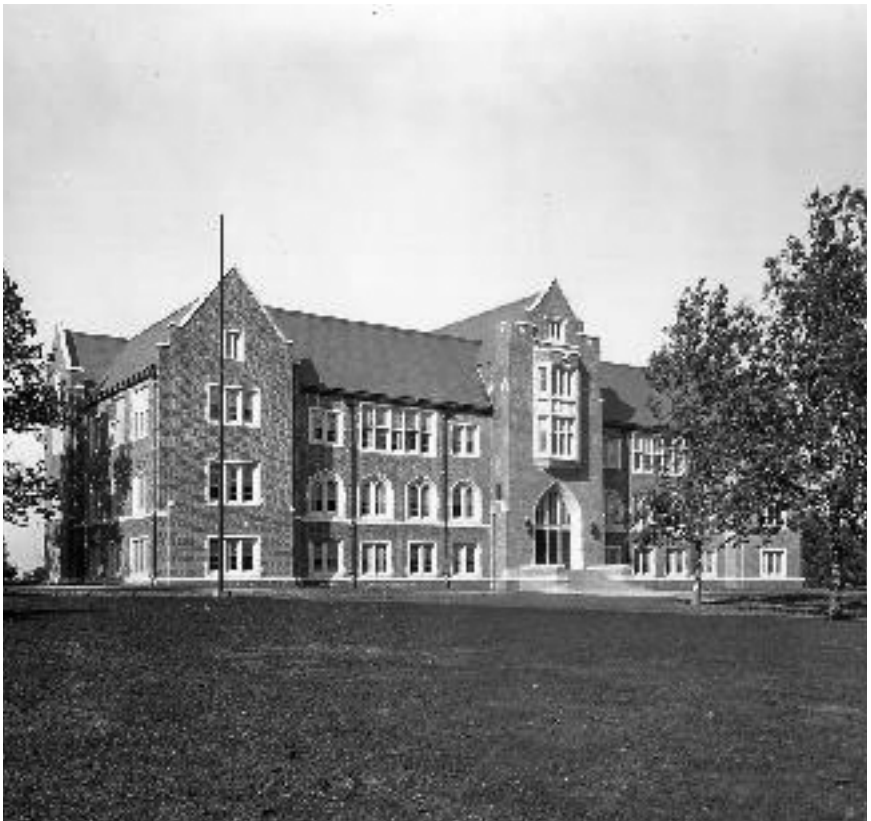


# The Phoenix



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**TCAA LEASES  
RANKIN HALL...  
RE-DEDICATION  
ALUMNI WEEKEND  
2012, JUNE 15-17**

## A New Beginning—A letter from your president

It is such a good feeling to bring the alumni the good news that we have finally come to terms and executed a lease of Rankin Hall. This effort has not come without the hard work and efforts of your TCAA board. I believe this will allow our alumni association an opportunity to promote our association and the legacy of Tarkio College.

With the execution of the lease, TCAA can now move forward in utilizing Rankin Hall for our benefit. We intend to move our memorabilia there soon. There will be further promotion of our goal of providing a facility to allow “continuing education” opportunities to be held at Rankin. This will allow Tarkio College to once again be a type of educational institution. Board members Bob Hughes and Linda Brunk Smith helped push the lease preparation and execution. Many hours were spent on this endeavor.

We must recognize the Heartland Educational Institute, the current owners of the campus, for their work and willingness to negotiate this opportunity.

What comes next? Fundraising will be a critical piece to our mission of advancing this effort to the next phase. We hope to raise sufficient funding in the near future to make some much need repairs and upgrades to Rankin in order to better utilize the class rooms and offices.

The clean-up effort held last August was a great success. Those that attended and worked did a great job in the time afforded them. I appreciated the community support and interest our activities promoted about the campus. We will be working again soon.

As a former resident of Tarkio, and appreciative alum of Tarkio College, I feel very proud to be a part of this alumni association. I feel we can grow support for our association and our goals of continuing the legacy of Tarkio College. The board realizes that Tarkio College will likely not be a 4-year institution again, but it can be an entity that remains involved in the promotion and facilitation of education. If we can achieve that, we are continuing the legacy of Tarkio College.

I would also encourage you all to attend the alumni weekend June 15-17 as we will be holding a special dedication ceremony for Rankin Hall.

Thank you all and I would encourage each alum to contact other alums and ask for support. The fundraising campaign will be for an actual project. The physical control of Rankin Hall has been attained.

Now, let's move forward.

Set Fire!!

Farliegh “Joe” Farley ‘81

## MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Cecil “Skeeter” Claytor ‘76

Cecil transferred to Tarkio College in 1974 from the College of Emporia. He played football for TC and graduated in 1976 with a degree in American History.

