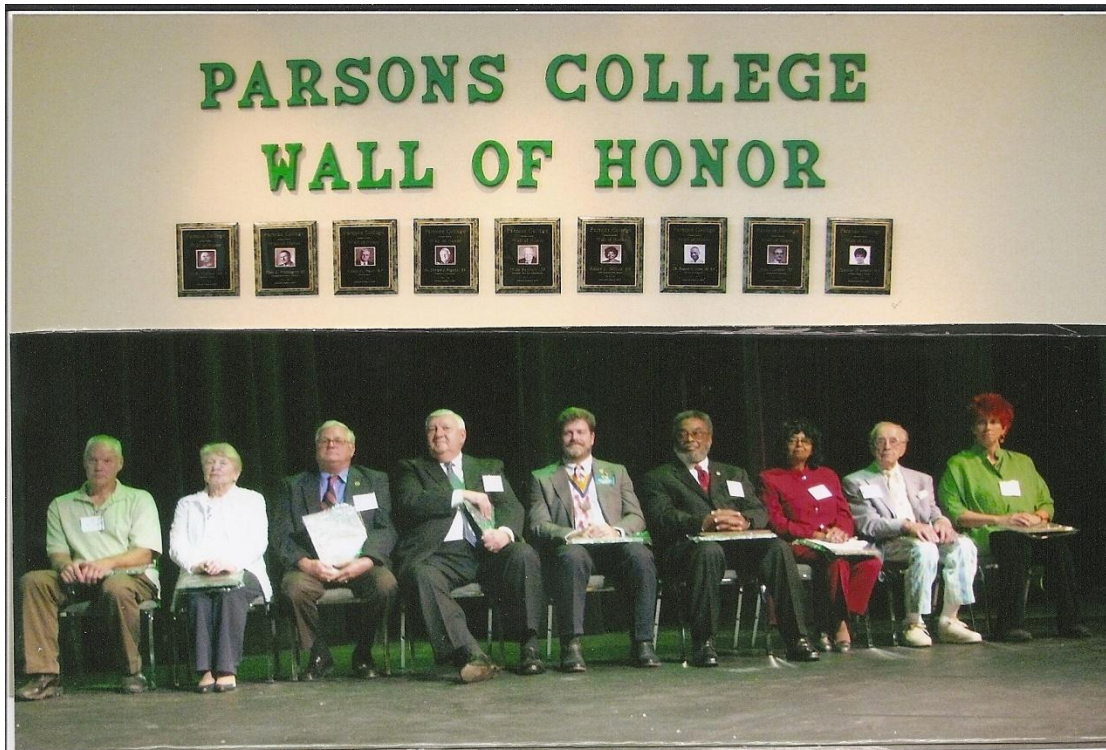




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*WALL OF HONOR CLASS OF 2009 – L/R: Dick Nelson (O.B.'s son), Pauline Whittington (Verle's widow), Alen Paul, Edward J. Rogalski, Geoff Northridge (for Wes Bartlett), Robert Fox (for Robert C. Scott III), Rhine McLin, Lee Gobble and Marcia Wallace...*

## **WALL OF HONOR OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS; 'DISTINGUISHED' 2009 CLASS HONORED!!!**

The inaugural class of Wall of Honor inductees is on the wall. Nominations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> class of the Parsons College Student/Alumni Wall of Honor are being accepted now thru March, 2010. Nominees would include former Parsons students, or alumni, who you feel have had an outstanding, distinguished, and exemplary career. A career built upon their GOD given talents, and one that will bring pride and recognition to the memory of Parsons. Clearly, the nominee should serve as a role model and an inspiration to those who followed their pursuit of excellent. Present all the contact information and supporting data in writing to the selection committee through the Parsons College Foundation (Dave Neff – [daveN@isbff.com](mailto:daveN@isbff.com)) or the Parsons College Alumni Association (Nancy Wirtanen – [nwirtanen@yahoo.com](mailto:nwirtanen@yahoo.com)).

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The announcement of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class of Wall of Honorees, and ceremony dates, will appear in the June issue of the PCAA e-newsletter. If you wish to support the Wall of Honor program and/or our efforts to preserve the history and memory of Parsons College through a donation, or the purchase of a personalized brick, you may do so by contacting Mr. Neff or Ms. Wirtanen.

The 2009 class of the Parsons College Student/Alumni Wall of Honor was inducted to the Wall of Honor at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center on October 3, 2009. At a 1 ½ hour long ceremony, attended by nearly 100 alumni, friends, and relatives, nine inductees were presented and received Wall of Honor plaques. Of the nine, five made the journey to Fairfield to attend the ceremony – two were honored posthumously and represented by family members – and two were unable to make the trip. In attendance was Senator Allen Paul '67 of Indiana who was presented by friend Richard Korn; Dr. Edward J. Rogalski '65 of Davenport, IA, presented by friend John Blackstock; Mayor Rhine McLin '69 of Dayton, OH, presented by Robert Fox; Haberdasher Emeritus Lee Gobble '37, Fairfield, presented by friend Dr. Bob Tree; and entertainer Marcia Wallace '64, who was presented by Susan Lamb Voss.

The entire O.B. Nelson '46 clan of children returned to posthumously honor their dad, some coming from as far as Massachusetts and Hawaii. Son Dick Nelson presented his father and the entire family came forward to accept Mr. Nelson's plaque. Kathleen Whittington presented her father, Verle Whittington '52, posthumously and Mr. Whittington's widow, Pauline of Conroe, TX, accepted his plaque.

Dr. Robert C. Scott III '63 of Oakland was packed, excited and looking forward to his first return trip back to Fairfield but medical issues forced him to the hospital and cancellation. Unfortunately, Dr. Scott passed away five days later (see MEMORIAMS).

He was presented by PCFF's Dave Neff and his plaque was received, and will be delivered to family, by Robert Fox. Former Kiwanis International President Wes Bartlett '38 of Algona, IA, who is 95-years-young with eyesight problems, was unable to be on hand. Mr. Bartlett was nicely presented by PCFF's John Braidwood and the plaque was accepted and will be given to Wes by fellow Kiwanian Geoff Northridge.

