

The Phoenix



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A Letter From The President of Tarkio College

Dear Alums,

There are times I feel like the preverbal prophet who stands on the street corner with a sign saying, "The End is Near". For twenty-five years many of us have toiled to bring about the rebirth of Tarkio College and each year we pronounce that the end of our journey is "near". The problem is in the definition of "near". In the space of the universe "near" could be a hundred or a thousand years, but in our universe "near" must be defined by the limitations brought about by the fragility of mankind. So when you hear those of us who have been on this journey say that we are "near" the end please understand two things, "near" is based on the limits those of us who have dedicated our lives to this process have and that the concept of "end" is really just the beginning of the next saga for Tarkio College.

As you may be aware, Heartland Educational Institute has granted the campus to the Alumni Association. This makes a major difference in our approach to the Missouri Department of Higher Education. As Dr. John Fisher and I develop the plan for approval by the Department of Higher Education the arrangement of classes and the utilization of buildings can be more campus focused. Part of the application process is a calculation of our assets and a reasonable budget to operate a post-secondary school. The campus now becomes an unencumbered asset boosting our balance sheet and makes the budget look similar to other post-secondary schools, which in the world of regulators is a good thing. Our goal is to complete this complex application so that the actual process of review by

the State of Missouri can take place early in 2016. Initially the board plans to use Rankin Hall and the learning center (Thompson) as the core classroom space. Alumni President Wayne Gelston and Board Member Don Jagger have been working diligently to get the learning center ready. It will take a great deal more work, but the initial processes of turning on the power, checking systems, getting water to the building and soliciting bids to do some of the work are already underway. In addition, the Board Directors selected Jeffrey Bryne and Associates as fund raising counsel and they will complete the necessary study and operate the major fund raising campaign.

Tarkio College will begin providing classes using a traditional associate degree program. The curriculum is being developed using criteria used among many Missouri colleges to enhance transferability of credits. Classes will be held on campus and on-line. Dr. Fisher and I are following the events surrounding the implementation of Missouri statute 173.020 wherein "the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (hereafter referred to as the coordinating board) shall have the responsibility, within the provisions of the Constitution of the state of Missouri, to: (1) Conduct studies of population and enrollment trends affecting institutions of higher education in the state; (2) Identify higher education needs in the state in terms of the requirements and potential of the young people and in terms of labor force requirements for the development of commerce and industry, and of professional and

public services; (3) Develop arrangements for more effective and more economical specialization among institutions in types of education programs offered and students served, and for more effective coordination and mutual support among institutions in the utilization of facilities, faculty and other resources; (4) Design a coordinated plan for higher education in the state (hereafter referred to as the coordinated plan) and for sub regions in the state, which shall be based on the studies indicated above and on such others as may be deemed relevant by the coordinating board.” The goal of Tarkio College is to become an integral part of the post-secondary school system and, in doing so, advance the goals of the Coordinating Board of Higher Education. Once established, Tarkio College can begin to expand the array of offerings and include some of the longer term goals of providing training and education in health care, homeland security, agriculture and technical skills. In addition, Tarkio College wants to become part of “The Missouri Reverse Transfer Program”

which offers seamless associate degree completion by allowing students to use credit earned at two- and four-year higher education institutions to qualify for an associate degree. Students who have completed at least 15 credit hours at a qualifying two-year college and transferred to a four-year college or university in Missouri can transfer credit back to the two-year college to earn an associate degree. Even students who are not currently attending college may be eligible to complete an associate degree through the Missouri Reverse Transfer program.

So, once again I am standing on the street corner with a sign the says, “The End is Near”, only this time the reverse side of the sign says “We Have Only Just Begun”. Many thanks to those who have stuck with us in this process. It is far better to do things right than to do them fast.

Set Fire,
Robert Hughes ‘71
President
Tarkio College

A Word From the Editor

I had hoped to get the Phoenix out by early November, however we wanted to include the exciting news about the transfer of the campus to the Alumni Association before we published. This took longer than we expected so I am late getting this done. I want to thank my assistant, David-Michael Allen '91, for stepping up to the plate and helping when I have been overrun with other duties.

From the President of TCAA

Wayne Gelston, president of TCAA, is unable to provide a letter for the Phoenix now because his son is seriously ill and hospitalized. Please join us in praying for the Gelston family at this time. We know that Wayne is very pleased that the campus is at long last, ours. He has been one of the faithful few who has held the dream the past twenty-five years, and we thank him for his faithfulness and loyalty.

