Mayor Slay Visits Campus. More on page 4.
program key

ACR | Automotive Collision Repair Technology
AMT | Automotive Maintenance Technology
ART | Architectural Technology
BSAM | Bachelor of Science in Applied Management
BSAT | Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology
CRP | Carpentry and Building Construction
CST | Control Systems Technology
EAT | Electrical Automation Technology
ECDM | Electrical Construction Design and Management
ESDT | Electrical Systems Design Technology
HPRT | High Performance Racing Technology
HVACR | Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology
INT | Industrial Technology
IT | Information Technology
IWT | Internet and Web-based Technology
PLT | Plumbing Technology
PMT | Precision Machining Technology
STE | Stationary Engineering
FWL | Fabrication and Welding Technology
WWK | Woodworking
It’s hard to believe that my first semester as president is coming to an end. The past few months have been full of exciting improvements and changes including record enrollment. The College has started a period of strategic planning which has included surveying many of our major stakeholders (students, staff, faculty and alumni) to get their opinions on what Ranken needs to be successful in the future. We have also formed several planning teams to concentrate on certain areas such as education, finances, recruitment, additional programs and campus expansion. These teams have been working diligently to help determine how best to position Ranken for the next 100 years.

The College has also experienced a big change in culture with the addition of Walker Hall and more than 70 students living on campus. Walker Hall is now a member of the Residents Hall Association (RHA) which is a representative organization that encourages residents to play an active role in residence halls through service, educational and social programming and leadership opportunities. Walker Hall now has officers in place and residents have become an active and integral part of campus life at Ranken. They have taken part in community programs such as “Hoodies for the Homeless,” which helped donate winter clothing to the homeless in the surrounding community and have also developed several social events for residents such as movie nights, cooking classes and “dance offs.”

With students becoming more active in campus life, an intramurals flag football league was started this fall and Ranken held its first annual Pumpkin Bowl championship game in November. Jeremy Sutton, Ranken’s director of residential life, also has plans for a pool league this winter and a softball league in the spring. With the addition of outdoor basketball courts to campus, students also have plans to start a basketball league next year.

Ranken will be officially opening our new Fabrication and Welding lab located in the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center in January 2010. This new space will not only offer our Industrial Technology students more up-to-date equipment and lab space but will also be the home for our new Fabrication and Welding Technology program which will begin classes in the spring semester.

As you can see, the College is engaged in an exciting period of positive change and growth. We invite you to visit campus and see first-hand how Ranken can not only offer superior education and training, but now a full campus experience.
On Wednesday, October 4, Francis Slay, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, visited Ranken’s campus. Along with the Mayor, Robbyn Wahby, the Mayor’s education aide and Michael Holmes, executive director of the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE), were taken on a tour of campus by members of the Ranken administration.

The first part of the tour included visiting the carpentry shop, the JM&A call center and Precision Machining. While in the machine shop, Mayor Slay spoke with a second year PMT student Jaryd Patton about the project he was working on.

After leaving the Cook building, the group was led on a tour of Walker Hall by Jeremy Sutton and LaTrina Rogers. The Mayor was very impressed by the new dormitory and the programs and culture change that Walker Hall has brought to campus.

The end of the tour included visits to High Performance Racing Technology, the space which is the future home of the Fabrication and Welding Technology program and the Industrial Technology labs. The Mayor was impressed with the technology available at Ranken and the mock homes that the INT students have the opportunity to build.

The group’s final stop was at the new homes being built on Evans Avenue. The Mayor was aware of Ranken’s RCDC program but was not aware of how many homes had been built or how much the program was helping to revitalize the community.
Fall Job Fair Brings Employers to Students

On Thursday, November 5, Career Services hosted the fall job fair at the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center. More than 130 representatives from 75 companies attended to talk to Ranken students about potential employment. More than 550 Ranken students attended. The Career Services office provides this opportunity to students twice per year; once in spring and once in fall.

To view more photos of the job fair, visit Ranken on Facebook or Myspace!
RankCAN Competition Helps Community

At the end of October, Ranken students, faculty and staff began collecting donated food items to kick off the 2009 Food Drive and RankCAN competition. Once the items were collected, students formed teams to begin building sculptures with the food items around the theme, “Holidays,” to enter in the creation portion of the event. The teams could select from any national holiday.

The teams were judged on their sculpture as well as how many food items they collected. The winners were announced on Tuesday, November 17.

» Food Drive
- The Industrial Technology (INT) department donated the most total food with 5,523 items.
- The Programmable Logic Controls (PLC) team had the highest student-to-food ratio with 72 items per student.

» RankCan Sculpture Competition
- First Place was awarded to the INT team with their sculptures depicting the holidays of President’s Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans/Memorial Day.
- Second Place was awarded to the PLC team for their “Santa’s Army” display.
- Third Place was awarded to the HVACR team for their “Snowman” display.

Photo: The INT “Presidents’ Day” display was a replica of the famous picture of President Obama.

Photo: The INT “Memorial Day” display involved an American flag that was raised and lowered on a mechanical pulley system.
New Customer Direct Call Center Opens

On Monday, October 19, a Customer Direct Call Center opened on campus. Located in room 309 of the Gray building, the call center employs Ranken students to offer desktop support in the evenings. The company recruited five of Ranken’s Information Technology students who were in at least their second semester of the program. The students were provided with more than 40 hours of training at the company’s Chesterfield office and have the option to work on campus or in Chesterfield. The call center is open Sunday through Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Students who complete the training and a successful evaluation at the end of the semester will receive three credit hours on their transcript for a course called Help Desk Specialist.

