



## More Happenings

In the January newsletter we mentioned **Les Keiter's** admittance to the Big Five Basketball Hall of fame, and we touched on Keiter's memorable broadcast when there was a bomb scare at the Palestra. Channel 10 had two news crews present and one included Cinematographer **Charles Gindhart** who was using an Auricon SOF camera on a body brace. Les may not have been acquainted with the equipment when Charles walked down the center of the basketball court to document the empty floor as well as the fans who were quickly moving to the exits. He says they were later told that Keiter had exclaimed, "I see the Philadelphia Police Department's bomb disposal unit has arrived with a Geiger

counter and is checking out the area for the suspected explosive." Gindhart says he's done a lot of interesting things in his life—but bomb disposal was not one of them. With Charles in the intrepid group from CAU were **Ed Gannon**, producer, **Ed Tydenski**, camera, and audio with **Ralph Rodio** and **Bill Ludes**.

Our website, [www.broadcastpioneers.com](http://www.broadcastpioneers.com), continues to touch a wide variety of people. We have received an e-mail from **Wes Rodgers**, son of **Tom Rodgers** who worked at KYW Radio, WPTZ and WFIL. There is audio of Tom on the website. Tom was with WFIL Radio news in the

60's and went to ABC-TV news for a number of years, dying suddenly on his birthday, May 21, 1973, at age 58. Wes Rodgers works as an investigative reporter in Colorado Springs, CO. You may contact him at [west-patriot@msn.com](mailto:west-patriot@msn.com) or phone 719-661-1728.

Another letter to the website is from **Lisa (Zompa) Nietupski** who was with Al and **Stella Alberts** on the **Al Alberts Showcase** on Channel 6 from 1976 to 1980. She says that Al taught her not to fear a camera and to have self confidence. The lessons served her well as she is now in her 20th year of television news.

## And More

Welcome new members: **Jim Nettleton** of JayNet Communications in Cherry Hill who has 44 years in the business. Jim will be remembered as one of the original Boss Radio Jocks in the 60's and 70's on WFIL, and then at WCAU-FM, WUSL, WPEN, WSNI, and now does voice tracks from home and free lancing. Ronald Joseph 'RJ,' president of RJ Productions, has over 50 years in broadcasting with many stations in Philadelphia, New York and San Francisco in his credits. **Ed Klein** who is currently with WPEN in Philadelphia has been in the business almost 40 years and is semi retired. We hope all our new members can soon join us for lunch.

**John Brown** recently spent some time at Widner Memorial School for Disabled Children. As a former student K through 3rd grade, he was given a tour by the school's principal. He also had a chance to speak to students about being in radio and weather forecasting. What an inspiration he must be to the kids! He will also be helping to put together a school radio station so the kids can practice during the two lunch periods. On May 21 John will take part in Widner Day, a day where students and their parents get together for some fun. His part will be to meet with parents and talk to students.

"Id' rather have a  
German division in front  
of me, than a French  
Division behind me."

General George S. Patton

## And.....

Just a couple of quick takes about ailing members. **John Beaty** informs us that Board member **Austin Culmer** broke his hip in a fall at a hardware store, of all places. He is in therapy. **Gerry Wilkinson** says **Herb Clarke** had a bad March. He had hernia surgery, then a bad cold. He was probably back at it through for an appearance at LaSalle University Career Night, probably recruiting for our Future Broadcast Pioneers. **Ed Sciaky** is slowly recovering and may be home when you read this. He was allowed to leave the re-

hab to do his WMGK show live at the studios. Recording artist Little Steven sent a limo so Ed could attend the Bruce Springsteen concert in Atlantic City. **Chief Traynor Halftown** is now 85 and he and Margaret live near their children who work in Atlantic City. The Chief's health has not been good for a number of years. He is on dialysis three days a week and recently was in the hospital being treated for circulation problems in his toes. **Sally Starr's** health on the other hand is great. She has turned 80, but feels 45 or 50, and looks it. She can

still be seen at openings, closings and conventions. Go Sally.

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