Memory Garden Update

Bricks since 2014 Phoenix

Dick Marchand '63	RuthAnn VanDyke '64
Jim & Thelma Woollsey	Barnard Farms
Lyle Rolfson	Linda Smith '65
Harlan Smith	Linda Smith '65
Thomas J. Barbee	Linda Smith '65
Eleanor Doughty '35	Linda Smith '65
Sharon Brown Hubbard	Linda Smith '65
Ki Harvey '70	Lou Vircillo '70
Tom Devlin '70	Lou Vircillo '70
Ken Forney '70	Lou Vircillo '70
Fern Jagger	Linda Brunk Smith '65
Bob Myer '71	Lou Vircillo '70 & Ki Harvey '70
Elizabeth Cunningham Marti '40	Janet Marti Cook '69
Ray '51 & Barbara Enarson '54 McIntosh	Chip & Angie Sherman '80
Chip and Angie McIntosh Sherman '80	Chip & Angie Sherman '80
Bill '64 & Caroline Jenks '67 Ault	Bill '64 & Caroline Ault '67
Phyllis Hanna Rickert	Gayle Hanna Alexander '66
Lou Vircillo '70	Anonymous
Dorothy Freeman Woolsey '38	Linda Smith '65

Anniversaries

Bob and Marilyn Swinford Alldredge (Staff) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 27, 2014.

Gary '61 and Betty Bussard were married fifty years ago on May 31, 1964 and celebrated the event with a reception on May 25, 2015.

Terry Brooks '62 and George Mason were married June 12, 1965 in Chartres Cathedral, France and celebrated their fiftieth this year too.

Bev Nelson Womack '91 and David Womack '90 celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary in October 2015.

Your editor, Linda Brunk '65 and husband, Harlan Smith celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on September 6, 2015.

Dr. Milton (Faculty) and Alice Holtz celebrated their 60th on September 18, 2015.

Caprice Ward and Douglas Dale Ward '88 celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on October 4, 2015.

We know there were lots more to add to this list, but we depend upon YOU to furnish this info to us at tcaa@tarkio.net.

Congratulations to all!

Marriages

A sweet note from Joseph A Villafane '69 indicates romance still blooms among our alums. He said he and his wife, Helen M. Sorenson '70 Met in 1965, but drifted apart, but reconnected

in 2005 and married in 2008. How about that?

Lory Hart '84 was married on October 11, 2013.

Obituaries

We report deaths as best we can we receive them. It is not always easy to get complete information. We appreciate your patience.

The following list is a list we found when updating our mailing addresses. We do not have obituaries for these individuals.

Mr. William McKinley '37
Sean Caughman '88
Robert E. Vogler '51
Harry Bright Dunlap '39
Edward Starbird '63
Charlotte Schooler '44
Richard Swereda '69
Anna Mary Piffer Killmer '37
Ralph Tarr '40
Dr. John Gordon (Jack) Evans '52
Mr. William Lightbody '72
Mrs. Margaret Louce Posten '35
Nola Ilsley '51
Dr. Kenneth Gee '35
Rev. Harold Walker-Class Unknown
Anna Michel '55
Donald Reno '57
Curt Oliver '91

William Henry "Hank" Smith '63, Tarkio, MO, died May 7, 2014. He was the owner of his own heating and air conditioning company and had served his community as a volunteer firefighter.

Faye Alter Gonzalez '65, Patterson, CA, died July 16, 2014. Faye had sung with Dr. Doughty's choirs when she attended TC and was known for her cooking and baking skills in later life.

Cheryl Elaine Freeman '89, Tarkio, MO, passed away October 24, 2014. She was a librarian at the Atchison County Library, Tarkio Branch, for 21 years. Survivors include her sister, Connie Freeman Burk '87.

David A Stanek '69, Appleton, WI, died October 29, 2014. While at Tarkio, he was an active Alpha Sig. He spent his working life in sales for Appleton Packing and Gasket. He was an active member of his church and its choir. Most of all, Dave was a loyal alum. The generous proceeds of his estate have allowed us to move forward with TC. The steps to the Chapel have been named in his honor. Please join the Board of Directors in giving thanks for this wonderful friend of Tarkio College.

Beverly Bennett Held '41, Billings, MT, passed away on November 26, 2014. She was a retired teacher.

Thelma Steck Woolsey '45, Tarkio, MO, passed away December 12, 2014. She was an avid antique collector and appraiser and a spark around the town of Tarkio. Survivors included her sister-in-law, Dorthine Woolsey '38.

