

The Phoenix

Rankin by Edna O'Dell, 1872 Courtesy of Don Jagger's book "Tarkio Memories Through the Art of Edna McCoy O'Dell".

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Fellow Alumni;

It is so nice to be able to reach out to you as your next Tarkio College Alumni Association president. Although I held this position once before, I'm so excited that we have so much more going on now. With Tarkio Tech becoming a reality part of our mission of resurrecting our college is coming to fruition. It is for this reason I accepted the nomination to again serve as President of our alumni association.

As I look at the past achievements, I also ponder the future. There are many more challenges ahead. As many of you realize and understand, our "base" alumni is a limited group. Since the original Tarkio College closed, there are only a finite number of Tarkio College graduates out there, and only a small number are dues paying members of the alumni association. One of my primary goals as president will be to recruit new dues paying members to our association. Over the years, social media has allowed me to reconnect with many of my friends, former faculty and acquaintances from the days I attended TC between 1977 and 1981. I have a starting point from which to encourage TC graduates to become active members of our alumni association.

I am a native of Tarkio and the college was always a part of my life growing up. I recall as a child watching the grand homecoming floats coming down Main Street during the parade. I remember the old "Opera House" downtown which was a hangout for some TC students. I remember as a grade schooler and high school football player watching the Owls practice each afternoon in the fall. I recall several Tarkio College student teachers assisting me with my learning. And, I have so many fond memories of the time I attended Tarkio College, played football, and enjoyed the culture of the campus.

As an alum and regretfully as the former president of the association, I took paying dues for granted and for several years just neglected to send in my \$50.00 annual renewal. Now, I see the purpose and need for a strong alumni association. Dues are so important for the operation of our association with regard to preserving memorabilia, communications with our alumni base, and other operating expenses.

As your association president, I urge you all to rekindle that "Fire" that was set so many years ago. Be proud of your Tarkio College heritage and let's all move forward to preserve our storied past and still promote and encourage the success of our new institution. Once again, let's "Set Fire"! Go Owls.

Farliegh "Joe" Farley, TC '81 President





First let me thank all of you for the privilege of being your president. It has been a labor of love.

Thank you also to my board of directors who served you well these past years. Thank you for the honor and gifts you gave Harlan and me during Homecoming.



I believe I must report the successes and failures of the past year to you as I leave you.

First the successes:

1. Homecoming 2021 was the best ever. Thank you, Muriel Sugar Tosh '71 for your leadership and to Mike Needleman '73 and the Alphas for your musical and other contributions.

2. We finally began a long overdue archiving project with curators, Gloria Giber and Elaine Burns leading our efforts. We have committed a significant initial investment of \$5000 to this effort.

Our failures:

1. We had hoped to begin moving the Hall of Fame to the south end of Rankin two to allow further expansion of the main museum on the north end of Rankin two. We have always believed that the south end was our promised area too when we signed over the contract deeding over the entire campus to Tarkio College, however, TC took over the south end only allowing us an 18- month use of the large SW room. We were not in a financial position to fight TC on this issue; therefore we cannot move the Hall of Fame.

2. When the Atchison County Historical Society dissolved, they transferred a large painting of David Rankin, the original TC Board of Directors and President Marshall to Atchison County, thinking the picture was of early county leaders. We made an attempt to get the painting transferred to our museum, but we were unsuccessful.

As I leave you as president, I wish each of you the very best. I am remaining on the TCAA board and will continue to serve a publication chair.

Linda Brunk Smith, '65





New Officers and Directors

The following were elected as new members of your board of directors at the annual meeting in September:

> Pearl Elaine Park Burns '86 Sidney Pearce Copper '62

The following were reinstated to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting: Gloria Gibler '88 Joe Farley '81

New officers were elected by the Board in the October, and they are:

President Joe Farley Vice-President

Myrna Montgomery Vardeman '74 Secretary Pat Anderson Kellenbarger '58 Treasurer

Mary McAdams '86

The Board also voted to move to emeritus status: Willie Mier '50, Randy Crudup '79, Sheridan Staples Mires '87 and Bob Hughes '71. Please join the Board in thanking these four for their long and loyal service to the Association.