Founded in 1997, St. Louis-based Customer Direct provides outsourced call center services for a wide variety of clientele. These outsourced services include customer care, multi-tier technical support and contact center software. Their domestic and international clients include the hospitality industry, web retailers, software companies, not-for-profit organizations, financial services organizations, direct marketers and health care providers.

Thank you to all of the teams who participated in this year’s event. The total amount of food items collected so far is 10,156, which is over 1,000 more than last year. The purpose of the annual food drive and RankCAN creations event is to help feed the hungry in the St. Louis area during the holiday season and to exhibit the technical skills of our students. Over the last 10 years, the Ranken food drive has resulted in over 65,000 food products being donated throughout the local community and to Ranken students in need.

The first place teams receive a pizza party. To see more pictures of the competition, visit Ranken’s website at www.ranken.edu or find us on MySpace and Facebook!
Ranken Holds First Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest

During the week before Halloween, employees had the opportunity to enter Ranken’s first annual Pumpkin Carving Contest. Departments submitted their pumpkins, which were displayed in the Finney lobby. Students, faculty and staff had two days to vote for their favorite entry. The winners were announced on October 29 by Ranken’s President, Stan Shoun.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 Pumpkin Carving Contest:

First Place - Walker Hall
(received a pizza party for 25)

Second Place - PMT
(received a skeleton bowl full of halloween treats)

Third Place - Admissions
(received a pumpkin pie and all of the ingredients to make their own pumpkin pie)

To see photos of all of the entries, visit Ranken on Facebook or Myspace!
The Electrical Division held its first reunion during the fall open house in October. Alumni, current and former department faculty, and family members were invited to attend. Many decades of graduates were represented at the event and attendees enjoyed breakfast, classic cars on display and presentations on the trends in electrical education.

Bob Finley, a graduate from the 1948 Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heating Program and a Ranken Top 100 Honoree, was one of the presenters and discussed, “Ranken Electrical Education in the Past.” Finley is an author of numerous articles published by Electrical Wholesaling: The Independent Voice of Electrical Distribution. He is also a retired president of Glasco Electric Company, and member of the Electrical Board of Missouri and Illinois. Until Glasco was sold to Rexel, Finley had a hand in making sure Ranken graduates were hired as electricians. He is now enjoying retirement in Lake St. Louis, Mo., continues to write about the electrical trade, and is a frequent visitor to the Ranken campus.

Steve Swenson, current department head of the Electrical division, drew contrasts by presenting, “Current Trends in Electrical Education Today.”

All attendees were treated to a tour of the Electrical department and an opportunity to visit with former faculty.

Alumni owned cars featured in the 2009-2010 Car and Ranken Campus Calendar were on display and tours of the High Performance Racing Technology program and Walker Hall were provided. After the reunion many stayed for the open house, enjoyed lunch and toured other departments.

An HVACR reunion is in the process of being planned for next year. For more information, please contact the Alumni Relations office at (314) 286-4895.
Ranken Offering New Learning Opportunities

» Solar Energy Systems and “Green” Technology
Ranken is dedicated to training students with the most up-to-date technology and equipment. “Green” technology is the wave of the future and Ranken is providing students with the necessary skills to stay on the edge of this new revolution in sustainable energy. Beginning in January 2010, the Ranken Continuing Education Department will offer several new seminars and a new one-year certificate program in Solar Energy Systems and Green Technology. The courses will be held on campus two evenings per week. Classes include Introduction to Solar Photovoltaic Systems, Grid Tied and Hybrid Solar Photovoltaic Systems, Solar Hot Water Installation and Rainwater Systems Design. Please contact the Admissions office for an application and enrollment information or check out our website at www.ranken.edu.

New Distance Learning Opportunities!

Ranken offers a wide range of interactive courses that can be taken entirely over the internet. All of the courses are led by experienced instructors, experts in their respective fields. These courses offer a flexible way for students to excel, even with a busy schedule.

Short-term courses last around six weeks, while career training courses can last between six months to one year. Courses are project oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas, supplementary links and more. Courses can be completed from the comfort of home any time day or night.

Below are some of the many course options available:

» Business and Professional    » Skilled Trades
» IT and Software Development  » Media and Design
» Sustainable Energy and Going Green » Management and Corporate

To view all the online courses and training programs we offer, go to www.ranken.edu. Click on “Non Credit Distance Learning.” If you or anyone you know could benefit from these opportunities, please contact the Continuing Education office at (314) 286-4817.
Student Support Services Update

The TRiO Student Support Services office has been busy this semester hosting various events to inform Ranken students about what kind of services the office can provide.

On October 7, TRiO hosted an event for all Ranken students called “Stepping Stones to Success.” The event was held on the Finney lawn and they invited students to attend to see what the TRiO program is all about. The event consisted of games, volleyball and an obstacle course. During the obstacle course, one person was blindfolded and the other participant gave verbal directions on how to safely complete the course. The idea was to show students how much easier it is to complete a difficult task when you have assistance from someone who can see the obstacles ahead.

Late in October, the office held a Halloween open house for the entire student body that included food, games and giveaways. TRiO offers workshops throughout the year on topics such as financial aid, time management, study skills and stress management. They also host College fairs for those involved in the program who would like to further their education after leaving Ranken.

