fun selling motorcycles to the Parsons College guys. Now, after 55-years of having fun, Duke and Cid have closed their doors, as of November 23, 2019. Duke started out working at Boldt Chevrolet in 1959. He was the mechanic on ALL 32 of the Corvette's with the Parsons College guys having fun! In 1964 Duke met Cid and told her he wanted to open a motorcycle shop. Cid said "That sounds like fun. I just graduated from business college, so I can keep the books for the business," she said. Duke and Cid sold Norton and Ducati motorcycles at first. Then in 1966, Duke wanted Bultaco for the racers and Cid wanted Triumph for the road guys. The fall of 1968 Yamaha came out with the Enduro cycles for Sunday afternoon hill climbers. Bultaco cycles went over very well with all the Parsons students who loved motorcycle racing. **David Despain**, before he became a renown motorcycle announcer, was the announcer of the TT races at the old airport track on Glasgow Rd. David (known as "legs") was also a racer. Some of you may have known Azel Ames in 1965/1966. He worked for free, as a mechanic. As a Parsons student, he loved motorcycles and just wanted to have something to do in the evenings. His work was "for free" as Duke and Cid had no money to pay him, just starting the business! In 1969 Steve Reno came to work as a mechanic. Now, after all these years, he finds himself helping us close down the business.

Duke and Cid have two children – daughter, Marlo, lives in Charlotte, NC and son, Jake, who has been their right-hand man for many years of managing the parts department. Duke and Cid have enjoyed a great number of Parsons students. Over the years, many of those students keep coming back to see Duke and Cid, just to keep in touch. To those dear friends, they send out a BIG THANK YOU TO ALL! So now it is time to start the next chapter of their lives. They think it is called "RETIREMENT"! They would love to hear from ALL of their Parsons friends and former customers. (they'd also like you to send a picture of yourself from the days you attended Parsons). Their address is: Duke & Cid Schmidt, 3207 West Grimes Avenue, Fairfield, IA 52556. Thanks to ALL for helping Duke and Cid get started and making it work, for many of you, and for them, for 55-years.

"Bears and Bulls get rich, Pigs get slaughtered?"

The Last Diploma (Degree) In The Class of 1973 Was Received By???

By Dave Neff

Mary Margaret Horras was the last student to receive a diploma (degree) from Parsons College. She graduated in the final class of 1973. Coincidentally, her son's Fairfield High School graduation was the same weekend. Mary opted to attend her son's ceremony and forego hers. However, she received a phone call at 12:30 p.m. on the Saturday of graduation from **Catherine Young**, of the Parsons College Registrar's office, saying that their office would be closing at 1:00 p.m. She also said that if Mary wanted to receive her 1973 Parsons College diploma (degree) she would have to get to the office prior to the 1:00 p.m. final closing time.

Mary and her husband Harlan left her son's graduation party and drove directly to campus. Upon arrival they noticed large cardboard boxes on the floor of the Registrar's Office that had housed diplomas (degrees) for the morning graduation. Ms. Young handed her the diploma and congratulated her. As they were leaving Catherine locked the door to the Registrar's Office for what would be the final time. The three of us walked solemnly down the hall for the last time remembering their college days. Names of some of the special faculty and staff members that came to the forefront of Mary's memory bank were: Rob Dobler (Shakespeare), Edwin Blackburn, Foster Brenneman (Foreign Language), E. Jane Ruby (Voice Music), Dr. Lewis Stoneking and her Math instructors.

After Parsons, Mary earned an Associate of Arts degree from Ottumwa Heights Community College. She began a teaching career at Colfax, IA. She then married **Harlan Horras** and taught K-12 at Packwood until the first of her six children arrived. After a 13-year leave of absence she returned to teaching in the Pekin Community School District for the remainder of her career. Mary Margaret Horras is now in the autumn of her years and she's living at Sunnybrook Assisted Living. Mary is a neighbor of Dr. Bob Tree at Sunnybrook and they frequently rehash their Parsons days at meal time. One of Mary's most favorite memories of Parsons was simply having a cup of coffee at the Student Union...

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Parsons graduating seniors take their final march across campus, from Ewing Hall, to the Fry-Thomas Fieldhouse where they received their diplomas (degrees).

Blackstock Passing The Baton

After more than 10 years of making the Parsons Alumni E-News happen, your Publisher/Editor is turning in his keyboard. This will be my last edition, my last hurrah. It has been one incredible journey. Some extenuating circumstances and a major lifestyle change led to my decision. I'm so proud of where we've taken this newsletter and so thankful for those who helped along the way (Nancy, Braidwood, Marion, Longanecker, Dr. Fox, Dr. Tree, our proofreaders, the Alumni contributors, and most of all, Dave Neff. What a guy and what a friend!! I hate goodbyes, so I'll close by wishing Nancy and her new Publisher/Editor the best of success. In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy the best of health and happiness. Stay Vertical and REMEMBER, "There Will Always be a Parsons College!!" GO WILDCATS!!!

John Blackstock, PC'64

NEWS & NOTES...



Larry and Nancy Litwin

Award Winning Larry Litwin '66 Joins PCAA Board

The Parsons College Alumni Association is proud to announce the selection of Larry Litwin'67 to the PCAA Board of Directors. He replaces Virginia Pickerell who resigned after serving one year. Larry is a resident of Berlin, NJ and is retired from years teaching and counseling in the fields of public relations, communications and education at Rowan University in New Jersey. Over the years, Larry has received a multitude of professional and civic awards. The most recent was being named to the Camden County Sports Hall of Fame (photo with wife, Nancy). But perhaps his most cherished award was being selected to the Parsons College Wall of Honor with the Class of 2013. Congratulations, Larry and welcome to the PCAA Board of Directors...