After graduation from Tarkio, he worked as a radio announcer until 1981 when he was selected as an air traffic controller, attended and graduated from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center (MMAC Oklahoma City) in 1982 and over the next 30 years he has worked at Norfolk (orf), Virginia Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) 1982, Poughkeepsie (POU) ATCT 1982-1985, Newark (EWR) NJ, ATCT 1985-1994, LaGuardia (LGA) NY ATCT as a supervisor 1994-1998, Eastern Region (AEA) as an operations support specialist for the east coast 1998-2000, FARMINGDALE (FRG) ATCT as the air traffic manager 2000-2009, JFK ATCT 2009-2010, and currently employed as a terminal air traffic control instructor in Oklahoma City at the MMAC and he lives in Yukon, Oklahoma. He is a divorced father of a 22 year old son, William Samuel Thomas Rumsey Claytor and a 13 year old daughter, Ryan Miranda King-Claytor.

We welcome Skeeter to the on-going work of the Board.

# Letter from the President of Tarkio College

## *Friends and Alums,*

Rising like a Phoenix, Tarkio College is born-again! Once again Tarkio College will provide educational services and will do so from our beloved Rankin Hall. This is NOT the Tarkio College founded by David Rankin, rather this is the new Tarkio College, founded by loyal and dedicated individuals who benefited from the hard work of David Rankin and others and have returned to restore the dignity and name of Tarkio College. This short article will attempt to share with you the vision and purpose, but I make myself available to talk with any organization, friend and/or alum who desires a fuller understanding.

Unlike the four year liberal arts academic institution that once was Tarkio College, the new college will begin operations by focusing on professionals who are mandated to acquire continuing education credits by various state agencies, licensing boards or accrediting agencies. In each state, county, city, township and/or municipality in the United States there are individuals performing tasks which require a high level of knowledge and have a need to stay current in whatever field of endeavor they are involved. Tarkio College plans to become a national provider of continuing education and is able to accomplish this mission because of the advancements in communications and technology. Education and training will be available at locations throughout the United States and on-site, at Rankin Hall, through traditional seminars and on-line, either through static programming or active participation, referred to as webinars. Simply, Tarkio College will begin operations providing education and training to those who need continuing education credits, but not academic credits, at this time.

The Alumni Association's lease covers Rankin Hall and the land surrounding the building. Within these hallowed halls will exist a new and improved museum to display the glorious history of Tarkio College, an improved and more responsive

alumni office and an educational institute, Tarkio College, dedicated to providing training and education to America's professionals. The population's appetite for accessible and affordable education and training has grown exponentially and the new Tarkio College stands ready to help meet those needs.

The alumni board is aware that regional educational institutions may resist the efforts of the new Tarkio College, as they have expanded into this educational area, but our goal is not to compete with politically powerful and well-funded academic institutions, rather to carve out a niche which allows Tarkio College to serve an educational need and to grow and prosper in our small part of the world. There were a few preliminary steps we needed to take to be successful. These included: revitalizing Rankin Hall, identifying the areas of greatest training need, acquiring the talent to teach the programs and to submit and receive approval from state, national and professional accrediting agencies so that attendees can receive continuing education credits. While this seems like a demanding list, each area has already been addressed. The alumni and community has already worked on cleaning up Rankin Hall, and while we need to raise some funds to help preserve the building, the process is well underway. A well thought-out and reasoned business plan has effectively addressed the issue of need and the talent is already being assembled. In the near future, applications for approval will go out to several national accrediting agencies and state boards of examiners. Our goal is to begin offering classes by April at remote locations and through the internet. There is still much to do and accomplish.

As the new Tarkio College's first President, I am humbled by the support provided by the alumni board, the college board and community members and I am committed to helping restore honor and tradition to the Tarkio name. This is a group effort and we need all to become active with your talent and/or resources.

The one constant refrain the board has heard in the past is, “don’t ask us for assistance based on the premise that-if we help then certain things might happen-rather make something happen and then we will work shoulder to shoulder with you”. Friends, we listened and things have happened: we have a ten year lease on Rankin Hall, a business plan has been completed, a college board and officers have been elected, programs have been and continue to be compiled, approvals have been sought and Tarkio College has

been born again. Join with us as the Alumni Association launches a new era. Together we can make a better future for Rankin Hall, the Alumni Association, Tarkio College, and for those whose lives we touch with our programs. The Tarkio spirit lives on and the opportunity to help it spread is NOW!

Set Fire!

Robert Hughes  
President  
Tarkio College

## Recent Fund Raising Efforts

The focus of recent alumni effort has been on Rankin Hall. This venerable building, hosting the very core of Tarkio College, has been deteriorating for years and in need of significant restoration. This last summer the alumni and community came together to clean out Rankin Hall. To achieve the goals of the Alumni Association to preserve and restore Rankin Hall, the Alumni Association has leased the building and adjacent land. While there are plans to place the building back into operation, including housing Tarkio College museum and the new Tarkio College, we need to raise funds to effectuate the change and restoration. Wayne Gelston '71, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a member of the alumni board and the new Tarkio College board, has agreed to serve as chairman of the fundraising committee. After considerable analysis it was determined that to properly restore Rankin Hall and create usable space for the museum, the alumni office and Tarkio College we will need to raise \$250,000.00 by April 15, 2012. We are seeking the support of all alumni for this once in a lifetime opportunity to save and restore Rankin Hall. These funds will be used exclusively for the restoration of Rankin Hall.

Contributions should be made out to Tarkio College Alumni Association, P.O. Box 111, Tarkio, Missouri 64491. As a way of acknowledging those who have committed to saving Rankin Hall through significant financial contributions we have created special categories:

Directors Circle	\$10,000.00 and above
Presidents Circle	\$5,000.00 - \$9,999.99
Owl Club	\$1,000.00 - \$4,999.99

All contributions are gratefully accepted. Tarkio College Alumni Association is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Your contribution will most likely be tax deductible, but check with your tax professional. If you have questions please feel free to call Chairman Wayne Gelston at 1-412-657-9774 or Tarkio College President, Robert Hughes at 1-570-780-0200.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. We may never have this opportunity again. We urge all alumni to participate. Without Rankin Hall, none of the plans established can be achieved, so this fundraising is the gateway to success.

## BURGLARIES STOPPED

On January 20, 2011, the Tarkio Police Department arrested three suspects at the Ponderosa as they were attempting to steal copper from the apartments. These arrests, as well as the new activity on campus, seem to have helped the on-going problem of break-ins on campus we are happy to report. We are grateful for these arrests.

## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2011

Alumni Weekend 2011 had a special flavor and touch of excitement thanks to the efforts of Mike Needleman '73 and his fellow Alpha Sigs as they worked with the local Chamber of Commerce to bring the sounds of Brewer and Shipley's "Tarkio Road" and other musicians to the community over the weekend. Friday night began with the Hall of Fame induction and reception. Charlie Parker '73 provided a reception feast for all after we welcomed Del Morley '75 and Benny McClain III '79 into the Hall of Fame. Many gathered at the Wildhorse later in the evening for songs with Mike. Saturday's luncheon was followed by a concert on Main Street with Brewer and Shipley bringing back many songs and memories of the '70's. That evening a fantastic meal was featured at the annual banquet where Mike again entertained the crowd. Bill Kenneweg was honored as the Outstanding Alum from the 50-year class and both J. David Martin and Del Stites were honored as Outstanding Alums from the 45-year class. The voices of Tarkio College were heard again on Sunday as the Doughty Memorial Choir sang at the Presbyterian Church. It was a special time.

Please don't miss Alumni Weekend 2012, June 15-17. We are just now formulating plans for the re-dedication of Rankin Hall. Watch our website at [www.tarkioalumni.org](http://www.tarkioalumni.org) for updates.

### *Here are a few thoughts we received from George McVicker '61 after his 50th anniversary celebration:*

Fifty Year Class Reunion: Hot Bubble Bath or Eating Finely Ground Sand?

Like many ceremonies of life, birthday, confirmation, marriage, death (well, maybe not death) one's fifty year class reunion can be such a milestone. The former Tarkio College in Tarkio, Missouri was my destination a couple of weekends ago, a campus I had graduated from, but had not been back to for many years. I say former because it didn't wait for the financial crisis of two thousand and nine to close; it did that back in nineteen ninety one. The alumni have a strong, vibrant association and even though the doors are closed, we are made to feel a welcome part of Tarkio's past.

You get there from here by several routes. My wife and I choose to travel down highway fifty-nine through the emerald city of Shenandoah, fifteen miles past the Missouri border and into the sleepy little town where I spent four years of my life (making it through college in four years tells you exactly how long ago it was). I have to admit I have never seen the Iowa landscape look so ravishing.

You always are taking a chance returning to a part of your life that existed years ago when you were young and depending on who you are or what your college experience was like, reunions can range on a scale from taking a hot, bubble bath to eating finely ground sand.

Mary Jo wanted to see the campus where I went to college as we didn't meet till later. Those once stately buildings, the Main, the Conservatory, Brown Gymnasium, Thompson Hall and on and on, all sat deserted, deteriorated among the overgrown trees and weeds, some even demolished. With windows down you could smell the decay. It made me sad. Several groups have tried to re-claim the old campus, but have fallen by the wayside. There's always hope for renewal, but for my college, not so. Its fate is to sit, waiting for the end until it falls into the landscape. I suddenly felt the irony it presented along the Iowa countryside.