The TRiO Student Support Services program is a federally-funded program designed to help college students be successful by providing extra support, guidance and various activities. Students must meet certain requirements to be eligible for these services. In order to participate in the program, students must meet one or more of the following requirements:
- Need financial assistance to attend Ranken
- Suffer from any learning, mental or physical disability
- Are the first member of their family to go to college
- Speak a language other than English as their native language

If you or someone you know is planning to attend or does attend Ranken and could be helped by the services provided by TRiO, please contact their office at (314) 286-3695.
CARSTAR Opens New Classroom

In February 2009, the Metro St. Louis CARSTAR Group formed a partnership with the Automotive Collision Repair program and generously donated $35,000. The majority of the money was allocated to remodeling and furnishing a classroom in Rodenheiser that now bears the company’s name. Room R211, now designated as the new CARSTAR classroom, is equipped with smart boards and other essential 21st century learning tools. The remaining funds will be used for other equipment needed to improve the ACR program at Ranken.

In October, the CARSTAR business group held their monthly meeting in this new classroom on campus. Two local CARSTAR stores are owned by Ranken graduates, and many shops employ Ranken interns.

“Ranken has the best auto body repair program in the area,” said Kerry Woodson II, chairman of the Metro St. Louis CARSTAR group. “We look forward to bringing more Ranken interns, apprentices and graduates into the CARSTAR family.”

“Ranken produces top-notch, well-qualified individuals for our field and we are excited about the opportunities this partnership will provide to both CARSTAR and Ranken,” said Woodson.

Ranken will host an official grand opening of the room with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held on January 28, 2010.
New Fabrication and Welding Lab to Open

Beginning in spring 2010, Ranken will offer a new Fabrication and Welding Technology program. The program will include foundation courses in flux core, gas tungsten arc welding, gas metal arc welding and stick, as well as specialties in structural fabrication, chassis fabrication and advanced welding techniques. Students will now be able to decide on what welding career goals they have before a training path is determined.

A brand new, high-tech lab is being built in the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center and will officially open on January 14 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Photo: Future home of the Fabrication and Welding Technology lab in the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center.

To learn more about our new Fabrication and Welding Technology program, contact us at (866) 4-RANKEN or admissions@ranken.edu
Before the end of last semester, the RCDC program was able to begin excavation of two new single-family home sites on Evans Avenue. These two homes are part of Phase I of a community that will be called Sam Moore Estates.

At the start of the fall semester, second year carpentry students began the framing of floors and walls and in early October, added the roof trusses. Students from plumbing, HVACR and electrical also participated in the rough-in phase. Throughout the semester the homes began to really take shape with the addition of the roof, windows, doors, siding and the exterior NovaBrik.

An open house was held on November 28 so that students, staff, faculty, family and community members could see first hand the work that Ranken students have accomplished.

Beginning next semester, carpentry students will begin the interior work with the addition of dry wall, installation of cabinets, trim and flooring. HVACR, plumbing and electrical students will also finish their work inside the homes so that they are ready to be sold to two area families. Carpentry students will also have the opportunity to take part in the digging and pouring of the foundations of Phase II of the development.

RCDC recently received $150,000 in funding to assist in the completion of Phase I through a Community Development Block Grant as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the city of St. Louis.
On September 18, 2009, Al Davenport, a Ranken Automotive Maintenance instructor, donated a Synergy drive transaxle, from a 2002 Toyota Prius, to Jersey Community High School in Jerseyville, Ill. Davenport, along with Karyn Lutz, admissions counselor and Ashleigh Tepen, a first year Ranken automotive student from Jerseyville, all went to the high school to drop off the transaxle and to provide demonstrations to students in the automotive class.

Davenport was excited to be able to share the transaxle with the school.

“Jerseyville, to my knowledge, will be the only high school in the area to have such a training unit,” said Davenport. “The hybrid technology will hopefully advance their skills and keep the shop up to date in this rapidly growing industry. It is the foundation of current technology in hybrid drive trains and it combines both electrical drive with regenerative braking.”

Joe Lawrence, an automotive teacher at the high school, welcomed the gift and thanked Ranken and Davenport for the contribution to his shop.

“Jerseyville has sent many talented students to Ranken in past years,” Davenport explained. “This is just a small way for us to help train future Ranken students.”
Women In Technology Group Holds Fall Meetings

The Women In Technology (WIT) group kicked off their fall meetings on Wednesday, September 16. The meeting consisted of lunch, networking and a guest speaker. The invited speaker for this meeting was a 2007 graduate of Ranken’s IT program, Tamikka Reed. Reed talked about her time at Ranken and how the Career Services office helped her get a job only two weeks after graduation. She is currently an IT/MIS Technician at Myrtle Hilliard Davis Comprehensive Health Centers, Inc., located in St. Louis, Mo., where she was recently selected as Employee of the Month. Reed is also currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree. Reed answered questions from guests about what it was like to be a woman at a male dominated school and in a male dominated industry.

The group held their second meeting of the semester on Thursday, November 12, with invited guest speaker and Ranken trustee, Pam Jackson. Jackson is currently the vice president of technology at Emerson Corporate in St. Louis and is very involved in community and professional organizations. Jackson discussed her past positions and what it took to get her to where she is. She stressed the importance of education and discussed some of the obstacles that she had to overcome as a woman in a technical industry. Jackson also gave the group helpful tips on how to create a career that you enjoy and upcoming technology that will create new jobs.

WIT provides female students and employees at Ranken a forum to discuss issues, socialize and get acquainted with other females on campus. The group meets throughout the school year and usually invites guests speakers to discuss issues affecting women.
Workshop Brings Teachers, Counselors to Campus

On Friday, September 25, 88 local teachers and counselors from more than 40 different schools and organizations visited Ranken to attend the eleventh annual Teacher/Counselor Workshop. High School representatives came from as far away as Columbia and Licking, Mo.

Don Pohl, vice president for education spoke to the group in the morning offering a brief history of the College and some advantages to a technical education. Guests were then taken to tour the program of their choice by an admissions counselor. Following the program tours attendees received information from the Admissions and Financial Aid offices and toured student housing in Walker Hall.