Coach Doyle R. Slayton, Faculty, Edinburg TX, died December 19, 2014. He was head football coach at Tarkio College in the '80's and '90's. Survivors include his wife, Cathy '87. A number of former TC football players were able to attend his services in Texas. The family has requested memorials to TCAA.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Long '51, Davenport, IA, died December 27, 2014. Bob was a wonderful singer and musician who had been a teacher and media consultant. He served in the Marines. He also was an active Presbyterian serving his church as Deacon, Elder and Music Director. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Hills Long '51. The family has requested memorials to TCAA.

E. Patricia Harbison Meek '57, Tarkio, MO, passed away January 9, 2015. She had owned and operated Meek and

Sons Plumbing and Heating with her husband, Dean, and later with her son, Donnie. She belonged to Tarkio United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and participated in the bell choir. She and Dean always actively supported Tarkio College.

The Rev. Nelson (Fuzzy) Thompson ‘? Kansas City, KS, died January 11, 2015. Fuzzy was a longtime civil rights leader in the Kansas City area. He had played basketball for Tarkio College in the ‘60’s.

Steve E. Wilson ’69, Monett, MO, died January 22, 2015. He had served in the Air Force and had worked for Eaton Corporation for over 21 years. He had earned the Purple heart.

David R. Woody ’90, Tucson, AZ, died January 29, 2015. He had worked as a costume designer around the world as well as a kitchen designer for Home Depot. He loved the theater arts.

Dr. Carl Djerassi ’43 San Francisco, CA, died January 30, 2015. He was the inventor of “the pill.” He briefly attended Tarkio College in the 1940’s

Dr. John D. Baskerville ’86, Waterloo, IA, died, March 3, 2015. At the time of death, he was serving as associate professor of history at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls as well as co-hosting a radio program and working as a professional musician.

John R. Cotta ‘?, St. Charles, MO, died March 29, 2015. He was a Boy Scout leader, horticulturist and Cardinals fan.

Eleanor Culp Doughty ’35, Tarkio MO, passed away April 17, 2015 at the age of 105. We believe Eleanor was our oldest graduate. She had been a school teacher and most importantly the mother of four TC alums: Mervyn Fisher ’61, Gavin Doughty Jr. ’62, Wayne ’65, and Carol Jagger ’68. The family has requested memorials to TCAA.

Henry G. “Hank” Wehmann ’70, Tarkio, MO, died May 8, 2015. He was a farmer. He loved golfing and was active in the Tarkio Lions Club.

Coach Dr. Paul Gilbert, Faculty, Ft. Collins, CO, died June 2015. He had coached in Tarkio from 1953-69 and was Chairman of the Physical Education Department as well as Athletic Director. He was always active in the Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Dee ’66, daughter, Pat ’71 And sons, Bruce ’75 and Bob ‘?.

Virginia Doughty Mitchell ’38, Hemet, CA, passed away August 23, 2015. She was a retired educator.

Dorhine Freeman Woolsey ’38, Tarkio, MO, passed away October 15 2015. She had been a teacher. She had been an active member of St. Paul’s Catholic Church, and she served her community as a board member of the Tarkio Housing Authority for many years.

Robert “Bobby” Myers ’71, Corning, IA, died October 25, 2015. Bobby was an Air Force veteran and a member of the Iowa Patriot Guard Riders. He had spent his working life as an educator and coach. He was a member of the Iowa High School Coaches Association and had coached in the Iowa Shrine Bowl. He was also active in the Presbyterian Church.

Bill Springer ’49, Tarkio, MO, died November 27, 2015. Bill was an Air Force veteran. He worked for the St. Joe Light and Power, but many of our alums will remember when he managed the movie theatres in Tarkio and Rock Port. He was very active in the Tarkio Baptist Church.



This 'N That

We really would love to hear from more from all of you regarding your activities, but we are including what we have. Remember, you can tell us about births, deaths of alums or faculty, marriages, anniversaries, further education, work promotions, retirements etc. Inquiring minds want to know.

A nice note and check was received from Jean Crider Gaines '44. Thank you. Her yard was recently named "Yard of the Month." That's pretty spectacular, don't you think?

J.W. Cooper '54 sent us a note and money to help "Raise the Roof." We thank him.

Henry and Marilyn Ihrig Small '55 sent us a nice note thanking us for Alumni Weekend and all the progress on Rankin Hall. Thanks for the check too.