Gary, one of my classmates and his wife, Betty welcomed us into their home after we toured the campus. Motels are far and few in-between and their hospitality was embraced. They have been our close friends for a long time. I suppose graduates of all units of higher education find some degree of lasting warmth in the friendships they make, but small colleges seem to thrive in that. Denny, another classmate and his wife, joined us in staying at the house and I knew if the formal reunion was a bust, the trip would still be worth it to talk and share memories with close friends.

Jack: how the heck are you? It's been a long time. I said as I checked into the greeting center. His resounding laugh took me back. I knew I had the right name.

Is that Peggy? Gosh, you remember how cool she looked in her cheerleading uniform? Again, a sign of the times, I think the word is now "hot."

The greetings and the conversations continue. Some are enthusiastic; some are simply cordial. After you get through talking about our career, life setting, and just telling about your fabulous grandchildren, another classmate shows up and you start all over. It's funny how a group of strangers can bond instantly after such a long period or time, or find something to talk about with a classmate they didn't know very well.

As I look around the community center, those of us who competed in athletics seem to have more to talk about. In the group I was in, we all had to wait in line to tell everyone our accomplishments, after we reminisced about outstanding feats while on the team. Somehow the yards gained in a football game and the points scored in a basketball game became padded a bit. We seemed to have dropped a couple of tenths in our 100 yard dash best over the years, but who's to check? Documentation has probably been lost and the local newspaper closed years ago, (Actually the Avalanche is alive and well). Well, it's been fifty years

"Hey, how's it going? Gosh it's been a long time! Good to see you!" Then you shake hands and move on.

"Gary: who was that I just talked to?"

"Are you kidding me?"

There's golf and then luncheons, there's ceremony and get-togethers, but all too soon the weekend comes to an end. You stand with your friends and someone says, "Let's plan on getting together this fall." Amid the handshakes and hugs you make a pact; a promise deep down you know it won't happen.

And so our lives go on, I sit quietly not speaking as we drive up the highway toward home. I have missed reunions before and had I not participated in this one, not much would have changed. Still there is a small hole in my heart. Those four years, those friends I made were special and even though many of the intricacies around that time are lost, I feel the impact Tarkio College had on my life.

As we reach Des Moines, I ask myself: If I'm blessed to be able to again experience another reunion would I go? Well, let's say this one was very close to a hot, bubble bath!

Thank you Tarkio!

**THANK YOU TO YOU, GEORGE, FOR YOUR KIND WORDS. WE ARE GLAD THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE COLLEGE TO FADE INTO THE LANDSCAPE. WE ARE READY TO SET FIRE AGAIN! COME JOIN US FOR ALUMN WEEKEND 2012!**

## BIRTHDAYS

2011 marked some significant birthdays for several in our TC family.

Lois Brown Martin reached 100 years young of February 27, 2011. Lois is a former faculty member and the widow of Dr. Alfred Martin. They both taught Bible and religion, and Lois later taught remedial English. All three of their children are TC grads: Joyce Martin Kinsey '59, the late Dr. David A. Martin '63, and the Rev. Jim Martin '71. Lois now lives at Pleasant View Care Center in Rock Port.

Although not a TC alum, Thurber D. Proffitt JR has been loyal to the Association. He always sends a generous donation to us every year in memory of his sisters. Colonel Proffitt celebrated his 90th birthday on July 20, 2011. We wish him well.

If you know of other memorable birthdays, please forward them on to us so we can all celebrate the good news.



## OBITUARIES

*We print these when we receive/find them. We apologize for any delays.*

Flora Porter Uhlenberg '37, Waterloo, IA is deceased. We received no further information. She was a retired accountant.

Sheldon R. Frye '65, Plano, TX, died April, 19, 2001. We have no further information.

Mary Elizabeth McCoy Nelson '35, Sacramento, CA, passed away November 10, 2008. She was a retired teacher and was active in the Alumni Association when she lived in the Kansas City area.

Richard Hildreth, Faculty, Altamonte Springs, FL, died September 29, 2009. He had taught psychology.

Robert A. Howar '57, Oskaloosa, IA, died April 19, 2010. He owned the Howar Shoe Co. and was a U.S. Air Force veteran and active in local veterans' organizations.

William "Bill" Coleman '90, Huston, TX, died September 18, 2010. He was active in theatre work as an actor, singer, dancer and set designer.

William M. "Bill" Cornelius '70, Clinton, IA, died December 31, 2010. He was a band director, fine arts supervisor, and school principal.

Margaret Frances Ryan Osburn '?, Tarkio, MO, passed away January 16, 2011. She was a teacher.

Farrell Hart '70, Bellevue, NE, died January 16, 2011. He was an Air Force veteran and had worked as a truck driver, courier, custodian and security guard in Omaha.

Todd D. Yeargain '82, Florissant, MO died January 18, 2011. He had played football for TC and was a Theta Chi. He was a mitigation specialist for a financial company.

