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**Birdleg’s Induction**

And a great time was had by all!! A good group of teammates and spouses were on hand to celebrate Max Stevens’ induction into WKU’s Athletics Hall of Fame. “Birdlegs” was accompanied by Rae, their daughter, Kelli, and, the star of the show, 8 year-old granddaughter, Sierra. When Regina Satterly couldn’t rearrange a previous commitment, she asked her son, Todd, to represent her and Marvin. Joining Todd and his family, in honoring Max were Bobby and Betty Bilyeu, Bob Eimer, Jimmy and Frankie Feix, Warren Mahan, Guy and Pat Newcom, Ray and Jean Nutter, Arnie and Sue Oaken, Tom and Emmie Paterson (Keg Head’s name has just one “T”), Jerry and Myrtle Passafiume, Bill Ploominis, Williard and Pat Price, Bill and Joyce Sanders, Robert and Pat Simpson, Elliot Sydnor, Willie and Joyce Watson, and Ed Worley.

**Roster Change**

The only other roster change (besides spelling Keg Head’s name with one “T”) is Dave Patton’s address. Dave and Suzy stopped in to see Helen & Jim Phifer and Helen shared Dave’s location. They live at 66 Eldorado Dr., Little Rock, AR 72212. Their phone number is (501) 225-0190. They couldn’t get back to the Hall of Fame, but are looking forward to the team’s next get-together. We will have the 50th Anniversary of the Refrigerator Bowl Team at Homecoming 2002. There will be other events that will get the team together from time to time.

**#66 Retired**

The University, in a half-time Ceremony at Homecoming retired “Botts” Feix #66 jersey. Last year's All-American Quarterback, Willie Taggart, also had his jersey #1 retired. This ceremony honored WKU’s first and most recent football All-Americans, as they were the first jerseys ever retired by the University. Congrats “Botts” your offensive line is proud of you, and Botts says, they share in the honor.
Go Get’em John

Word comes from an alumnus in the Washington DC area whose friend told him that John Sowders, (“As he nears 70”, the guy said) is still playing in a senior softball league. He’s leading the league in batting average, and his team in home runs and RBI’s. He’s shooting mid-80’s regularly in golf. His son-in-law told this friend that if John could find a football league, he’d probably step it on again and give it a go. Go Get’em John!

Coach Clayton Honored

Dero Downing sent “Whitey”, “Botts”, and “Butch” Gilbert a copy of an article from a paper in Louisiana about an honor at Northwestern (LA) State University for Coach Clayton. The Jack Clayton Plaza was dedicated and contains a figurehead statue of Coach Clayton, and the schedule and scores of his 1966 National Championship team. A copy of the article will be placed in the ’52 team’s scrapbook/photo album and shared at team members gatherings. Mrs. Clayton’s address remains: Mrs. Nellie Clayton, 5015 East Highway 80, Haughton, Louisiana 71037.

Loss of a Teammate

The Refrigerator Bowl Team extends it’s deepest sympathies to the family of Monic Beard who passed away December 1 at Vanderbilt Medical Center. After a diagnosis of leukemia earlier this fall. Monic was a strong fan and vocal supporter of the football teams all during his years on the Hill.

Reminder

Keep the team updated on what’s happening with you and other teammates by calling or writing your alumni office or “Botts,” “Bubber,” “Muggs,” or “Spook” and we’ll spread the word. Best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas