

The Phoenix



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Greetings Fellow Alumni and Friends of Tarkio College

We have come a long way in our quest to reopen Tarkio College. Because of the responsibility to get the college ready for inspection and the needed finances to finish the repairs for the reopening of the college, this coming year will be a challenge for all of us who hold Tarkio dear to our hearts. Soon the State of Missouri will conduct a site inspection of our campus which is one of our final steps in setting our foundation of the future.

Although we are free of debt, we must rely on support from our alumni and friends to maintain our campus. Please consider making a monthly pledge to keep our college on track to open for students this year. (No contribution is too small.)

With best wishes,

Wayne R. Gelston '71
President,
Tarkio College Alumni Association

Our NFL Hero

The NFL celebrated their 50- year history this year, by awarding Golden Footballs to the high schools from which players graduated. Our Al Reynolds '60 presented his football to the Jefferson County North KS High School (formerly Winchester KS Rural High School) on February 6, 2016. The ceremony was attended by many local fans, family and representatives of Tarkio College. He signed autographs

until almost midnight that night.

Al is one of two living 50-year Super Bowl alumni. He also is one of two TC graduates who played professional football. The other, Ed "Brick" Travis '18 played before the NFL was established.

Al also received a Golden Football of his own.

As always, we are proud of Al!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

**Harry "BING"
Blewitt Honored**

We are sometimes blessed with happy memories as well as wonderful current happenings. Our own Alpha Sig fraternity has always made service one of their goals, past and present. We have been lucky to have the hard work of members: Wayne Gelston, Mike Perry, Dan Cox, and Mike Needleman (did I forget anyone?). But brother Mike Perry has brought us additional blessings for which we can never thank him enough. Mike is sponsor of the Epsilon Omicron colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Missouri Western in St. Joseph. He persuaded his young men to give up their Saturday and come to the campus to work this past spring. They really took on the task of clearing the campus of brush and weeds. What a difference their work made to our appearance! We only had to feed them and Ma Gibler and I took on the task of both breakfast and lunch. Believe it or not, we even got a thank you note for feeding them! What nice young men!!

We invite our other sororities and fraternities to get involved too. We miss you!

Press Release from the University of Alabama, College of Arts and Sciences and New College: The Harry "Bing" Blewitt endowed scholarship was established at the New College. The scholarship is designed for students in the New College with a major in natural sciences and will be awarded beginning in 2016.

Dr. Blewitt was a beloved professor of Tarkio College also. He taught here from 1968-1975. He often returns for Alumni Weekend.

D.A.M.M. Ladies of the Paranormal

Once again, Rankin Hall was the setting for a fun Halloween activity when the D.A.M.M. Ladies of the Paranormal from Omaha held a paranormal investigation training session. Did they find the ghost of David Rankin? We're not telling, but come see for yourself next year.

What Are We Up To?

James W. Graham '48 is professor emeritus of English at Central College.

Stanley G. Sunderwirth '51 is professor emeritus of Chemistry IUPI Columbus.

George Phelps '58 is an independent financial consultant.

Alma Permer '61 has published a book of poetry: Touching the Essence of Life.

Richard "Hoot" Gibson '63 now works at the Faust Funeral Home in Eagle Grove, IA after retiring from teaching.

Kay Roberts Bromert '65 is using her musical talent singing with Sweet Adelines. She is also a certified musical arranger, and she now manages our website at www.tarkioalumni.org. Check it out. She has done a great job!

William A. Ault '65 is retired from teaching. He also works on the family farm, and we enjoyed seeing him and Caroline (Jenks) at a recent Alumni Weekend.

Shaun McConnon '66 is a highly successful high-tech executive.

Steve Roe '70 retired from teaching and coaching and took on politics by running for the Iowa House.

Bob Hunter '70 has remained a hippie and has published: Hippie Bob and the Chocolate Factory.

Terri Warren '70 is the owner and nurse practitioner at Westover Heights Clinic.

Bill Blanton '73 "retired" to taking on additional basketball coaching duties at Tuscumbia at the Lake of the Ozarks, MO.

James McQueen DO '73 practices family medicine in Carroll, IA.

Crestita Shaw '73 is the church secretary for Bannister Road Baptist Church in

Kansas City.

Richard Rosa '74 works very successfully in the hotel industry and is a member of Utah Hospitality.

Janet Potter '76 Is Chief Administrative Officer for the Bancroft Law firm in DC.

Keith Hackett '76 is Director of Athletics of Alaska University-Anchorage.

Theodore (Ted) Manley '79 is associate professor Urban Studies at Johnson and Wales University.