John "Johnny B" Roland '64, Atlantic, IA, died January 22, 2011. He was an Iowa National Guard veteran and had worked in Tiffany's in New York.

Benny C. Oliver '72, Kansas City, MO, died January 31, 2011. He played football for TC. He was selected as an Outstanding Alumnus in 1982.

Emil Catron Hinderliter '34, Raytown, MO, passed away February 19, 2011. She was a retired teacher.

DeOnne Sederburg Archer '89, Platte City, MO, passed away February 23, 2011. She was an All-American softball player at Tarkio College. She had worked as a teacher, coach and histologist for Bayer Laboratories.

Gayla Arnold McIntosh '55, Tarkio, MO, passed away March 3, 2011. Gayla served for many years as Secretary to the President of Tarkio College. She was also active in the Tarkio Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Roy McIntosh '53 and daughter, Kim McIntosh Lennemann '79 .

Harvey "Wingie" Mathews '?, Thornton, CO died March 3, 2011. Wingie was an outstanding athlete excelling in football, baseball, basketball and boxing. He was a WWII Army veteran who later worked for the US Bureau of Prisons.

Janice Hord Graves, Staff, Tarkio, MO, passed away March 5, 2011. She had worked for the College from 1961-1963.

Joyce George Evans '52, Godfry, IL, passed away March 8, 2011. She had worked as a librarian. Joyce was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R.W. George. Survivors include her husband, Rev. Jack Evans '52 and sister, Jeanne Wheatley '58.

Dr. Sidney Stepp '78, Clinton, TN, died March 16, 2011. He was an Eagle Scout and Navy veteran. He had a Ph.D in Instructional Design and worked in that field. He had also taught English at King Saud University in Saudi Arabia. Survivors include his wife, Debbie Kraus-Stepp '79.

Duane E. Busse, Board, St. Louis, MO died March 18, 2011. He was the founder of Debco Equipment Co., and he was active in St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his sons, Mark '76 and Michael '74.

Charles "Joe" Clement '?, North Bend, NE, died March 19, 2011. He was an Air Force veteran and had been a farmer and over-the-road truck driver. He was active in the Presbyterian Church and loved to golf. Survivors include his wife, Carol Diffey Clement '61.

Alice Gagley Diffey '56, Fremont, NE, passed away March 27, 2011. She was known for her musical talents and was a

church organist at several Presbyterian churches. She also taught piano and organ. We will miss her in the Doughty Memorial Choir. Her husband, Ralph, '55 survives.

Dr. Eldon Breazier, President and Faculty, Kingman, KS, passed away, April 6, 2011. His wife, Roya, who also served on the faculty, survives. Dr. Breazier made a gift of one her paintings of the original Mule Barn to the museum several years ago. Their children Steve '74 and Elizabeth Clair '76 also survive.

Helen Funk Austin '56, Tarkio, MO, passed away April 17, 2011. Helen was the widow of professor, Nate Austin. She taught biology in the Tarkio Public Schools for many years and also managed the Tarkio Municipal Pool. Her survivors include daughter, Marty '85 and sons, Tim '81 and Bob '90.

Lt. Col. Charles F. Kellenbarger '58, Escondito, CA, died June 1, 2011. Charlie was retired from the United States Marine Corps. He ran a home repair business after he retired. In addition, he worked tirelessly for Military Parish Visitors/Military Outreach Ministry and also led mission teams for Gleanings for the Hungry. Survivors include his wife, Board Member Pat Anderson Kellenbarger '58, his sister, Grace Kellenbarger McKee '54, and his brother, Harry '67.

Russell D. Clark '66, Denton, TX, died June 2, 2011. He was a psychology professor at North Texas University

Alton H. Hanrath '38, Westboro, MO, died the first week of June 2011. He was a pilot and WWII Army veteran. He worked as a farmer. He was active in St. John's Lutheran Church and served on the Atchison County Farm Bureau and the Westboro School Board.

Bonnie Driskell Winstead "?, Sheridan, MO passed away June 14, 2011. She had worked in a bank.

Dr. Leland Crapson, Faculty, Tarkio, MO, died June 26, 2011. He had taught music at Tarkio College and then served as Academic Dean and Registrar. He was active in the Tarkio Methodist Church and in the Mule Barn Theatre Guild. Survivors include daughter, Kathy '72, and son, James '76.

Robert W. Stinemire '69, died July 14, 2011. We have no further information.

Hall of Famer Phil K. Hummel '55, Woodbine, IA, died September 4, 2011. He was a teacher, track and cross country coach. In 1992, he was the Omaha World Herald's Coach of the Year, and in 1996, the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's Coach of the year. He was always a happy face at the Hall of Fame ceremonies, and we will miss him. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn '53.

