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Dear Fellow Alumni,

The past year has been quite eventful. We had our Reunion Weekend last June with most of our activities in Thompson Learning Center, our old Thompson Library. We are looking forward to another exciting weekend this June; hopefully, you will be joining us.

TCAA is negotiating turning the campus over to Tarkio College. This will enable Tarkio College to seek tax-credit grants for the needs of Tarkio College and to repair buildings on the campus and our beloved Rankin Hall. Tarkio College is ever so close to certification with hopes of beginning classes this fall.

Thank you for your support and patience~

Wayne R. Gelston,

President of the Tarkio College Alumni Association

CHANGES:

On December 20, 2018, Robert A. Hughes '71 resigned as president of Tarkio College due to health reasons. Special thanks go out to Bob for his diligence before he resigned in completing the application to the State for certification to include technical areas of education.

On that same day, Linda Brunk Smith '65 resigned both as president of the Tarkio College Board of Directors and her board membership. This was for other reasons. Bob and Linda had each served for over twenty-seven years on the boards of the alumni association and/or the College Board. Both will remain on the Tarkio College Alumni Association Board of Directors. Linda will also remain publicity chair for the Association and your editor.

Mary McAdams '86 also recently resigned as Special Assistant to the President. She will remain on the Tarkio College Alumni Association Board serving as our treasurer and office manager. We thank her for her continued loyalty.

Johnnie Davis has been appointed Interim President of Tarkio College. He is not an alumnus. Don Jagger '71 is serving as interim president of the TC Board of Directors.

BOARD CHANGES:

As we have progressed moving forward with Tarkio College, it has become necessary to more completely separate the boards of Tarkio College and the Tarkio College Alumni Association. This has not been an easy task as many have served on both boards for several years. Please bear with us through these growing pains.

The Alumni Association's purpose is to support you as alumni. The purpose of TC is to run TC. Although interlocked, these are not the same. In the past, fundraising for TC has flowed through efforts of TCAA who has done smaller fund raising for itself through dues and donations. Undoubtedly there will have to be changes made here, and these changes have yet to be worked out. Again, please bear with us.

All of you have received messages for the Founder's Fund for TC, and you are encouraged to support that effort for TC if you have not done so already. Please also consider separate donations for TCAA in order to keep her afloat.

CURRENT TCAA BOARD MEMBERS:



Wayne Gelston '71 (President)
Marla Tollett-Ross '80 (VP)
Mary McAdams '86 (Treasurer)
Sheridan Mires '87 (Secretary)
Willie Mier '50
Roger Claypool '76
Robert Hughes '71
Cosetta McKay McQueen '79
Pat Anderson Kellenbarger '58
Randy Crudup '79
Muriel Sugar Tosh '71
Gretchen Ingram '75
Linda Brunk Smith '65
Janet Marti Cook '69

This group of dedicated individuals will continue to work and do what is best for you as alumni. We ask for your prayerful and financial support.

TARKIO COLLEGE CAMPUS CHANGES:

The Tarkio College Alumni Association Board of Directors is in negotiations with the Tarkio College Board of Directors to transfer the campus property over to TC. TCAA has owned the campus since it was deeded over to her by Heartland Institute some years ago. TCAA no longer has the financial ability to maintain the campus, and TC needs the campus to better apply for grants and funding to move forward. Nevertheless, this has not been an easy decision. This has been a very emotional

decision for the Board as it probably is for many of you, and it has not been taken lightly. We ask for your prayerful support as we make these changes.

There are several legal documents that must be reviewed thoroughly and approved at by our lawyer, but we are working through all of this carefully. If you would like to help us with legal costs, we welcome special donations for this to TCAA, P.O. Box 111, Tarkio, MO 64491.

We are in the process of working out a Memorandum of Understanding with TC as to our continued rights and responsibilities on the campus and especially the continued care of Rankin Hall.

REPORT FROM INTERIM TARKIO COLLEGE PRESIDENT:

Momentum Builds for Tarkio College

This winter has seen some significant events on the campus of Tarkio College. In December, the local steering committee hosted a luncheon for over fifty representatives of regional economic development groups and major industrial foundations. The people gathered to hear the progress of our quest to re-open the College and to share their interest in becoming partners in our efforts. Then in January, we saw the classrooms of Thompson Learning Center filled once again with young people from surrounding high schools as they participated in a Career Fair which brought employers from our businesses and factories to share with these students about the opportunities available to them in over twenty-four local careers.