The presentation of the plaques to each recipient was made by former Parsons College Marshal, Dr. Bob Tree. Following the ceremony and the singing of the Parsons alma mater, the inductees, and all, gathered in Alumni Hall where another attractive set of permanently mounted plaques was unveiled. The PCFF and PCAA then hosted a Wall of Honor Luncheon at the Fairfield Country Club to which, all honorees and guests were invited.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**We wish you GOOD HEALTH  
We wish you much HAPPINESS  
And the FREEDOM to ENJOY IT!!!**

**CALL A FRIEND!!!**

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## PCAA Launches New Alumni Website...

We have major reason to celebrate, as we are pleased to announce that the new Parsons College Alumni Association website was officially launched in early October and is now up and running. To access the site, log onto [www.parsonscollegealumni.com](http://www.parsonscollegealumni.com) and follow the instructions. We are hopeful this site, along with the other communication branches of the PCAA, will enhance our ability to communicate with each other, locate old friends, and pass on the latest news.

Currently the website includes a number of alumni profiles, some with photos and contact information. In addition, there are also groups that you can join, announcements, chat rooms, and member searches, as well as the E-Newsletter. We are still looking for photos, brochures, articles, sports videos and other memorabilia which we can add to the website. We are hoping to include information and links from all fraternities, sororities and independent social organizations.

You may sign up for website membership at a cost of \$15.00 p/year. If you wish, you may also package your subscription with the E-News, which will also be available on the website, by submitting the combined dues of \$20.00 a year. Should you choose not to join the website, the E-News will continue to be available at the \$5.00 p/year rate through current subscription procedure.

Please submit any questions regarding the new website to webmaster Ken Rice at [kfarm12@aol.com](mailto:kfarm12@aol.com) or [support@parsonscollegealumni.com](mailto:support@parsonscollegealumni.com). Questions and comments regarding the PCAA E-Newsletter should continue to be funneled to Nancy Wirtanen at [nwirtanen@yahoo.com](mailto:nwirtanen@yahoo.com).

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*Jim Ostrander*

### OSTRANDER ART EXHIBIT FEATURED IN ALUMNI HALL....

Fifty years ago Jim Ostrander PC'64 was kicking footballs out of sight for the undefeated Parsons College Wildcats football team. Today he's putting another one of his GOD given skills to work and, via brush palette and paint, delivering that expertise to the canvas. Jim is a retired pharmaceutical salesman turned artist. He deals with oils and has a warehouse of paintings. But perhaps the group he's most proud is the sampling that he brought back to the Parsons Alumni Hall early October in conjunction with the Wall of Honor festivities. As a gesture of love and friendship to his teammates, Jim painted nearly two dozen 16x20 canvas renderings of his football mates, capturing them in action and in uniform. Those 16x20 originals were mailed to each teammate. (Continued on Page 4)

The current exhibit, which will continue for several months, and is rotated several times a year, is located in the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center's Parsons Alumni Hall. It includes only one of the original 16x20 framed canvas pieces but does present a collection of a dozen, or so, size reduced and framed samplings of those paintings of his teammates. Jim has been saddled with rheumatoid arthritis and slowed somewhat but continues to push forward with his excellent work.

During his Wildcat football days, Jim Ostrander was recognized as one of the finest place-kickers in the country, and was the revered "leg" of the undefeated Parsons teams of 1961 and 1962. He was invited by Vince Lombardi to the Green Bay Packers training camp for a tryout but blew out a knee prior to the trip and that ended his aspirations of kicking in the pros. When asked, what was the distance of his longest kick, Jim said without hesitation, "It was a kick-off – it was in Hastings, NE – it split the goal posts - went out of the end zone – and it was measured at 72 yards!!" Jim and wife Peggy reside in Ada, MI and frequently return to visit Fairfield...

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## PCFF LEARNS OF CORPORATE GIFT MATCHING PROGRAM...

Recently, Louis Schwarz III PC/TKE '64 and Jim Cornick PC/SPE '65 joined the many who have stepped up to support the Parsons College Foundation Fund by purchasing engraved bricks. These bricks are being placed alongside the walkway to the main entrance of the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. Along the way, Louis and Jim made a unique discovery. They found out their companies, the Exxon and Meredith Corporations, had corporate employee/employer matching gift (donation) programs. As a result, both Louis and Jim were able to double their donations to the PCFF through these programs. This leads us to recommend that if you wish to support the PCFF, whose sole purpose is to preserve the memory and history of Parsons College, you contact your company human resources/benefit department to see if they have a corporate gift matching program. Many corporations offer this program, not only to current employees, but to retirees as well. So if you're entertaining purchasing a brick (\$500), or the next most popular level of contribution, an engraved theater seat plate (\$1,000), you just might be able to double your donation through your company's generous participation. Check it out and thanks for your support!!!

## A Message From PCAA President Nancy Wirtanen...

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what we're doing and to extend my thanks and appreciation to those who are continuing to help take our mission to new levels. The sole purpose in forming the Parsons College Alumni Association was, and is, to assist our alumni and friends in maintaining a connection of friendships and providing a network and means of communication. Thus, we hope to foster a continued spirit and unity amongst our alums and affiliates toward perpetuating the memory of Parsons. Without our Editor-in-Chief, John Blackstock, Advisor/Consultant, Doug Marion, and Layout/Design Editor, Pam Roberts Skinner, this would not be possible. As President, I am proud of our mission, and our achievements, and I am very grateful to be surrounded with such talented people. Again, without their on-going contributions, there would be no Parsons College E-Newsletter, or Parsons Alumni Association. For this, I say, THANK YOU...

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## BARHYDT CHAPEL ORGAN NEEDS YOUR HELP...