Mark Szita '72, Chester Springs, PA died September 8, 2011. He was an Alpha Sig, and we were happy to have him at Alumni Weekend 2011. We have no further information.

Robert L. Fox '54, Craig, MO, died November 8, 2011. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a teacher, administrator and farmer. He was active in the Presbyterian Church.

Fred Burnett '48, Kansas City, MO died December 21, 2011. He had lettered in track and served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was Labor Relations Manager for General Motors in Kansas City. He was active in the Gashland Methodist Church and Boy Scouts.

Hall of Famer Phil Homeratha '68, Lawrence, KS died December 29, 2011. Considered one of the greatest all-round athlete to ever graduate from Tarkio College, he lettered in football, basketball, track and was an All-American. He was also known for his baseball skills holding the honor in Oklahoma of making an unassisted triple play in a tournament. He was a charter member of the Hall of Fame. Phil was a member of the Otoe-Missouri Tribe and served his fellow Native Americans at Haskell Indian Nations University for over 40 years as coach, athletic director, and teacher.

F. Dean Thomson '51, Newark, OH, died December 29, 2011. He was a US Army veteran and worked as a senior chemist and patent agent for Owens-Corning Fiberglas. He was active in the Second Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, Dora May Robinson '52, as well as his brother, Kenneth '64 among others.



## WE GET LETTERS AND EMAILS TOO!

Betty Jo Howitt '51 writes that she is pleased that we have rented Rankin Hall and will contribute to our efforts.

Mary Case Swenson '58 also writes that she thinks the idea of continuing education is a good one.

A Christmas email from Larry and Lavina McKee Pattee '57 brought us up-to-date on their family activities and world travels.

We also had a Christmas letter from Nancy Klem Morrow '58 bringing us up-to-date on all of her activities.

Al Sunderwirth '49 emailed us about a new book he has written about Stanley '51, Ramona '53, and himself growing up on their farm in the Ozark foothills of southern Missouri. It covers the years from 1928 through the Great Depression to the end of WWII. Anyone interested in the book should contact Al at [alsunderwirth@stny.rr.com](mailto:alsunderwirth@stny.rr.com). Barbara (Hills) and Robert Long '51 highly recommend this book.

Jack Wineman '59 emails that he had been able to return to Africa where he had been in service in the '70's. While there he also visited a number of schools involved in the "Imoja" project which provides food and tuition for Aids orphans in 14 schools.

Barb McAdams '92 emailed that she was doing her student teaching in Orrick, MO and was looking for a job after spending a number of years working at the Truman Library in Independence.

Rudy Kosits '60 emailed that he saw a picture of the Tarkio College Choir (circa 1960-61 ?) in a PBS special called "God in America." Did anyone else see this and could you identify anyone?

Dave Staab '70 emailed us that he had seen classmate, John Monteleone '70 on "Sunday Morning." John was interviewed and featured for his skill as a guitar maker. Dave remembers John as a singing partner while at TC with John Mason '69 in the duo, "John and John."

Twiley Briley Jagger '72 emails us that she saw a former TC football player, Jeff Dyson ? Featured in the March 2011 Guideposts article "The Power of a Promise."

Dan Cox '72 and Nancy Fender Cox '73 emailed that their son, Matt, received the 2010 Omaha Entertainment and Arts Award for the best Roots/American/Country/Bluegrass. Congrats to all

Gayle Hanna '66 and Tom Alexander '64 along with Linda Mehaffey '68 and Dave Lee '64, Bonnie and Larry McSwegin '64 visited in August 2011 at the home of Anna and Jack Katona '63 in Reno, NV per an email from Gayle. The men had been roommates.

Nancy Hinchman Gay '65 reports that her home church (Westport Presbyterian) in Kansas City burned at the end of December. She asks for our support and prayers as they move forward. We had had an area meeting in this church several years ago, and they have always been supportive of us.

***WE WELCOME ADDITIONAL LETTERS AND EMAILS FROM YOU. KEEP US INFORMED!***



### ANNIVERSARIES

We were only informed of one anniversary this past year. Surely we had more special ones than that? How about letting us know in the future so we can share the good news with others?

Happy 50th Anniversary wishes go to Don and Marilyn Ross Leighton '60,'61 on August 13, 2010.

## DUES AND OTHER NEWS

If you are a dues-payer, you are receiving a hard copy of the Phoenix. You are also entitled to free searches of our database for fellow alumni. Your dues are what keep us alive, and we thank you. Your Board and others do all of the work with no reimbursement, but we need your dues to keep chugging along. Your dues help us with publication expenses, Alumni Weekend expenses, our scholarship fund and rent.

When you received your dues postcard this year, you received an explanation of our on-going efforts to preserve Rankin Hall and to move forward. We need you to be an active participant: First, by paying your yearly dues, and Second, by providing extra for the renewal of Rankin and our continuing education efforts. We control our own destiny. If we don't do this now, all will be lost. Your board has worked 20-years to get us to the point, and although it has been a LONG hard struggle, we are there now!