Reunion 2023 Is Going To Happen: "Parsons Faithful Gathering Together"

The results are in!! Your vote has been counted and we now have a headline name for our Reunion 2023. And the winner is: **"Parsons Faithful Gathering Together."** The reunion will be held in Fairfield. It will be one special event as the year 2023 marks the 50th year anniversary of the shuttering of Parsons College. Further details on dates and times will be forthcoming. We appreciate the participation in selecting the name of our reunion. The voting was close and for the record, the other four entries which all tied for 2nd place were: "Parsons Proud" – "Parsons: The Legend Lives On" – "There Will Always Be A Parsons 2023" – "Celebrating Parsons College."

NO!! YOU DID NOT MISS AN E-NEWSLETTER

No, you did not miss an issue of your Parsons College Alumni E-Newsletter. Due to a host of technical and extenuating circumstances beyond our control, this is the first issue published and distributed since the Spring/Summer 2019 edition, way back when.. As you'll recall in that issue we announced the publication format was being reduced from 4 issues a year to only 2 per year. Ideally, going forward, there will be a Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter E-Newsletter. Outside of an abundance of obituaries, as you would expect, it is difficult accumulating NEW news from a college that's been closed for nearly 50 years. A hardy THANKS to our feature story writers!!!

Yearbooks Still Available

The opportunity to own a Parsons College yearbook will not last forever. So, whether you're buying, selling, trading, or donating, here's what's available and who to contact... **Ed Longanecker**, who says, "Have Parsons College Peira Yearbooks...will package and ship!" Ed is sitting on more yearbooks than one would believe. He's anxious to help them find a home. So whether it's YOUR YEAR or you're interested in a treasured book from the early 1900's, the teens, the 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's or 60's, Ed's got them. Here's what's currently available:

1968, 1967, 1966 (supplement), 1965, 1964, 1963, 1962, 1960, 1951, 1950, 1948, 1947, 1946, 1944, 1943, 1942, 1941, 1940, 1938, 1930, 1928, 1927, 1924, 1921, 1917, 1914, 1912, 1911, 1909, 1908

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Next Issue – FALL/WINTER - 2020 News Deadline: NO DEADLINE

Your news and photographs are needed. Please submit as a jpg and provide information about the photo.

If you need help contact Nancy Wirtanen <u>nwirtanen@yahoo.com</u>

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

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Stan Plum, a new member of the Carnegie Historical Museum Board of Directors, is energetically assembling research regarding the Underground Railroad Project, the new valued and exciting project sponsored by the Carnegie Historical Museum.

Stan's first introductory presentation in early November attracted a large enthusiastic group of interested residents of Fairfield and surrounding communities. The presentation had to be moved from the Carnegie Museum to the Public Library to accommodate the large number of people. Weeks after this first presentation, interest in the project remains high because residents from surrounding towns recalled stories of Freedom Seekers escaping slavery in surrounding towns. The Fairfield and Salem areas were favored escape routes to Canada because of geography - it was a dry border because there was no river to cross. The area was a safe stop over and the underground railroad was organized with local residents providing food and shelter along with guides leading the freedom seekers to the next safe haven.

Stan reported that Fairfield became a central hub for many escapees from Libertyville, Ottumwa and Keosauqua. Information Plum has gathered indicates that Fairfield became a favorite hiding place partially because of the Masons in the area, Through research, Plum found a story of **Joseph McKinley**, a saddle maker, who came to the area and settled. McKinley was approached by seven men who had organized a system to help slaves escape. They worked together and expanded their plan of helping slaves escape their captors and formed the Clinton Lodge of the Masons.

Stan continues to research and relate the stories from the historical past, a rich history of helping people to live in freedom. He will continue to collect these stories and to keep telling the stories to keep history alive and remind people they are walking on the landscape of our ancestors and learning of the rich history right in our own back lawns.



CARNEGIE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The CHM continues to gain momentum, popularity and traffic. Thanks to the stellar job and leadership of Curator/Director **Mark Shafer** there is light at the end of the tunnel. Local support and volunteer help has been on the upswing and the activities are expanding. Decisions on Museum signage is nearing approval and the supplies to build the sign are on the grounds. Parsons Alums **Kay Ferguson** and **Biff Kummer** continue to travel from their distant locations to assist and make an impact...

CORRECTIONS:

>>In the Spring/Summer 2019 edition of E-News, it was incorrectly reported that commencement speaker Gerald Ford was a Senator. He was not. Mr. Ford was a member of the House of Representatives. It was also reported that Mr. Ford was elected to the presidency. He was not elected, but instead, assumed the position upon the resignation of Richard Nixon.

>>E-News apologizes to the James "Jimmy" Williamson family for incorrectly listing his name as James "Jimmy" Wilkerson in the Memoriams section of the Spring/Summer 2019 edition of E-News.

GREEK & SOCIAL NEWS...



The Phi Sigs rally around host Bobby Montgomery (center) at their annual Spring Break in Venice, FL. L/R: John Leroux, Blackie, Ted Akerson, Monty, Fred Emde, Neil Slezak and Bill Larkin. Missing: Sibi DeMartini and Jim Usher.

Phi Sig Bros Sail Into Venice

For the third year in a row the Bros of Phi Sigma Epsilon found their way to Venice, FL to spend three days doing what fraternity brothers do when they gather... eat, drink and tell lies bigger than the ones they told the previous year. **Bobby Montgomery** hosted the event at his beautiful Spring Break Resort in Venice. From the outset, the boys clicked back to the days when all was cool and all was right. The conversation and the stories were scintillating. Plenty of food, drink and a good time by all. Attending this year's reunion along with Bobby:

John Blackstock, Teddy Akerson, Bill Larkin, John Leroux, Neil Slezak, Sibi DiMartini, Freddie Emde and Jim Usher. Regrets from Mike Prior, Duncan Wall, Paul McIsaac and Dick Delaney. See you next year boys!!!



