

The Yellowjacket

"AD ASTRA PER ASPERA"

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THINGS GO BETTER?

By Pat King

Congratulations to the homerooms and student body on their spirit and support. The coke party for homerooms with 100% grooved from 8:15 til 8:45, Thursday, October 10th.

Things came to a peak when Coach Bill Gibson and Coach Jan Craig were given long white boxes accented with blue bows. Each box had a little poem on it for the coaches:

"The secret to Gibson's winning streak is one that would make all the girls shriek, for he turned the boys upside down and shook the money on the ground."

"Craig's cunning way to win the race, came as not such a disgrace; A milk bottle sat on the floor as a pail and the boys filled it right fast—or failed."

Every one guessed the boxes to contain a dozen long stemmed roses, but were shocked to find two awkward looking logs with tissue paper bows around them—spirit logs. The coaches' efforts to help support the paper were appreciated by all Tech High.

The staff sold cookies at 2 for 5 cents. "Some price," was the reaction of James Henton. By the way, whose table had that sign saying, "Cookies in the stomach are good for the Soul?" Thank you to all the spirited teachers who bought doughnuts at the faculty meeting!

Rosie Brooks, Winston Albright and LaVon Greer, seemed to be short of cash, but managed to get a bite of Audrey Walls, Ozzie Moore, and Patricia Bellows' cookies. During the festivities Doris Elin, Dorothea Smith, Beatrice Lyons, Allen Young, Albert Neal, Larry Dickerson, Curtis Wilson, Henry Williams, Charles Wilson, and Linda Pope were caught with a box of oatmeal cookies. Where could they have found them? Debbie Williams, Gloria Miles, Fergie Mitchell, Kathy Furrey, and Maurice Dawkins — may I ask who's cookies? Vicki Vinson, Dewitt Nevit, Alice Sharp, Terry Howard, Phyllis Blake, and Jackie Taylor seem to have drunk one too many cokes. I heard that Phyllis Kiser made some home-made brownies. I also heard Gail Tuggle, Susan Green, and Everna Andrews ate them all!

Fortunate Winners of SPIRIT STICK

Coach Craig — For 200% subscription to the paper.

Coach Gibson — For 150% subscription to the paper and first 100% to the office.

Coach Gibson — For selling the largest number of football books.

Mrs. Hooks — For having nine honor roll students in her homeroom.

Miss Barron and Mrs. Lee — For 100% PTA memberships.

Top Supporters of Tech.
The homerooms having 100% subscription to the paper were: Harris, Baker, Spencer, Craig, Gibson, Marsh, Wright, Webber, MacDonald, Buckingham, Butts, Barron, Chambers, Elliott, Horner, Lee, Semmer, and Hooks.



Top left: Billie Parker and Phyllis Kiser were the winners of the Talent Show. Bottom left: Coach Wright and his band also performed. Top right: Students congratulate Mrs. Higgins. Bottom right: Mr. Ferrell swings a mean hammer in the car smash-up.

BLARE OF TALENT

By Martha Starnes

On October 15, at 10:00, 801 Tech High students made their way into the auditorium to attend the annual Honor Society Talent Show. The program offered a variety of singing, dancing, and playing instruments.

A band composed of H. G. McQuirter, Johnny Pate, James Mason, and Artie Wilson playing "Secret Agent Man" and "Ode to Billie Joe" took third place, and Terry Boyce singing "Impossible Dream" took second place. The guitar duo of Phyllis Kiser and Billie Ruth Parker singing "She" took first place. A quartet of faculty members, Coach Gibson, Mr. Evans, Mr. Marsh, including singer Coach Wright, stole the show with their versions of "Your Cheatin' Heart" and "Blueberry Hill". Another faculty member, Mrs. Hooks, opened the program

with some really great selections on the organ.

The Honor Society wishes to thank our judges Mrs. James Dotson, Mrs. Ed Hitzel, and Mrs. Betty Bolton as well as the whole student body that made our show such a big success.

OFFICES' OCCUPIED

Every four years our country elects new leaders, thus carrying forth our democratic system. In conjunction with the nation we too elect our leaders, but instead of every four years, we do it every year.

We have a president which rules over the senior class, as does the president over the United States. This year our "chief executive" is Raymond Thompson. We wish Ray all the luck in his new office. We have a vice-president, so now we must have in the personage of Martha Starnes.

An important job among the officers is secretary and this year our secretary is June Blakard. The job of treasurer is an important one, for the treasurer must keep track of the seniors' hard earned money. This "dangerous job" is filled by Jo Harper. Chaplain is a position of importance also, one which is needed. This year the need is filled by Margie Dacus.

SMASHING SUCCESS

On October 24 and 25, in order to raise money for the club, VICA held a car smash in which a '49 Desoto was literally "smashed"!

The car was donated to VICA for any purpose they saw fit and so came about the idea for the smash. Many turned out for the event and more than many were surprised at their weakness or their strength! Ronnie Hartsfield, VICA president, said the car smash was just one of the many fund-raising events to come, and everyone should be looking for their next one!