*(Editor's Note: The following is an open letter from former Parsons Art Professor, Bob Glocke, to all Parsons Alumni and friends, inviting you to join the fund raising program to help complete the installation of the Barhydt Chapel Organ in the Stephen Sondheim Theater of the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. Please give this project serious consideration and, if you are employed by a corporation which matches donations, it's possible you could double your support through your corporate philanthropic program.)*

Dear Parsons Alumni,

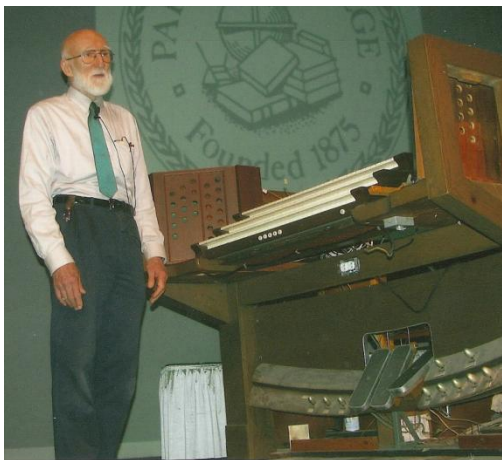
I have been following the installation of the Barhydt Chapel organ in the Sondheim Theater at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. The project has spent over \$26,000 from private donors and is nearing completion. An additional \$12,000 is needed by John Connet to purchase the parts to finish the project.

The Barhydt Chapel organ was donated to the community. Mr. Connet, the retired engineer who repaired the Jefferson County Courthouse Clock, took the organ apart, carefully labeled and packed all the pieces, and stored them away in the basements of several Fairfield homes. The plan was to reinstall the organ in the new Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. Mr. Connet has been working on this since the opening of the center. He is doing this as a "labor of love" for the community as he did the courthouse clock.

I'm asking you to join me in donating to the organ fund so that he can complete the installation and then everyone can enjoy the sound of this valuable instrument for years to come. Please make your donation out to the "Fairfield Arts and Convention Center" and indicate it is for the "Barhydt Organ Fund." Your donation qualifies as a tax exemption.

For a mailing address and further information, please call me at 641-472-4551 or email at [rglocke@lisco.com](mailto:rglocke@lisco.com).

Let's make the organ sing again!



*Local volunteer, John Connet, discusses the reinstallation of the Barhydt Chapel organ. He spoke on the progress to-date and the needs for further funding to complete the project at the recent Wall of Honor ceremonies.*

## **HOLIDAY SPIRIT....**

**As We Celebrate this Holiday Season**

**Is There Any Rhyme or Reason**

**That GOODWILL Should Not Abound**

**To and THROUGH US the Whole Year Round?**

**Lee Kane '55**



*The Kid*



*The Man*



*The Chevy Guy*

## ***Spotlight: DOUG MARION IS “THE CHEVY GUY!”***

Doug Marion PC '70 has been a high performance car guy ever since he can remember. Some say he was born with a Chevy in one hand and a Camera in the other. Rumor has it his first crib was equipped with fuel injection. And they tell us he assembled his first super-charger on the driveway at age five.

Doug was delivered and destined to a career centered in the world of high performance automobiles. He took his passion from hobby, to job, and onto an illustrious career as an automotive writer, magazine publisher, editor and photographer. In the world of Chevy his respected reputation is known worldwide. He's regarded as an expert in his field. Television entertainer, Jay Leno, who also has an active interest in enhanced performance cars, refers frequently to Doug Marion as, "The Chevy Guy."

Doug was born in Iowa but at an early age moved to the Chicago area where he grew up. He attended McHenry High School and lived in Wonder Park, IL. From knickers on up, he proved strong on automobile knowledge and savvy. In addition to his love for cars, he loved sports. Doug's desire to attend college led him to Parsons, where he was accepted in 1962. The sports scene at Parsons was very appealing and competitive. He competed on the varsity basketball team for a short time and his friends affectionately nicknamed him, "Pogo," after a popular cartoon character of the times.

Despite a childhood accident, through hard work, exercise, running and working out, Doug, a 6' 5" string bean, defied all odds that he would ever run again, let alone walk onto a basketball court. He did so at Parsons and that was a major achievement. So, after spending a couple years at Parsons, playing some sports, making a herd of friends and joining the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, Doug faced up to the reality of what he was, and wasn't, accomplishing. He found himself spinning his wheels, drawing no friction or rubber, and realistically wasting his folks money, so he dropped out.

After wandering aimlessly for a couple years, Doug grew up, regrouped, and returned to Parsons in 1968. He was still grappling with study habits when he met his savior – O. B. Nelson, the professor and coach of many sports. O. B. recognized his difficulties and gave him the format and a game plan on how to correct them. Apparently O.B. got his attention with a direction aimed at enabling him to teach himself how to study proficiently.

Doug bought into the program and it wasn't long until he found himself on the Dean's List. In fact, in the two years leading up to his 1970 graduation, he found himself on the Dean's List five out of six semesters. Doug's accomplishment was so profound that no one believed him. He remembers telling his mother of his first 3.0 GPA, "Mum, I made the Dean's List," and she responded by asking, "Son, are you sure those are your grades?"

His competitive spirit took him to resounding success following graduation from Parsons. Prior to crashing onto the car scene, Doug went to work beating the bushes and selling air freight for the Flying Tigers in Seattle, WA. In a short time he opened 582 accounts and became their number one dollar producer in the United States. However, when FedEx took over, Doug had all the reason he needed to move back to his first love – writing, editing and photographing cars. So it was, he entered the Super Chevy arena of high performance automobiles.

He joined Argus Publishing and did it all. At one time or another Doug handled every responsibility they offered. He wrote, he took photos, he served as assistant director, and business manager of their Super Chevy Show events. In a 15 months period, Doug reached his pinnacle and was promoted to VP and Editorial Director of Super Chevy Magazine. Along the way, with his leadership and expertise, he took Super Chevy Magazine from 2,500 readers to 155,000 and the print orders zoomed to 220,000. In addition the monthly revenue increased from \$4,000 to \$250,000.