This incredibly well pieced together collage was graphically done on Adobe Photoshop and put together by Lester Stuart Klingerman, PC'70 and depicts multiple people, happenings and events of the decade of the 1960's

Bet You Didn't Know!! By John Braidwood

" Parsons College's rich and checkered heritage reads like an adventure, a fantasy, a story of a Cinderella college transformed into a princess at an educational ball".

AN INNOVATIVE, BUT RUTHLESS, APPROACH THAT FELL SHORT

In 1955, our president, **Dr. Millard G. Roberts**, took the reins of Parsons College and commenced working his magic. The resulting national publicity, favorable and unfavorable, created such a number of claims and counterclaims that for a public with short memories, the original Parsons College, regrettably was soon forgotten.

When visiting reporters of the Robert's era mentioned the conservative Presbyterian liberal arts school which Parsons had once been, they described it as a small, undistinguished nearly bankrupt college. In 1954 the trustees "went outside the box" found their man in the person of Rev. Millard G. Roberts. He was 37 years old, a New Yorker then serving as assistant pastor for the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. Their vision for a promoter far exceeded anything they could have imagined, they got an eccentric "dynamo" who was about to turn the college upside down. One of his first steps was to terminate many of the trustees who had hired him, saying, "they're good people, but they haven't any money." He then went on to appoint affluent trustees with business acumen who would be in lock step with his vision for his "Parsons College Plan".

There were 265 students on campus for the 1954-55 academic year, Roberts knew that if he was going to succeed, he had to raise money, and lots of it.

President Roberts made changes in enrollment, faculty, academic policies, and campus buildings so fast that trying to keep up led to this hilarious exchange. Two professors met downtown. "What's new?" asked one. "I don't know," replied the other. "I've been off the campus now for two hours."

Pausing only to stage a \$100,000 inauguration, (equal to \$941,000 in today's dollars), an inauguration ceremony, which many called "The Ascension", took place." Editors note: (You would think this would have had the new board of trustees reeling in disbelief, here is a college bordering on bankruptcy and our new president makes a decision to anoint himself, a harbinger of the future financial demise of the college one might argue.) Roberts stretched college credit, hired student recruiters, hired a Wall Street publicity agency and brought in so many students, so fast that the college campus nearly split at the seams. Amazingly by 1965-66, the enrollment increased to 5,200 students. Roberts was quickly putting the school, and his vision on the map!

Professors from elite academia schools were enticed by a \$30,000 a year salary offer, (*nearly equal to* \$250,000 a year in today's dollars), Roberts paid his professors higher and higher salaries until the stipends they received averaged third highest in the nation, behind only Harvard and the University of Chicago. Roberts progressive educational policies, with their quick results in attracting students, and the phenomenal growth of the "Parsons College Plan", gained national publicity and fed the boom once it started. Tuitions were raised and ranked with some of the highest in the country. Among the printed media that carried the story triumphantly were: Time Magazine, the Rotarian, and the Wall Street Journal, to name a few.

Parsons adopted a year 'round operation in 1960 with a trimester system preceded only by the University of Pittsburgh. A tutorial system was offered and staffed with teachers with B.A. and B.S. degrees, mandatory discussion classes staffed with professors with M.A., and M.S. degrees, followed by lectures given by professors with PhD degrees. Student tutors also were selected to help those in need.

Roberts proved a genius at innovative ideas, but could not always distinguish between the good and the bad. He was likely to throw out even the most successful idea or program to try something new. He liked change for its own sake. "It keeps people on their toes," he once exclaimed. He boasted that he fired 25% of the faculty annually to keep the rest in "top form". As one educator described him, "Pudgy, flamboyant, tireless, Roberts had the glad-handing manner of a Chamber of Commerce president, the force of a bulldozer, and the guile of a snake oil salesmen."

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(BRAIDWOOD - cont'd)

There were two parts of the equation to best describe this man. He was a progressive educational genius on one hand, and a man intermittently flawed with temperaments and shortcomings on the other. Those shortcomings would subsequently bring the college to its tragic demise, starting in 1966, and culminating with closure in 1973. The character and personality of this man, Millard G. Roberts, would have been a most fascinating and in-depth study project for the most noted and prestigious psychologists of times..

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PARSONS FAMILY

Author and media executive, **John Launius**, of St. Louis, Missouri has completed his book, "*The Life and Times of Missouri's Charles Parsons: 'Between Art and War.*"

As you may know, **Charles Parsons**, brother of **Lewis Parsons**, was one of the original trustees of Parsons College, fulfilling his father's vision, and the man who contributed the most financial support to its history. If you attended last year's reunion, you may remember that John presented his talk on the life of Charles Parsons. The book details the life and times of Charles Parsons (1824-1905), one of St. Louis's and the nation's most influential yet little-known figures. As a U.S. Civil War quartermaster and advisor to generals, politicians, and presidents alike, he was instrumental to the Union cause. As a world-traveling art connoisseur, he helped found the first art museum west of the Mississippi to which he donated his remarkable collection of American, European, and Asian art. To this day, his philanthropic work and dedication to education live on in some of the country's grandest institutions.



Charles Algernon Parsons

Author John Launius tells the full story for the first time, from business failures in a riverside boomtown to national renown. John has set up a YouTube Channel with a series of short one-minute video trailers and excerpts of the book. Use the search term "Charles Parsons" to find the videos.

If you would like an autographed copy (only 200 will be available) send John an email to: pointjohn@gmail.com today to get on his list. *The book launches in February 2020*.

Editors note: I have had the privilege to have read several chapters of John's book. I strongly and enthusiastically recommend this notable writing. It's informative, and coherently written and will be a delightful reading ... a must read for all alums, acquaintances, and members of the Parsons College family...