LOVE BELLS

By Nancy Bates

Was it love at first sight? It must have been because alias Mrs. Frances Bryant met Mr. John Higgins on a blind date that was arranged by one of his business associates. He and our eleventh grade English teacher enjoyed many happy hours together—some of which were at Tech football games.

Soon after her release from the hospital, Mr. Higgins called her and after his arrival in Memphis; frantically ran around making the necessary arrangements for a wedding that very day!

Their two and a half month engagement ended at the altar in St. Patrick's Catholic Church on October 16. (2 hours after her release from the hospital.)

Mr. Higgins is now in Ithaca, New York furthering his career as a lawyer at Cornell University. Mrs. Higgins has no plans as of yet.

We extend our special congratulations to the happy couple.

Annual Off And Running

The deadline for your \$2 deposit for the annual is November 15. You may pay the rest of the \$5 later in the year.

Last year the club that wished double page coverage contributed \$12.00 to the cost of a two-page layout. If the club sponsors wish again to help in this way, a better annual will be assured.

Also, homeroom groups are urged to buy an advertisement. If a group buys an ad costing \$20.00 or more, a picture of the entire group will be made. This is a good way to remember in the years to come who was in your homeroom.

If any student or faculty member has any interesting snapshots, the staff would appreciate them. School activities or hobbies are especially needed.

One of the biggest events held by the Annual is the Beauty Review November 22.

CALENDAR

- November 18: Memphis State Choral Program at Tech
- November 18-23: "I do; I Do" Broadway play at Ellis Auditorium
- November 22: Tech Beauty Review
- November 24: Christmas Parade (Day)
- November 28-29: Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 11: PTA Meeting
- December 12: "Babes in Arms"

Open House Lures Parents

By Charlotte Beasley

The P.T.A.'s open house was held on November 4, at 7:45 p.m. The program consisted of the National Anthem, introduction of cheerleaders and football players, 100% homeroom membership, and attendance reports.

Mrs. Lee and Miss Barron received \$5 for having 100% membership. Miss Butts received \$3 for working so hard. Miss Barron won \$5 for having the largest attendance at open house.

The program centered around Mr. Charles Whitehead. Mr. Whitehead spoke about technical education and made two vital points.

1. There are skilled technical jobs available, but not enough skilled workers for these jobs.
2. Skilled jobs start at \$5,500 and rise. If all jobs were filled at that salary, the economy of the community would change.

Refreshments were served after the program.

Jackets Schedule

NOVEMBER		
19—Trezovant	.....	There
21—C.B.H.S.	.....	Home
26—Westwood	.....	Home
27—Bartlett	.....	Home
DECEMBER		
3—C.B.H.S.	.....	There
6—White Station	.....	There
10—Kingsbury	.....	Home
13—Oakhaven	.....	There
17—South Side	.....	There
20—Trezovant	.....	Home
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
JANUARY		
3—Westside	.....	Home
7—East	.....	There
10—Treadwell	.....	Home
16—Catholic	.....	There
17—Manassas	.....	There
21—Melrose	.....	Home
24—Frayer	.....	Home
27—Westside	.....	There
29—East	.....	Home
31—Treadwell	.....	There
FEBRUARY		
4—Catholic	.....	Home
7—Manassas	.....	Home
11—Melrose	.....	There



The True Spirit of Thanksgiving

LAND OF PLENTY

"Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving and into his court with praise. Be thankful to him and bless his name; For the Lord is good, His mercy everlasting; and the true endurance to all generations."—Psalm 100.

All of our lives we have heard of the Pilgrims filling their store houses with a rich harvest and giving thanks to the Lord for his blessing. This as you know, was the first Thanksgiving. And even today we are filling our store houses with a harvest. Not only one of wheat, and corn, but one of religion, love, and education.

Still, to often in this land of plenty, there are those who don't have as many blessings to count as we. Yet, when we are asked to help them instead of hearts being filled with gladness we usually feel that giving is a burden. We have so much to be thankful for we should give gladly to those who are not as fortunate.

Remember, Thanksgiving, means not only being thankful and humble for what America has, but also giving a part of your blessing happily.

Why Are We Thankful?

- Elaine Berlin (Senior Girl)** I am thankful for the freedom of worshiping God in the way I please. I am glad that we have people who will fight our country to protect us and their freedom.
- Mr. Walker (Art Instructor)** Along with many physical and material blessings the opportunity to be of service to others is one thing for which I am thankful.
- Tommy Braden (Junior Boy)** I am thankful for my parents, my friends and my home.
- Miss Porter (Business Teacher)** To be thankful is to be grateful to our creator for our blessings. Thankful hearts vary according to individual blessings, and there are as many degrees of thankfulness as there are human beings.
- Pat Neal (Sophomore Girl)** I am thankful for my family and friends, but most of all I am thankful to be alive and to be an American.

Did You Know?

