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If you've been looking for us online lately, you've no doubt noticed that our web site was down. We were forced to change our Web site address from ".org" to ".com" in November when our registration expired. Please update your bookmarks, or save this new address in your bookmarks. We hope you will visit often. Thanks to our new committees working hard for our Alumni, we will be updating the site more often and including even more information about Tech and the Alumni Association. Check us out!

Fundraising Goal for 2018: \$24,000! Please give to the Operating Fund.

Our Alumni Association needs to raise \$24,000 next year to continue to operate and deliver the services it has been providing to Tech Alumni for decades. Donations to the **OPERATING FUND** support TECHnically Speaking, Alumni Day, our Web Site, awards programs throughout the year, and the general operating needs of the association.

\$24,000 might seem like a lot to raise, but if 200 alumni donate \$120 each we will reach our goal! That's only \$10 per month from 200 of the nearly 16,000 alums receiving TECHnically Speaking this Fall.

Donations can be made online at www.athsalumniassociation.com, or by mailing a check made payable to the ATHS Alumni Association to P.O. Box 11433, Indianapolis, IN 46201. Please give today so our Alumni Association can continue to thrive.

Another Fun-Filled Alumni Day



Alumni Day 2017 took place on June 10th on the Tech Campus. The day began with registration and campus tours, followed by the annual business meeting. Awards were presented to several Tech graduates, including Alumnus Of The Year Mary Paula (Collins) Nicewanger ('67). Lunch followed in the cafeteria where alums caught up with old friends and made new ones. All in all, Alumni Day 2017 was a success. We hope you can join us next year on June 9, 2018!

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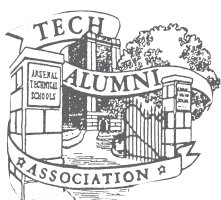
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Want to Help the Alumni Association?

Your Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help us grow the organization and better serve all graduates of Tech. We are looking for people to serve on one of our newly created committees. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Nichols ('71) at dsamnichol@yahoo.com.



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A Message from the Alumni Association President

Dear Tech Alumni and Friends of Tech,

Welcome to this edition of "Technically Speaking." It is the first fall edition that we have published in a few years. Many of you have contacted us to let us know how much you missed the fall newsletter, and we know how important it is to keep you informed. Although our operations budget is tight, we are taking a leap of faith that we will be able to put out fall and spring editions this year. For each edition, we mail out approximately 15,000 copies and send out another 1,500 by email. The approximate cost of this fall edition is \$7,000. We will need a little extra help from our friends to keep this going.

As is often the case, there is big news affecting our alma mater. Because of declining enrollment, the Indianapolis Public Schools will close three high schools in the fall of 2018. Tech, Crispus Attucks, Shortridge and George Washington will remain open. Each of the remaining high schools will offer two or more specific courses of study. Tech will focus on the Math and Science Magnet, the Career Technology Center, the Law and Public Policy program, New Technology High and the Construction, Engineering and Design Academy. In other news, Mr. Lloyd Bryant recently started as Tech's interim principal, and IPS has announced that he will be Tech's full time principal for the 2018-2019 school year.

Your Tech Alumni Association is still committed to maintaining the history and traditions of our alma mater and to supporting students, faculty and staff in their quest for academic excellence. You can help us out in several ways. First, please consider serving on one of our committees. Under the guidance of Tech Alumni vice president and director of operations, Mr. Dennis S. Nichols (Class of 1971), our committees have been growing and have been very active over the last few months. Among these are committees on Membership, Publicity and Publication, Service Projects and Programs, and Sponsored Events and Fundraising. If you are interested in serving in one of these areas, please email Dennis at dsmanichol@yahoo.com. Second, think about volunteering on the Tech campus. The Tech Museum is run by Alumni and by former Tech employees and would welcome your assistance. Over the last couple of years Alumni volunteers have assisted with administrative tasks relating to registration and parent-teacher conferences. Third (and you knew this was coming), send us a monetary donation. The money you donate allows us to provide scholarships to the students and grants to the faculty and staff. It also helps us with our operating costs, including producing this newsletter and maintaining our website.