THE QUIZ What's goin on here?

- A Kennedy Won Election?
- B Wildcats Beat Luther?
- C Beer 25 cents at DEN?
- D It's Beanie Night?
- E Finals are over?
- F It's Spring Break?

The ANSWER to THE QUIZ is on page 20



The History Of The Barhydt Chapel

THEODORE W. BARHYDT BUILDER AND PHILANTHROPIST

By Dave Neff

Born May 1, 1867, **Theodore Barhydt** was the son of a shoe merchant residing in Burlington, Iowa. His paternal uncle, for whom he was named, was among the city's most influential citizens. He was founder and president of Merchants National Bank of Burlington and Cedar Rapids & Northern railroad as well as owner of the Delano Hotel. Uncle Theodore agreed to raise his nephew when Theodore's mother, the former **Mary Copp**, died in 1882. After attending Eliott's Business College, Theodore was employed at his uncle's bank for five years. In 1891 he resigned to become manager of Burlington's Grand Opera House in partnership with **F. W. Chambers**, Barhydt-Chambers Co. swelled to include theaters in Davenport, Ottumwa, Peoria and Quincy, Illinois.

Theodore became a Trustee of Parsons College in the early 1900's and served until 1911. His greatest gift to Fairfield was a major donation toward the building of the chapel on the college campus. The cornerstone was set in 1910 and photographs of the chapel appeared on the first few pages of the Parsons College Peira yearbook in almost every edition for decades. Many of these yearbooks have been on display at the Parsons College Alumni Hall, located in the Fairfield Arts and Convention Center.



The stained-glass windows in the Barhydt Chapel were manufactured in Chicago, Illinois by The Leydecker Studios. The late Gothic-style chapel was given by Theodore W. Barhydt and dedicated in October of 1912. When the chapel was taken down in 2001, several members of the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center board salvaged this window, along with other components, and had their architect design a space to incorporate the piece after the facility was built. The stained glass remained in storage for 11 years at the Bovard Glass Studio. In 2011, this local company was hired for restoration and a state preservation grant was secured for partial payment. Total cost to restore the 168" x 150" section of the original window was \$75,411. Thanks to the generous donations from individuals, including Parsons alumni, Greater Jefferson County Foundation grant, City of Fairfield's LOST funds, Fairfield Art Association and Iowa's Historical Resource Development Program, the window is now in its' new home at the FACC, in Parsons Alumni Hall...

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"If Life Hands You A Lemon, Make Lemonade!"

The Fox Den... By Robert Fox

Parsons College Privilege

Many of us who had the privilege of attending Parsons College can attest to the fact that we met other students and college staff who made a lasting impression on our lives. In some cases, they helped us along our way through some act of kindness or words of encouragement. Others may have helped shape our world view or sense of personhood by the way they lived their lives.



Harley Michael Howard

I was fortunate to have met many such people during the six years I spent at Parsons College, both as a student and a member of the college staff. Some were colorful and highly visible, while others were invisible and ordinary. Harley Michael Howard was such a person. Harley was the son of high-level federal bureaucrats from Arlington, Virginia, and was not your typical Parsons College male student. I first met him in the large classroom building adjacent to Howard Dorm. It was either Dr. Robert's Humanities 150 or a Political Science class. Unlike most other male students who wore ties. slacks, and highly polished shoes, Harley wore muddy boots and faded coveralls. I later learned that he often hunted rabbits and pheasants between classes to supplement his diet. I don't recall how we became friends, but before long we were part of a group of students who met in the Student Union Coffee Shop to discuss campus politics, instructors, and current events. Those discussions on several occasions

resulted in action. One discussion of the escalating situation in Vietnam resulted in the clandestine placement of a bed sheet emblazoned with the words "Back Our Boys in Vietnam" on the Library Building. Harley was the one who scaled the wall under cover of darkness to hang the banner. On another occasion Harley and several others decided there was a need for more intellectual out of classroom activity. As a result, a carefully written statement requesting the establishment of a speaker program was developed and presented to Dr. Roberts in his museum-like office. The group included **Dave Hetzler**, **Dave Cohen, Toni Galpin (Hodenfield), Bill Vintemelia, Barbara McCarthy (Strauss, PsyD)** and several others. Dr. Roberts agreed to support our proposal after subjecting us to threats and an ego centric tirade. The program was subsequently funded and placed under the direction of Campus Chaplain, **Dr. Jack Steele**.

A Growing Respect

My respect for Harley grew as we took more classes together and engaged in out of class activities with others. During holidays we dined with other students on pheasant accompanied by my cornbread oyster sage dressing which I now realize was horrible. I never saw him again after we participated in the Spring 1966 Commencement Ceremony. I can still remember my mother encouraging him to complete a German course in order to satisfy his degree requirements. Instead, he left the college and moved to Columbus, Ohio, to work in a settlement house and subsequently enlisted in the Army and completed Officer Candidate School (OCS) and was commissioned as an 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry. Harley was assigned to CoB, 11th Inf Req 5th Div. in Vietnam. *(Continued on page 13)*

"Aspíre to Inspíre Before You Expíre!"

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I'll never forget the call from **David Hetzler** informing me that Harley had been reported as killed in action (KIA). The official statement about his death reads as follows: "Lt. Harley M. Howard experienced a traumatic event which resulted in loss of life on Dec. 3, 1968, through hostile action in South Vietnam, Quang Tri Province." **His awards and decorations include:**

Bronze Star - Purple Heart - Combat Infantry Badge – National Defense Service Medal - Vietnam Campaign Medal - Vietnam Service Medal - Distinguished Unit Citation - Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation - Good Conduct Medal

David Hetzler, **Jane Saers**, and I attended his burial service at Arlington National Cemetery. I was so distraught that I resigned my commission as a 1stLt in the Iowa National Guard and vowed that it would be the last time I would wear my dress blue uniform. Harley was a gentleman whose courtliness shone brightly through his muddy and unkept exterior. One only had to observe his treatment of others to know that he possessed class and dignity that could neither be purchased or inherited.