1. That Tech designed and built some of the first Cotton Carnival Floats.
2. That Mrs. Catherine McDonald rode on one of the floats when she was 14 years old.
3. Eternity appears only once in the Bible. (Isaiah 57:15).
4. Mr. Burnett was once an accountant for a bank whose president was an embezzler.
5. That the proper name for football is Rugby.
6. Three out of ten girls do not eat breakfast.
7. The Tech High building was originally an old plantation home.

Tea For Two

Do you wonder what our teachers are really like? Believe it or not, teachers can live it up and laugh, too, in spite of what we've heard.

Mr. George Piaggio and Mrs. Frances Martin discussed old times at a surprise tea given in honor of Mrs. Maribeth McGuire and Mr. George Piaggio on Wednesday, October 16, 1968.

"I had no idea this tea was for me," exclaimed Mrs. Maribeth McGuire as Mrs. Carolyn Elliott presented Maribeth with a gift certificate. Mr. Piaggio was then presented with a gift certificate from Buffer's Trees which will help in his garden.

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This is the student newspaper of Tech High School, 1266 Poplar, W. A. Bourne, principal.

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Tips To Boys

by June Blackard

I'm just an average girl of the Tech High Student body giving tips to the average boys. Some of you think if you can't get the attention of all the girls at once, you're a failure. Oh, no, most girls just think you are shoving off—but what about the boy that walks down the hall and politely speaks to his feminine admirers? Huh? I ask you!

Here are some tips to those guys who think they are tops. Well — check and see.

1. Do you come to school with your hair uncombed and flying like a banner in the breeze?
2. Are you too conceited to be courteous? (Don't say "aw" — cause some are.)
3. Can everyone see what you had for breakfast — two or three days ago?
4. Do you insist on wearing clothes that are so loud that they talk to you when you are alone?
5. Your hair should be neat, but you don't have to carry a mirror everywhere you go!
6. Do you get a kick out of telling everyone you didn't do your homework and that you'll get away with it? Girls don't admire boys staying at school without learning anything.
7. Try being neat — that catches a girl's eye.

What do you think of yourself now? Do you live up to all the requirements? If you do, that's swell. If you don't — GET TO WORK! It won't take long if you really try.

Mrs. Elliott Praises Faculty

Students of Memphis Tech are often spoken as of the "friendliest in the city"; and many visitors notice a warm cordiality among the faculty which is not found in every school. Students' cooperative and respectful attitudes perhaps exist because their teachers show through their actions that their students really MATTER.

At Tech ballgames appear Mr. and Mrs. Bright, two loyal fans. Mrs. Rasmussen, Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. Marsh and Mr. Baker are frequently accompanied by sons or daughters. Despite busy schedules, Mrs. Semmer and Mrs. Chambers often lure their med student husbands to a game. Misses Butts, Buckingham, Baron and Thompson are often there, perhaps with carloads of students who had no transportation. Others in attendance may include Mrs. Rule, Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Horner, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. McHaffie, Mr. Harris, Mr. Burnett and Mr. Ferrell, who deserves special mention. All these team supporters teach a full load and often sponsor extra-curricular activities.

During school the faculty cooperates in many ways with the student body. Mr. Walker never says no to a request for art work, whether from the cheerleaders for posters or from the annual staff for deadline notices. And how does Mr. Brown find time to do all the big and small kindnesses he performs? Miss Woodridge tirelessly organizes new science clubs, while our guidance counselors listen patiently to problems or help some get a scholarship. The coaches spend long, fatiguing hours on the practice field while club sponsors work overtime so that their groups will make good showing in competitions.

Tech will continue to grow because loyalty to her exists not only among her students, but also among her dedicated faculty who believe that to get the best results and full cooperation from their pupils they must give these boys and girls complete support in all worthwhile activities.

JUNE AND KAI, ON THE PROWL— Heralds Holiday — Hails Hoboes — Honors Heroes

It's getting late. Time to relax and go to sleep. But oh no! Tomorrow is the deadline to turn in my column for the paper. My eyes say go to sleep, but my conscience says "write my column." Barbara will simply be frothing at the gills if I don't turn it in. Many things have been happening lately. Read on, you may be in the spotlight.

Dancing Dolls (and Guys) "While you Danced, Danced, Danced," would seem to be the Tech Theme Song these days, judging from the number of stompin' sessions flourishing round our dear school. One of the latest of these was "A Girls' Take Over Dance" given by Linda Taylor on Friday, October 11. Circling the floor Kai spied: Fergie Mitchell 'n' Aaron James, Dorothea Smith 'n' Ralph Allen, Randy Stark 'n' Buddy Tucker, Larry Dickerson 'n' Charlene Lockett, Denise Williams 'n' Randy Cox dancing to the music of the fabulous Corbais.

Grin! You're in the Jacket Spotlight Drive-ins seem to be in the high-lights nowadays. Hang 'Em High held the attention of Kathy Purrey 'n' Lynn Owen, Raymond Thompson 'n' a Centralite. I caught a glimpse of Mrs. Katherine McDonald, her daughter, and granddaughter, too.