During lunch, Ranken’s new President, Stan Shoun, spoke and showed a video from the Department of Education that covered how quickly technology changes and how important a trained workforce is going to be in the next few years. Program tours were also offered in the afternoon and the day ended with attendance prizes and a drawing of two $500 scholarships.

Congratulations to the counselors from North Technical High School and Francis Howell North High School for winning the drawing! Counselors at these two schools will be able to award these scholarships to seniors who would like to attend Ranken beginning in fall 2010.

Are you interested in having a Ranken representative visit your school?

Contact our Admissions office at (314) 286-4809.

Sign up for a Shadow-a-Tech event by visiting www.ranken.edu
Ranken Hosts SkillsUSA Event

On Friday, November 13, the College hosted the East District Leadership Conference for SkillsUSA. Approximately 230 visitors attended, representing various schools which offer secondary and post-secondary educational programming in technical areas. Attendees had the opportunity to hear from speakers from local businesses on subjects such as “Marketing your Product,” “Budget and Resources,” “Teamwork and Creativity,” “How to be an Effective Leader,” and “Robert’s Rules Review.” After the morning sessions attendees could tour the program of their choice and then returned to the atrium for lunch.

Ranken would like to thank the Clyde C. Miller Academy SkillsUSA Chapter for co-hosting this event.

2009-2010 Ranken Calendar

The 2009-2010 Car and Campus Calendar is now available for purchase. Calendars are $10 (plus postage) each and can be purchased through the Alumni Relations office. The calendar features Ranken alumni owned collector cars, show cars, personal restoration projects, historic time lines and current pictures of Ranken’s campus.

Please contact Kathy Fern at (314) 286-4895 or ktffern@ranken.edu to purchase your copy!
On Tuesday, November 10, Ranken held a ceremony on Finney lawn to honor our veterans. The ceremony began with a prayer by LaTrina Rogers and then was followed by a poem read by Jeremy Sutton. All student, faculty and staff veterans were then called by name and received an American flag lapel pin. The ceremony ended with the playing of the National Anthem.

Thank you to all of our veterans who have served or who are currently serving in the armed forces:

**Students:**
- Henderson Baker
- David Best
- Jacob Bickline
- Derek Bise
- William Buell
- Kenneth Diggs
- Mike Ferraro
- Micah Garrett
- Marquis Ginger
- Curtis Jamerson
- Kurtis Jefferson
- Daniel Kerley
- Scott Knight
- Michael Landolt
- Kevin McCracken
- Ryan Menning
- Douglas Messmer
- Trip Miller
- Ryan Nacke
- Jason Schuler
- Russell Sides
- James Simington
- Nick Stack
- Luke Steinacher
- Virgil Thompson
- Michael Van Horn
- Donal Wheeler
- Edward Wiener
- Michael Wolf

**Employees:**
- Al Davenport
- Tom Ely
- Jerry Esselman
- Ron Ettling
- Sal Francis
- Jim Gravitt
- Kent Hornberger
- Steve Navarrette
- Dennis Needham
- Alan Osborne
- David Parchim
- Ron Paul
- Bob Paynter
- Marcus Record
- Tom Schroeder
- Drew Shands
- Mike Short
- Stan Shoun
- Larry Sisson
- Kurt Trice
- Jack Walsh
With help from generous donors, Ranken is able to offer students more than 50 scholarship, grant and loan options.

To learn more about your financial options or to get a copy of our scholarship information guide, contact the Financial Aid office at (314) 286-4866.
“I am very excited about this program,” said Borchardt. “This is a great opportunity for students to benefit financially AND professionally. Some of these students will receive up to $10,000 in scholarship assistance each year!”

At the beginning of the fall semester, the S-STEM team hosted a meet and greet so that the scholarship recipients could meet other S-STEM students and the team leaders who are faculty in their program who will serve as their mentor throughout the year. During the luncheon the team also went over what is required of each student every semester to be able to continue receiving their scholarship money. These things include eight hours of community leadership, monthly meetings with team leaders, attendance at industry tours, and sessions with guest speakers. A meet and greet luncheon will be held during the first month of every semester.

Photo: Recipients of the S-STEM scholarship participated in a meet and greet session with the S-STEM team in the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center.
Scholarships Recently Awarded to Ranken Students:

**SkillsUSA Scholarship**
Each year SkillsUSA holds competitions to identify many of the most talented high school students in various vocational areas. Ranken Technical College provides scholarships for students demonstrating exceptional achievement in these competitions.

» Robert Nelke Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
» Robert Guiffrida Electrical Automation Technology
» Joshua Terry Electrical Automation Technology

**Tops as Tech**
Ranken awards this scholarship to incoming students who received this award given by North County and South County Technical High Schools.

» Taylor Hawkins Carpentry and Building Construction

**Emerson Scholarship**
In a unique effort to get the best qualified students, three neighborhood associations each select a high school senior annually to receive this scholarship. The three organizations involved are the Vandeventer Citizens for a Better Community, the Fountain Park/Lewis Place Association and the Jefferson-Vander-Lou Association. All three surround the Ranken campus and are very active in improving the neighborhood’s quality of life.

» Adrienne Hughes Automotive Maintenance Technology
» Terrell Madison Carpentry and Building Construction
» Ebony Patton Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

**Saigh Foundation Grant**
The Saigh Foundation gave Ranken a grant to provide two half-tuition scholarships to incoming Ranken students.