Although it was my dad who by his example taught me that a man should never rely solely on his words to communicate his standards, beliefs, and values to the world, it was Harley who reinforced that learning for me.

It is my firm belief that if he had survived his tour in Vietnam, Harley would have been a successful leader of anything he undertook. I know full well that I am a much better person because I had the privilege of meeting him during my time at Parsons College.



Dr. Tree passing congratulations to the Parsons College Wall of Honor Class of 2018

Dr. Robert Tree Celebrated his 93rd Birthday Friday, February 21, 2020

Today we honor Dr. Bob Tree For all the vision that he could see.

During his time with old PC All the way back until the mid-1950's.

Bob was hired before the arrival of "Doc Bob" And the Vision for a New Parsons College was rolled out.

He was there for the growth, the peak and The demise of our beloved institution, without a doubt.

Today we salute him as he celebrates his birthday

Ninety-Three Years of sharing his life with Fairfield And our beloved Kelly Green and White.

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Letters to the Editor...

Would you please send me more information on next reunion? I am a 1962 graduate of Parsons and also a member of the first cheer squad to have male members. If you look at a yearbook from 1960-61 you will find me in the front row with Jane King, Patty Winfrey Judy Williams, Eric Noble, and others I don't remember their names. The three male members came to the campus the fall of '60 and made the mistake of shooting our mouths off that male cheerleaders were needed. A faculty member, Marty (Rasmussen) something, called us in and told us to put up and join the squad or shut up. The rest is history. It was a great time for me the next two years. Look forward to hearing from you and meeting you at the reunion...

James Hickman, PC'62 - <jjasworth@aol.com>

Attached is the latest issue of the PC E-News, hot off the press, just received from Nancy Wirtanen, President of the Parsons Alumni Association. I haven't read every word yet, but a quick go-through reveals ghost stories, remembering Parsons baseball coaches, letters, an opportunity to obtain new Parsons memorabilia – including a colorful piece of Barhydt Chapel, and a tale of how General Lewis B. Parsons, founder of our alma mater, possibly helped the North win the Civil War. The folks who put it all together spend a lot of time and talent to produce a great product, and are always looking for stories, photos and letters. Please contribute if inspired... *Ron Long, PC'63 - v83756@comcast.net*

(Editor's Note: This piece is from last summer and in reference to an earlier issue which Ron forwards to his distribution list.)



I'm a Parsons graduate from 1970 who arrived in the Summer of 1965, the day after graduating from prep-school in New Hampshire. I majored in Art Education at Parsons and taught public school art for 34 years. I have a couple of graduate degrees and many college classes in various subjects of interest. I write because I made a picture collage on Adobe Photoshop of my remembrances of the 1960's decade. If you want to share that collage with my fellow Parsons Alumni that would be fine with me. (*See the 1960's COLLAGE on page 8 of this issue!*). Most artists like to have their work be seen, so thanks for getting back to me. The beginning of the 60's was kind of a continuation of the 50's but a few years later it was like an explosion. What happened will forever be etched in our minds. We all changed. From boys to men. Thanks again Parsons, and we connect with those images of the 60's. As friend **Ed Rebetz** said not long ago, "Parsons gave us a chance!" Thank you for the link and for your work in keeping Parsons alive...

Lester Stuart Klingerman, PC'70 - lester.stuart@gmail.com

Parsons College Alumni Website

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(For information as to how to access this site, how to use this site, and how to pay to enroll and become a member, CONTACT KEN RICE at <u>Kfarm12@aol.com</u>

It's a WINNER!!

In Memoriam...

Darrell Dwain Dooley, PC'57...age 89, of Fairfield, passed away on August 22, 2019. Dwain was born in Selma, IA. He grew up on the family farm near Douds, Iowa, and graduated from Douds High School in 1947. He attended Parsons, but before receiving his bachelor's degree, he was called to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. After honorable discharge from the Army in 1954, he married Jane Whitmore at Barhydt Chapel in 1956 and received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1957. While teaching, he received a Masters degree in Education Administration from the University of Iowa in 1965, taught briefly in Douds, Central City, and Crawfordsville before beginning his education career in Fairfield. During his 43 years in education, as a teacher and coach, he also served as a school administrator in the Fairfield Community School District. During his time as principal, he received the "AEA Principal of the Year" Award, was president of the Fairfield Education Association, and after retiring in 1995, was supervisor of student teachers for Buena Vista University. Dwain was a member of the Rotary Club, Wit and Wisdom, Abracadabra Club, American Legion, Fairfield Library Board, Civil Service Board, and was a board member and tour guide at Maasdam Barns. He moved to the position of principal at Washington Elementary School in 1973. Dwain is survived by his wife of 63 years, 3 daughters, 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren...



Niles Kornrumpf Kenyon

Niles Kornrumpf Kenyon, PC'59-'62... age 78, of Vero Beach, FL died September 12, 2019 following a battle with prostate cancer. Niles grew up in Malverne, Long Island, NY. Following several years at Parsons, where he was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity, he went onto Penn State University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering. Niles later received the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award in 1996. He was a sales executive in the titanium industry before moving on to plastics. At the Conair Group, Niles served as president and CEO and served as vice chairman of the board of the Machinery division for the Society of the Plastics Industry Inc. He spearheaded a number of projects including a comprehensive engineering partnership with Penn State and provided equipment and curriculum support to the university and

played a key role with Conair from 1986-2004. "Niles had the charisma that made him a natural leader. His personality was what drew people to him, but it was his ability to connect with those people that led to his success," said one of his colleagues. Niles is survived by his wife, Jayne, two sons and six grandchildren...