Tommy Johnson was at Southland Mall with his art exhibit. Anybody see him?

Patty Snider and Diane Kes-

ner were seen rockin' out to the sounds at the Gateway. Groovy, Huh?

A Word To the Wise Everna Andrews says: "Education works; so let your thoughts be deeper than your words."

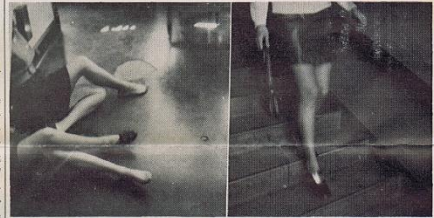
Hats Off!! Jackie Taylor has been seen at various community centers working with young children after school teaching them songs and games. Good going, Jackie.

Techites Shine Has everyone noticed the colorful contest among Donald Wright, Ezell Gray, Henry Williams, and Charles Johnson? It appears as if each boy is trying to out do the other in wearing bright colorful bell bottom slacks and knits.

Good Goin', Guys Congrats to all the football players and coaches for the great comeback they made this year, and to you, the student body who showed your spirit to the team. Remember, basketball season is coming up.

Frolicking Forecast Looking into my crystal ball I predict the Bobby Morgan is to hold a Twirp Dance at the climax of Twirp Week. I will clue you in later as to the other arrangements being made.

Finished at last! I'm safe until next month. Now I can go to sleep in peace. Good night.



Legs, Legs, and More Legs

Legs are welcomed by thousands of "girl-watchers" with open arms — I mean open eyes, in the current fashion trends. Mini-and micro-skirts are "in" and the majority of the females of this day and age wouldn't be caught dead in the public unless their certain little numbers were hemmed a good three inches above their patella.

Unfortunately, in come the "shorties" — out go the "posties". Girls are appreciated for their added attractiveness if their attire adds and doesn't detract from the student environment.

A girl must consider all allowances needed for sitting, stooping, running and other awkward situations where femininity and grace are required and considered necessities for a lady to be remembered as such. In order to be considered a neat and attractive person, one must hesitate to wear something that might reveal "unmentionables", including unattractive legs or knees — to mention a few.

We all know that style is of major importance, especially in school, yet it is impossible to gain respect in the eyes of the "watchers" until the girl proves she is worthy of it. So from now on, try to display more grace than garters girls!

37th Pres. Elected

Just a few moments ago it was announced that our next president will be Richard M. Nixon. Mr. Nixon won the election with 278 electoral votes when only 270 were needed. This election was the closest in America's history.

Despite the fact that your candidate may not have won, we must face the results and consider that Mr. Nixon has a tough job before him, the most important job in the United States. In the future four years he will need the support of everyone in our country, even you. The next four years will tell a great tale in America's history, so let's wish Mr. Nixon the very best of luck.

Poet's Corner

Up and up a spiral stair I walk,
I know not where I go.
I know not why,
Yet in the darkness I see a light
peering from the top,
So onward still I go—
Up and up that spiral stair,
Led by that small light in
the darkness of this night;
And when at last I do reach the
top,
With my hand clasp upon the door
which leads to the light,
I shall open to see the stars which
have led me from my night.
E.L.D.

Basket Drive Begins

As every year, the Student Council is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Basket Drive. Students are asked to bring canned goods which are distributed to families in need. Last year the response from the students was tremendous.

Money is also collected to buy items such as turkeys. The deadline for bringing in canned goods is November 25 and November 26 for money contributions. This is a very worthwhile project and we hope that every student will help.

Students Speak Out

There are 929 students at Tech, 312 of them are juniors, of which 165 are girls. One of these junior girls is Chris Beasley, a talented young miss with many varied interests. It seems Chris came to Tech because of one of her talents, art, and is now taking her second year of Commercial Art under Mr. Jobe Walker.

Her hobbies include gun collecting, guitar playing, skiing, the persuasive art of judo and also writing. After she graduates, Chris plans to work for an agency known as Falcon Enterprises.

Often seen bouncing prettily around the halls this year is junior Windi Click. Windi is a newcomer to Tech as well as Memphis. After she graduates, Windi plans to attend college where she will pursue speech activities. Speaking of speech, Windi won second place at the year's first speech tournament in Nashville.

Upon college graduation she plans to become an airline stewardess because she loves to travel and loves people. When Windi isn't quietly walking along some lonely beach, she loves to listen to music and attend the theater.

Romantically, Windi doesn't have a steady, but she says, "I'm just waiting for 'Mr. Right' to come along!" "Say I wonder if I could change my name to 'Right'?"

Alumni News 'N Notes

Where are they all now, those seniors of last year? Where did they go, what are they doing? This year, Jackson Community College holds our own Larry Turner, Lynn and Melvinna Stotts, and Ronnie and Donnie Scott.

Cathi Spencer, Buddy Tucker, and Brenda Baker, are now gracing the halls of Union University. Mary Cochran is at the Martin branch of the University of Tennessee. David Sherrill is attending State Tech while Tommie Jane Bradley continues her education at the Memphis School of Commerce.