Mary Case Swenson '58 sent several memorials and a nice note. She, too, was pleased to know of the progress on Rankin Hall. Thank you, Mary.

Nancy Klem Morrow '58 sent a newsy note telling us of her cats and other projects.

Board Member Pat Anderson Kellenbarger '58 lost her husband, John H. Lower, very unexpectedly this year. John was originally from Burlington Junction and was a noted seismic engineer.

Keith Watt '62 informs us that he has moved. We appreciate that and wish all of you would do likewise when you change addresses too.

We received a lovely note from Ruth Ann Buffington (Marchand) VanDyke '64 thanking us for all the work on the campus. A lovely check accompanied her thank you. Thank you, Ruth Ann.

We also received a brief note from Bill and Dawn Kraft '64 saying they were

staying busy and enjoying retirement. We hope they come to visit soon.

Gary Bussard '61 was one of several veterans honored on Veteran's Day 2105 by Tarkio Rotary.

Barbara (Frost) Hemphill '68 was featured on the cover of the fall issue of Today's Businesswoman and in Fast Company magazine.

Michael '69 and Donalyn '70 Marchio wrote telling of falling in love while at TC and the sent their dues too.

Don Jagger's '70 picture was featured in the Avalanche when he gave a tour of the Rankin Hall restoration to the Tarkio Rotary Club.

Del Morley '78 informs us that he is coaching at North Andrew MO High School.

Hank Knerr '79 Executive director of The Lively Arts with the Indiana University of Pennsylvania's College of Fine Arts, was recently elected to the board of directors for the North American Performing Arts Managers and Agents.

The Atchison County Development Corporation presented a nice check to TCAA. Mary McAdams '86 accepted on our behalf.

David Duty '90 has returned to his high school, the Hidalgo TX Pirates, as their coach.

Professor Milton Holtz celebrated his 80th birthday on April 30, 2015. We sent a card.

We also had a note from Professor Colbert C. Held stating he taught at TC 1940-42 and married his wife, Mildred '42 there. His older brother (105) taught at TC in the 1930's!

The Tarkio Assembly of God Church held a Youth Night in Rankin Hall in May.

October Work Week



*Outside of Thompson cleaned up and beautiful by week's end.
Won't you come and help next time?*



*What it looked like between Hopkins and
the Student Union when we began*



*Muriel Sugar Tosh '71 accepts the
challenge.*



Mission Accomplished!



*New shrubs installed in front of
Thompson.*

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 Your Will?

Your bequest to the 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 You 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.

Sample Bequest Language:

Unrestricted Bequest – for College-determined purposes

Restricted Bequest – for a purpose you define

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 Office of the President can assist you in establishing the terms of that scholarship. Additionally, it allows the College to thank you appropriately. Of course, it is understood that you may change your bequest at any time.

Endowment Gifts

Endowment gifts from alumni and friends provide a permanent investment in Tarkio College’s future. An endowment sustains academic excellence by ensuring a continuous source of funding for hands-on learning, new classrooms, merit scholarships, and faculty research. From major gifts that recruit prestigious scholars to targeted gifts that support an annual student prize in a specialized field, each endowment fund enriches the campus.

When endowment gifts are received, the principal is held in perpetuity, with part of the annual earnings generating ongoing support for activities designated by the donor. Although tuition levels and fundraising revenue might fluctuate annually, the stability of an endowment encourages strategic planning and program expansion.

Tarkio College’s combined endowment pool should experience growth due to careful management of assets and the increasing generosity of donors. Prudent investment policies balance stocks and bonds for asset diversity to maintain purchasing power over time and overcome inflation in higher education costs.

Named funds not only make a lasting impact at Tarkio College, but also offer the opportunity to honor your

family's commitment to Tarkio College or pay tribute to a loved one. Endowments can be established through contributions of cash, stock, real estate, charitable remainder trusts, or bequests. Pledged payments on an endowment normally over a period of years, are welcome.

To give you an idea of how important including Tarkio College in your wills is: We are currently able to BEGIN moving forward through the generosity of the estates of two alums: Robert McMullen and Dave Stanek. Join us in remembering these two who remembered us.

We invite you to discuss any of these giving methods with our president, Robert Hughes, at president.tarkiocollege@gmail.com.

DUES GO UP EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

Individual dues are going up January 1 to \$40 a year with five years moving up to \$160 (still a bargain!). Life time dues remain at \$500.