There are several ways you can contact the Alumni Association. You may phone us at 317-693-5459. You may drop us a line at P.O. Box 11433, Indianapolis, IN 46201. You may e-mail me at vista51@att.net, or check out our website at athsalumniassociation.com.

Finally, if you know of a Tech graduate who has not been receiving our newsletter or whose gift to the Alumni Association has not been acknowledged, please contact Dennis Nichols or myself. We are striving to update our Alumni contact information and to do a good job of reaching out to all of our members and friends. Again, thank you very much for your support of the Tech Alumni Association. Go, Titans and Greenclads!

With Best Regards,

Bill Buckley, Class of 1969,
Tech Alumni President

The Tech Centennial Museum 100 Years of History Brought to Life

In the spring of 2006, Dr. Eugene G. White (Superintendent of Schools) assigned Sarah H. Bogard to become the principal of ATHS, effective July 1, 2006. In addition to her regular duties, he charged her with the responsibility of overseeing a 30 million dollar renovation of Tech and preparing for the 100th anniversary of the founding of Arsenal Technical High School (September 11, 2012). Mrs. Bogard had previous experience of preparing for such a monumental event as she had been the principal of Emmerich Manual High School during their 100 th year anniversary in 1995.

Shortly after assuming the principalship, Mrs. Bogard met with Cynthia Lewis Hartshorn (ATHS Class of 1970) and Beth Aubrey Meyer (ATHS Class of 1977), both teachers on the campus, to discuss the preparation for the centennial celebration. The decision was made that they would solicit donations as well as the loan of artifacts for the museum. As the renovation commenced, a methodical effort began to collect, restore, frame, categorize, and prepare items for display.

Individuals donated yearbooks, textbooks, letter sweaters, prom dresses, freshmen beanies, basketball final tickets, scrapbooks, booster pins, prom favors, class rings, silverware ("borrowed" by a Tech student from the cafeteria in the late 1930's), artwork created by ATHS alumni – just an illustration of the many items that have been collected. Some of the artists, all ATHS graduates, who have donated work are: Robert Indiana (ATHS class of 1946), Garo Antreasian (1940), Bill Peet (1933), and Hector Garcia (1952). Please note that during the 1940's, ATHS had sixteen art teachers on staff.

An original copy of the Better Homes and Gardens magazine from 1945 featured an article about ATHS – "Is This The School of Tomorrow?" is prominently displayed in the museum.

After the close of the Indianapolis arsenal in 1903, several cases of artifacts were shipped to the Frankford Arsenal in Pennsylvania. The intended final destination of those items was to be the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. In 1919, Milo Stuart (Tech's first principal) and Esther Fay Shover (Tech's first Social Studies teacher) petitioned the federal government for the return of the items in order to open a military museum on this historic property. They were aided in this effort by U.S. Senator Harry S. New. After two years and correspondence involving approximately fifty letters, seventeen cases of items were returned; the IPS school board paid the postage. The correspondence has been preserved and is on display in the museum which is a good illustration that political red tape existed in the early 20 th century! Some of the returned items on display in the museum are: wooden boxes used to transport gunpowder and shells, court martial papers, letter of complaint to the Mayor of Indianapolis regarding the sewage released from the women's prison that was making the soldiers sick (those who were stationed at the Indianapolis arsenal), book ("War Instructions"), photograph of Colonel Thomas Treadwell and family in the west Residency dining room, photograph of the last lowering of the U.S. flag when the arsenal was a military base, and a picture of a U.S. flag that flew over the arsenal during the 1860's (the original flag is stored in the World War Memorial and is brought to the Tech campus each Alumni Day).

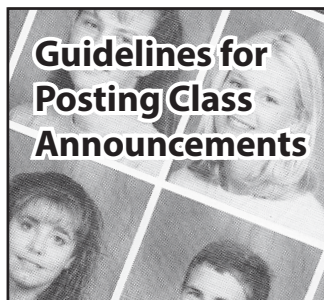
Due to the availability, the major location for the Centennial Museum was in room 8 in the Arsenal. Artifacts were arranged in chronological order from 1860 forward. In the fall of 2014 the artifacts in room 8 were relocated to the Media Center when the Law and Public Policy magnet was moved from Shortridge High School to ATHS. Currently the principal location of the museum is in the Media Center along with stairways, hallways and lobbies in the Arsenal as well as the West Residence and the Guard House by the Michigan Street gate.