Holly Stevenson Hankins '79 is Director of Extended Care at St. Andrews Day School.

Gene Hay '80 is Superintendent of Schools in Calhoun, MO.

Paul Fitzwater '81 is the Missouri State Representative for the 144th District. He also serves on the Board of Higher Education.

Warner Myntti '81 is an associate professor in Computer Information Services at Ferris State University.

John Bagala '81 is CEO of My FUN Sports.

Sherrill M. Jackson '83 serves as the manager of the school linked services and school based clinic at Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Centers. St. Louis.

Henry Ilges '86 is Director of Facilities at the Jennings MO School District.

Jeff Chambers '86 serves on the faculty of the Nebraska Center on Children, Families, and the Law, Lincoln. He is a former TCAA board member.

Diana Hedrick '86 teaches in the Smithville MO School District.

Allen Supplee '86 is Director of Architectural Metals for Standard Sheet Metal.

Sheridan Staples Mires '86 recently retired from teaching for the Fairfax School District. She is currently acting as assistant to the President of Tarkio College.

Marylea Vega-Montalvo '88 is presently a PhD Candidate in Curriculum and Instruction at Claflin University.

Caprice Christianson Ward '88 obtained her Master's of Science in Psychology in June 2015. Caprice reports that her son, Spencer, carries on the theatre tradition of her and husband, Doug. Spencer was recently seen on the ABC television show Modern Family.

Orlando Navarro '89 was recently honored by Texas A&M International. He works in real estate in the Laredo TX area.

Steve Bertani '90 is the Managing Director of the Lyceum Theatre, Arrow Rock, MO. He also serves his community as a volunteer fire fighter. He is a former TCAA board member.

Robert A. Mueller '90 (satellite) is a partner in the law firm of Granger, Mueller, and Wood pc in Austin, TX.

Rhonda Garrison Haynes '90 has been accepted into the Doctor of Philosophy program in Intercultural Studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Dr. Margot Jobson '92 is a pediatric dentist in Pembroke Pines, FL

Brigadier General Gregory S. Champagne '?(satellite) is the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA.

Patricia Schwan '? Teaches kindergarten at Meridian, NE.

Steve Thorne '? Is assistant principal/ activities director at Millard NE South High School.

D. Ray Johnson '?(satellite)is Chief of Police, Chesterfield, MO.

Larry M. Carr '? Is founder and chairman NurseCore Management Services, LLC in Arlington, TX.

Want more news? Then send it to us at TCAA, P.O. Box 111, Tarkio, MO or email us at tcaa@tarkio.ne

SOUS CHEF ET AL THANK YOU'S

Your editor would like to include a special recognition and thank-you to her two sous chefs, Gloria "Ma" Gibler '88 and Sheridan Mires '86 for all of their cooking assistance for Work Weekends. I thank my husband, Harlan Smith, for all of his work at the grill and for his general assistance. We produce some pretty good meals out of the Cook Shack considering we have no water! If you would come to a Work Weekend, you would be surprised. An excuse of living far away is not acceptable. We have had volunteers from: PA, WA, IA, NE, CO,MO, IL, AR and KS and I am sure I have forgotten some.

Special thanks also goes to Gloria for her work in the museum and to Sheridan for her assistance to President Hughes.

While I am in the thanking mode, we thank Linda Mehaffey Lee '69 and Carol Doughty Jagger'68 for their work is setting up the library.

Doing thank yous always gets one in trouble if you omit some one: SO THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED US GET THIS FAR--- ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED OUR WORK WEEKENDS. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

A Letter From The President of Tarkio College

Last year I started my letter to you that “The End is Near” well, now “The End is Here”. The end of our journey to restart the college is the beginning of our period of renewal. Because of your support and the help of many of the volunteers, both local and from the alumni, we have Thompson Learning Center finished to the point that we can use the building. There is more to do, but the main floor is complete and ready to go. The State of Missouri has approved two of the three stages for certification. The final inspection is due within the next 90 days.

Events happen for a reason and Tarkio College has been blessed with exceptional alumni and supportive friends. Recently, the Farragut School District in Southwest Iowa was merged into the Shenandoah school district and auctioned off their furniture and computers. Tarkio College bid on and secured enough classroom furniture for seven classrooms, a computer lab and library shelving. In addition, we secured 36 computers, computer desks, conference tables, desks, chairs and other office equipment. Truckloads of furniture started arriving on campus and with the help of our sturdy crew we set up the main floor of Thompson, which is now ready for inspection.

