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TEACHERS' DESKS REVEAL HIDDEN TREASURES

Unique? That is not exactly the word we use to describe our teachers, but it is a very suitable adjective used to describe the contents of their desks.

Insects are sure to steer clear of Mrs. Semmer's room where she keeps a can of Hot Shot bug spray safely tucked away. Since she also keeps a razor blade around, you'd better warn all the long-haired insects to stay away.

Tigers beware of Mrs. Elliot! A musty tiger tail stuffed in an overcrowded drawer reminds tigers of what happened the last time one stormed into her room. Just ask her how a toy pistol helped to capture the creature.

Scotch tape and twine are always found in Mr. Cummings' desk. Their use? Mr. Cummings stated, "I use the twine to tie up the mean students and scotch tape to close their mouths."

Girls, if you've lost some jewelry ask to see Miss Wood's collection. If it isn't there, it can't be found! While you're at it, ask her what kind of game is played with poker chips. At 3:15 you might find her filling her ice cap with an air pump and settling down for a nap.

The Tennessee Safety Patrol would be proud of Mr. Burnett, a newcomer to Tennessee. A driver's manual is always found in his center drawer. Oddly enough, a pair of worn shoes lie next to the manual. Does this suggest he'd rather walk than ride in Tennessee?

Mrs. Horner's hands will never be cold as long as she stays close to her desk. Two pair of gloves lie exactly where she placed them last September. But we must commend her. She did manage to take one other pair home last week.

Mrs. Nicholson must be thinking young now-a-days. A baby bottle was found far in the back of her drawer. Also found was a guitar pick. When asked about the guitar pick, she replied, "It's my whole personality!" Does this suggest (Continued on page 4)

NFL ESTABLISHED

Tech High recently initiated the first ten members into its newly acquired National Forensics League chapter.

Tech is very proud of its NFL chapter. Tech is one of four schools in the Memphis area to attain this distinction.

Those initiated with the Degree of Merit were Judy Beasley, Jo Curry, Gloria England, Roy Gray, Dee Kelso and Jimmy Morgan. Two higher degrees were awarded. Bill

Turner Takes Council's No. 1 Position

Newly elected officers of the Student Council are as follows: Pres., Larry Turner; V.P.B., Ralph Allen; V.P.G., Mary Cochran; Sec., Cathi Spencer; Treas., Donnie Scott; Sgt. at Arms, Bob Acred; Chaplain, Joyce Hopkins; Reporter, Melvinna Stoots. Mr. Bourne had this to say to the group, "Campaigns were conducted in an orderly fashion. You showed interest and enthusiasm. I like for students to come and talk to me; maybe we can help each other by doing this."

Kenny Xiques, past Council President, has had a good year. Proposals made by his platform were to have the football field lined off, a Faculty-Varsity Basketball Game, A Yellowjacket painted on the gym floor, and a Spring Dance. Of these proposals two have been fulfilled. Coach Sivert lined off the football field and Mr. Bourne is taking care of the Yellowjacket.

"We had the most successful drives this year," replied Kenny in a recent interview. Christmas baskets were especially successful. We didn't accomplish as much as we would like to have done, but we wish the new Council best of luck!"

Larry Turner plans a good year for the 1966-67 school year. "We hope to have an effective Council and welcome any suggestions made by your homeroom representatives. Send your representatives to the meetings with well thought out and planned proposals made by your homerooms," was Larry's statement.

Bill Parker received the Degree of Honor, and Cathi Spencer, David Sojourner, and Kay Crawford were awarded the high Degree of Distinction.

YELLOWJACKET ANNOUNCES NEW EDITOR FOR 1967-68

Cathi Spencer, junior, has been chosen Editor-in-chief of the 1967-68 Yellowjacket. Mrs. Jim Horner, sponsor, announced this decision along with members of the remaining staff.

Other staff editors announced were Melvinna Stoots, Assistant Editor; Rose Ann Huffstickler, Layout Editor; John Waits, Business Manager; Diane McDonald, Assistant Business Editor; Jamie Duvall, Feature Editor; Randy Stark, Assistant Feature Editor; Billie Parker, News Editor; Mary Cochran, Literary Editor; and John Smith, Sports Editor.