Among the busy workers at the Telephone Co. are eight '68 seniors: Cheryl Henry, Lena McCollum, Martha Sellers, Pat Martin, Gay Wilbanks, Nancy Sterling, and Frances Lumpkin.

Hazel Rodgers is studying at the Methodist School of Nursing under a scholarship. Memphis State has snatched a few former Techites; among them Willard Johnson, Tina Harris and Danny Ferrell.

A few of our old friends have heeded the call of Uncle Sam and joined the service. Cliff Foster and Eddie Nobsey are causing the Navy mahem while the WACS now have Christine Mazza in their ranks.

Many are still around, many are gone, but they were Tech's own, and not by a long shot have we forgotten them!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations again to our two-time winner, for winning a \$10.00 first prize, Audrey Walls from Mrs. Webber's homeroom. This enthusiastic Techite was also recognized as a first prize winner last year after her participation in the annual "Poppy Drive." Audrey decided to keep up her good record by returning to the "downtown mob" this year coming home with another first prize collection of \$47.60.

Audrey is just one more of the reasons Tech is such a benefit to our community.



Never Turn Your Back

Have you ever thought of what you would do if attacked? Well, follow Levi Twilly's advice and take judo. Levi, a number one player on our football team, has progressed through the white and blue to become a green belt contender in judo. He was inspired to take judo after the return of his cousin from Vietnam.

Levi feels judo or some form of defense is greatly needed in this time of trouble and says, "My cousin stayed in Vietnam a year and six months, and without judo he never would have made it back to the states." Levi gives a few points to consider in judo. "You have to concentrate, always be on the move. You have to be aware of what will happen if you miss. You must be flexible. NEVER turn your head from an opponent! Bend your leg then kick; never kick with legs straight."

Christopher Hall shown in the above picture is also a green belt contender. There are some secrets about judo Levi will not tell, but he admits he is not very good at breaking bricks!

Seniors Led In Honors

Seniors led highest honors with 10 on the list; they also led in second honors having more than sophomores and juniors put together. Seniors are as follows: Mary Jane Coleman, Joyce Dillaway, Everna Andrews, Pattie Barnes, Billie Parker, Johnie Lanois, Regina Lee, Linda Hopper, Patricia Moore, and Raymond Thompson. Juniors are: Christie Curry, Patricia Coleman. Sophomores are: Paula Scates, Debra Moffitt, Barbara Weatherly, Sheron Aldridge.

Second Honors are: Seniors: Joyce Flake, Phyllis Gary, Pat Kilpatrick, Charlotte Beasley, June Blackard, Phyllis Blake, Pam Brown, Bobbie Neely, Martha Starnes, Edward Dillard, Otha Jefferson, Jo Harper, Bobbie Jones, Phyllis Kiser, Cheryl Kramer, Charlotte Logan, Susie McGraw, Alice Mitchell, Gloria Childers, Connie Scarborough, Pat Wade, Sherri Wade, Pam Wiles, Linda Vanlandingham, Pat King, Thomas Johnson, James Kent, Eddie Morman, Thomas Williams. Juniors: Janet Gomilla, Delores Dowdy, Paula Harwell, Betty Price, Vivian Sherill, Kathy Williams, Sue Thomas, Denise Williams, Sharon Stratton, Susan Greer, Robert Veazey, Gary Xiques, Lynn Scott, Charles Phillips, Ricky McNatt, Cheryl Blankenship, Beverly Bolden, Eva Bell, Julie Barcafer, and Larry Bailey. Sophomores: Ouida Robertson, Joy Taylor, Dena Thomson, Donna Vallario, Carla Wade, Herbert Pritchard, Herman Adair, Carolyn A. Hawkins, Pamela Littlejohn, Joe Dell Cox, and Susan Carter.

Babes In Arms Marches On

As most of you know, plans for our first play of the year, Babes In Arms, are well under way. Sets have been prepared by our Art Department, we have scripts and music, and now we have a cast! The play involves a group of young people in summer-stock theater. There is Susie, prettily portrayed by Trilby Tipler. The object of Susie's affections is Val, portrayed by William Pearson.

The owners of the Surf and Sand Playhouse are Bunny and Mr. Fleming. Annette Bland is cast as the talented Bunny who is in debt to the scrooge Fleming, so aptly interpreted by Richard Greene.

Terry and Gus are always in a hassle and can never seem to get along for more than five minutes. Carol Xiques applies her talents to the role of Terry, while we discuss whether it was type-casting when Randy Stark was cast as the fumbling good-guy Gus!

We might discuss type-casting again when we consider that Tommy Johnson was cast as the disgusting author, Lee Calhoun. Ira King uses his vocal talents as the press agent.

Hollywood gives us their lovely best in the form of Jennifer Owen, portrayed by Dee Kelo. Gloria England adds a flair to the role when she plays Jennifer's mother, Phyllis.

A twist is brought about by that versatile actor Robbie Jolly, as he plays the critic Steve.