The most important task alumni now have is to commit to the future of Tarkio College. Recently you received a fund-raising appeal for a monthly giving plan. It is critical that we achieve 50% participation, at a minimum, to be able to fund the current and future needs of the college. Please, we have accomplished so much, yet we need you to step up and participate. For the cost of a few cups of coffee a month or a visit to a fast food restaurant you can make the difference in Tarkio College. We have about 3000 alumni, if just 50% (but we would like to see 100%), would agree to a monthly donation, on average of \$35-\$50, we would raise \$630,000 to \$900,000 a year. This would fund scholarships, classroom equipment, library books and other student based services. It is what Tarkio College alumni do, they give back! So, please, fill in your form today and send it to the college. If you do not have a form please go to tarkioalumni.org or to our Facebook page and either print a form off or use the on-line fill in form.

Thanks for your help and support.

Set Fire,

Robert Hughes ‘71
President
Tarkio College

Set Fire!

Since our last publication, we received a complaint about the use of the phrase “Set Fire”, because of all of our disastrous fires. Here is a brief history lesson. The term “set fire” comes from our founder, David Rankin. Mr. Rankin used the term to encourage his workers to “get a move on.” It has nothing to

do with an actual fire. It is part of our official college yell: the Rip Bang! It has been around since our beginning, and is not likely to be going anywhere. So in the words of Mr. Rankin, it is now time to “Set Fire” and support your alma mater by signing up for the monthly giving plan. We thank you!

Thompson Recovery Summary

Since June 27th, 1900+ hours paid labor and 600+ volunteer hours:

- 1) Cleaned out lower and main levels of Thompson
- 2) Removed ceiling tile and replaced as needed on lower and main levels
- 3) Walls repaired and painted on main level by a sub-contractor
- 4) Tile floors on main level scrubbed and sealed; new cove base installed
- 5) Vestibule floor replaced by sub-contractor —
- 6) Damaged classroom doors and trim replaced and finished
- 7) Carpet tile installed in office areas along with new cove base —

8) Sidewalks entering Thompson repaired/replaced to be handicapped accessible —

9) Library shelving repaired and painted; processing of books begun —

10) All lighting on main level converted from fluorescent to LED fixtures —

11) Used furniture acquired to equip all classrooms

We thank Don Jagger and his crew for all of this invaluable work!

NEED to complete:

- Smoke detection/fire alarm system
- Heating system
- Roof repair
- Entrance doors repair/replacement
- Rest rooms completely functional



- A: New furniture and carpeting**
- B: New ADA Ramp**
- C: Main first floor hallway looking into library**
- D: Classroom**
- E: New Library**

Notes From You!

We love hearing from you. Below is what we received over the past year.

Robert E. “Doc” Savage ’41 writes that he is doing well at 96, and he sent his new address. Please do the same!

We received a kind thank you note from George Laur ’43 for the birthday greetings we sent on his 95th birthday.

Board member Willie Mier ’50 sent us a check and a note to help out with Homecoming Weekend expenses. Thank you, as always, Willie.

Fred and Jean Garrett Graham ’52 sent us a note saying that both worked at Michigan State, but are retired. Fred still preaches occasionally.

Meta Nolte Hull ’53 sent us God’s Blessings along with her dues.

Calvin Fahrion ’54 sent us a note that he hopes to visit soon. WELCOME

Henry and Marilyn Ihrig Small ’55 sent a note we want to quote about TC: “It provided us with dear friends, excellent educations, a continued reaffirmation of our faith and God-given marriage partners for a lifetime of love and caring. What more could anyone desire? Go Owls” Indeed, what more could anyone ask? We thank the Smalls for their generous support!

Joyce Croskey Pogue ’57 sent a note with her dues thanking us for all our hard work.

We received our annual Christmas card from Nancy Klem Morrow ’58 keeping us up on her variety of activities. She is as crazy about cats as your editor!

Rudy Kosits ’60 sent dues, a donation and a note about his son, Rus, being ordained into the Presbyterian ministry.

George ’60 and Caroline Wycloff ’59 Creighton wrote telling us that they were celebrating their 56 wedding anniversary with a trip to Italy April 2015. They were also at one of our recent Work Weekends, and we thank them.

Keith Watt ’62 sent his new address too with a kind thank-you note.

Terry Brooks Mason ’62 sent us a note thanking us for all of our work.

Tom Carver ’62 tells us he is excited about all of our news.

Terry Sarnese ’68 sent a cryptic note stating he had sold business, retired and moved! He also included money for dues and for a brick. How about that?

William E. McClane ’70 sent a thank-you note with the question as to whether we were going to buy the Manse. It is not for sale, so the answer is no.