When sending us a check (ALL TAX DEDUCTIBLE!), we will be applying the first \$35 of your donation to TCAA dues. Your gifts above that amount will be credited to the Rankin/TC project. If you have already paid your dues, all will be credited to Rankin/TC project. We will also gladly accept separate checks made out to TCAA/Rankin. We are in the process of obtaining 501 (c)(3) status for Tarkio College again, but that takes time through the IRS.

Again, we thank you for your support, love and prayers. Let's SET FIRE together!

## NEW OWLETS ADDED TO THE NEST

We are pleased to announce additions of little owlets to our nest. Please join us in congratulating the parents and grandparents.

J. David and G-Ann Fawcett Martin '66,'68 are the proud grandparents of twins, Hazel Lee and Leo David born September 22, 2010. The twins have two older sisters, Adele and Flora.

Kalvin and Stephanie '90 McIntosh are the new grandparents of Noah James McIntosh who was born 10/10/10 at 10:10 PM to their son and wife, Kasey and Megan McIntosh.

Bill and Bonnie Naylor Fox '64. '69 welcomed their ninth grandchild, Jack Sterling Fox, on October 17, 2010.

Richard and Lila Petit Dan '75 are the new grandparents of Chase Matthew Durrell born June 19, 2011 to Heather Dan and Kevin Durrell.

Coraline Jane Brackeen was born to Kelsey Jane Blackwell and Kristopher Brackeen on July 14, 2011. Her grandmother is Toni Rae Henderson Blackwell '90

Brooklyn Grace Bishop arrived on November 14, 2011. She is the daughter of Kelliana Needleman and Zach Bishop and the granddaughter of Mike '73 and Tati Needleman.



## TARKIO COLLEGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED

The newly formed Tarkio College announces its first board of directors. Board members MUST be alumnus of the original Tarkio College.

President—Linda Brunk Smith '65

VP/Fund Raising Chair—Wayne Gelston '71

Secretary—Cosetta McKay McQueen '79

Treasurer—Mary McAdams '86

Member and President of TCAA—Farleigh “Joe” Farley '81

The TC Board has engaged Robert A. Hughes '71 as the first president of the newly revised school.

# WHO'S DOING WHAT?

## NEWS FROM THE INTERNET, NEWSPAPERS ETC!

### *1930's*

Robert Allen Rankin Jr., son of Robert A. Rankin Sr. '35, wrote an extensive article for the Tarkio Avalanche marking the 100th anniversary of the death of his great-great grandfather, David Rankin, on October 18, 1910.

Kathryn Wheatley's '38 picture was featured in the Avalanche enjoying an open house at the Resource Center in Tarkio on September 23, 2010. Dave Kyle '54 was also pictured at the same event.

### *1950's*

Tarkio alums continue to do good things for Tarkio and the surrounding area. In November 2010, a letter to the editor of the Avalanche from the Tarkio/Westboro Food Pantry featured four alums: Mary Lou Morton Knepper '56, president, John Wilcox '60, co-president, Lois Craven Powell '69, secretary and Patti Currie Rolofson '72, treasurer.

### *1960's*

Richard "Hoot" Gibson '63 is now retired from teaching and being a school administrator and is working at the Foust Funeral Home in Eagle Grove, IA.

Nancy Hinchman Gay '65 loves small things. She is a docent at the Toy and Miniature Museum in Kansas City, and she makes and furnishes dollhouses herself. She is also on the staff of the Antioch Library which has featured some of her work.

Sandra Nesbit Tracy '67 is active in art and photography shows. She has also published a book, "Blurring the Color Line: Racial Identity Construction of Individuals within Interracial Families." She is also an adjunct instructor at Western Illinois University.

### *1970's*

Susan Mehaffey Slaughter '70 is active in the William White chapter of the DAR.

Dr. Dan Cox '72 writes a blog he invites you to read: [drdancox.blogspot.com](http://drdancox.blogspot.com).

Monte Kizzier '73 is on the staff of William Barr and Associates.

Douglas Gwinn M.D. '76 is in family practice at Rockwood Medical Lake Clinic, Medical Lake, WI.

Carmel-Beth Benko '78 works at Tarkio Rehabilitation and Health Care and helped them celebrate their 40th anniversary on October 17, 2010.

Myrle Butler Yoash '79 was elected into the Chesapeake College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.

### *1980's*

The Kansas City Star featured a major article about Hall of Famer John R. "Skip" Sherman '80 on July 11, 2011 called "Sherman Marches On." The article told of Skip's efforts to keep on coaching at Shawnee Mission East while battling cancer.

