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SARAH
- GREAT JOB
THANKS
- Dan E. Rocco

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Refrigerator Bowl Newsletter

We thought it might be time for a little update on happenings with the Refrigerator Bowl Team and Western's campus.

New Year's Eve Party

A great time was had at Arnie and Sue's New Year's Eve Party. Elmer, Feix, Goodman, Newcom, Nutter, Paterson, Passafiume, Price, Sauer, Worley and their spouses joined Arnie and Sue at their house. Max called to make sure everyone was still awake which seemed to be the biggest challenge as it was way past most guys bed times. Pictures will be in the team's album.

Roster Change

Max is getting his mail at 1958 Chesapeake Ridge (zip 32547) now instead of the PO Box. Rah-Rah Sauer has moved "off the farm" and closer to town: 4206 Patterson Ct, still in Jeffersontown with the same zip. Although he wasn't on the Refrigerator Bowl Team, (lettered in '53-'56) some of you on the '52 team will remember Bill Strawn. Ploumis has provided Bill's information and several of the guys have called him. He could use an expression of concern and love from his former teammates. You might check with Botts or Greek if you're not familiar with Bill's situation: 6401 W. Dormany Rd., Plant City, FL 33565 (813) 986-5417.

A Couple of Sad Notes

Jim Pickens, a senior when many of the Refrigerator Bowl players were freshmen, has been diagnosed with Amyothohic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. He's been given 18 months

to live since diagnosis in January. He has a great positive attitude. We're certain he'd be happy to hear a word of thoughtfulness and encouragement: 1231 Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, KY 42103 (270) 843-9749.

Also, those who were here in 1949 will remember Louis (Bull) Snider, the short stocky guard from Louisville Male. Gene Rheads called to report Bull's passing Jan. 7. He had been in Decatur, Ala., for about 25 years and was brought back to Louisville.

1950 Football Team Reunion

Butch Gilbert is heading up an Alumni W-Club project to have the 50th Anniversary Reunion of the 1950 Football Team at Homecoming. Be looking for that notice. Hope those who were here in '50 can come. We will always have a reserved place and special recognition for the Refrigerator Bowl Team at the W-Club's Homecoming Brunch, so plan to attend Homecoming Oct. 14th. We play Tenn. Tech. And we sill owe them some interest on their '52 "offsides game" with us.

Whitey in ALUMNI magazine

We hope you caught the article in the winter issue of the ALUMNI magazine and the great story on Whitey, "Changing the World One Cartoon at a Time." It recounts Whitey's "road to fame" and he gives his long friendship with the '52 Team as his fondest memory. The article reports Whitey's field goal kicking experiences and shows a couple of his drawings. We'll have it with the picture album at our next get-to-gethers.

This and That

Word is that "Big Ed" Worley lost 20 lbs. on Muggs Nutter's Protein Diet -- WOW !! "Chowhound" Eimer spent the last two weeks of February playing golf in Florida; he fled that Ohio snow. Botts Feix went the other direction with a week in Milwaukee - 6 1/2" of snow; Whitey doesn't miss that at all. "Spook" Bilyeu was sighted at a Bowling Green High School Alumni Lunch. His 1950 class is having their 50th reunion on Sept. 21; Frankie Feix was also a member of that class. In addition to a special night at a recent basketball game for Jim Pickens, the Intramural-Recreational Sports Department had a tribute to Jim and Coach Griffen. "Cleats" was WKU's first intramural director when he started the program in 1946. We all remember the popcorn machine he operated in the lobby at basketball games. That's how he financed the program. Two very attractive plaques have been placed in the Preston Health & Activities Center with Jim's and Frank's likeness. You'll want to drop in and see them the next time you're on campus.

2000 Football Schedule

Coach Harbaugh had a fine recruiting season. He signed 22 recruits the first day. Spring practice is March 23-April 7. The 2000 schedule:

- Sept. 2 open
- Sept. 9 UT Martin, 7 p.m., Hall of Fame Game, Luncheon at 12 p.m.
- Sept. 16 open
- Sept. 23 at SEMO
- Sept. 30 at Murray
- Oct. 7 ECU, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 14 Tenn. Tech., 4 p.m., Homecoming W-Club Lunch at 11 a.m.
- Oct. 21 at Tenn. State
- Oct. 28 Eastern Ill.
- Nov. 4 at S. Florida
- Nov. 11 Indiana State, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 18 SIU, 1 p.m.

And Finally...

The next major WKU Alumni Association event that could be used as a basis for a team get together is "A Day at the Races" sponsored by the Greater Louisville WKU Alumni Association at Churchill Downs. It's an outstanding affair where one level of the clubhouse is reserved for Western. This year's event is Saturday, May 27 with post time at 1 p.m. Max and some out-of-town teammates have asked about the event, so the WKU Alumni Association will mail each teammate on the Refrigerator Bowl mailing roster information about the event, tickets and reservations. It'd be a great time to visit and cash some tickets (or by hay for the horses). Arnie and Guyibo always have some hot tips and come out ahead. Hope to see you then and at Homecoming.

Keep in Touch

Please let us know of things that are happening with you and yours. We're all anxious to keep up with one another. Contact Botts, Bubber, Muggs or Spook -- or call the WKU Alumni Association at 1-888-WKU-ALUM so we can pass the word.