For Doug, this was just the base for what was to come. Here's what people are saying today about Doug Marion, "The Super Chevy Guy." The serious car folks say Doug has written more magazines and stories than anyone in the automotive magazine business over the last 50 years. He's devoted the last 33 years of his life to writing, editing and photographing professionally. Doug's ego is under control and he's never craved fame – he's grateful for the opportunity he's been given and he's proud of making the most of it.

Last year (2008) alone, Doug wrote over 40 stories for six different car magazines. Plus he wrote a "Chevy II/Nova" book on the history, production details, and performance for every model of Chevy Novas made. The book got rave reviews. Doug's also made frequent appearances on television and videos over the years. But his signature accomplishment is turning a small "quarterly" Chevy magazine into a powerful "monthly" magazine that was tops in sales for six straight years. Doug Marion put Super Chevy Magazine on the map.

In addition, he played a major role in developing Chevy's outdoor shows and drag racing events. On average Chevy has about 25 events a year and Doug can be found working each, while continuing to build on the \$7,000,000 profit center base he's helped establish. Doug just returned from an event in Oklahoma where he reports taking 932 photos in two days and no doubt he'll be writing a number of articles related to his experiences. He's also shown up in the movies, appearing in "Hollywood Knights" (1980) as the drag racing driver of a project car called "Project X '57." The movie starred Michelle Pfeiffer and Tony Danza.

So what makes Doug Marion so special in his field? He is known for his encompassing knowledge of cars. His low-key writing style is appealing to his readers. Doug writes as though he is personally talking to and addressing each and every reader. He regards himself as a sort of clearing house of information that Chevy enthusiasts appreciate and respect. Despite his fame, popularity and reputation, he treats everyone he meets in the same gracious and pleasant manner.

At a photo signing some time ago, Doug was faced with having to autograph over 100 photos. After signing 20 photos, his hand locked up, but he pushed on and fulfilled every request. The Chevy folks say, "Doug Marion can go into any town in America and every car-guy there would happily open his home for lodging and meals."

What's next for Doug Marion? His dream, as he so succinctly puts it, "I'd buy a used C-Class motor home and hit the road, staying anywhere, or with anyone who would give me a 15x20 plot of earth on their south-forty. To have no home, no mortgage, no address, no nothin'. Stay a few weeks then hit the road again for someplace else." But at each new spot, you can be sure Doug will uncover another interesting Chevy story to write-up... and a hot car or two to photograph before burning the trail to the next location...He truly is "The Chevy Guy!"

*(Editor's Note: Doug Marion is married, has two children and resides in Simi Valley, CA. We are delighted and privileged to have Doug on board as our valued advisor – thanks Doug!!)*

## WINTER 2010...

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**Winter has arrived, the winds are blowing.  
Skies are graying, soon to be snowing.  
The Wind Index and the Winter Chill,  
Definitely effect the Utility Bill.**

**With the Sun Shining, The Snow is bright.  
Creating a Wonderland also at night.  
There's Skiing and Sledding, Snowmen to Build.  
Fireplaces Burning/Tummies to be Filled.**

**Icicles hang from the eaves and the trees.  
One can Hear and Occasional Sneeze.  
There are So Many Items Winter Can Bring.  
But All Fade Away as We Head into Spring...**

Lee Kane '55

# DIGGIN' UP THE PAST...

*(Editor's Note: The following is a reprint of an article which appeared in the June 30, 1964 issue of the PORTFOLIO. The story, written by, then PORT editor, John Blackstock, features a conversation with former PORT editor, Mott Sawyers, of the Parsons Class of 1890.)*

If Mott Sawyers, past editor of the PORTFOLIO and graduate of the Class of 1890, was asked to write an editorial on the manners and morals of his alma mater, what would the grand old man have to say? Having graduated 74 years ago, and presently pushing the age of 94, Mott visited Parsons last month during graduation exercises. The frail old man, who can barely hear out of either ear, reminisced and recalled some memories which dated back to the late 1800's.

Mott, a prominent figure in his graduating class of 12, and it's only surviving member, was an early PORTFOLIO editor, senior class president, and the third baseman on the Parsons baseball team. He was elected to Who's Who and probably the only Parsons graduate ever to attend Princeton Theological School. But far above the academic achievements of Mr. Sawyers, he boasts of having been Parsons first football coach. He claims he only took the job to introduce the game. And recalls vividly that in the very first Parsons football game played, which was against Monmouth College, his gridders ran the opening kickoff the length of the field for a touchdown.

In 1890, Parsons enrollment had soared to the 150 mark. And Mott's graduating class was off to become not only quite successful, but also to becoming very distinguished clergymen. Eight out of 12 went into the clergy, another became a missionary, and one of the two female graduates married a minister. Regarding himself as "a self-made-man," Mott also went on to become a well-known Presbyterian minister. For 13 years he ranked as the highest salaried minister in the state of Ohio. He later held the position of National Presbyterian Chaplain for five years.

Then at the age of 70, Mott was stricken with arthritis. Doctors said he was on the downgrade and gave him little hope to survive. However, "ole Mott showed 'em all." He resorted to weight-lifting (yes, at the age of 70) and so far this year - 24 years later - the white haired, retired minister has addressed service clubs on 14 different occasions and has a number of engagements setup for this fall.

What would Mott Sawyers say about today's manners and morals? "First, I would advise all undergraduates to cultivate high morals and a good well polished set of manners," he said. To Mr. Sawyers, manners and morals are essentials in the success of any businessman, or in any other occupation for that matter. "For those not meeting these essentials, I forecast nothing but failure," he concluded. These are the words of a grand ole man, who perhaps sat behind this very desk 74 years ago.

Today, as he reads his copy of the PORT, he'll find that motorcycles are outnumbering the girls; that long slacks are falling in favor of shorts; that socks have been stored away for the summer, not to mention, the many two piece women's bathing suits appearing on the campus lately. He can only close his eyes, shake his head in despair and mutter, "Those manners and morals just ain't what they used to be."



## Buy A Brick



## Want to Help?

If you want to help support the preservation of the memory of Parsons College, buy a brick.