» Kayla Kreitner Information Technology
» Paris Kirkendoll Carpentry and Building Construction

If you or your business are interested in offering a scholarship to students at Ranken, please contact our Vice President for Development, Tim Willard, at (314) 286-3674.
Four Women Receive Monticello Scholarship

Monticello College Foundation Executive Director Linda Nevlin visited Ranken on Wednesday, November 4 to meet with this year’s Monticello College Foundation Scholarship recipients and to announce that the foundation will again provide $10,000 for scholarships in 2010!

Four scholarships of $2,500 each have been awarded this year to encourage young women to obtain technical degrees at Ranken. One requirement of the scholarship is that the women must provide 20 hours of service to the College through the student ambassador program.

Pictured L-R: Ashleigh Tepen (first year AMT); Megan Gula (first year ART); Stan Shoun, Ranken president; Linda Nevlin, executive director of Monticello College Foundation; Brooke Henderson (second year IT) and Amanda Diehl (second year PMT).

SGA Awards Annual Scholarship

On Monday, November 9, the Student Government Association awarded their annual scholarship to carpentry student, Matt Warfield. The scholarship, presented by SGA President, Mike Richardson, and Staff Advisor, Jeremy Sutton, is based on financial need, a written essay and proof that the student is working outside of school to help pay for their education.

Photo: SGA President, Mike Richardson (left) presents carpentry student, Matt Warfield (right) with the SGA Scholarship.
Walker Hall Joins Residence Hall Association

Walker Hall is now a member of the Residence Hall Association (RHA). RHA is a representative organization that empowers on-campus residents to play an active role in residence halls through service, educational and social programming, and leadership opportunities. RHA also enacts change through legislation and advocates the issues and concerns of residents with the ultimate goal of making the residence hall of Ranken Technical College a more respectful and united community.

The Walker Hall RHA officers in place for the 2009-2010 school year are:

» President: Austin Tate
» Vice President: Thomas “BJ” Woodcock
» Recorder: Levi Cunningham
» Treasurer: Sean Haberberger
» National Communications Chair (PR): Terrell Madison

These officers have set a vision for Walker Hall residents to become an active and integral part of campus life at Ranken. Their program, “Hoodies for the Homeless” has set the path for dedication of service to the community. They have also developed social events for residents such as “Saturday Night Fever.” In their efforts to raise funds for future activities, a drawing was created for a chance to win the latest Call of Duty video game. The drawing was open to the entire Ranken community.

Walker Hall, although a small community, is one that is very busy. Residents have become active and open to helping with making life fun at Walker Hall. Resident movie buff, Nick Stallons volunteered to host a movie night every Thursday called “Nick at Nite.”

Team Residence Life is hosting an event called “So You Think You Can Dance” for students to show off their best dance moves or learn new moves. Music will be provided by resident DJ, Anthony Doss who is also a Resident Assistant.

During the week leading up to Halloween, Team Residence Life hosted a horror movie marathon. Titles included, “American Psycho”, Stephen King’s “IT”, “The Shining” and many others. On Halloween the hall ran a Nightmare on Elm Street marathon the entire day.

Want to keep up with other activities happening at Walker Hall?

Follow the dormitory hall manager’s blog on Ranken’s website. In her blog, LaTrina Rogers talks about the daily living of a dormitory resident and posts photos of the fun activities that they participate in. Visit rankentechnicalcollege.typepad.com to follow LaTrina’s blog!

You can also follow residents on the Walker Hall Facebook page!
Ranken Holds First Annual Pumpkin Bowl

This fall, Ranken students and staff formed several teams for a new flag football intramural league on campus. Teams competed every Tuesday and Thursday on the Finney lawn. Jeremy Sutton, director of residential life, worked with students to form the league and also oversaw the day-to-day responsibilities such as the schedule and team registrations.

On Tuesday, November 3, the top two winning teams in the league participated in a championship game, the first annual Pumpkin Bowl. In a very close game, the “Veterans” team took home the trophy over the “Hit Squad.” During the game the Student Government Association sold soft pretzels, hot chocolate and other snacks to raise money for their annual scholarship.

“The flag football league is just the beginning of what I envision to become a comprehensive campus intramurals program. Now that we have students living on campus, we want to provide as many opportunities for student involvement as possible,” said Sutton.

There are plans to start a baseball or softball league in the spring and the group is also looking to have a pool tournament this winter and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in March.

Pictured: (back row L-R): Jaryd Patton, Ben Price; Shawn Black; Justin Meyer and Eric Heckman. (front row L-R): Kris Raines, Mike Raynolds, Steve Navarette and John Windom.

Photo: Faculty, staff and students turned out to watch the first annual Pumpkin Bowl on the Finney lawn.
Welcome to the following new employees:

- Tim Kratz | INT Instructor (evening school) | 8/25
- Abe Brummett | Admissions Counselor | 9/14
- Ashley Reddick | IT Instructor | 9/15
- Ken Zitka | Electrical Instructor | 9/15
- Mikhail Lewis | HVACR Instructor (evening school) | 9/21
- Gwain Marron | PMT Instructor | 10/2
- David Kirchner | Junior Network Administrator | 11/23

Congratulations to Janna Greenwood on recently accepting a new position:

Janna Greenwood recently accepted the position of junior database administrator in Information Services effective November 12. Greenwood worked in the Development office as a research and records coordinator since 2006. Prior to joining Ranken, she served as director of advancement research and information systems at Fontbonne University, an information technology specialist at Raiser’s Edge, and held several positions at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation. Greenwood has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Fontbonne University.
On October 27, Tim Willard, vice president for development, presented Kent Hornberger, Ranken’s grants director, with an “Extra Mile Award.” Kent received this award for going above and beyond the call of duty in preparing and submitting several grant proposals this fall. Some of these proposals included: The TRiO SSS program re-application grant, the National Science Foundation “Priming the Pipeline” proposal, The National Science Foundation STEP Program request, the Department of Education Quick Start Your Future program request, as well as several other renewal requests.