Fifteen reporter positions are open, six typing positions, three sports writing positions, and three business positions. See any member on the staff or Mrs. Horner to sign up. If you have a nose for news and like to get the scoops, the Yellowjacket wants you!

Apply for a position with staff members. If you do not have sixth period vacant, see Mrs. Horner about working after school. If it is vacant, sign up for sixth period Yellowjacket with your homeroom teacher.

Editor Cathi says, "We'll get new ideas to make this the best school paper in the city. We're planning to publish eight issues next year. The school newspaper is the only school communication for many students and is the best way to better our school if we work." Sign up!



THE TOP 10% of the Senior Class is seen practicing for their graduation. From left to right are: Margaret Padgett, David Sojourner, Peggy Kisner, Lonnie Eads, Demetrius McClure, Charles Robertson, Frankie Robbins, Sherry McEwen, Priscilla Krause, Betty Brown, Judy Beasley, Lynn Hale, Kay Crawford, Carol Hart, Linda McVair, Stanley Fogg, Janet Brandon, Kenny Xiques, and June Greene. Not pictured - Mike Sivert, John Sorrell, Lee Sherrill.

TECH THESPIANS HOLD FEAST

Spring has come and brought with it festivals, parties, and banquets. This idea certainly proved to be a bright one for the initiated members of the Thespian Club. On May 12, Thespian Troupe 1155 held a formal banquet at the Airport's classic Passport Room. Don McNatt, number one dramatic reader in the state, presented a cutting from the play "Slow Dance On the Killing Ground." Speaking to the group was Miss Judy Schulz, Assistant Director of Forensics at Memphis State University.

Top Ten Per Cent Announced

Surviving the many perils of the senior year, the above students have attained scholastic achievement, and distinguished themselves as valuable assets to Tech High.

These students have worked long and hard and deserve this recognition.

Awards will be given Wednesday, May 24, at 8:30.

DATA PROCESSING DEPT. PRAISES MR. BOURNE

The Data Processing Newspaper, "Data Bits", recently expressed gratitude to Mr. W. A. Bourne, for his efforts to establish a Data Processing Institute. When Mr. Leon Hardison, author of the article, asked Mr. Bourne what he thought of the DPI he remarked, "I know of no institution which has a more intensive program in data processing."

After two or three years of discussion for training computer programmers and systems analysts, Mr. Bourne visited and studied data processing programs in California, Pennsylvania, and New York.

On April 19, V.O.O.S. class took an informative trip to the Bell Telephone Company. May 10, they

visited Union Planters National Bank, accompanied by Miss Mayo Linder.

Mr. Bourne expressed his highest praise for this advisory committee in his statement, "Through the unselfish endeavors of this group of bankers, Army Depot personnel, and representatives of other local businesses, our present status was determined."

Mr. Hardison has developed a pun, which he feels appropriate when considering the high regard in which the faculty at the Data Processing Institute have for their Principal. He says, "We think that Mr. Bourne has borne his responsibility admirably in making our program what it is today."

LET'S YELL

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, hey! Have you got that spirit, well yes! This will be the spirited sounds of the vivacious, energetic Tech High eight, ready for a cheering season of fun and excitement for next year's sports activities.

The new girls chosen for next year consist of five sophomores and one junior. They are: June Blackard, Phyllis Kisner, Phyllis Gary, Carol Xiques, Pam Brown, and Pat Brandon. Returning as seniors are Melvinna Stoots, captain for 1967-68, and Mary Cochran. These girls are looking forward to an exciting and eventful year, but they need your support and much needed spirit.

MELVINNA STOOTS TO PRESIDE OVER N.H.S.