To find out how, call or email Dave Neff today at 1.888.218.6020 or [dneff@isbff.com](mailto:dneff@isbff.com)

## ***THE ALUMNI WRITE...***

### ***A Visit to Arlington National***

by Bill Eason '67 ([beason926@yahoo.com](mailto:beason926@yahoo.com))... A group of us visited Arlington National Cemetery last Saturday (9/26) to honor Roger Bachman, a fallen friend from the class of '67. He was killed in RVN (Vietnam) while serving as a lieutenant in the US Army infantry. Roger was president of the Phi Sigs and also the Inter-Fraternity Council. He was respected and admired by all. It was tragic to see a man like Roger, filled with so much promise, cut down so early in life. He was a true hero in my book and I hope that he is honored in next year's Hall Of Fame. Regards...

### ***Thirty Years ++ in the U.S. Army***

by Chuck Fleischer '66... I made the Army a career. I was drafted in 1965 and retired in 1997. I made sergeant while in Germany and, as I was being transferred to Vietnam, I was diverted to Officer's Candidate School at Ft. Benning, GA. I was commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, U.S. Infantry and the rest is history. After a series of command and staff assignments, I graduated from the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. My last duty station was the Presidio of San Francisco. When I retired, we bought a home in Marin County, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge, and we lived there until I took a job as Military Analyst, and now we're in Hohenfels, Germany. Units of 3,000-6,000 soldiers come here to conduct tactical exercises against a live enemy of contracted actors replicating the part of the world the unit is being deployed. I write scenarios that direct the actions of the enemy and actors to force the units to go through specified experiences. We make it as close to real as possible, including the language. This forces the use of the unit's interpreters to conduct their relationships with the indigenous in their local culture and language. My wife Prescilla of 30 years, is a PhD Clinical Social Worker and Family Advocate Program Manager for the Installation here. She claims to have married me because, I had a strong back, weak mind, very long reach and I was trainable. We have two sons and a daughter and, needless to say, we have a lot of fun...

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## ***Greek & Social Club News...***



***Lambda Chi Alpha...*** Reunion photo from a fraternity gathering held several years ago in Las Vegas. Front row L/R: Bill Winger, Don Samuelson, Dick Wright; Middle row L/R: Richard Wolf, Richard Becker, Unknown, John Lynch; Back row L/R: Jerry Over, Steve Smith, Roger Sherrard. Photo supplied by Don Samuelson and all pictured graduated Parsons between 1963 and 1966...

**Phi Sigma Epsilon...** The Phi Sigs are just days away from finalizing and announcing plans for a “Back to Fairfield, One More Time Reunion” during the month of August of 2010. Bros and friends will receive specific dates and information via a direct email mailing within the next couple weeks... A group of 15 of the PSE originals from the charter group of members of 1956 and their guests gathered at the Ox Yoke Restaurant in the Amana Colonies on October 14, 2009 to celebrate approximately 50 years since their Parsons graduations. A good time was had by all. Some of those who traveled the greatest distances were: Jack Baker (Suffolk, VA), Dick Gertz (Chicago), Ron Staggs (Cincinnati), Dave Wiles – Founder (Madras, OR) – Don Powers (Great Bend, KS) and Dave Dillingham (Ft. Worth, TX)... Bruce VanDever of Keokuk and Dillingham handled the planning of the event... Congrats to Dr. Ed Rogalski, a PSE social member during the mid-60’s, on his induction to the Parsons College Wall of Honor in the inaugural 2010 class... And our deepest sympathy goes out to all the close friends and relatives of bro Paul Conboy who passed away after losing his bout with cancer in October, 2009, as well as the families of Red Glewen and Max Strange, who also died recently (see obits)...



*Dr. Edward J. Rogalski PC/PSE '65, President Emeritus of St. Ambrose University, stands proudly in front of the permanently placed plaque signifying his induction onto the Parsons College Wall of Honor at the FA&CC in October of 2009...*

**Zeta/Sig Eps ...** The Zeta/Sig Eps and friends will host a four day reunion in Ottumwa, IA during June 7 – 10, 2010. A great time was had in Deadwood, SD, thanks in part to Don and Judy Butterbaugh in 2008, and now we’ve decided to head back to our roots in Iowa. Ottumwa is a short 25 miles from Fairfield and the Zeta/Sig Eps are looking for record attendance. Registration fee and group meals will be \$85 per person and checks may be made out to Zeta/Sig Eps and Friends Reunion 2010 and mailed to Dan Gullion, 619 Chester Avenue, Ottumwa, IA 52501. Payment is due by April 1, 2010 and is refundable up until May 10. Room accommodations have been blocked at the Ottumwa Hotel (headquarters – 641-682-8051) and the AmericInn (641-684-8222. To get the special room rates (around \$75 plus tax) you must announce your affiliation with Zeta/Sig Eps. An immediate reply is requested so that we can solidify our plans. For more information please contact Dan at [dgullion@mchsi.com](mailto:dgullion@mchsi.com) or 641-684-7336, or Pete Nelson at [pnel@lisco.com](mailto:pnel@lisco.com) or 641-472-5609...



*The men of Sigma Phi Epsilon (Iowa Zeta chapter), over 30 strong, gather at a recent reunion in Myrtle Beach, SC where they were hosted by bro Doug Billings...*

**Delta Zeta's ...** Big DZ news – The national headquarter of the Delta Zeta Sorority has named Marcia Wallace '64 their Delta Zeta Sorority's 2009 Woman of the Year. Marcia who is well documented as an entertainer, actress, writer, breast cancer awareness supporter, as well as a motivational and inspirational speaker, is a member of the Parsons College Delta Nu chapter of DZ's and she served as president while at the college. A big congratulations to Marcia, who was also recently honored with her induction to the Parsons College Wall of Honor in October, 2009... The DZ's are wrapping up from their reunion which was held in Van Buren County, IA on September 18-20. Registration and the headquarters was held and based out of the Bonaparte Inn in Bonaparte, IA. The weekend included dinner Friday night, a trip to the Bentonsport Craft Show & Flea Market on Saturday morning and lunch at Addie's Tea Room. In addition, the group pushed further north to Fairfield and enjoyed a tour of the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center and a walk through the Parsons College memorabilia at the Carnegie Historical Museum. They remained in Fairfield Saturday night for dinner at the very popular Vivo's Restaurant where they shared memories of being a DZ at Parsons and sang of some of their old DZ sorority songs... The next reunion will be held in Des Moines, IA in September of 2011. The dates have yet to be determined but if you're interested in more information you may contact Marlene "Tommy" Thompson Gilpin at [mikegilpin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikegilpin@sbcglobal.net) or call 906-482-



*Marcia Wallace '64, was named Delta Zeta's 2009 Woman of the Year by the national headquarters. Here she is seen at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center while accepting her Parsons College Wall of Honor award and plaque in October, 2009...*

*The Parsons College Delta Zeta's celebrate at a recent reunion in Bonaparte, IA and surrounding area. Seated L/R: Jane (Varia) Hunt, Dixie (Hogan) Hoekman, Patti (Winfrey) Neeley, Betsy (Muhlhausen) Ignasher, Kay (Warner) Pride and Fay (Sobaski) Richardson. Back row L/R: Dotti (Dalton) Pagels, Sally (Rhinehart) Demy, Tommy (Marlene Thompson) Gilpin, Judy (Williams) Butterbaugh, Bev (Snetshler) Boecker, Meg (Johnson) Dennis, Dorothy (Shade) Gilbert, Dian (Whitney) Onge.*



**Sigma Phi Epsilon ...** The Sig Eps have reported that 35 brothers and significant others attended a 2006 gathering in Las Vegas and it was so successful they did a repeat in October of 2008 in Myrtle Beach, SC. The Las Vegas affair was the first reunion in many years and was spearheaded by Bob Habetler, Larry Marino, Gary Olson and Fred Ramlow. Last year's event at Myrtle Beach was even bigger and better. Doug Billings, who owns resort property in the area, planned the activities which included golf, great buffets, sit down dinners, fashion shows, shopping and entertainment for the ladies. The 1960-70 Sig Eps and friends are now looking toward an October 9-12, 2010 reunion in Williamsburg, VA. For more information and to sign up please contact Marino at [ebbtidesam@aol.com](mailto:ebbtidesam@aol.com), Habetler at [BOWLX2@aol.com](mailto:BOWLX2@aol.com), or Billings at [BillsGroup@aol.com](mailto:BillsGroup@aol.com). To review photos from the previous events go to: <http://www.dropshots.com/sigep...>

## Letters-To-Editor...

Thanks so much for the newsletter!!

**Bob Gibson PC'n/a** ([bob@villascaribe.com](mailto:bob@villascaribe.com))

Nancy, I know I just talked with you on the phone, but this truly was the best newsletter yet. It just keeps getting better and better!!

**Richard Ivins '68** ([rgivins1945@gmail.com](mailto:rgivins1945@gmail.com))

Thanks for sending out the Parsons newsletter – I was glad to see that you printed a couple of the email replies to my article – I just got another reply from a student named Bill Collins '67 – he left Parsons and went to Vietnam, then came back and graduated in the last graduating class. Great job on newsletter – the bios of the people on the Wall of Honor are really impressive.

**Chris Hallinger PC'n/a** ([katman209@yahoo.com](mailto:katman209@yahoo.com))

This is a great job! Nice to take a trip down memory lane. I particularly enjoyed the (September09) piece from Dick Sandler. I worked for his dad Gary, running the projectors at the Co-ed Theater and the Drive Inn. I would like to drop him a note on the positive influence his dad had on a young married student. Do you have his email address?

**Bill Pries '73** ([billpries@bellsouth.net](mailto:billpries@bellsouth.net))

*(Editor's Note: Yes, I believe we do. Try Dick Sandler at: [U2567@aol.com](mailto:U2567@aol.com))*

John, great work on the Wall of Honor!

**Ken Knab '62-'63** ([kknab1@cox.net](mailto:kknab1@cox.net))

Thank you so much for the newsletter. What a great way to acknowledge the significance and greatness of Parsons College (with the Wall of Honor). Not only should these alumni be congratulated, but they are a true testament to the “solid citizens” who were among the thousands who graduated from Parsons College. Keep up the good work!! God Bless.

**Sibi DeMartini '66** ([sademart@comcast.net](mailto:sademart@comcast.net))

Fantastic news letter! Worth of a Pulitzer Prize..

**Louis Wilson '64** ([wilson\\_louis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wilson_louis@sbcglobal.net))

Outstanding newsletter!!!

**Richard Jerman PC'n/a** ([mallardq@msn.com](mailto:mallardq@msn.com))

Once again, you guys have outdone yourselves. What a great newsletter... and what a lot of work. Please keep it up and thanks!!!

**David Feltman '67** ([dfeltman@yahoo.com](mailto:dfeltman@yahoo.com))

What a great newsletter. I am glad I subscribed to it. We all have many fond memories. It saddens me to see the campus now but the memories are forever alive. You are (all) doing great work. What is the the name of Phil Suarez's restaurants? He has several in New York, right?

**Janis Bresser Tansey PC/AGD '63**

([JLTansey@bellsouth.net](mailto:JLTansey@bellsouth.net))

*(Editor's Note: Go to google and enter - Phil Suarez Restauranteur – and it will provide that information and more)*

Nancy, having graduated in 1965, many of the names mentioned in the September '09 e-News brought back some great memories of Parsons. Thank you for the opportunity to relive those days of 40 plus years ago. Sometimes it feels like just yesterday when: Marcia Wallace was at the DZ (Delta Zeta) house; (George) Veselka was playing pitch (cards) on the front porch of the PSE house; Blackie quarterbacking the 'flag football' team; and WTBA co-founders, like Steve Stans, living at the downtown (Leggett) hotel. Good memories, good people... thanks again.