Charles J. "Chuck" Baker, PC'63... age 78, of Kissimmee, FL passed away June 16, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer. Chuck was born in Minneapolis, MN but spent his younger years in Davenport, IA where he graduated high school. He attended Palmer Chiropractic prior to attending Parsons and was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity. Chuck moved back to the Quad Cities and became a saloon keeper. He was a well-known owner of several popular bars in the Quad City area. Included among those saloons were: Shucks, The Filing Station, My Broker, Alexander's, The Gallery, Spirit of St Louis, Saddle Club Lounge and Legendary Whisky Jack's. On a snowy night in Davenport, in the 1980's, Chuck made the decision to move to Florida. Once relocated, he traveled the country, lived in several different Florida cities and eventually became a vI.P. driver for a transport company and settled in Orlando. Chuck made it to 70 years of age as a confirmed bachelor, that was until he met Bonnie Hutchens, a widow and manager of a Shoney's Restaurant in Orlando. They became great friends, fell in love and were married on September 14, 2012. Chuck is survived by wife, Bonnie and leaves a host of friends who agree, "He will be long remembered and not forgotten by those who knew him… (*Continued on page 16*)

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Ray Fischer

Reinford S. "Ray" Fischer, PC'59-'62... age 75, of Pittsburgh, died Friday, February 5, 2016, at Allegheny General Hospital. He was born in Bellevue, PA, and attended John Morrow Elementary and Oliver High Schools. He graduated from Parsons, where he studied history and was a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. Ray spent his professional working career in the Pittsburgh area roofing industry and the family's Allstate Industries. He retired in 2011 from Follansbee Steel as a regional sales manager. In retirement, he worked part-time at Lowe's. Ray attended North Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, Lucy, of 51 years, three children and one grandchild...

Anna Suella Brenneman, PC'50's... of Fairfield, passed away October 4, 2019 at her daughter's home. Anna was born in Fairfield and attended Logan Elementary, Fairfield High School before enrolling at Parsons where she graduated in the early 1950's. She married Foster Brenneman at the Barhydt Chapel in 1956. Anna worked as a secretary at Parsons and Fairfield High School. She joined husband Foster traveling to Germany, chaperoning Parsons students participating n the college's Overseas Program in 1962. Over the years, Anna held many part-time jobs, including a full-time position in the superintendent's office from which she retired in 1992. She spent a good part of her later years volunteering at the Parkview Care Center and connecting with friends. From a young age she became involved with needlework crafts and became excellent at needlepoint as a hobby. Anna is survived by a daughter, three grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren... Funeral services were handled by the Behner Funeral Home of Fairfield...

Elizabeth (Bettye) Valerie Heald Small, PC'40's... of Libertyville passed away June 16, 2019 at the Jefferson County Health Center. Bettye was born in Fairfield and attended the Packwood Consolidated Schools and attended Parsons. She married Radford (Bud) Small in 1943. Bettye taught in the Ainsworth, Packwood and Cardinal School Districts. She was a Care Advocate at Nelson's Nursing Home and the Living Care Unit at Jefferson County Hospital. Bettye was noted for having "Bettye's Hour" at the Living Care Unit and the Parkview Care Center where she read and participated in activities with the patients...



Bettye Heald Small

*Luis Ramon Sevilla Somoza, PC'60's...*of Washington, D.C., and Managua, Nicaragua passed away peacefully on September 14, 2019, at age 72. Luis was born to Nicaraguan Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa and Lillian Somoza de Sevilla Sacasa at Georgetown University Hospital. Throughout an idyllic childhood in Washington, DC, Luis excelled in athletic pursuits and graduated St. John's Catholic High School in 1964. He was later inducted into the St. John's Hall of Fame. Luis attended the University of Oklahoma and Parsons College, where he was affiliated with Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity. Next he traveled to Nicaragua to begin his business career until the revolution would see him once more back in the United States, where he built a life in Miami. In the autumn of 1997, Luis returned to Nicaragua to reunite his family with their native land. That work continued until his death. Luis is survived by his loving wife, Coralia Stulzer de Sevilla, his seven children, along with two granddaughters and countless nieces and nephews. A memorial service honoring his life was held at Gawler's Funeral Home, Washington, D.C...

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"Getting OLD is for OLD People!!"

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Ivan Rector

Ivan Rector, PC'40's... of West Burlington died November 9, 2019 at Great River Klein Center. Ivan, 95, was born in Troy, IA. He was a veteran of the US Army Air Force, serving from 1942 to 1946. Ivan then married F. Doreen Navin and became a longtime educator for 38 years in the state of Iowa. He held a B.A. degree from Parsons, a M.A. degree from the University of Iowa and an Education Specialist Degree from Drake University. Ivan retired in 1985 as elementary teacher in Mediapolis and moved on to a life of hunting, fishing, golfing and time with family. He is survived by his wife, four children, nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren...

Barry Edward Connors, PC'65-'69... an Andover Townie and resident of Lawrence, MA passed away at home, after a valiant battle with cancer, on October 30, 2019. He was 74. Barry was born in 1945 and graduated in 1963 from Andover High School where he excelled as an athlete in football and basketball. He was later inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Barry received a scholarship to play football at West Texas State and then Parsons, where he received his Bachelor's degree. While at Parsons he was a member of WTBA. He earned his Masters at Fitchburg State and had tryouts with the Cleveland Browns and Buffalo Bills, Barry embarked on a 36-year career teaching and coaching in the Billerica Public School system and was a long time area sports official and referee. In addition to teaching, coaching, and officiating, he had many other interests and talents, but the greatest was his ability to build and maintain relationships with people. He was very giving, a dependable friend, and so willing to offer his hand or a word of hope or encouragement to those in need. He considered himself blessed and lucky to be surrounded by a loving family and so many great friends. Above all, he absolutely adored his grandchildren. Barry leaves behind his wife of 49 years, Rebecca (Elser), two children, and seven grandchildren. A funeral celebration was held at the Faith Lutheran Church in Andover November 2019...