April 4, Judy Beasley, 1966-67 president of the National Honor Society turned the gavel over to Melvinna Stoots who will preside over next year's club. The newly elected president offers the following advice to her fellow students:

"I want to try to promote the principles of the Honor Society, and to encourage everyone to strive for the goals this club represents. I set out to achieve my goal in junior high and my efforts have been well rewarded. I advise all students to keep their goals high; by this they'll achieve more and receive the fullest benefits and

VICA OFFICERS ARE ANNOUNCED

Unknown to the students are results of VICA elections. The newly elected officers for the 1967-68 active club are as follows: President, Hazel Rogers; Vice President, Billy Seaton; Secretary, Regina Lee; Treasurer, Theresa Deckard; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mike Hodges; Chaplain, Joyce Hopkins; Parliamentarian, Sandra Sassoon; Reporter, David Sherrill; and Photographer, Sandra Goggins.

JR. STAFFERS ATTEND ALL-DAY CLINIC

By Melvinna Stoots

Six Yellowjacket staffers boarded Mrs. Horner's car for a day at the State High School Newspaper Convention at the Peabody Hotel. Rose Ann Huffstickler, Mary Cochran, Billie Parker, John Waits, our sponsor, and myself heard top newspaper men in Tennessee speak both Friday and Saturday. The conferences, elections, banquet and super-cool entertainment captured our hearts!

Thinking he knew everything, John Waits was shocked to see four DUCKS gracefully get out of the lobby fountain, strut around the flower shop, and then march on an elevator with us!

Our paper will be better than ever next year, but we need your creative minds; join our staff! The convention is in Chattanooga next year. Do your best because only Juniors and Sophomores are able to attend.

enjoyments of learning."

I feel that each and every student should know the benefits of scholastic achievement. The Honor Society opens infinite doors to future opportunities. So students, plan ahead; shoot for the stars."

Melvinna's comments characterized a classic example of progressive thinking concerning the club.

Other newly inaugurated members are: Vice-president, Jean Barrett; Secretary, Tina Harris; Treasurer, Willard Johnson; Chaplain, Sandra Jolly; and Reporter, Hazel Rogers.

SPEAKING OUT!—

FAREWELL TECH

By Lynn Hale

It happens every year—all the girls start whispering about their dresses for the banquet and that date they hope to have; the boys dream of wearing those caps and gowns. It's nothing unusual, just a bunch of kids graduating and yet it seems different to us—the ones who are leaving. It's our graduation. We've worked and played together twelve years and now we've come to the cross roads. No longer shall we run to catch that bus headed toward Tech. No longer shall we sit in class and wait for our names to be called; there will be new faces to take our places.

Yes, we've had fun. We'll never forget that win over Catholic in the city tournament our junior year, nor will we forget our win over Frayser this year.

There's always a little bad mixed in with good. We haven't wanted it any other way—lest we forget our football season.

In the coming years, we may forget many things, but one special thing we'll never forget is Tech.

On May 25, while we stand together, forming a blue array of caps and gowns, we'll be remembering all the wonderful times we had at Tech. Even the largest athlete in the school will have a small lump in his throat on that night. While silent tears fall in remembrance of the past, each Senior will say in his heart, "Farewell, Tech. Farewell to the one school I'll always remember and love."

Upon leaving Tech our hopes are to follow the blue and gold to a rewarding happiness in our future life. Our best wishes are with the 1967-68 seniors.

DRIVING MANY vs. PARKING LOT

By Roy Gray

Screech! #@*! These are sounds which are invariably heard when drivers going about their daily business are obstructed. Recently, a problem concerning the Tech parking lot was created when an obstruction was created by some drivers parking in areas that were off limits to parked cars.

Though in everyone's opinion the overcrowded condition of the parking lot caused some students to park incorrectly, there were differences of opinion as to what could or what should be done. Students who believe that there should be an immediate enlargement of the parking lot thought they were being unnecessarily inconvenienced when they were told that they couldn't park around the old R.O.T.C. building or in the lanes between cars in the parking lot. They demonstrated this belief by ignoring Mr. Bourne's instructions that they park elsewhere. These drivers obviously didn't know that they had been, and still were blocking Board of Education trucks carrying supplies for storage in that "unused R.O.T.C. building". In addition they had often blocked the exit of sick students or teachers leaving school early, and the entrance of people coming to Tech on business.