**Dick Todd '65** ([skiptodd@embarqmail.com](mailto:skiptodd@embarqmail.com))

I will write a poem for the newsletter. I was really impressed by the Robert Scott write-up. We were biology and chemistry classmates in 1961-62. He was the first African-American I ever knew personally – being from Mason City, IA, I was sheltered.

**Jim Hale '62** ([jph31939@yahoo.com](mailto:jph31939@yahoo.com))

*(Editor's Note: Currently Jim Hale is living out a dream, traveling the country from coast to coast in a motorhome, surrounding himself with beauty each day and documenting his travels. If you would like to read of his experiences you may do so by going to: [jppisontheroad.blogspot.com](http://jppisontheroad.blogspot.com))*

Congratulations!!! What a GREAT newsletter. It is absolutely terrific. Parsons alums should be quite proud that we have remained in touch. All the best.

**Larry Litwin '67** ([larry@larrylitwin.com](mailto:larry@larrylitwin.com))

Thanks to the Parsons eNewsletter, I have been able to make contact with my college friend Greg Wanamaker who I have not seen since 1962 or '63. I greatly appreciate your help and the help of the readers of the newsletter. Thank you! Go Wildcats!!!

**Pat Gilpin '61** ([PJGilpin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:PJGilpin@sbcglobal.net))

Thanks for sending the newsletter, I appreciate reading it. Please change my email as submitted within this note.

**George Veselka '65** ([pupper24@yahoo.com](mailto:pupper24@yahoo.com))

Thanks for the great newsletter!!

**Niles "Norton Wheelstand" Wheeler PC/WTBA '67**  
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# ***IN MEMORIAM...***

## ***Dr. Kenneth Millsap PC '47-50's faculty...***

Dr. Millsap of Iowa City, and a former Parsons faculty member, died peacefully July 24, 2009 at Hills Atrium Village in Hills, IA. Dr. Millsap grew up in Bloomfield, IA, went to the University of Iowa, earned a BA degree in Social Studies and received a masters, and Ph.D in political science. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Dr. Millsap married Florence Elizabeth Eden in 1942 and launched his teaching career at Parsons College in 1947. After a brief absence while working at the State Historical Society of Iowa, he returned to Parsons in 1952 and became Professor of Political Science and Director of the Mid-American Foundation. Dr. Millsap's teaching assignments included stops at Michigan State University, Cal State University at Long Beach, Denver University, Iowa State and the University of Iowa. He retired from teaching in 1982, but continued serving in a number of local and civic capacities, including Iowa City Clerk, Assistant City Manager and Commissioner of Elections. Dr. Millsap's funeral services were handled by Gay & Ciha Funeral Service of Iowa City. He was buried with military honors...

## ***Hardy Stewart PC '60's administration...***

W. Hardy Stewart passed away October 17, 2009 with family by his side after a four year battle with cancer. The Westford, MA resident was 68 years old. Following his graduation from Parsons, Hardy immediately went to work for the college as an admissions recruiter. He later moved onto Boston and became Director of Admissions at Fisher College. Hardy, who was born in Centerville, MA, then switched over to the American Management Association in the late 1970's where he went into educational publishing and marketing. Following his marriage to Cathleen, who he met in California, his career path took an abrupt 360 and he joined the Raytheon Corporation as a consultant on the SAVAM Project in the Brazilian Amazon region. This project led to a permanent position on the JLENS test team at Raytheon where he was a valuable and loved contributor. Hardy served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era and is survived by his wife, Cathleen, two children and four grandchildren. The Acton, Boyle Brothers, Martin & Doran Funeral group handled funeral arrangements...

## ***William A. Healey PC '64...***

Bill Healey, 67, of Marlborough, MA died September 22, 2009, from injuries received in a bicycling accident in Cape Cod, according to reports posted on Tributes.com. The very popular and athletic Parsons grad and Where the Boys Are member, was born in Newark, NJ and graduated from New Providence High School. A Marlborough resident since 1984, he had recently retired from a 32 year career at IBM Corporation, which included stops in St. Louis and Dallas, on the way to Boston. Just several months ago Bill attended a Parsons WTBA gathering in Lake George, NY where he reconnected with many of his old friends. WTBA friend Paul Garrison, who attended the event concluded, "I can honestly say, I believe he was as happy a man as any I have ever known. As Heals stood out in everything he did in life, so did he in WTBA. Heals was full of life, no indication of any ill health, as laughter and tears of joy ran wild." Following his 1964 graduation from Parsons with a BS degree in mathematics, Bill earned a master degree from Southern Illinois University. He is survived by his wife, Leslie Perez Healey, two sons and one grandson. Funeral arrangements were handled by Slattery Funeral Home of Marlborough, MA...

## ***Paul T. Conboy PC '65...***

Paul lost his valiant battle to cancer and passed away October 6, 2009. He graduated Parsons in 1965, married college sweetheart, Kathy Kensinger, then moved onto a career in personnel and human resources. Recently, Paul, 67, who was a beloved member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity, joined a group of Parsons friends for a weekend in Mercer, PA. A close friend reported, "Paul used every ounce of energy he had left to make that trip, and despite the joy of being with friends, he was in constant pain. Upon returning to Atlanta, he went directly to hospice and died 16 days after that reunion." Paul's career started with All-State Insurance in Skokie, IL. Then he jumped to the east coast, working as a consultant in Manhattan, while living in the beautiful town of Sparta, NJ. But an opportunity to become Director of Human Resources with Sea-Land Shipping & Trucking Corp was too much to pass up. Several years later, after a stop in Charlotte, NC, Traylor-Bridge Inc called, and Paul became their VP of Human Resources in Jacksonville, FL. After retirement, he worked part time for the Lakeside Pharmacy and lived in Gainesville, GA. Friends added, "Paul was an impact guy, a master of communications, and a sincere and genuine man." He is survived by ex-wife Kathy, two children, four grandchildren and dear friend Lynette Misner Hughes. An Irish Wake and funeral were held at Byars Funeral Home of Cumming, GA...