As our application for certification sits in the hands of the Missouri Department of Higher Education, we continue to make arrangements on campus to develop our curriculum and equip our classrooms for our initial programs. We have been meeting with advisory committees in each of these proposed programs and have cultivated dozens of business partners in our four-state area. In addition, our Founders Fund sits just less than \$8,000 form or initial goal of \$250,000!

On February 4, we will be attending the annual Great Northwestern Day Conference in Jefferson City to visit with key decision-makers in Missouri and to promote the need for career and technical training in our region.

It is truly an exciting time for Tarkio College and for our area. The community has begun to realize that this dream which has been kept alive through the Tarkio College Alumni all these years has now become a drive to the goal line. We look forward to a great celebration this summer as Tarkio College Sets Fire Again!



NEW LIFE ON CAMPUS: On January 16, 2019, Tarkio College hosted a Career Fair in Thompson Learning Center.

ALUMNI WEEKEND~ JUNE 21-23, 2019

Approximately 90 sophomores from Tarkio, Fairfax, Rock Port, and West Nodaway (Burlington Jct) heard from professionals in the following areas: Health Services, Industrial and Engineering Technology, Business Management and Technology, Arts and Communications,

Additional pictures of this event may be found on our Facebook site: Tarkio College Alumni Association.

ANNIVERSARIES: CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Number 60 for Dottie (King) '58 and Dave Carlson on May 19, 2018. Dottie writes that they were married by Dr. Clyde Canfield in Leitch Chapel, although it wasn't called that then. Their wedding party included Al Reynolds '60, Doug Grandstaff '60, Rich Graves '60, Linda Steffen '59, Nora Dunlap '58 and Nancy Anderson '59. What sweet memories!!

Number 50 for J. David '66 and G-Ann (Fawcett) '68 Martin on June 8, 2018.

Number 55 for Tom '62 and Betty (Martin)'62 Carver on June 10, 2018.

I bet the Martins and Carvers were also married in the Chapel. Were you?

We welcome news of YOUR anniversaries. Email our special date to: tcaa@tarkio.net

Did you know that the Chapel has been completely restored and is available for weddings and other events? There is a wonderful organ for your use as well as a grand piano, which would need tuning!

IN THE NEWS:

Recent newspaper articles have featured some of our alums. If you have been IN THE NEWS too, send along to: TCAA, P.O. Box 111, Tarkio, MO 64491.

Wayne Thompson '64 received his 50 year pin from Moila Shrine, St. Joseph, MO this past year.

Barney Farley '88, Tarkio Postmaster, was in charge of the local postal Stamp Out Hunger project in May 2018.

Sharon Easley Gaines '64 was named Outstanding Alum 2018 by Rockport, MO High School.

C. Thomas Carson '76 was featured in a lengthy article in the Katonah-Lewisboro Times about his journey from homelessness to being a postmaster. He has also written a book "A Journey Through the Shadows of Death."

Don White '69 has been named a Paul Harris Fellow of the Tarkio Rotary.

Orlando Navarro '89 has been appointed to the Parks and Leisure Board of the City of Laredo, TX.

RETIREMENTS & NEW BEGINNINGS:

Hey! We know a lot of us are getting to that age. How about sending us your lucky news?

~ TARKIO COLLEGE ALUMNI WEEKEND~ JUNE 21-23, 2019

- Cherie Heits '83 has retired from the Tarkio School District as a special education teacher. Congratulations!
- Steven K. Lepley '91 has accepted the position of Clinical Director at Mirror Lake in Nashville, TN

NOTES FROM TARKIO COLLEGE ALUMNI:

We LOVE hearing from you by email to tcaa@tarkio.net You can snail mail to Box 111, Tarkio, MO 64491. KEEP IN TOUCH!

Non-alum, but faithful supporter, Annette Low Kaplan (friend) sent us a generous donation, plus a nice note remembering her grandmother, Myra Baker Low and Veva Ballengee, both instructors at TC. This was a very special remembrance.

W.G. Stewart (friend) sent us a note that he had been a Burlington Northern Railroad Agent working at the depot in Tarkio.

Mel and Sally Moore (friends) of Tarkio sent us a Founder's Fund contribution and a nice note.

Blaine Shaum (friend) thanked the Jaggers for keeping him informed. He also sent a donation.