In the above paragraph, I have tried to give you a complete picture of what was happening. From the paragraph, I think you can see, clearly, the two sides of the question; responsibility versus personal convenience. Certain individuals, unaware of the inconvenience and embarrassment they were causing, maintained that some provisions for their convenience should be made. At the same time school officials had the responsibility of maintaining a convenient, orderly parking lot for the majority, and of maintaining access to the storage building for supply trucks.

The outcome of the conflict is Tech history. This editorial is written with a dual purpose: (1) to give *Yellowjacket* readers a better understanding of the background causes and results of this conflict, and (2) to express our hopes that a parking problem does not occur next year. We of the *Yellowjacket* staff hope this editorial serves its purposes to serve you.

IN SPRING FANCIES TURN TO . . .

By Roy Fisher

Ah, to be young! Everything is young at this time of year. The grass, the blossoms on the majestic trees, the little furry animals, and the spirits of all.

Looking out the window in my sanctum sanctorium, I detect a small fragile creature flitting about the students. He is a strange one. He keeps pulling what seems to be arrows from a pouch and shooting them at various members of our student body. Good Heavens!!! You should see the effect of those arrow things. Some fellow out there has gone out of his tree! He is running around singing and plucking flowers and now he is chasing a girl.

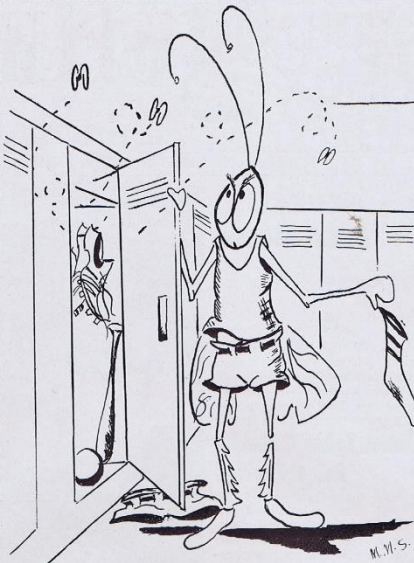
Is there anyway to stop this little guy with the arrows? He is a menace to society. Just imagine, what would happen if he shot everybody! I shudder to think of such a thing. After all—ouch!! He just got me! Hmm, those flowers certainly do look nice, and take a look at that girl. Gee, I can't stay cooped up in here. I think I'll go out and find that girl with the flowers. Isn't life cool?

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THE LAST CLEAN UP

SENIORS TAKE LEAD IN HONORS

Well it looks as though the seniors have taken top honors this time with 21 on the honor roll. The Juniors are lagging behind with 11 and the sophomores are running a good race with 17. The seniors are on top; will the student body let things stay this way?

Seniors Highest Honors

Frances Starnes, Peggy Kisner, Kay Crawford, Betty Brown, Demetris McClure, Connie Parker, Lonnie Eads, and John Sorrell.

Juniors Highest Honors

Mary Cochran, Melvinna Stoots,

Sheila Pleasants, Sandra Jolly, and Cathi Spencer.

Sophomores Highest Honors

Billie Ruth Parker, Ronald Roach, Eddie Morman, and Phyllis Gary.

Honors

Carolyn Murphree, Bonnie Johnson, Florence Blackwell, Judy Bond, June Greene, Sherry McEwen, Margaret Padgett, DeDee Rives, Frances Robbins, Candy Spencer, Nancy Sterling, Kenny Xiques, Lynn Hale, Hilda McMinn, Pamela Mills, Sandra Goggins, Barbara Sowell, Dianna Marshall, Mary Ann Clayton, Gloria England, Mike Russell, Charlotte Beasley, Pam Brown, Danny Ferrell, Stephen Street, Martha Starnes, Rita Collier, Theresa Deckard, Dennis Lee, Barton Wilkes, Patricia Wade, and Janet Rowland.

We wish to congratulate these people and urge others to join the race in his class.

TIPS TO TEENS

This writing deals with a few little ideas on school. These tips were compiled over a period of three years with strenuous study and diligent research.

Personal experience is the best teacher, and teachers should pass on a little knowledge to their students. So pay attention and see if you can't learn by my mistakes. My sophomore year began with me trying to become popular with every student and every other person at Tech. I blew the whole thing. The reason was not because of myself; it was because of the way I tried to go about it. At that time I thought it was cute to talk back to my instructors and friends. I learned differently after my friends left me and my teachers considered me the smart aleck in the back row. Frequent trips to the office and more frequent trips being sent home did not help matters at all.