“Kent works on his time off when necessary to get things done by the deadline and I am grateful to him for his good work,” said Willard.

The “Extra Mile” Award was created by Ranken’s new President, Stan Shoun, in order to recognize employees who go above and beyond in their job duties.

The first of these awards was presented on August 20 by Stan Shoun to Mike Gause from the Maintenance department. Mike received a $25 gift certificate to Wal-Mart.
1960s
William Eickhoff (ART 1962) is currently an engineer for the Marriott Corporation. His current position is outside of Fresno, Calif. He plans to retire at the end of 2010 at the age of 70.

Dave Zerr (Industrial Electricity 1969) recently retired from Lucent Technologies where he’s worked since graduation and is now a yard manager for Dave Kolb Grading. Dave has two children and two grandchildren.

1970s
Ron Kunzweiler (AMT 1978) is currently the mill room supervisor for American Botanicals, an herbal manufacturing firm that grinds herbs such as golden seal, echinacea, and ginseng into powder.

1980s
Ed Lorden (1982 Industrial Electricity/Electronics) has been a computer programmer for over 20 years, and is now pursuing an advanced degree in a non-technical area of study. He contributes his time to an advisory board for the Computer Repair & Maintenance class at the Decatur Area Technical Academy (DATA) in the Decatur, Ill. school district.

1990s
Cory Schilling (Machine Shop 1991) is a machinist for Ameren UE, has been married for fifteen years and has two children.

Eric Schmittling (1999 Plumbing) is self employed after starting his own plumbing company, Alpha Plumbing located in Freeburg, Ill.

William Newby (HVACR 1982) is currently a service technician with Northern Refrigeration in San Francisco and lives in San Mateo, Calif.

Brian Kauhl (Machine Shop 1982) is a manufacturing engineer with LMI Aerospace in St. Charles, Mo. He continued his education and completed an engineering and masters degree. Brian is currently working on assembling Black Hawk Helicopters for Sikorsky Aircraft.

Irl Pickett (1983 Mechanics) is employed at Boeing as an engineering manager.

Mark Wiegand (AMT 1985) is a fixed operations manager for General Motors in Noblesville, Ind., and has been with GM for 17 years.

Alumni Relations
Kathy Fern, Director
(314) 286-4895 or ktfern@ranken.edu
Chris Loftus (AMT 2001) went on to graduate from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale in 2003 and was married to Lindsay Kinder in September 2009.

Shane Kessinger (EET 2001) is a journeyman inside wireman for the IBEW Local 649 in Alton, Ill. He and his wife had their first child in November and named her Lauren Elaine.

Jeff Kopsic (IT 2002) is currently the information systems manager at Highland Community Unit School District #5 where he has been for one year. He has two children; Clayton age 11, and Abby age 4.

Charlie Lutz (ART 2003) was married to Amanda Sasha on October 17, 2009, in Tower Grove Park.

John Linenfelser (Industrial Electricity 2005) was married to Mauri Seiler in September 2009, and is currently employed at Schnucks Supermarkets.

John Thyer, Jr. (ESDT 2006) was married to Allie Gill in August and resides in Glen Carbon, Ill. John is employed by Legacy Electric as a project manager.

Brad Ries (AMT 2006) is currently employed by Sapaugh Motors in Herculaneum, Mo.

Aaron Saggio (PMT 2007) was married to Samantha Thompson in June 2009 and resides in Granite City, Ill. Aaron is currently employed by Young Dental Manufacturing in Earth City, Mo., as a CNC machinist.

Broderick Bevineau (IT 2007) was recently promoted to senior system technician at Connectria Corporation. Broderick recently bought a house in Worden, Ill., and recently had his third child.

Justin Marshall (ACR 2007) is currently a cabinet refinisher for Midcoast Aviation in Sauget, Ill.

Donald Sturgeon (AMT 2008) is currently employed by Roger Jennings, Inc., located in Hillsboro, Ill., as a service advisor. Donald was married in June of 2008 and added a son to his family on September 17, 2009.

Jason Roulanaitis (HVACR 2008) is currently a facilities engineering technician for Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Andrew Spies (EAT 2009) recently became a product technician at Suncoke in Granite City, Ill.
Alumni Memorium
Ranken faculty and staff extend their sympathy to the families and friends of the following alumni that have passed away:

Leonard C. Bartling (1946 AMT - October 2009
Kyle D. Hemann (2005 IT) - September 2009
Joseph W. Horvath (1940 Industrial Maintenance) - August 2009
Timmy D. Coffman, Jr. (2005 INEET) - July 2009
Mark A. Black (1997 CNC) - July 2009
Gary L. Nichols (1969 PMT) - June 2009
Bernard L. Levin (1960 Industrial Electricity/Electronics) - June 2009
Matthew Heyen, Sr. (1977 HVAC) - May 2009
Tracy Hobbs (2004 ACR) - April 2009
Michael K. Schmidt (1976 AMT) - September 2008
Adolph Alford (1990 Electrical Maintenance) - November 2006

To submit an alumni update, visit our website at www.ranken.edu or contact Kathy Fern, director of alumni relations.

To view a complete list of alumni class notes that have been submitted, visit our website at www.ranken.edu.

Leadership Council Organizing Service Day

Members of the Alumni Leadership Council of the Alumni Association are organizing a day of community service and are asking all alumni to help out. In conjunction with Rebuilding Together, a local not for profit agency that rebuilds and repairs homes in the St. Louis area, Council members Mike Schweiss and Bill Layman are planning the event.