Tarkio Tech President's Report

Tarkio Tech opened its second full academic year by doubling last year's total enrollment with twenty-five total students enrolled in five different programs. This year's offerings include welding, plumbing, HVAC installation, wind energy technology and computer technology. Our students represent nine different communities across northwest Missouri and southwest lowa.

We are also beginning the process of recruiting a class for the fall of 2022. We have attended four regional college fairs and have received 131 student contacts from these fairs. We will be visiting high schools across northwest Missouri and southwest lowa during the month of November. In January we will be attending a college fair in southeast Nebraska and reaching out to additional high school during the second semester.

Two new programs are currently in the planning stages with advisory groups established in health sciences and in advanced manufacturing. In addition, we have selected a curriculum and instructors for the Christian Business endorsement that will be offered no later than the fall of 2022.



Rankin Window Replacement

We have received the final cost estimate of the windows on the north and south second floor of Rankin Hall. This is the first phase of total window replacement in the building. These are historically accurate, dual- pane, low "E" glass, with argon gas and mullions between the two panes. They will give the same appearance as the original windows and meet the demands of the historical registry. We are financing this project through donations. If you ae interested in purchasing a window in your name or as a memorial, we will place a plate on the sill with the desired information. If you are interested, please contact us at info@tarkiotech.com for a form, or you may go to our website, tarkiotech.com to download the form. The form identifies the targeted windows by number and you may select a specific window if you wish. The cost of the window, including installation, is \$3,500.

How We Got to TC

We captured this article from a question that was posed on Facebook. Lots more responses were given, but here are a few.

Gayle Hanna Alexander '66: My great-great grandfather was David Rankin and my dad was from Tarkio originally. My grandmother taught Spanish at TC. As I was growing up in Louisiana, we would visit Tarkio relatives occasionally. Many of my relatives attended TC, so I decided to carry on the tradition.

Jim Uht '82: The minister of the church I was attending said a lady had a scholarship to Tarkio's Theatre Department and recommended me. I applied and got the scholarship.

Curt Riley '84: My dad, Buck Riley '63 played football, basketball and track at TC. I went there as a sophomore to run track, ran one year, and decided to finish playing basketball for CL. Joined TKE. Lived at the Pond with Pete Clancy '83. Made great friends and great memories.

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Homecoming 2021

After having to cancel Homecoming 2020 we were determined to hold Homecoming 2021. The key word this year was flexibility. It was postponed until September.

We had some surprises! 70 people participated in various activities. This was the largest Homecoming crowd we had had in a number of years! Friday started with golf at the Tarkio Golf Course. Your TCAA Board met in the afternoon. That evening a Meet & Greet was held in Thompson. Saturday started with a cold breakfast in Rankin. The lunch and dinner were held outside.

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Caption here?

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The Alphas provided entertainment Saturday afternoon in Rankin. They sang a medley of songs including those of Brewer and Shipley. Afterwards everyone moved to the Rotary Theater (formerly known as the Little Theater) for the premier viewing of a Brewer and Shipley documentary. The Alphas again provided entertainment during the dinner meal. The evening ended with a beautiful fireworks display after the Corporate Meeting and presentation of the Awards.

Prior to the weekend I had a conversation with an Alum about attending for the first time. They were hesitant about attending. Would they recognize anyone? Would anyone know them? I promised that would not be the case. There would be old friends but there would be new friends. We all share our Tarkio stories. We are all members of the wonderful Tarkio family. I had the opportunity to talk to that person Saturday night. They were so glad they attended and had a fantastic time.

I tell people we need 2 things to have a successful Homecoming. First, we need good food. Second and most importantly, we need our Alums. Please plan on attending Homecoming 2022.

Muriel Sugar Tosh '71 Homecoming 2021 Co-chairman





Homecoming 2022 September 16-18! See You There!!





Bob Lang '73 receives Outstanding Service Award



We love hearing from you. Please keep us informed of important events in your lives or just give us a shout out!

Sarah Rankin Elam '60 writes that she is doing well. She has had a recent hip replacement and a pacemaker installed.