John E. Herbert, Jr., PC'late '60's... a longtime resident of Darien, CT, passed away on January 11, 2020 at Stamford Hospital. He was known and loved for his quick wit and generous, caring personality. John was born in Stamford and later, a proud graduate of Darien High School, class of 1964. He was a member of the Connecticut state championship football team in 1963. John received a bachelor's degree from Parsons College. He was president and owner of Darien Fuel, Inc. John was a member of the Country Club of Darien where he enjoyed playing golf and sharing a drink and funny stories with friends. He was also an Adult Advisor and EMT-I with Darien EMS-Post 53. John is survived by his wife, Lyn Nevins of Darien, two children and a host of relatives...



John E. Herbert, Jr.

Richard "Dick" Lee Ulm, PC'late '60's... of Tempe, AZ, passed away on June 25th, 2019. He was 81. Richard was born January 22, 1938 to Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Ulm in Des Moines, IA. He is survived by his siblings Donald Ulm and Karla Ferrel, his five children, Douglas Ulm, Shelly Deutsch, Marcus Ulm, Danielle Ulm, Erica Ulm, and his 12 grandchildren and a great grandchild, plus many nieces and nephews. Dick attended Parsons and earned a degree in History. He was in the Army Reserves. From Fairfield, he moved to Arizona 50 years ago, and firmly considered himself a resident of both states. The majority of his years in Arizona consisted of careers in construction, sales and security. Dick was a member of the Shrine Association and Elks Lodge. He also was a constant supporter of the Shriners Children's Hospital. He was an avid Motorcyclist and loved his annual trips to Sturgis. Dick's passion for travel led him to the enjoyment of many long drives around the country. He also fancied himself a fisherman and enjoyed spending time boating, camping and being in the great outdoors. A Celebration of Life ceremony was held at Sun Valley Community Church in Tempe, AZ...

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Geneva Alborn Gambach *Geneva Alborn Gambach, PC'n/a...*of Mount Pleasant, formerly of Fairfield, died August 31, 2019, at her residence. She was 100. A memorial service was held September 14, 2019. Burial was in the Laurens, Iowa, cemetery. Mrs. Gambach, the former Geneva Alborn, was born in Laurens, Iowa, daughter of Otto and Anna Alborn. Geneva was raised in rural Laurens, graduated from Laurens High School and was crowned Miss Laurens during her high school days. Upon graduation she enrolled at Buena Vista College, where she received her two-year teacher's certificate. She began her career in education as an elementary school teacher in Ware, Iowa, where she met her future husband. In August 1939, Geneva was united in marriage to Ralph Gambach. After their marriage, Mrs. Gambach took a reprieve from teaching to raise her family. Geneva assumed the duties of being a superintendent's wife while Mr. Gambach served

the schools in Meriden, Tipton and Fairfield. While living in Fairfield, Geneva earned her bachelor's degree in education from Parsons College. She then resumed her teaching career at the elementary school of the Van Buren Community School District in Birmingham and retired in the late 1970's. Mrs. Gambach was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, the P.E.O Sisterhood and participated in numerous other community organizations. She is survived by two children and nine grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren...

Frank Hubert Stever, PC'66... of Burlington, IA, formerly of Fairfield, IA, passed away at the age of 77 on April 16, 2020. After a long and courageous battle with cancer, he passed peacefully at his home surrounded by family. Due to state and federal guidance on gatherings with the present COVID-19 pandemic, the family will hold a public memorial at a later time. Visitation was held at the Cranston Family Funeral Home in Fairfield. Frank was born in Fairfield and graduated from Fairfield High School Class in 1961. He received a BA from Parsons in 1966 and in 1962 married Barbara Elliott. They became the proud parents of three children. They later divorced and in 1980, Frank married Eleanor Unzner in Mendota, IL. The marriage lasted nearly 40 years and they had three children. Frank's diverse careers included, store manager for the Behner Tea Company, founder Stever City Sanitation, Jefferson County



Frank Stever

Supervisor, and maintenance at the Dexter Foundry. In 2008 Frank moved to Burlington where he worked as a courtesy driver for Deery Brothers. Frank's involvement with Fairfield included, the Lions Club, Jaycees and Arc of Jefferson & Nearby Counties. He most recently was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Fort Madison where he was elected president of the congregation. Frank is survived by his loving wife, Eleanor, six children, 15 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends...



Evelyn Wilson Neubauer

*Evelyn Eileen Neubauer, PC'48...*of Mount Pleasant, formerly of Birmingham, passed away September 6, 2019 at the Savannah Heights Care Center in Mount Pleasant. She was 94. Funeral services were held September 12, 2019 at the Birmingham United Methodists Church. Evelyn was born December 20, 1924, in Fairfield, Iowa. She was born in Fairfield and grew up in the Libertyville, Iowa, community and graduated as valedictorian from Libertyville High School in 1942. Evelyn then went on to graduate from Parsons . On June 2, 1948, she married Duane Neubauer. They farmed and raised their family together in the Liberty Township of Jefferson County. They were able to celebrate 62 years of marriage before Duane' death on January 8, 2011. Evelyn taught in rural schools in Jefferson and Van Buren counties, as well as the Hedrick and Cardinal

Community School District. Most of her school career was spent with the Fairfield Community School District at Libertyville Elementary. Evelyn was a previous member of the Iowa State Education Association, Iowa Reading Association and the Jefferson-Van Buren Reading Association. She maintained her membership with the Birmingham United Methodist Church. Evelyn is survived by three children and nine grandchildren... *(Continued on page 19)*