Originally the time line was to have the Centennial Museum open from September 11, 2012 to September 11, 2013. As September 2013 approached, the museum had become part of the fabric of the campus and the decision was made for the museum to become a permanent part of IPS history. The museum has been open one day a week, on special occasions such as Alumni Day, and by appointment. The museum is staffed by loyal alumni from various ATHS classes.

The creation and maintenance of the Centennial Museum is truly a labor of love and respect for an institution that has provided an outstanding education for over 65,000 students. We hope the ATHS Alumni Association, alumni members, and the Indianapolis Public School system will continue to support and contribute to the Centennial Museum that shares the past, present and future

CLASS REUNION NEWS

Send your class reunion news to TECHnicallySpeaking@ameritech.net



Guidelines for Posting Class Announcements

Reunion notices and other class announcements are published in **TECHnically Speaking** on a space-available basis. Priority will be given based upon proximity of the event to the publication date of the newsletter, and to those groups which incorporate the Alumni Association's Tech Alumni Day activities as an integral part of their reunion events.

Event planners are encouraged to keep their announcements brief. All class announcements must include at least 1 but no more than 3 contacts, with each having a phone number and/or e-mail address.

TechFest

September 8, 2018

Techfest Will be held on Saturday, September 8 from noon till 8 PM at the Sertoma campgrounds located at 2316 S. German Church Rd. Techfest is an all class reunion for alumni of Tech high school. There will be class pictures, 50-50 drawings, a live band, a car show and much more! Of course, the best reason to come visit is to see your old friends! For information, call 317-709-5815 or like us on Facebook.

Class of 1948

70th Reunion
June 9, 2018

The class of 1948 will be celebrating their 70th reunion during Alumni Day June 2018. We will meet at the school and have lunch together in the cafeteria. Contact Wanda Towner Harris at 1-317-839-1656 or jwharris1@juno.com for more information on our 70th reunion

Class of 1951

Lunch Bunch

Please reserve the following dates in 2018 for our bi-annual luncheons. If you have never attended we have a great time together in June and September. Other classes are invited to join us.

Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 1 PM
MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S. East Street, Indianapolis

Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 1 PM
MCL Cafeteria, 5520 Castleton Corner, Indianapolis

You will be notified electronically prior to the luncheon. Those members who have previously attended a luncheon and do not have a computer are notified via U.S. mail. We hope you plan to attend one or both of our luncheons in 2018!

Please contact Barbara Mohr Heiden, 317-881-5427, barbara.heiden@comcast.net if you have questions.

Class of 1968

50th Reunion
June 8, 2018

Your class of 1968 50th Reunion Committee is hard at work planning our celebration. Save the date of June 8, 2018 to come celebrate and renew old friendships! We will be mailing out more information about the reunion in early January 2018. If you have not updated your address, please do so now by sending an email to Candy Dobkins-Close at candyclosecalls@comcast.net.

The deadline for submitting information for the Spring 2018 issue of *TECHnically Speaking* is March 1st.

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Class of 1957

CLASS OF 1958

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Bartlow, John D.
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Correspondence

Please send to the address above or e-mail it to us.

We welcome your comments and encourage you to share information with us about yourself and other Tech alumni that might be of interest to others in future issues of *TECHnically Speaking*.

Your Name: _____ Class Year: _____

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Hill, Linda S., 1968
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Meier, Henry "Hank", 1947
Miles, Anthony, 1951
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Jean Ann Chapell
Fred R. Forbis
Ned Smith, 1941
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Louise Swan & Joann Moore, 1964 Music Dept Teachers
John Hurley-Wrestling Coach

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Cynthia Hartshorn, 1970
The Class of 1957

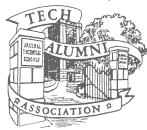
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