Sam Little '61 said he couldn't come to Homecoming, but he would love to visit with other alums coming through Cody, WY.

Andrew Goldstone '70 recalls coming to Tarkio from the Bronx. Since he was Jewish, his mother was worried about him celebrating the high holy days. Dean Parker took him and other Jewish students to St. Joseph for the holidays. He also remarked he felt 0% anti-Semitism in his four years at TC.

Sam Dubin '75 always sends us Christmas and Easter cards. Thank you, Sam.

Mary Swenson '58 states she is happy to see that Tarkio is open again and she wished TTI "all the best as it begins a new era for the campus, the town of Tarkio, and Atchison County."

Special Gifts from Alumni

We were blessed with several gifts from alumni this year.

Summertime campus flowers were given by Sid and Gary Cooper '62, '79.

Holly S. Hankins '79 gave us Lenten Roses in memory of her father, Adm. Neil Stevenson '52 and her godmother, Edna McCoy O'Dell (staff). These are planted near the front entrance on 13th street.

The McCoy family is sharing Edna O'Dell's wall painting of Rankin Hall from the Walnut Inn as soon as it is framed. Many will remember the extensive collection of Tarkio landmarks that were painted by Edna that graced the Walnut Room at the Inn. Her nephew, Bob McCoy '65, made the presentation at Homecoming 2021.

Archiving News

This fall we started to archive the items in our College Museum. We purchased all of the necessary equipment and set it up in "Crystal's Room" in Rankin. During Alumni Weekend, Pat Kellenbarger started copying items into the computer. Although we can start doing yearbooks, etc., there is still a lot of sorting of items to make sure we get all like items together. We hope to have most of, if not all of it, done by the time we meet for the next alumni weekend. If anyone wants to help sort things to get them ready, please feel free to call me, and we will get to work. Gloria Gibler: 515-664-5362

The Association has committed \$5000 to the beginning of this project. If you would like to help defer some of this cost, we would gladly accept your donations: TCAA, P.O. Box 111, Tarkio,, MO 64491. Again, thanks from Gloria and Elaine, Museum Curators



Below are gifts of bricks for 2020-2021. Please note that because brick prices and engraving are going up, bricks will be \$125 beginning January 1, 2022. We are also expanding the brick Memory Garden to near the sundial. We thank all who have given.

Donald Nelson | 1958 Patricia Anderson Kellenbarger | 1958 Roy McIntosh | 1953 Edna O'DellStaff | 1955-1974 Tom Alexander | 1964 John "Scotty" Blair | 1971 Doug Henry | Staff Billie Dean Lindsay | 1969 Jana Cox | 1975 Charlie Parker | 1973 James "Crop" Martin | 1974 Jerry Lapsley | 1975 Paul Fell | 1975 H.T. Adams | 1977 Bobby "Bert" Williams | 1973 Cosetta McKay McQueen | 1979 Cynthia Kass | 1970-71 Marla K. Tollett-Ross | 1980 George M. Henry | 1964 Del Morley | 1975 Coach Wayne Davidson | 1965-1973 Coach Skip Shear | 1967 Steve Woods | 1975 Larry Manz | 1977 Gayle Hanna Alexander | 1966 Rosalee Frasee Bloomfield | 1966 Dale & Linda O'Connell | 1964 Meta Hull | 1953 Bruce Barnett | 1974 Walter Knox | 1974 Pat H.Loudon | 1965 Marv Schlatter | 1970

Memorials and Other Cash Donations

We thank all who have made extra donations to TCAA throughout the year.

Memorials

Roy McIntosh '53 – Janet Marti Cook '69 Roy McIntosh – THS Class of 1972 Roy McIntosh – Mary Swenson '58 Roy McIntosh – Linda Brunk Smith '65 Roy McIntosh – Atchison County Vet Clinic Roy & Gayla McIntosh – Nancy Rail Daugherty '84 Donna Bredensteiner Howell x49 – Mary Swenson '58 Janett Adams '52 – Linda Brunk Smith '65 Don Nelson '58 – Joyce Pogue '57 (Meta Hull '53 – donation in honor of Meta and Phil Hull's 70th Anniversary)

Scholarship Donations (with dues)