Then I became a junior. I had my mind made up that this year would be different. It started out differently, but soon I was visiting the office and being sent home again. My hair style and idea of dressing were two causes of my many home journeys, but most of all I was guilty of not respecting authority. I soon realized that teachers were the bosses and their word is the law, but the price I paid for this knowledge ran high and heavy.

Now I am a senior. One would think that after two years of learning I would know a whole lot. Well, I have been in the office and in

ECHOES

Clerk: These Cliff's notes will do half your work.

Joe Brock: Great, Give me two of them.

"Romeo, Romeo, Wherefore art thou, Romeo?"
"I'm in the balcony; it's cheaper."

Three ways to avoid embarrassment when you fall at a dance:

1. Just lie there — everyone will think you have fainted.
2. Get up gracefully — everyone will think it's part of the dance.
3. Start mopping the floor with your handkerchief — everyone will think that you work there.

Smith: There's a man to see you with a glass eye named Burk.

Roy Gray: What's the name of his other eye?

the classrooms, and a lot of my friends do not seem too friendly anymore. I need friends now that I will soon be graduating, but friends are few and far between. How can someone respect you if they do not feel respected?

In closing I would like to ask you, the student body, to read this article again and check yourself to see if you are following in my footsteps. If you are, I advise you to either change now or prepare for some unexpected happenings.

SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Judy Beasley, pleased and surprised by her recently announced scholarship, plans to put it to use at Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri. Other scholarship recipients announced at the Honor Society and Quill and Scroll Luncheon were Peggy Kisner and Lee Sherrill.

Peggy received the Willis Scholarship of 250 dollars yearly. She will attend Memphis State in the fall. Also receiving a 250 dollar scholarship was Lee Sherrill. Like the Willis Scholarship, it is renewable yearly. Many other members of the Honor Society have applied for scholarships and we wish them luck.

A most interesting talk was given by Mr. Warlick, Superintendent of Secondary Education. By the way Larry Warlick, an English student of Mrs. Elliott, is Mr. Warlick's nephew. So, students if you have any problems, you know where to go.

THE SNOOPER

By Randy Stark

For as long as kids have been around, walls, fences, sidewalks, notebooks, and blackboards have been in jeopardy! When a kid strolls into class, glances around the room and spies in small letters, unique bits and ends of information secretly written behind his bright-eyed teachers, his creative mind ignites. He jots down private thoughts. Suddenly the alert teacher collects these notes as well as censored books, etc! Take a gander at what was found. Save your Dixie Cups! The South is gonna rise again!

Help stomp out people who stomp on things!

Just because you've got 20-20 vision

doesn't mean you're good looking!

Stop social disease in America!

Smooth loves Gooch

May the bluebird of unhappiness be caught in the jet engine of Batman!

May we never be cursed with the horrors of fourth grade advanced math.

This isn't all by any means. What if you walked into a room the first day of school and on the blackboard was written "Welcome to Combat!?"

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POETS' CORNER

Students' Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep
I pile my homework in a heap.
And if I die before I wake,
These four wishes I'd like to make:

Lay my Biology in my hand
And tell Mr. Gibson I don't understand.

Put my English by my feet
And tell Mrs. Elliott it's got me beat.

Lay my Spanish at my head
And tell Miss Barron I'm glad I'm dead.

Put my physics by my side
And tell Mrs. Cox that's why I died.

SENIOR CALENDAR

- Baccalaureate—
- Belleuve May 21
- Graduation Practice—
- Tech May 23, 24, 25, 8:30
- Graduation—
- May 25, Auditorium Music Hall

Sr. Reminisces With Mixed Emotions

How can I begin to express in words what my 8 years at Tech have meant to me? It seems such a short time ago that I was a frightened sophomore with a long climb ahead of me to reach the long-awaited senior year. I wanted to do something for Tech instead of just existing there from day to day. I suppose that's why I went out for cheerleading.