Paul Walusek ’71 sent us a note telling of his wife, Pamela’s, death. Our condolences.

Paul Fell ’75 sent a brief note with his dues. He has also been great help on Work Weekends.

Keith and Pat Perry Hackett ’76 sent their dues and asked what more could they do. How about that?

Board member Cosetta McKay McQueen 79 sent a note that she couldn’t come to our Work Weekend, but she was sending a check to cover our drink expense. We thank her!

Donna Schoer Williams ’79 sent a note that she has retired from teaching, but that she is still coaching and is now a grandmother. Congratulations.

We really do love hearing from you. Keep it up!

Wills & Trusts

Giving to Tarkio College through your will or living trust is often referred to as a “bequest.” A bequest from your estate may include cash, securities, real estate, and/or personal property. It can be for a specific amount or for a percentage of your estate.

Why Include the Tarkio College in My Will?

Your bequest to Tarkio College is ...

- **Tax Wise** – A charitable gift through your estate may reduce estate taxes.
- **Revocable** – You may change the beneficiaries of your estate at any time.
- **Flexible** – Your bequest can be directed to any scholarship or program.
- **Comfortable** – A bequest allows you to retain your assets throughout your life.

How Do I Make a Bequest to Tarkio College?

If you are writing your will or living

trust, you will need to include specific language that correctly identifies your support of Tarkio College. If you already have a will, you can add a codicil or amendment to your existing estate plan. Or, if you already have a living trust, you would simply modify the language, directing your trustee to make the desired distributions.

Informing Tarkio College of your gift does not obligate you or your estate in any way; it simply helps the College fully understand your gift intentions and ensures that there is a plan in place for implementing them. For example, if you would like to endow a scholarship, the Director of Development can assist you in establishing the terms of that scholarship. Additionally, it allows Tarkio College to thank you appropriately. Of course, it is understood that you may change your bequest at any time.

For more information please contact: Robert Hughes, President of Tarkio College. 570 780 0200

Surprise: What You Can Find While Searching The Web

Did you know that a daughter of one of the founders of Tarkio College, Joseph and Mary Jane Stevenson, was one of the founders of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority? Martha Louise “Lou” Stevenson was also married to William Oliver Miller, another of the founders of Tarkio College. Some old time Tarkio residents may remember her granddaughter, Sarah Johnson. Your editor does. Lou is buried in Home Cemetery, Tarkio

A history of the Santa Fe Railroad found online shows that a Edgar L. Hewett was once president of Tarkio College. Has anyone ever heard of him or know anything about this?

Did you know that Tarkio College had a Civil Pilot Training Course in the 1940’s? One of its original graduates, Kenneth Eugene Moles, of Shenandoah recently died at the age of 99. Many of these men went on to serve in the Army Air Corps in WWII. They were the “greatest generation.”

Obituaries

Louise Spieckermann '40 died in 1994. We have no further information, and we report these when we are notified.

Our good friend, Joyce Pogue, informs us that Marilyn Mohler Ball '56 died sometime in 2006-07. We do not have anything further.

Roger Hill '? , Hendersonville NC, died March 26, 2015. He was in real estate and had served as President of the Hendersonville Board of Realtors. He was named realtor of the year in 1994.

Kenneth Leon Simpson '? , San Antonio, TX, died May 3, 2015. He was a Master Electrician and owned his own business, Simpson Electric. He was also an outstanding basketball player.

Richard L. Lechtenberger '61, Creston, IA died September 2, 2015. We have no further information.

Lisa Dobbs Lovig '76, Red Oak, IA passed away October 29, 2015. She was an accountant.

Bill S. Springer '49, Tarkio, MO, died November 27, 2015. He was an Army veteran and worked for St. Joe Light and Power. Many will remember him when he managed the Tarkio Theatre. Survivors include his sister, Nida '56 and daughter, Kristy '74. A memorial has been established with TCAA.

Norma Jean Dunlap Barr '57, Bloomington, MN, passed away December 23, 2015. Norma was known for her beautiful voice. She had taught elementary school music and worked as the Recreational Services Coordinator at the Minnesota Masonic Home. She was active in her community and in the Christ Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband, Bill '58.

Walter Gough MD '65, Mound Bayou,

MS, died on February 16, 2016. We believe Walt was our first African-American graduate. He received his medical degree from MeHarry Medical School and served faithfully as a physician in rural Mississippi until his death. A memorial has been established with TCAA.