We received a thank you note from the Milt Holtz family for the flowers we sent for the funeral.

Clarence Eash Lambright (Faculty) sent us a note wishing us luck with the new TC.

Maxine Mehaffey Arneal '45 sent a note along with her dues telling us that her son, Steve '70 and daughter, Janet Arneal Johns '75 had a 95th birthday party for her at the First Presbyterian Church in North Platte, NE.

Diane Neal Stevenson '51 sent us a nice note and included news of Dr. William (Ed) McKee '41.

Shirley (Martin) McLarin '53 sent us a note of regret about not attending her class reunion. Shirley has been most faithful in contacting East Coast alumni, and we thank her.

A letter from Marilyn (Ihrig) Small '55 was forwarded to us. She and husband, Hank '55, are five year contributors, and we thank them. They recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. We don't know exactly when.

Bob '55 and Shirley (Kerr) '56 Bacon sent us a note and a generous check stating they were not attending Alumni Weekend. They also sent notice that their granddaughter, Sarah, won the NCAA Div 1 national one meter diving event held at Ohio State University. She is an All American at the University of MN.

Nancy (Klem) Morrow '58 sent us her usual newsy letter, and informed us of the death of her husband, James, on April 1 2017.

Judy (Mertz) '64 and Verl Flack '60 sent a lovely birthday surprise for your editor's 75th birthday. I thank you.

Lou Vircillo '70 forwarded an email from Michael and Donalyn Sasso Marchio '69 thanking him for keeping them informed about campus activities

Barclay Totten '70 sent a nice note along with his dues.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL YOU FOLKS FROM THE '80'S AND '90'S? WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU TOO!

Online Payments: 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

OBITUARIES:

Please bear with us in reporting these deaths. We often only receive notices by returned mail and not timely. Many times, we do not receive dates of death, and we are unable to locate such. We thank you for your patience. We are happy to print additions or corrections in a later Phoenix.

We have received notice of deaths of Ruth (Varley) '42 and Wayne Falk '41, Omaha, NE, but we do not have dates. She was a homemaker, and he was retired military.

We have also received notice of the passing of Eva M. Cofer '57, Fairfax, MO, but we do not have a date of death. She was a retired teacher.

We have received a notice of death Charles R. Underwood '56, Rock Port, MO, but we do not have a date. He was manager of Comfort Crew Inc.

Lois Barlow Chambers '55, Denison, IA passed away in 2006. We do not have an exact date. She was a retired teacher.

Frederick Field Driftmier '39, Vero Beach, FL died March 21, 2009. He was a United Church of Christ minister, teacher, public speaker, horticulturist, sailor, adventurer, and community leader.

Don Adams '45, Plano, TX, died September 15, 2012. We know nothing further.

OBITUARIES (continued):

Michael Wilkerson '73, Los Gatos, CA, died in 2014. We do not have an exact date. He worked for NASA.

Don Porto '?, Penfield, NY, died September 5, 2014. He had a successful career in computers and owned his own data management company. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Hillman Porto '68.

Carl Djerassi '42, San Francisco, CA, died January 30, 2015. He was known as the father of the birth control pill.

James Morgans '70, Omaha, NE, died August 11, 2015. We know nothing further about him.

Leah Sommer Spitzmesser '46, Keizer, OR, passed away in February 2016. We know nothing further.

John Currie '60, Columbus Jct. IA, died April 28, 2016. He was Superintendent of Schools.

Paul George '55, Sebring, FL, died in December 2016, He was retired from IBM.

Terry Sarnese '68, Old Town, FL, died September 17, 2017. He had owned a pest control company. He was a Vietnam Veteran.

The Rev. Raymond Tiemeyer '46, Lincoln, NE, died November 16, 2017. He was a retired pastor.

John Caola '70, Brick, NJ, died in January 2018. We know nothing further.

Stanley G. Sunderwirth '51, Columbus, IN, died January 21, 2018. He was Professor of Chemistry IUPUI.

Robert Patterson '60, Carrollton, TX, died in February 2018. He was Dean of Education, SMU.

John T. Adkins '49, Carthage, IL, died March 11, 2018. He was a retired administrator and dean of SE IA Community College. He was an Air Force veteran.

Robert Ruse '63, Sarasota, FL, died May 1, 2018. We know nothing more about him.

David Kaminski '80, Lancaster, NY, died May 9, 2018. He was vice-president of Besroi Construction CO. He had played football for TC.