Skilled and unskilled laborers in all areas are needed to assist on Saturday, May 1, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All volunteers need to have their own tools and show up on that day ready to work.

Volunteers interested are asked to contact the Alumni Relations office at (314) 286-4895 or email ktfern@ranken.edu. Once on the volunteer list, more information will follow as more details of the event unfold.
Employer Testimony

Below is an email that was received from Mike Swederska, Sr., owner of Shur-Way Auto Body, Inc.:

“I am happy to let you know that one of your past students, Chris Sanders has reached his ten year anniversary here at Shur-Way. Chris came to work for us right after graduation. I really am proud of him and to have him as one of my employees is a great asset to the growth of Shur-Way Auto Body. Thank you and your staff for producing good people in our trade!”

Photo: Mike Swederska, owner of Shur-Way Auto Body with 1999 ACR alumnus, Chris Sanders.

Receive income for life with a Gift Annuity from Ranken

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For more information, contact the director of planned giving at (314) 286-3621 or via email at avpisciotta@ranken.edu.
Bob Gau, a 1960 Mechanical Drafting alumnus and Top 100 honoree, gave the most recent Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop. More than 40 students from various departments attended the workshop held in the atrium of the Mary Ann Lee Technology Center. Gau started his talk by describing how he got to Ranken. “I was born poor and didn’t like it. I loved anything mechanical. I loved working on Bilers compressors, and I had the drive to succeed,” he stated. “Going to Ranken helped prepare me for the industry. It got me started in a trade and taught me to have goals,” he continued.

Gau also shared some of his personal business strategies and things he learned from John Henry when he was employed at the John Henry Foster Company as a sales manager. Gau discussed his experiences managing a department and owning a family business, and gave some points of advice to current students and future Ranken graduates:

- Furthering your education prepares you for the industry
- Set goals about what to do next
- Make decisions about your job and company preferences
- Start with a good resume
- Start with an objective that is specific
- Be enthusiastic—employers want eager people
- Follow up with all interviews—persistence pays off

John Henry Foster Company currently employs 13 Ranken graduates and their equipment can be found in the Industrial Technology and Precision Machining departments.

The next Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop will be held on Monday, February 22, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dan Martin, a 1970 Automotive Maintenance Technology alumnus. Martin will tell of his success at UPS and how he established his successful Corvette restoration business, Hill Country Vettes, located in New Braunfels, Texas. Martin currently resides in Texas and has had several restored Corvettes on display in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky. To read more about Martin and his career, see page 36.
Seeking Alumni Mentors!

Ranken has established an Alumni Mentor Program to expose current students to role models and successful people in the industry who have completed Ranken programs and are strong in business practices.

We are currently seeking Ranken graduates to add to the Alumni Mentor Program. As recognized leaders in the industry and a past graduate, a Ranken alumnus can raise awareness of the importance of education and motivate students to excel by providing insight, feedback, compassion, opportunities in education, social situations, and work-related performance outside of textbooks and beyond the classroom.

A little gift of time can go a long way. If you are interested in helping a current student succeed, contact the Alumni Relations office at (314) 286-4895 or email ktfern@ranken.edu.

Emerson Donates Passenger Bus

Thank you to Emerson for recently donating a second passenger bus! Attached is a photo of a vehicle donated recently by Emerson. The company had previously donated another bus that has been utilized around campus during open houses and other events. The buses had been used for marketing purposes by the White-Rodgers division.

Photo: Ken Meyer (Right) from Ranken’s Development office accepting the keys from Geoff Godwin (left), vice president of marketing, Emerson Climate Technologies.
Nominate an Extraordinary Alumnus!

Many Ranken alumni who have done well in their career attribute that success to the foundation they gained from their Ranken education. Successful alumni who have given to their career, their community, and to Ranken Technical College like David Ranken, Jr., are role models and examples for future generations. To honor these alumni, we have created two awards; the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Distinguished Young Alumni Award. These awards of distinction will be geared toward the young alumnus charting a career and for those whose success has been realized.

The Alumni Association invites you to recognize and honor Ranken graduates by nominating them for one of these two awards. These annual awards were established for the purpose of honoring outstanding Ranken graduates who through their character, leadership, service and financial support sustain the reputation of David Ranken, Jr. All Ranken graduates are eligible for either award based on year of graduation and can be nominated by anyone. One recipient will be chosen for each award.

Nominations for the following awards are being accepted:

- Distinguished Alumni Award (graduate of 20 years or more; 1988 or earlier)
- Distinguished Young Alumni Award (graduate of 20 years or less; 1989 to present)

Nomination forms are available through the alumni relations office by phone (314) 286-4895, email ktfern@ranken.edu, or as a download from the website www.ranken.edu/alumnirelations. Nominations will be accepted until January 29, 2010.

The award recipients will be selected by the Alumni Leadership Council on the basis of the following criteria:

- Professional achievements
- Community service
- Contributions and service to Ranken Technical College

All nominations will be held in confidence until the recipients are announced. The award recipient will be honored at the Golden Graduate Ceremony during the spring commencement exercise held at the Chaifetz Arena on May 15, 2010.
Ranken License Plates Now Available!

Spread the word about Ranken on your car! Share your commitment to a technical trade with others in your community by showing a Ranken license plate on your vehicle.

For your donation of $25 or more to Ranken Technical College, you are eligible to obtain a Missouri specialty vehicle license plate that includes your own personal message. All Fund for Ranken and Phone-a-thon donors who donated $25 or more are eligible.

Only Missouri residents are eligible for plates at this time.