D. Wallace(Wally)Dinsmore '41 Little Rock, AR died March 24, 2016. Wally was in the charter member of the Tarkio College Athletic Hall of Fame His specialty was track and field. His death leaves Al Reynolds '60 as our only remaining charter member. Wally worked for Monsanto. A memorial has been established with TCAA.

Lowell Henry Beckman '48, Tarkio, MO, died March 28, 2016. He was a retired Chief Petty Officer, USN and farmer.

Karon Gene Southard (Staff), Tarkio, MO, died April 12, 2016. She had been employed in the cafeteria at TC. She later worked at Northwest Missouri Industries in Rock Port where she was best friends with our treasurer, Mary McAdams.

Robert Orman Croskey '43, Sunnyside, WA, died May 14, 2015. He was a Navy veteran He was retired from the Washington Department of Natural Resources. We enjoyed seeing him at Alumni Weekend when he was able to come, and we could always count on his loyalty.

Frank P. Barker III '68, Kansas City, MO, died May 30, 2016. He was a prominent attorney.

Ric Olney '71, Medford, OR, died June 19, 2016. He was a State Farm agent. Survivors include his brother, Peter '67 and his sister, Mary '69.

Charles Spelling (Staff), Auburn, NE, died August 1, 2016. He had served as librarian for the College.

Patrick G. Weese '71, Calabash, NC, died October 31, 2016. He had taught Physical Education and had been a coach.

Linda Brown Hall '74, Camdenton, MO, passed away November 3, 2016. She had served as a reading specialist at several area schools. A memorial has been established with TCAA.

Frances Shaum Lamson '39, Wilmette, IL passed away November 12, 2016. She was the great-granddaughter of our founder, David Rankin. She was a long-time active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, and was awarded "Volunteer of the Year" by Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital. She was also a talented pianist and organist..

A memorial has been established with TCAA.

The Rev Jack Stark, '?, Mercer, MO, died November 19, 2016. He was the senior pastor at the Lineville-Mercer Christian Church. He also worked construction.

Donovan Bailey '92, Kansas City, MO died November 28, 2016. He was a musician and taught music.

Ardis Gould Dusenberry '53, Atlantic, IA, passed away November 29, 2016. She was a talented musician who shared her piano and organ abilities with many. Her son Stuart '84 is a survivor. Her granddaughter, Tess, received our scholarship award. Her family has designated TC as one of her memorials, and we thank them.

Memorials

In Memory of

Robert Lee Stanton
by Linda Smith '65

Marjorie Gorman
by Don & Carol Jagger '71, '68

David (Wally) Dinsmore '41
by Mary Dinsmore & Susan Goldner

Laurence Haines Jr. '71
by Ann Haines

Linda Brown Hall '74
by Linda Brunk Smith '65

Frances Shaum Lamson '39
by Linda Brunk Smith '65

Bill Springer '48
by Linda Brunk Smith '65

Bricks

Dr. Terry P. Dixon - Education Chair -
by friends (former students
Terry Sarnese '68

William E. Graham '27
from Charles Dismukes '54
Carolyn J Graham '55

Walt Gaugh MD '65
from Linda Brunk Smith '65

Arthur Lindstrom '40
from Yvonne Zebauers '62

Additional Major Gifts

Charlie Parker '73 paid \$500 toward the refrigerator/freezer. Dan Cox '71 paid the remainder

TCAA-Statement of Financial Position
(Includes unrealized gain of \$2449)
6/30/16

ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		\$110,883
Inventory		\$1,056
Memorabilia	\$15,774	
Printer, Computer, fax	\$7,756	
zAccumulated Dpr	-\$23,528	
TOTAL Other Assets		\$2
Investments		\$25,012
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Total Assets		<u><u>\$136,953</u></u>
Fund Balance		
Total Fund Balance		\$136,953

TCAA Statement of Activities
7/1/2015 Through 6/30/2016

Inflows		
Contributions Gifts Grants	\$29,564	
Dues	\$15,441	
Rental Income	\$10,136	
Net Sales	\$1,040	
Interest, Dividends and Realized Gain	\$1,207	
Total Inflows		\$57,388
Outflows		
Bank, License, Officers Ins. and Office fees	\$2,811	
Depreciation	\$14	
Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$56,485	
Printing, Publications, Postage	\$7,869	
Professional fees, Independent Contractors	\$24,740	
Student Scholarships & Donations	\$1,500	
Total Outflows		<u>\$93,419</u>
OVERALL TOTAL INFLOWS OVER OUTFLOWS		<u><u>(\$36,031)</u></u>
Change in UnrtdGain		(\$269)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		<u><u>(\$36,300)</u></u>

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