Warner Myntti '81 (STL) is an associate professor at Ferris State University

Mark Derr '87 is an instructor in Tech Skills in the greater St. Louis area.

Stephen D. Reid '88 is the president of SDR Associates which helps build relationships between clients with government leaders, media representatives and the general public.

Tammy Hopkins '88 is Executive Director of the Transylvania Community Arts Council in Brevard, NC. She promotes some 30 arts organizations and 262 art events a year!

### *1990'S*

Scott Scramuzzo '92 is a systems engineering manager at Commvault Software in Chicago.

Steve Lepley '92 is a professional counselor in alcoholism and recently completed his master's in his chosen field.

### *UNKNOWN*

Vince Davis is a football coach at Waldorf College.

Kevin Farley bicycled through Tarkio in April 2011 as part of “Boot, Scoot, and Pedal: The Trail to Texas.”

### **FACULTY**

Torben Bernhard, son of faculty members, Randy and Janae Bernhard, made a film called, “Tarkio Balloon” which premiered at the Big Sky Documentary Festival in Missoula, MT in February 2011. The story tells of the death of his little brother, Dane, who died of SIDS and is buried in Home Cemetery.

Outstanding Faculty Member Dr. Harry “Bing” Blewitt was recently recognized for his volunteer service in the paleontology collections of the University of Alabama.

NOTICE: we would love to include YOU in this article next year. What’s up? Only you can tell us!

## **RANKIN PROGRESS**

On a warm August weekend, a number of your fellow alums and local community members returned to campus to begin the joyful task of cleaning up and preparing Rankin for her new life! We filled two dumpsters worth of “stuff,” swept floors, scooped raccoon droppings and trimmed a lot of bushes etc. It was hard work, but as they say, a labor of love. On September 11th the local Methodist church came on campus and assisted us with the clean-up as their service project for the day, and we thank them. The community is excited about our renewal efforts! We had hoped to be back on campus for further fall clean-up, but since we were to the ladder/painting stages we believed we needed to have our insurance firmly in place and it took a while to get the rental contract and insurance worked out, but we are ready to roll now! We will soon be announcing further work days as soon as the weather warms up, and we hope you can join us! If not, please help us out with your donations to this project. Please make out all checks to TCAA at this time, with TC/Rankin in the memo line. All donations are tax deductible.

We thank Torrey Pines for feeding us and the Big T Motel for their donations to our efforts.

Check out our website at [www.tarkioalumn.org](http://www.tarkioalumn.org) for pictures of progress.

## **MEMORIALS/DONATIONS**

We thank all who give at the time of loss. All memorials are used for our scholarships. We have given over \$20,000.00 in scholarships since initiating our scholarship program.

<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Donor</b>
Dr. Jim Craigmile	49	Joseph Barr '50
Syb Whisler Dietlin	54	Jamie '56 and Biff Hogue '54
Gayla Arnold McIntosh	55	Linda Brunk Smith '65
Dr. Eldon Breazier		Linda Brunk Smith '65
Joyce George Evans	52	Mary Swenson '58
Helen Austin	56	Linda Brunk Smith '65
Charles Kellenbarger	58	Linda Brunk Smith '65
Dr. Leland Crapson		Linda Brunk Smith '65
Alton Hanrath	38	Linda Brunk Smith '65
Phil Hummel	55	Linda Brunk Smith '65
Bob Fox	54	Linda Brunk Smith '65
Phil Homeratha	68	Linda Brunk Smith '65

TCAA-Statement of Financial Position  
(Includes unrealized Loss of \$2424)  
6/30/2011

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts		\$14,717
Inventory		\$423
Memorabilia	\$15,774	
Printer, Computer, fax	\$7,756	
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TOTAL Other Assets		\$224
Investments		\$19,881
		<u>\$35,245</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$35,245</u>

Fund Balance

Unrestricted Funds	\$35,245	
Total Fund Balance		\$35,245

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TCAA Statement of Activities  
7/1/2010 Through 6/30/2011

INFLOWS

Contributions Gifts Grants	\$3,826	
Dues	\$12,145	
Net Sales	\$281	
Interest, Dividends and Realized Loss	\$2,287	
TOTAL INFLOWS		\$18,539

OUTFLOWS

Depreciation	\$213	
Scholarship/Donation to Autism Soc. & Campus main.	\$1,750	
Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$3,103	
Bank, License and Office fees	\$220	
Printing, Publications, Postage	\$6,996	
Professional fees, Independent Contractors	\$1,005	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		\$13,287

OVERALL TOTAL INFLOWS OVER OUTFLOWS	<u>\$5,252</u>
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Change in UnrlzdGain	\$1,659
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NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$6,911
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*We're on Facebook. Check us out there for updates. We also invite you to regularly check out our website at [www.tarkioalumni.org](http://www.tarkioalumni.org). We are adding pictures and stories often.*