Art Hutton

Arthur Embree Hutton, PC'58-'62...of Fairfield passed away February 15, 2020 at his home with his wife of 37 years at his side. He was 80. Arthur suffered a territorial stroke five and a half years prior and spent a number of years in various health care facilities before being allowed to return home and, with the assistance of Hospice. Memorial services were held at the Fairfield Elks Lodge. Growing up in Fairfield, he attended local schools and participated in football and basketball before graduating in 1958. Art attended Parsons where he met his wife to be, Linda Miller. They married in 1961, at Athol, MA, Linda's home town. After spending five years teaching and coaching in Williamsburg, Art returned to Fairfield and accepted a job teaching mathematics and coaching various sports at the Fairfield

Middle School. Art completed his Master's Degree in Guidance Counseling at Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville. He left teaching for a brief period of time to become a Correctional Officer for Southeast Iowa. At the same time, he was elected to the Fairfield Community School Board of Education. Art returned to teaching and being at home for his family when Linda was diagnosed with cancer. She passed away in 1976. He remarried Catherine "Katy" Hendrickson Hummell in 1982. Art's later career years in education, and up until he retired in 1997, were spent as a Guidance Counselor at Fairfield High. He became a member of Fairfield Elks Lodge at the age of 21 and progressed through the steps to become Exalted Ruler in 1992-93. And in 1997, Art was elected state president of the Iowa Elks, and later awarded Iowa State Elk of the Year in 2007-08. He is survived by his wife, Catherine, three children and families... ...

Roland G. 'Ron' Crivellaro, PC'69... of Hanover Township, PA died October 23, 2019. He was 72. Roland was the beloved husband of Elizabeth (Mitchell) Crivellaro; loving father of Roland P. Crivellaro and Jonathon Crivellaro; step-father of Jennifer Selinsky; grandfather of Peter A. Crivellaro, Austin Selinsky, Sarah Selinsky and Alyssa Patterson; great grandfather of Jonathon and Nevaeh, and the brother of Geneva, Helen (Tom), Dan (Linda), Dave (Veronica), Debbie and Lisa. While growing up in the Pittsburgh area, Roland went to Hopewell High School in Beaver County. He was a starting offensive tackle on the Wildcats football team for three years. Roland will be dearly missed by his family and friends. There will be no service or viewing at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Professional Services by THOMAS M. SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD., Blawnox, PA...

Frances "Chip" Pough, PC'64... of Phuket, Thailand died on the morning of February 26, 2020 in Rawai, Thailand. Authorities confirmed Chip's passing was caused by severe head trauma as a result of a motorcycle accident. Witnesses at the scene reported there were no other vehicles involved and it appeared as though Chip, an expert rider, just turned the bike over, leaving the answer to the cause of the fall unknown. He was originally from Wynnewood, PA and is reported to have owned a motorcycle business at one time in Pennsylvania. While at Parsons, Chip was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and later a very popular member of the social group Where The Boys Are (WTBA). He received a Business Administration degree and also earned membership to the Lettermen's Club as a wrestler. Chip was a world traveling adventurer, lived in Thailand and believed to have been married. No further information is available at this time...



Frances "Chip" Pough

*Jon Williams, PC'mid'60's...*of New York City passed away at his home in March of 2019 with his wife, Sandra and family by his side. Jon, who was also born in New York, lost a battle to liver cancer. He was a terrific competitor and member of the Parsons Wildcats football team and a proud member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and active in recent reunions. No further information is available at this time...

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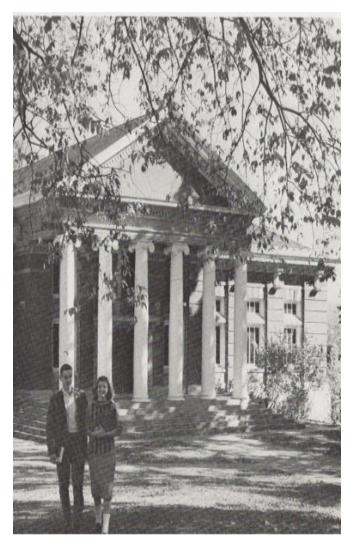
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Barth Holohan, Jr.

Bartholomew "Barth" Holohan, Jr. PC'mid'60's...of Kirkwood, MO died unexpectedly of a heart attack November 26, 2019. While attending Parsons, Barth was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and was instrumental in planning and organizing recent reunions. He is survived by his wife, Marie, of 49 years, sons Barth III, Gavin, five grandchildren and a host of relatives. Barth loved Jesus Christ as his savior and was a champion of Christian education. A celebration of his life was held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church and funeral arrangements provided by the Bopp Chapel of St. Louis...

The Carnegie Library



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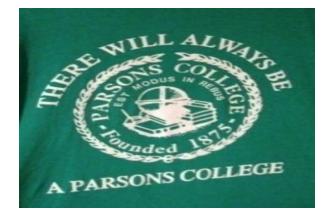
"If It Feels Good, JUST DO IT!"

* * MILESTONES * *

Some of our favorite professors & staff have recently reached significant MILESTONES of longevity and here they are:

E. Jane Ruby – 102 (music education) David Best – 96 (student activities) Vera Young – 96 (physical education) Robert Tree – 93 (department head history) Everett Hadley – 93 (acting president) Dean Roussos – 90 (business department) Harold Wisecarver – 80 student aid)

CONGRATULATIONS and KEEP'ON KEEPIN ON!!!



THE QUIZ (page 10) The ANSWER is "D" Beanie Night - Freshmen express shouts of joy as they receive their Green Beanies at the Annual Beanie Night Rally.

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