# ***IN MEMORIAM...***

## ***John P. Genkinger PC '69...***

John virtually spent his entire life in southeast Iowa. He was born in Washington, IA, educated and worked in Fairfield, and lived in Mt. Pleasant. John passed away suddenly on September 16, 2009 at the age of 64. Following graduation from Fairfield High School, he enrolled at Parsons College and graduated in 1969. For the next seven years he taught English and coached at both Winfield and Fairfield High Schools. In 1976, John went to work for 20/20 Place and became the first licensed optician in the state of Iowa. And in 1989, he opened his own optical business – Eyeowa Optical – in Fairfield where he dedicated himself to providing pleasant and thoughtful service to all. John will be remembered for his sense of humor, passion for education and his generous giving spirit. Although residing in Mt. Pleasant, John was a member of Fairfield's First Lutheran Church and volunteered much of his time to various organizations in the Greater Jefferson County area. He is survived by his wife Claudia (Weston) of 40 years, three children and six grandchildren. Behner Funeral Home & Crematory of Fairfield handled the funeral services...

## ***Claryn "Red" Glewen PC '61...***

E-News has learned that Red Glewen, 70, passed away May 23, 2009, following a lengthy four year battle with cancer. Red was a country boy who grew up on a farm in Wisconsin. Except for his years in college in lived in the Beaver Dam area of Wisconsin. Red attended Parsons College where he was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity and graduated in 1961. Following Parsons, he went directly to Winona State University and earned a master's degree in elementary administration. Upon returning to Beaver Dam, Red posted a 37 year career as a teacher and principal. He devoted his life toward education and serving his community. Red went to nearby Waupun High School, married wife Helen (Fisher) in 1961 (47 years), and was most happy when enjoying the outdoor activities of working his garden, hunting, fishing and baseball. In addition to wife Helen, Red is survived by one son, two daughters and nine grandchildren. The family was served by the Koepsell Funeral Home of Beaver Dam...

## ***Fred B. Hunt PC '64-'65...***

The popular Fred Hunt, 64, of Fairfield, passed away at his summer home in Minocqua, WI on September 7, 2009 after battling cancer for five years. Fred was born and raised in Fairfield, went to Fairfield High School, and spent a brief time at Parsons College before going onto University of Iowa where he graduated. He was a member of the Iowa National Guard and attained the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. After college, Fred went to work with his dad at the Fairfield Line and later became President and Chairman before retiring due to illness. He was an accomplished pilot, a member of the Fairfield Golf & Country Club, Walton Club, Minocqua Country Club and the Elks. Fred still holds the record for low (golf) score at Walton Club and was most proud of his several holes-in-one. He married Barbara Dyer in 1972, has two daughters and a grandson. Information regarding funeral arrangements was unavailable...

## ***Dr. Robert C. Scott III PC '63...***

Dr. Scott had his bags packed and was virtually on his way to Fairfield to be inducted onto the Parsons College Wall of Honor when he experienced breathing problems. He went to the hospital and five days later died (October 8, 2009) of pulmonary embolism. Dr. Scott, 65, had not been back to Fairfield since graduation and was enthusiastically looking forward to the trip. Bob Scott, who was born in Chicago, made the most of his Parsons education, continued to build on it, and became a nationally and internationally recognized doctor and authority on HIV/AIDS virus. After a short stint teaching at Laney College in California, he attended UCSF in pursuit of a medical degree. He completed med-school, did his residency at Stanford University School of Medicine and started his own practice in the Oakland, CA. Dr. Scott had over 2,000 patients, 400 of which were treated for HIV/AIDS. He was the only physician in Oakland specializing in the treatment and research of HIV/AIDS and he co-founded and co-chaired the Aids Project of the East Bay. In 2003, Dr Scott went worldwide, and received a medical license to practice in Zimbabwe, South Africa, where he traveled three times a year. He was also a noted speaker, publicist and authority on the illness and will be missed by thousands. Bob Scott never forgot Parsons College. In a recent conversation, he said, "Clearly, Parsons got me started. The fellowship of classmates and the devoted and dedicated teachings of the faculty paved the way for all that's happened to me. For that I shall be eternally grateful." We are proud to have Dr. Scott on the Parsons Wall of Honor. Dr. Scott is survived by his partner of 22 years, Lamont Nickens, his son, and a former foster son. Funeral arrangements were handled by C. P. Bannon Mortuary, Oakland, CA...

# ***IN MEMORIAM...***

## ***Max D. Strang PC '55-'57...***

Max died November 12, 2009 at University Hospital in Iowa City. He was 71 years old. Max was born and raised in Jefferson County and spent most of his later years living in Milton and Cantril before moving to Solon, IA. He attended Parsons in the mid-1950's and was affiliated with Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity prior to finishing his education at Western Illinois University in Macomb. Max taught school in West Burlington and worked at the Burlington and Milton Post Offices and was very active within the community. He served as president of the Iowa Rural Letter Carriers Association, was fire chief of Milton, and also served on the Milton and Cantril city councils. Other activities included, the Lions Club, Cantril Grass Roots organization and active participation in a Fairfield Camping Club. Max is survived by his wife Yvonne (Crist) of 51 years, two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were handled by Pedrick Funeral Home in Keosauqua and internment was at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Cantril, IA...

## ***Roger P. Jensen PC '61...***

Roger of Council Bluffs, IA passed away November 20, 2009 after a long illness. He was born in Council Bluffs and virtually spent his entire life in the CB/Omaha, NE area. Roger, age 70, attended Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs and graduated in 1957. He went onto Parsons College in Fairfield and received his bachelors of arts (BA) degree in 1961. While at Parsons, easy-going Roger was an active member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He spent most of his working career in real estate and became a broker. Roger excelled in the field of real estate and became co-owner of Jensen & Jensen Real Estate and was also a past president of the Council Bluffs Board of Realtors. He is survived by two sons, a daughter-in-law, one granddaughter and two brothers. Younger brother Craig followed Roger's footsteps to Parsons and Tau Kappa Epsilon. A memorial service was held November 25, 2009 and the Cutler-O'Neill Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home & Crematory of Council Bluffs handled the funeral arrangements for the family...

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