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Several teammates and spouses gathered for the annual New Year’s Eve party at Sue and Arnie Oaken’s: Spook and Betty, Botts and Frankie, Guybo and Pat, Keg Head and Emmie, Passey and Myrtle, Will and Pat, Rah-Rah and Charlene and Big Ed and Carole.

Muggs and Jean had to cancel because Jean had a pacemaker implanted just before New Year’s. Greek had also planned to attend, but snow closed La Guardia Airport on him. Though Goodie is doing okay, it was just too cold for Pat and him to get out. The frigid air makes it just that much harder for him to breathe.

**Notes from the Grid Iron...rusty but not broken**

* Ploumis called Guybo recently with plans to attend Derby Day
* Apperson called Botts about a football prospect. He sent some video and recommendations for Coach Harbaugh to review.
* Walt is doing fine and considering retiring soon. He said to definitely put him down for the team’s 50-year anniversary meeting at Homecoming 2002.
* Seems like we’ve had a pretty good “health year”. Spook had a little scare with a congestive heart problem, but he’s fine now (he has lost about 30 pounds).
* Rah-Rah had Coach Harbaugh up to speak at Louisville’s Sportsman’s Supper Club. George is one of the club’s directors. Botts went up to introduce Coach Harbaugh and Western was able to get some good exposure.
* Word from Florida is a sighting of some “Team-Wives” on a “Ladies Night Out”.
* J. Sanders, P. Goodman, P. Price, and R. Satterly had a get-together.
* Joyce is still working with the Manatees and “Kept-Man” Sanders is booked up playing some “gigs”.
* Whitey and Joyce celebrate 46 years of married bliss (Whitey says) this month.
* Pat and Bubber’s oldest (Tim), a professional opera tenor, performed at a sold-out concert at Bowling Green’s convention center
* Max and Raye have an eastern Caribbean cruise planned
* Tubby sold his business and is going to have an office at home. His e-mail is provided.
* Word from Country Jim’s son, Joe, who is in Dallas, is that C.J.’s now in an assistant living home in Signal Mountain, TN located just a few miles NW of Chattanooga...Helen’s able to be there everyday.
* Congratulations to Guybo (and Pat) on his election to Clarksville (IN) High School Hall of Fame. Guybo started football there in 1961. Not only did he win that first game, he won 120 from 1961-1978.
* Gary Kelley (HS ‘60-’63) BS ‘64 passed away on 2/28/01 in Lexington, KY
We haven't had too much "movin-around", but thought you might could use a new roster. If any of you have e-mail addresses, let Botts or Bubber know and we'll share them. The few we know have been added to the address roster.

You might want to check out a couple of WKU Athletics web sites:

www.wkusports.com
www.hilltopperhaven.com

Goodman, Joe (Goodie) (Pat)
Louisville, KY 40219

Griffin, Frank (Assistant Coach)
Deceased

Gunnell, Jim
Deceased

Hale, Jimmy

Chattanooga, TN 37411

Hardy, Joe
Deceased

Hayes, Wiley Buchanan (Bucky)

Holzknecht, Ronnie

Louisville, KY 40222

Hudgins, Ken

East Ridge, TN 37412

Jenkins, William (Bill)

Indianapolis, IN 46227

Mahan, Warren (Tubby) (Erica)

Yarmouth, ME 04096

McFadden, Gene (Knotty)
Deceased

Nassano, Gerald (Jerry)

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As you know, WKU begins a new conference schedule as a member of the Gateway Conference this fall.

The 2001 Football Schedule

Aug. 30 (Thurs.)@Western Illinois
Sept. 1 - Open
Sept. 8 - Kentucky State @ 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 15@University of Wisconsin-Madison
Sept. 22 - Southwest Missouri (Parent’s Day) 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 29@Illinois State
Oct. 6 - Elon - 5:00 p.m.
Oct. 13@Indiana State
Oct. 20 - McNeese State - 4:00 p.m. - Homecoming
   “W” Club Brunch - 11:00 a.m.
Oct. 27@Youngstown State
   Nov. 3 - Open
Nov. 10 - Northern Iowa - 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 17 - South Florida - 1:00 p.m.

Let one of the local teammates know of your plans for Homecoming and we’ll spread the word. Maybe we can have a good group for a get together. We can plan something for Friday and Saturday nights if we hear from you.

Keep in touch through Botts, Bubber, Muggs and Spook about “What Are You Doing?!” The news about the team can be passed along. Hope 2001 got off to a rousing start these first two months. Love and Godspeed.

Go Tops!