So there you have the main characters for Babes In Arms, a mixed-up conglomeration I must say!

P.S.—Tommy Johnson modestly wrote this story.—Editor

Be Creative Not Destructive

by Karen Robinson

Are you a doodler? The term, although coined in recent years, describes a practice which must be as old as writing. Everyone loves to scribble. Here at Tech the custom is particularly prevalent. Very often the results are quite interesting and humorous as long as they are confined to sheets of paper or book covers. However, not all people appreciate the same type of art. Since many people use the desks in the course of a day, may we suggest that doodlers refrain from decorating desks.

Remember, the best way to be remembered through the years is performing worth-while deeds, rather than carving on desks where it is most obvious.

YOU HEARD IT?

When an Englishman is told a joke, he laughs three times: First, to be polite; second, when the joke is explained, and third, when he catches on.

When a Russian is told a joke, he laughs twice: First, to be polite, and second when the joke is explained. He doesn't catch on.

When a Frenchman is told a joke, he laughs once: Before he catches on.

When an American is told a joke, he doesn't laugh at all. He's heard it before.

"She's A Real Sweetheart"

Twirp Week is about to be sprung upon us, that is from November 10-15. During the week, the Key Club Sweetheart will be crowned as well as her court. This year the nominees are: Francine Hoard (Senior), Gloria England (Senior), and Julie Barcafer (Junior).

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thanks

We wish to thank Mr. Leland Marsh and his band for playing at our pep rallies. It really adds to the spirit.

D.E. Busy

October 30th DECA entertained the faculty with a coffee. Billie Ruth Parker and Raymond Maxwell were the lead delegates for the State Leadership Conference. It was held in Nashville November 3rd and 4th. Billie Ruth won State Reporter.

Congrats

Congrats to new F.H.A. officers: President, Everna Andrews; Vice President, Diane Lee; Secretary, Diane Ballard; Treasurer, Pam Johnson; Reporter, Elizabeth Holyfield; Parliamentarian, Becky Ellis; Historian, Nancy Smith; Song Leader, Gloria Boyce; and Program Chairman, Shirley Harper.

"Individuality" is the name of the F.H.A. year book.

YEA!

"For the last two years everyone thought it was cool not to yell, but this year it IS cool to yell." was the comment of a Pep Club member. Spirit is jumping in everyone. The Pep Squad has really grown, even the boys have taken interest. Among those cool people that are always seen at the games are, Edward Dickerson, Bobby Odom, Mike Russell, Johnny Lanois, Shirley Welch, Pat Stainbeck, Glenda Scott, and many more Techites.

Sun Shines

Twenty to one, the girls out numbered the boys this summer at the Volunteer Service Bureau. Three girls from Tech were volunteers; Sue Thomas, Kennedy Veteran's Hospital; Nancy Bates, William F. Boweld Hospital; and Marsha Coleman, John Gaston Hospital.

Cheer On

Interest and Change has been added to our pep rallies because the Cheerleaders try to do something different and appealing. You're doing a fine job.

Poppin'

Gloria Boyce collected \$21.56 in the Poppy Drive. Your homeroom (Mrs. Mariam Bright) is very proud of your winning third place in the city; two rals for Gloria!

IRONSIDE CO-STAR VISITS MEMPHIS

by Tommy Johnson

This year, Memphis State's homecoming was enlivened by a visit by one of it's former students, one of the stars of NBC's IRONSIDES and Emmy award winner, Barbara Anderson. Miss Anderson arrived at the Memphis Airport Friday, October 24 and we were among the many there to greet her. She was greeted by members of the Memphis State faculty and then by MSU cheerleaders as well as the MSU Tiger, who posed for pictures with Miss Anderson.

We managed to talk with her for a few moments and I managed to get some pictures. Many questions were asked but because of the crown, little was answered. Miss Anderson seemed happy to be back in Memphis and stated she was surprised to be asked back so soon after she left!

While in Memphis, Miss Anderson also spoke at a special Thespians banquet which was attended by our own Miss Ruth Butts, Gloria England, and Dee Kelo.

Memphis State had an enjoyable homecoming and I have a new autograph to add to my collection!

VICA Offers Challenge

The club with young man and woman in mind asks, "Are you going to go after a certain goal? The way to get the answer is to join V.I.C.A. The club that is interested in you!

Club News

Vocational interest comes alive as students began to organize the V.I.C.A. Club, with Mr. Ferrell as sponsor and Mrs. Rasmussen as assistant-advisor.

The slate of officers are: President, Ronnie Hartsfield; Vice-President, Glenn Lawler; Secretary, Becky Robinson; Treasurer, Sharon Green; Chaplain, Glenda Rook; Representative, Jo Ann King; Parliamentarian, Edward Dillard; Photo, Tommy Johnson; Sgt.-at-Arms, Doug Green.

FEELING #53

Upon a time there was a love That loved alone . . . afraid, Afraid and shy and silent, A love that would but wouldn't, A love that could but couldn't, So love there was that wasn't. And time waited . . .