A number of items in Rankin are still available for memorials/honorariums. One chapel window remains at \$10,000 and the stage is available for \$5000. Wouldn't it make a great present for one of our thespians or musicians? We still need someone to take on the electrical openings for the automatic back door at \$2000. Wouldn't the back door just be someone's cup of tea? Raise the Roof donations of all amounts are welcome, but to get your name on the plaque in the hallway, we need donations of \$2000 or more. Bricks remain available for a donation of at least \$100. Bricks are available for both honorariums as well as memorials.

Son of All Inclusive Mule Barn Reunion 2014

The Adams Mark Hotel was kind enough to host the 2014 Mule Barn Theatre Reunion. The Reunion was extended by one day as comments had been made that 3 days were just not long enough for folks to get together and visit. The additional evening allowed for folks to "Meet and Greet" at the hotel lounge and was so much fun! Even more folks showed for the Friday night Meet and Greet where we kept the lounge personnel busy. The banquet, on Saturday night, consisted of a wonderful Kansas City BBQ meal, short presentation by TJ Laurie, with a slide show of MBT productions all the way back to the 1970s. John Ferola was in attendance as was Fred Goodson, both whom represent the beginning of shows at the Barn, and the apex of shows at the Barn. Approximately 40 folks attended the banquet and everyone had a great time. The next Mule Barn Reunion will be held Labor Day Weekend 2020. Make sure to mark your calendars!!



The Tarkio College Owl was represented in the Tarkio Chamber of Commerce's scarecrow contest this year. Although we didn't win, we think Owlie is mighty cute. Don't you? We thank our treasurer, Mary McAdams '86, for her artistic abilities.

Paranormal Classes at Rankin Hall



The first “classes” in quite some time were held at Rankin Hall on two dates in October. A paranormal team from Omaha conducted two paranormal investigative classes. DAMM Ladies of the Paranormal, an investigation team from Omaha conducted these classes. The cost for this class was \$50 and the proceeds were earmarked for the continued restoration of Rankin Hall.

Mike Perry '73 spoke briefly about his ghost experiences in Rankin. Muriel Sugar Tosh '71 and Mary McAdams '86 joined many non-alums in attending this event. The DAMM ladies hope to do this again next year. Come join them for an evening of fun and frolic.



TCAA-Statement of Financial Position
(Includes unrealized gain of \$2718)
6/30/2015

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts		\$147,537
Inventory		\$1,174
Memorabilia	\$15,774	
Printer, Computer, fax	\$7,756	
zAccumulated Dpr	-\$23,514	
TOTAL Other Assets		\$16
Investments		\$24,525
Total Assets		<u>\$173,252</u>

Fund Balance

Total Fund Balance		\$173,252
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TCAA Statement of Activities
7/1/2014 Through 6/30/2015

Inflows

Contributions Gifts Grants	\$136,585	
Dues	\$13,170	
Rental Income	\$10,400	
Net Sales	\$1,616	
Interest, Dividends and Realized Loss	\$1,139	
Total Inflows		\$162,910

Outflows

Bank, License, Officers Ins. and Office fees	\$2,265	
Depreciation	\$15	
Campus improvements	\$22,486 *see note below	
Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$36,551	
Printing, Publications, Postage	\$7,497	
Professional fees, Independent Contractors	\$2,741	
Student Scholarships & Donations	\$600	
Total Outflows		<u>\$72,155</u>

OVERALL TOTAL INFLOWS OVER OUTFLOWS		<u>\$90,755</u>
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NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		<u>\$90,593</u>
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*\$22486, represents repairs and maintenance to Rankin. Some of which may need to be Capitalized.

9/24/15 Unaudited reports prepared by Grace Huettner

News

From *His Toil and The Soil* is a new book written about David Rankin by John F. Schoenfelder and Robert Allen Rankin Jr. It is available through Amazon.com.

Marco Rubio '93 is a GOP candidate for the presidency. He attended Tarkio College for one year (1989-90) on a football scholarship.

HOMECOMING 2016, JUNE 24-26th!!!

Because we now own the campus, we are going to change the name of Alumni Weekend to Homecoming Weekend. By June, we hope to be in Thompson Hall for our meals. We are just now beginning to think of ways to make the weekend more exciting. Your suggestions and comments are welcome to tcaa@tarkio.net. We welcome your help also.

Rankin Hall Update!



President's Office---FINISHED!!!



*New Desk for
President's Office.
Thank you to Dan Cox
'72 and sons.*



Rankin foyer - newly repainted!!



Middle office



Class room w/ tables & chairs



Break room



*Finished product...
closed curtain*

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