Joseph Ferry '58 Rudolph Kosits '60 Katherine Brown LaForge '66 Mary Jane Davidson Laughlin '74 Patty Currie Rolofson '72 K. Daniel Walker '68

Archiving Expense Donation

Ronald Clauss '68 Beth Gold '82 Peggy Nauman Johnson '63 Bill Kenneweg '61 Rudolph Kosits '60 Amy Laveall Ozalas '76 Mary Ann Vaccaro Saluga '67 Linda Brunk Smith '65 K. Daniel Walker '68

Donations for alumni & work weekend

Margaret Shields Marti '66 Robert McCoy '65 Willie Mier '50 Linda Brunk Smith '65 Muriel Sugar Tosh '71

Donation for refrigerator replacement

Ken '72 & Myrna Montgomery Vardeman '74 Cosetta McKay McQueen '79

Roof Donations

Marv Schlatter '71 Linda Brunk Smith '65 Margaret & David Taylor '? John Terry '74

Linda's Garden/Flag pole-sun dial area Rebecca Turnbull–Non-Alum

Unspecified Donations

Emmet Carty '? Louis Butcher '65 Janet Marti Cook '69 Nancy Rail Daugherty '84 Greg Lugn '78 Sheridan Staples Mires '87 Mike Needleman '73 Linda Brunk Smith '65 Clyde & Colleen Park '72 Joyce Pogue '57

Bricks

Gayle Hanna Alexander '66 Jana Christiansen Cox '75 Paul Fell '75 Wayne Gelston '71 Holly Stevenson Hankins '79 Cynthia Kass '71 Pat Anderson Kellenbarger '58 Bill Kraft '64 Dale O'Connell '64 Charles Parker '73 Marv Schlatter '71 Linda Brunk Smith '65 Muriel Sugar Tosh '71

How to Use PayPal or Credit Card for Dues/Donations

- 1. Go to our website, www.tarkioalumni.org
- 2. On the left side of your screen, click on "company matching gifts." This option is also open to smaller individual donations and transactions.
- 3. Enter the desired amount and choose PayPal or credit card you also have the option below the amount donated for any special instructions, for example a memorial, etc.
- 4. If you have a PayPal account follow that procedure for a credit card/debit card enter your information
- 5. You have the option of sharing your address information with TCAA
- 6. After you have entered all the required information click "donate now"
- 7. The system will then tell you that you have donation \$_____ to TCAA.

For matching gifts our EIN is 43-1617012

Anniversaries

I have picked these up from Facebook. Sometimes I have trouble finding the exact date, your class year, and spouse's names, but we wish you well no matter our limitations. Many more!!