An Open Letter To Mr. Bourne

Dear Mr. Bourne,

We, the seniors of Tech, play an important role in the life of our school and it's activities. We have been here longer than the juniors and sophomores and we have grown to consider this as our school, which we are proud of. It is unusual for a group of students to have such an attachment for a school, the faculty and the other students, but truthfully we can say it has this attachment.

It is usual though, almost customary that the students find gripes and continuously cut the faculty, and I must admit we have those too, but not many. On the whole we feel we have the best faculty! This year the student body has enjoyed a few more privileges than in the past. We have had more pep rallies for example, and thusly we have had an enormous amount of spirit. This spirit is shown in every school program, of which we have more also.

The seniors, as well as the juniors and sophomores have encountered a better year this year because of these privileges and other things I could name. This year will prove to be our best, and for the seniors, the last. And so Mr. Bourne, we, the seniors would like to thank you for helping make this, our last year, our best year! Seniors—'69

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Coach's Corner
By Robert Hill



For just a quick glance at Tech athletics, I asked Coach Gibson for a few comments. While the coach was patiently looking over the plans for defeating Melrose, we discussed our new Cross-Country team. It is well known how hard these top athletes have been working. After this first season two boys stand out boldly to me, Gary Murchison and Mike Williams. Gary looks like a joke along side the larger boys, but no one laughs as he flashes across the finish line for first place. Mike has shown the greatest improvement. He began the season placing far back but had the determination to place better. He worked hard at every practice and in a recent meet placed sixth out of about forty. The coach commented, "I hopefully expect to see these two in the Olympics someday, with work nothing's impossible you know."

Now jumping to basketball, the coach said that everyone who thought Ralph Allen, Woodard, and Lumpy Lambert were good in football too, just wait until they start playing basketball.

I asked the coach who the scouts had their binoculars on for college football. He said he thought Woodard, Smith, and Allen could be some of the outstanding college rookies next year.

Dribbling Jackets

Beware Catholic, Melrose, Overton and other little trifling teams! The mighty hoard of Tech cagers are comin' for you. As usual the Tech "big team" is ready to be unleashed on our weak foes by Coach Bill Gibson. Coach Gibson is leading the team for his third year and intends to show rival schools what a winning streak is. The team has been working hard since November 1. Coach Gibson is really running them through their paces but a little extra work to the Jackets is nothing because they always receive ecstasy not the agony of defeat on the basketball floor.

Top Tech athletes on the "A" team are: at forward—Robert Woodard, and Ralph Allen; center will be Johnny Washington, playing at guard—Sylvester Woodley, Aaron James, James Lambert.

Goldilocks Dance Around

It's hard on a team to come up against an undefeated team; but the Jackets played the Melrose Golden Wildcats on October 25. Tech had the same tenseness in the Catholic duel. The Jackets were pushed some in the first half, but in the last three minutes of the game Gary Xiques and fullback J. L. Smith rushed into the end zone for two touchdowns. These came at a time when the Melrose coach frantically poured his "A" team in to stop any Tech drives. It wasn't until then that Jackets realized that they were as good as the Wildcats. It's really going to be a great year next year when the Jackets reverse the 40-13 score on Melrose when Tech will be the "best team in the city".

Did you know that, N. E. Gibson, the coach's father, held the 1923 state discus record?

YELLOWJACKETS TRAMPLE ON

By Robert Hill

Wildcats Become Kittens

The Westside Wildcats got stung by the humming Jackets on September 20 at Firestone Stadium. Tech mashed the "kittens" 28 to 0. In the first quarter Gary Xiques flew across the goal line for a touchdown. Ends Henry Williams and Ralph Allen followed suit for two more touchdowns but the shock came when center Levi Twillie picked up a fumble and ran a once-in-a-season touchdown.

Mustangs Cry "We Got Corraled"

The East High Mustangs know how it feels to be tamed by the fighting Yellowjackets of Tech. The Yellowjackets rode the Mustangs all the way to victory. Tech defeated them by the score of 7-6.

J. L. Smith scored our lone touchdown with guard James Lambert kicking the P.A.T. As usual Billy Groce showed his speed and greatness but sophomore end Frank Galloway showed everyone what more practice will make him. Groce blocked the Mustang P.A.T. which gave us assurance of another victory. In late action East fought desperately to make a comeback, but Frank Galloway and Billy Groce were waiting to bat down three T.D. passes. End Wesley Johnson brought the crowd to its feet when he hit tailback Pat Copeland of East and sent him hopping to the sidelines.

