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Colleagues,

Elon Torrence is my most-senior Facebook friend, and when the retired Topeka AP newsman celebrated his 97th birthday this past weekend, I saw this post from his daughter **Mary Torrence** that I thought I would share:

"This week marks my dad's 97th birthday.

Dad was sports editor of the University Daily Kansan when he was in college. He has stories of interviewing and traveling with Phog Allen. He's been an avid KU fan his entire life. I remember as a little girl seeing Clyde Lovellette one time when I was with Dad, which I guess dates me.

Mom and Dad were married on Saint Patrick's Day in 1945. Dad was in the Army Air Corps at the time and tells about hitchhiking by air and land to get to Topeka barely in time for the wedding.

As a reporter for the Associated Press, Dad reported the Clutter murder trial and tells about meeting Truman Capote and his assistant, Nell. She later became famous as the author of To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee. He also reported the 1966 Topeka tornado and has an interesting story about difficulties getting the story out when there was no electrical or telephone service.

Dad has always been an astute observer of politics, particularly state politics, as he reported on the Kansas

legislature for many years. However, one time he projected a national presidential win several years before the candidate was known nationally. In that instance, he handed me an article from a national magazine and said "this guy is going to be president someday." The article was about Barak Obama.

I am proud of my dad. I am richly blessed to have him as my father and to have had him all these years."

The party for Elon was attended by 26 people, including Elon's wife **Polly**, 93, three of their children and their spouses, three grandchildren and their spouses and four great grandchildren. Polly's brother and his family also were there. The refreshments were birthday cake and ice cream. Here is a photo of Elon, taken by daughter **Carol**, wearing his KU colors.



State of the Union and AP coverage

From **Mike Allen's Politico Playbook** this morning:

STORY OF THE DAY -- "A tired tradition? Defining the union in a word," by AP's Nancy Benac: "Is 'strong' losing its strength? Presidents of both parties have long felt compelled to sum up the state of the union with a descriptive word or two in their State of the Union addresses. Mostly the same word. For many years now, 'strong' has been the go-to adjective. Here's President Barack Obama last year: ... '[T]he State of the Union is stronger.' In the earlier years, he went with 'getting stronger' or just plain 'strong.' George W. Bush liked the one-two punch of 'confident and strong.' His president-dad, George H.W. Bush, paired up 'sound and strong' in 1990. Bill Clinton in 2000 promoted the union to 'the strongest it has ever been.' ...

"A look at how some presidents past have defined the state of the union: ... FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, 1943: 'The state of this nation is good ... HARRY TRUMAN, 1949: ... '[T]he state of the union is good.' ... GERALD FORD, 1975: 'I must say to you that the state of the union is not good.' ... RONALD REAGAN, 1982: 'In the near future the state of the union and the economy will be better -- much better -- if we summon the strength to continue on the course that we've charted.'" <http://goo.gl/ui41ei>

AP'S PLANS FOR TONIGHT: "State of Union, the main story ... State of Union-Analysis ... State of Union-Fact Check ... State of Union-Color ... State of Union-GOP Response ... State of Union-Quotes ... State of Union-Excerpts ... State of Union-Highlights ... State of Union-Text ... Photos will be filed directly from the House chamber by several photographers."

Stories of interest...

Winter Games style guide distributed by AP

<http://www.ap.org/Content/Press-Release/2014/Winter-games-style-guide-distributed-by-AP>

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Battle of the brands: A newspaper war in New Orleans

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2014/01/27/new-orleans-newspaper-war/4580561/>

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ProPublica's Richard Tofel: 'Our mission is to end abuses of power'

<http://www.theguardian.com/media/2014/jan/26/propublica-richard-tofel-investigative-journalism>

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California Denies Scorned Journalist Stephen Glass Right to Practice Law

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/28/business/media/california-denies-scorned-journalist-stephen-glass-right-to-practice-law.html?hp>

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Offbeat obit honors a full-throttle dad

http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/pulaski_county/article_7bae5f1c-86f3-11e3-a20a-001a4bcf6878.html?mode=jqm

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SF Chronicle plans incubator to deal with new challenges (Mark Mittelstadt)

http://www.pbs.org/mediashift/2014/01/sf-chronicle-launches-incubator-2/?utm_campaign=Feed%3A+pbs%2Fmediashift-blog+%28mediashift-blog%29&utm_medium=feed&utm_source=feedburner

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UK Newspaper Chain Follows in Sun Times Footsteps, Shuttters All Photographer Jobs (Bob Daugherty)

<http://petapixel.com/2014/01/27/uk-newspaper-chain-follows-sun-times-footsteps-shuttters-photographer->

jobs/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+PetaPixel+%28PetaPixel%29

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Facebook Is Seeking "Editors" for News App

<http://recode.net/2014/01/27/facebook-is-seeking-editors-for-news-app/>

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Confluence of ethics matters (Bob Daugherty)

<http://blogs.nppa.org/ethics/2014/01/25/confluence-of-ethics-matters/>

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Nielsen: Internet Display Advertising Grew 32% In 2013, But It's Still Only 4.5% Of Spend Vs. TV At 57.6%

<http://techcrunch.com/2014/01/27/nielsen-internet-advertising-grew-32-in-2013-but-its-still-only-4-5-of-spend-vs-tv-at-57-6/>

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Hartford Courant seeks revenue as spinoff saps finances

<http://m.hartfordbusiness.com/article/20140127/PRINTEDITION/301249968>

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