Theodore E. Sparr '60, Red Oak, IA died May 13, 2018, He was an accountant. He was an active supporter of 4-H and was inducted into the Montgomery County Fair Hall of Fame in 2017. Survivors include his sister and brother-in-law, Doreen '65 and Doug Stretch '65 and brother, Dean '70 and sister-in-law, Enid '70. Honorary pallbearers were Johnny Wilcox '60 and Verl Flack '60.

Wesley Harvey Van Hassel, Faculty, Casper Wyoming, died May 21, 2018. He was the Director of the Theater.

Ruth Bunn Seim '61, Ottumwa, IA, passed away June 10, 2018. Ruth was a wonderful musician and music teacher and a most generous contributor to TCAA. We shall miss her.

Randall Closterman '73, Overland Park, KS, died June 19, 2018. He was a heating and air conditioning contractor.

OBITUARIES (continued):

James R. Lavelle '65, Plymouth Meeting, PA, died July 6, 2018. He was a retired educator and had been active in his community working with several diabetic organizations. He is survived by his wife, Leslie K. Dowart '66.

Clarence "Doc" Stull '66, Bedminster TWP, PA died July 17 2018. He was a teacher and coach and faithful supporter of Tarkio College. He left us a most generous legacy.

Jack B. Watterson '55, Melbourne, FL, died July 22, 2018. He was a retired computer scientist. He was a docent at the Brevard Zoo and a EcoTour Guide for Indian River Cruises.

Jack Graham '60, Arroyo Grande, CA died July 28, 2018. He was a pilot for a number of airlines. Survivors include his sister, Peggy Graham Wiemann '59 and brother-in-law, Charles Dismukes '54.

Gene Wester '? , Maryville, MO, died July 31, 2018. He was a farmer and a US Army Veteran of the Korean War.

Marilyn Mitchell Christy '52, Davenport, IA, passed away September 10, 2018. She was the mother and mother-in-law of a number of our alums: Carrie '86,' Collette '79, Janet '73, Mark'76, and Rebecca '73. I hope I didn't make any errors there!

Milton E. Holtz, Faculty, Westboro, MO died January 9, 2019. He taught history and economics.

Dana L Austin ', St. Joseph, MO, passed away January 11, 2019. She was manager of A+ Cash Advance in Maryville.

BRICKS

Elaine Fisher Fry from Linda Brunk Smith '65

Douglas Stokes '80 from Douglas Stokes '80

Larry Haines '72 by Ken '72 & Myrna (Montgomery) Vardeman '74

David Kyle '54 from Rosemary (Kyle) Morrill '54'

MEMORIALS

Jack '55 and Joan '57 (Nelson) Watterson by Joyce Pogue '57

PLEASE NOT THAT IF YOU SENT A MEMORIAL TO THE TC FOUNDERS FUND ...THOSE ARE NOT LISTED HERE AS WE DO NOT HAVE THOSE RECORDS.

TCAA-Statement of Financial Position
(Includes unrealized gains of \$2999)
6/30/2018

ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		\$28,949
Inventory		\$675
Memorabilia	\$15,774	
Printer, Computer, fax	\$7,756	
zAccumulated Dpr	-\$23,530	
TOTAL Other Assets		\$0
Investments		\$27,907
		<u>\$57,531</u>
Fund Balance		
Tarkio College Fund Escrow		\$16,000 *
TCAA Fund Balance		\$41,531

TCAA Statement of Activities
7/1/2017 Through 6/30/2018

Inflows		
Contributions Gifts Grants	\$41,824	
Dues	\$13,399	
Rental Income	\$17,200	
Net Sales	\$462	
Interest, Dividends and Realized Gain	\$1,708	
Total Inflows		\$74,593
Outflows		
Bank, License, Officers Ins. and Office fees	\$2,889	
Depreciation	\$0	
Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$71,541 **	
Printing, Publications, Postage	\$3,738	
Professional fees, Independent Contractors	\$1,329	
Student Scholarships & Donations	\$500	
Total Outflows		\$79,997
OVERALL TOTAL INFLOWS OVER OUTFLOWS		<u>(\$5,404)</u>
Change in UnrlzdGain		(\$636)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		<u>(\$6,040)</u>
*TC funds held in escrow (transferred to TC August 2018)		
** Rankin and Thompson Renovations included in total		\$9,016

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