Eagles Flew High

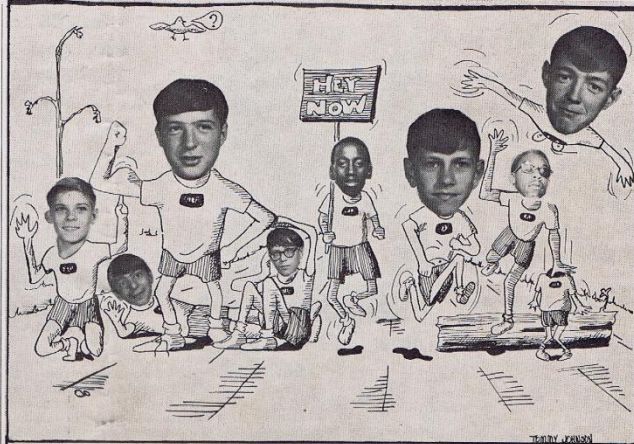
On October 3 the Treadwell Eagles clipped the Jackets for a slim victory. The game took place at Crump Stadium where the final score was 32-20. Tech was playing one of the best teams in the city and they certainly didn't let the Eagles win easily. Quarterback Robert Woodard did an excellent job of calling the signals and ran a touchdown himself. Fullback J. D. Smith had a 28 yard T.D. run. Woodard hit end Henry Williams for another Tech touchdown. Guard "Lumpy" Lambert kicked two extra points successfully.

Tech Army In '69

As the football season comes to an abrupt halt, I look back at the '68 Yellowjacket team with fond memories. The team has completed one of the most successful campaigns in recent years. Coaches Jan Craig, John Wright, Bill Gibson, and especially Head Coach James Sivert receive our highest admiration and gratitude for leading the Jackets to a victorious season. I myself extend my personal thanks to the coaches and the team for aiding me in writing my game accounts. I've spent this season with the team and I summarize it by saying that one of the major factors in our great season was **SPRIT**.

It will be hard for next year's team to match this year's stamina. I predict next year's team to be: at QB, Eddie Eaton; Tailback, Billy Groce; Wingbacks, Adrian Stoots, Gary Xiques; Fullback, Ricky McNatt; Ends, Frank Galloway and Billy Laneer; Centers, Jerry Sides, Tom Stone; Kicking, Jesse Weaver; Guards, Quinton Jerry, Larry Dickerson, Gary Groce; Tackles, Jesse Weaver, and Mike Jackson.

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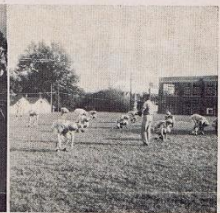
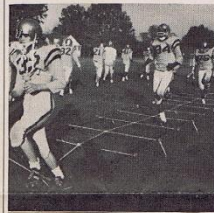
They'll Be Running, Not Walking

Tech continues to sweep all sports records this year with a sparkling new Cross-Country team. Coach Bill Gibson is coaching the team this year. He has done an excellent job of coaching a first year team by really impressing the facts of being mentally, physically, and morally fit. With his expert guidance, the team has placed in the top four in every meet, usually placing third.

I've watched this team since the beginning of school and it's evident that the team has the guts it takes. At morning practice you always see Mike Williams, Jerry Crite, and Gary Murchison tugging out the last miles. In the afternoon, running the six miles to, around, and back from Overton Park are: Williams, Edward Dickerson, Alon-

zo Richmond, Frankie Gattuso, Allan Crawford, and Charles Johnson. Other members are: Tony Haynes, Travis Gallic, Charlie Douglas, and Wayne Tabor. Captain of the team is Ed Dickerson and co-captain is Gary Murchison. Managing the team is Robert Hill.

It's hard to decide who's the Number One man. Dickerson and Murchison are currently battling for that position, with the rest of the team in close pursuit. It's a cinch that with most of our team returning next year, we will have a NUMBER ONE team.



In upper left Billy Groce blindly tramples the ropes. Upper right Coach Craig pushes the team through exercise. Lower left Coach Gibson calls signals this time. The team plays tag with Woodard.

Terriers Bite Hard

On October 10 the Jackets did battle with the tough Terriers from Catholic High. They were really left behind in the last half after a spectacular first half. Catholic walked over Tech 59-14. It was certainly apparent that the defeat came after a painful series of Tech fumbles and Catholic interceptions.

Robert Woodard was able though to connect ends with Ralph Allen and Henry Williams for two T.D. passes.

The student body really showed their spirit in a most successful pep rally. Mr. Ferrell's pep squad seemed the most impressive in the school. At the pep rally Coaches Gibson and Craig were cited for their outstanding and overwhelming service to the Yellowjacket.

Tigers Run Wild

On October 18, the Jackets almost tamed the Manassas Tigers and sent them back to the zoo. Tech stalked the Tigers and scored two touchdowns. Fullback J. L. Smith zoomed into the end zone for a touchdown. QB Billy Groce plunged through the Manassas line for six points. Guard James Lambert kicked an extra point. The final score was 27-13. Sophomore quarterback Eddie Eaton played in the game at wingback and showed that he can really hustle.

Shut-Out Game

On November 1, the Frayser Rams butted the Jackets into a shut-out. The defense showed tremendous holding power but the offense was plagued with various difficulties. As usual the various familiar faces showed hustle; Eddie Eaton, Billy Laneer, and Larry Dickerson socket-it-to-tem. The final score was 26 to 0.

We apologize to Alonzo for losing his picture in the drawing above, but he truly is a track star.

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