How to order your plates:
- Purchase a “Ranken Emblem Use Authorization” form from the Development office by contacting Rose Crawford at (314) 286-4865 ($25 minimum tax deductible donation).
- Complete the Personalized and Specialty Plate Application Form 1716 ($15 fee).
- Complete your annual registration and renewal forms.
- Deliver all originals to your local Missouri State License Office with fees where you want your plate mailed. Process takes approximately six weeks.

10/100 Challenge

Thanks to one of our most dedicated supporters, Ranken Technical College is offering a new opportunity for alumni, friends and parents to make a difference in the lives of current students.

Mrs. Frank St. Cyr has generously established the St. Cyr “10/100 Challenge.” New donors contributing $10 this year will be matched with a $100 scholarship gift from Elsie St. Cyr. A Ranken education can change lives and your gift of education through this program will directly benefit our students.

To find out more about this program, or to make your gift commitment, contact Ken Meyer, director of annual giving, at (314) 286-3649, or email kameyer@ranken.edu.
Dan Martin’s Ranken experience began like many others; with a referral from an alumnus. Martin’s father, Matt Martin, graduated from Ranken’s tool and die program in 1941 and knew first hand what Ranken could offer his son. Martin took his father’s advice and graduated in 1970 from the Automotive Maintenance program.

Even then, Martin remembers that Ranken had an excellent reputation and students were expected to live up to that reputation by attending class and following the rules.

Six weeks after graduation Martin was drafted into the Army where he served for two years. Almost immediately after he was discharged, he was able to find employment in a local repair shop and he attributes that to his Ranken diploma. In 1978, after several years of working in local shops, Martin noticed an employment ad in the paper to work for the United Parcel Service (UPS).

“The economy was bad at the time so when I went to UPS to complete the application there were 81 other applicants for only two open positions,” said Martin. “I thought there was no way I had a chance at the job. Fortunately, because of my Ranken education and my experience, I was one of the two people hired.”

After only three years in the shop at UPS, Martin was promoted into fleet management. He spent the next 24 years at the company serving in various roles. With each promotion usually came a relocation so the Martin family moved several times including Orlando, Florida, Washington, D.C. and finally to San Antonio, Texas. After more than five years at the San Antonio office, Martin was able to retire.

Martin continues to live in New Braunfels, Texas with his wife of 27 years, Pat. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. Since his retirement from UPS, he opened a corvette restoration business for vintage corvettes called, Hill Country Vettes. Martin’s shop restores corvettes made from 1953-1972. Several of the cars that Martin has
restored have been on display in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky.

He receives restoration projects from people all over the country, as well as from Canada and Australia. Martin is also active in the local corvette club, as well as serving on the Board of Trustees for St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, Nevada. He also presides over and attends car shows in San Antonio as well as throughout the country and can be found at swap meets from coast to coast swapping out and selling corvette parts.

“I gained more than an education during my time at Ranken,” said Martin. “I matured quite a bit over those two years. I became more confident in my skills and knowledge in the automotive field and it’s led to a long and successful career. My time at Ranken has had a positive, life long affect on me and my family.”

“When you are young, two years seems like such a long time and it’s easy to get distracted. I would tell current students to tune out those distractions and make Ranken your top priority. Apply yourself to your education. It will pay off.”

Dan Martin will be the guest speaker at the next Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop scheduled for February 22, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. Check Ranken’s website at www.ranken.edu for more information.
2009/2010 Campus Calendar

January 2010
Holiday Break 11
Spring Classes Being 11
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - All School Holiday 18

February 2010
Presidents’ Day - All School Holiday 15
Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop 22
Placement Testing Breakfast 25

March 2010
Spring Open House and HVACR Reunion 7
Shadow-a-Tech 18
Spring Break - Student Holiday 29-31

April 2010
Spring Break - Student Holiday 1-2
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Shadow-a-Tech 8
Placement Testing Breakfast 15
Automotive Shadow-a-Tech 21

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Employer Breakfast

All local businesses are invited to attend our Employer Breakfast to learn more about Ranken and how to hire Ranken graduates! For more information please contact the Career Services office at (314) 286-3665. Employer Breakfasts will be held on the following dates:
- January 22, 2010
- February 26, 2010

Spring Open House and HVACR Reunion

Join us at our spring open house on Sunday, March 7 from 11:00 a.m - 3:00p.m. Tour our programs, meet the instructors and get your questions answered by admissions and financial aid counselors. To get on our mailing list to receive an invitation, contact the Admissions office at (314) 286-4809.

All HVACR alumni are invited to attend a reunion that will be held on March 7, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the HVACR department. For more information please contact the Alumni Relations office at (314) 286-4895.

Spring Commencement & Golden Graduates

The class of 2010 will hold their commencement ceremony on May 15, 2010 at Chaifetz Arena. There will also be a ceremony held for the “Golden Graduates” prior to graduation. All alumni who graduated 50 years ago or more are invited to attend. Invitations will be mailed to those who are eligible to attend. For more information please contact the Alumni Relations office at (314) 286-4895.
calendar of upcoming events

December 2009
Student Holiday Break | 20 - 31
All School Holiday Break | 24 - 31

January 2010
Student Holiday Break | 1 - 9
All School Holiday Break | 1
Spring Classes Begin | 11
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - All School Holiday | 18
Employer Breakfast | 22

February 2010
President’s Day - All School Holiday | 15
Alumni Entrepreneur Workshop | 22
Placement Testing Breakfast | 25
Employer Breakfast | 26

Parents: If this newsletter is addressed to your son or daughter who no longer maintains a permanent address at your home, kindly notify the Alumni Office of their new mailing address: alumni@ranken.edu or call (314) 286-4895.