Jim '64 and Carole Smith '65 Taylor celebrated #50 on June 29, 2019. CONGRATULATIONS! Phil Knoebel '84 and spouse celebrated #32 on January 19, 2020. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Vircillo '70 celebrated #50 on March1, 2020! CONGRATULATIONS! Stephen '88 and Jacqui Reid celebrated # 30 on March 4, 2020. Joseph '84 and Phyllis Genova celebrated #27 on March 20, 2020. Bill and Susan Mehaffey Slaughter '70 celebrate #50 on May 3, 2020! CONGRATULATIONS! Tim and Janet Arneal Johns '75 celebrated #45 on May17, 2020. Sidney Pearce '62 and Gary Cooper '79 celebrated #64 on May 31, 2020! WHOOPEE!! Mary Holiday '? and Donald Boone celebrated # 19 on June 6, 2020. Wayne '71 and Karen Gelston celebrated # 41 on June 9, 2020. Elizabeth Breazier '72 and Lonnie Clair celebrated # 41 on June 11, 2020. Joe McIntosh '81 and Faye Perkins celebrated # 35 on June 18, 2020. Mike '73 and Tati Needleman celebrated #43 on July 23, 2020. Holly Stevenson Hankins '79 and spouse celebrated #37 on July 30. 2020. Doug '66 and Wendee McVicker celebrated # 48 on August 3, 2020. Curt '84 and Sheryl Riley celebrated #30 on August 4, 2020. LeRoy '89 and Sylvia Fontenot celebrated #30 on August 10, 2020, Dr. '74 and Mrs. Mark Dalbey celebrated #45 on August 16, 2020. Mr. and Mrs. David Berg '80 celebrated #36 on August 24, 2020. Suzanne Bartenhagen McCleary '85 and spouse celebrated on August 29, 2020. No year listed. Jeff and Teagan Sumy celebrated #19 on August 29, 2020. Mr. '? and Mrs. Ian Kramer celebrated # 28 on September 5, 2020. Linda Brunk '65 and Harlan Smith celebrated # 50 on September 6, 2020! CONGRATULATIONS TO US! Richard '88 and Kimberly Hodge celebrated #15 on September 24, 2020. Kelly McGraw Moore '91 and spouse celebrated #5 on November 9, 2020. Jeanne Glotfelty '78 and spouse celebrated #43 on December 23, 2020. The Lowell Willhites '? celebrated # 37 on February 17, 2021. Kris Kalvesmaki '? and Paul Temple celebrated # 22 on April 11, 2021. Meta Nolte '53 and Phil Hull celebrated #70 on April 12, 2021. We are sad to report Meta has since passed. M. L. '77 and Teri Ferchau celebrated # 36 on April 14, 2021. Mary Ann Vaccaro '67 and Paul Saluga celebrated # 53 on April 23, 2022. GREAT!! Ray '51 and Barbara Enerson '54 McIntosh celebrated # 67 on April 30, 2022. FANTASTIC!! Nancy Steenrod Dodd-Weant '85 and spouse celebrate #13 on June 1, 2021. J. David '66 and G Ann Fawcett '68 Martin celebrated #53 on June 8, 2021. WONDERFUL! Gina Borgmeyer Keppler '89 and spouse celebrated # 32 on June 9, 2021 Dan Cox '71 and Eleanor J. Shirley celebrated on June 11, 2021. Unfortunately I failed to capture years. Randy Bernard '? and wife celebrated #45 on June 11, 2021. Carol Costello '89 and Rod Baker celebrated #30 on June 15, 2021. John Barker '? and wife celebrated # 33 on June 24, 2021. Our new president, Joe Farley '81 and his bride, Carol, celebrated #40 on June 30, 2021. John P. Lodato '74 and wife celebrated on July 8, but we don't know number of years. Jo Frahm '74 and Karl Watkins celebrated # 44 on July 30, 2021. Peggiann Molinaro '87 and Barry McCoy celebrated # 27. We think on August 1, 2021. Lacy Altwine '92 and Mike Mahaffey celebrated #17. We think on August 7, 2021. Mary Jane Davidson '74 and Rick Laughlin celebrated # 35 on August 16, 2021. Lila Pettit '75 and Rich Dan celebrated #? on August 22, 2021. Sally Benwell '84 and Ken Chalupay celebrated #? on September 7, 2021. Barbara Frost '68 and Alfred Hemphill celebrated #35 on September 13, 2021. LaRee Bintz Lager '89 and husband celebrated #33 on September 24, 2021. Charles '73 and Michele Parker celebrated #37 on October 6, 2021. Peggy Wilson-Freeman '89 and husband celebrated #29 on October 10, 2021. David '90 and Beverly Nelson '91 Womack celebrated # 28 on October 16, 2021. Jim (Staff) and Norma Noble McIntosh celebrated #62 on October 19, 2021. WOW!! Ed '83 and Susan Nevins Donnellan celebrated #29 on October 31, 2021.

Obituaries

Harold L. "Roy" McIntosh PhD '53, Tarkio, MO, died October 17, 2020. If anyone should have been known as "Mr. Tarkio College", it was Roy. He was a graduate, faculty member, division chair, dean and president. He was also a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Survivors include his daughter, Kim '79 and his brothers, Ray '51 and Jim (Staff). TCAA has been named as a memorial for Dr. McIntosh, and we thank the family.

Janett Evans Adams '52, Tarkio, MO passed November 12, 2020. Janett was known for her beautiful voice which she shared with the early Mule Barn productions and her church, Tarkio Methodist.

Donna Bredensteiner Howell 'x49 passed December 28, 2020. Donna was a stay-at-mom if this live wire could be deemed "stay-at-home." She was active in the Tarkio Methodist Church and Eastern Star.

Marvin N. Dunkle '60, Loveland, CO died December 30, 2020. He worked in Financial Aid at Colorado State University,

George G. McVicker '61, Des Moines, IA died December 31, 2020. He had been a teacher, coach and author of several books. He was also a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Survivors include his brother, Doug '66.

Larry Schwimmer '70 Chula Vista, CA died January 11, 2012. Larry was a free spirit who spent most of his life as a salesman. He spent many hours in the library and was especially fond of biographies.

John Scott Blair '71, Easley, SC died January 14, 2021. He had worked for a pest control company.

Robert D. Williams '73 Atlanta, GA died February 3, 2021. We have no further information on him.

Ardis Sly Coe '67, Roswell, GA passed February 23, 2021. Ardis had a beautiful voice and was the star of the very first Mule Barn production in 1967. She sang in many later productions, community events, and her church.

Donald G. Nelson '58, Shendoah, IA died February 24, 2021. He was a life-long farmer and active in the Shenandoah Presbyterian Church. Don always attended Homecoming, and we missed him this year for sure.

Elisabeth M. "Betty" Smith (Staff), Tarkio, MO passed March 24, 2021. She had worked in Admissions at TC as well as in many local clerical positions,

Thomas H. Alexander '64, Lincoln, NE died April 5, 2021. He worked for the NE Department of Roads and was a member of the National Guard. He often sang in our alumni choirs. He is survived by his wife, Gayle Hanna Alexander '66.

Billy Dean Lindsey '69, Tarkio, MO died April 17, 2021. He was an Air Force veteran. He worked at Hy Vee in Tarkio for many years.

Sherry Poland Adams '?, Fairfax, MO passed May 5, 2021. We are unsure of her class. She was a homemaker who served many local organizations such as cub scouts.

Douglas R. Henry (Staff), Kansas City, MO died May 6, 2021. Doug had devoted his life to education as a teacher, principal and in Administration at TC. He was an Army veteran.

Joyce Martin Kinsey '59, Omaha, NE passed August 10, 2021. Joyce was the daughter of Dr. Alfred and Lois Martin. She was a microbiologist and taught microbiology and virology at the University of NE, Omaha. Survivors include her brother, James '71.

Meta Nolte Hull '53 Tarkio, MO passed September 1, 2021. She was a devoted member of St. John's Lutheran Church where her father had been pastor. She was also a generous and devoted alumnus, and we will miss her.

Dr. E.R. Dalrymple '52, Springfield, MO died September 2, 2021. He was a devoted educator spending many years as superintendent of schools throughout Missouri. He was active in the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sandra Gaines Farnsworth '63, Adair, IA, passed October 16 2021. She had been a teacher and had also worked in social services. She was active in the Adair Methodist Church.

TCAA-Statement of Financial Position (Includes unrealized gains of \$7511) 6/30/2021

	\$24,303
	\$1,383
\$15,774	
\$7,756	
<u>-\$23,530</u>	
	\$0
	\$34,727
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TCAA Statement of Activities 7/1/2020 Through 6/30/2021

7/1/2020 Through 0/30/2	021		
Inflows			
Contributions Gifts Grants	\$19,090		
Dues	\$13,462		
Rental Income	\$0		
Net Sales	\$387		
Interest, Dividends and Realized Gain	\$1,212		
Total Inflows		\$34,151	
Outflows			
Bank, License, Officers Ins. and Office fees	\$2,026		
Depreciation	\$0		
Occupancy,Rent,Utilities,Maintenance	\$1,788		
Printing, Publications, Postage	\$1,554		
Professional fees, Independent Contractors	\$1,949		
Student Scholarships	\$1,000		
Donation To Tarkio Tech for Roof Repair	\$21,466		
Total Outflows		\$29,783	
OVERALL TOTAL INFLOWS OVER OUTFLOWS		=	\$4,368
Change in UnrlzdGain			\$6,309
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		=	\$10,677

11/10/21 Unaudited reports prepared by Grace (Schoenemann) Huettner TC '78