I met such wonderful people from other schools as well as Tech. I must admit it was a lot of work, but that work enabled me to get to know ten of the most wonderful girls in the world. When the seniors graduated last year, I realized that I had only one more year at Tech; one short year before I, too, would become a part of the past.

When the new cheerleaders were elected, I vowed to make this our biggest year. We practiced long and hard and worked on signs that summer. In the fall, we divided our time among signs, decorating the goalposts, flirting with the football players, and keeping up our schoolwork. It's hard to believe now that we decorated the field until sometimes 6:30 then went home, dressed, did our homework and were back at the field by 7:30!

The football pep rallies were good, but somehow I don't think the pep rallies affected the boys much when the stands were practically empty. We were disappointed at first, but upon seeing those few express their excitement and enthusiasm, we began to feel sorry for the students that wouldn't take the opportunity to lead an active school life. They cheated themselves of the most wonderful experience possible — being a part of Tech High School. I can truthfully say I've loved every minute at Tech, and each and every person who has been so friendly and co-operative.

If I think back, I'll always remember the pep rallies, assemblies, tests (UGH!), and more important, the friends who have been so wonderful. No matter where I go, or what I do, a part of Tech will always go with me: the memories of past activities and warm friendships, as well as the special pride I felt when Tech made a good showing and was recognized for it.

I have one word of advice for upcoming seniors: Make as many friends as you can, and learn to get along with different kinds of people. Be proud of your school and support it in all activities. I'll take a little effort on your part but believe me, you'll never be sorry. You get out of something, only what you put into it.

WELCOME BACK COACH

By Roy Fisher

I wonder if Tech High has a certain magnetism. One would think so, because Coach Craig has returned to the nest that was once his school.

Coach Jan Craig graduated from Tech in 1953. Soon after his graduation he began working towards being a coach. He finally made it and beat a path to Tech High's door. Coach Sivert was his home-room teacher in his senior year. Maybe the coach bit wears off. Well, if it does or not it will have to be checked out later.

When asked by this reporter why he returned, Coach had this to say: "I firmly believe in school loyalty."

TECHITES VISIT U.T.

Recently two Junior Techites visited the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Rose Ann Huffstickler's highlight of her venture was exploring the campus and talking to the Dean of Education. The trip was made prosperous and exciting by meeting other people from different parts of Tennessee.

Melvinna expressed her trip as an exciting new experience. It opened doors to liberal arts, especially commercial art. College life and procedure were revealed to Melvinna. Melvinna summed up her ideas about college as an exciting new outlook on life in the field of education.

TECH'S TREMENDOUS TRACK TEAM RUNS AWAY WITH HONORS

In case you didn't attend the Western Division Meet, and you missed out on Tech's records; then read on. The Western Division preliminaries took place April 18-19 and the Division finals on the 20th. Catholic racked up 66½ points; Trezevant had 31½ points; Central had 23 and Tech gained 21½ points for fourth place.

What has the track team done in regular seasonal meets? They placed second in a triangular meet with Trezevant and South Side, and second in a triangular meet with Catholic and Humes. They defeated Prayser in a duel meet and defeated Central and West Side in a triangular meet.

How about some outstanding boys throughout the season in the

field events? Mike Sivert and Bill Gregory are two outstanding discus players. Mike had the best throw in the division meet for both divisions, and also placed fourth in the Civitan relay with 142'2".

Lynn Stoots, who threw 46 ft., and Bill Gregory are seniors in the shot put. Two strong sophomores are Russell Gordon and Dale Champion. The high jump includes Joe Brock and David Sojourner, whose best jump is 5'8". Ralph Allen broad jumped 21'13-¾", which is very good for a sophomore. Don Miller pole vaulted 10'6".

What about the outstanding boys in the running events? Running the high hurdles is Jimmy D.

Smith. The two mile relay team, Mike Swain, Donnie Scott, Ronnie Scott, and Jimmy Smith, was undefeated in regular season meets. Jimmy Dancy has also run with the two mile relay team. The best time of the year was 8:39.

Outstanding in the 440 and 890 relays are Bobby Ballard, Ralph Allen, Aaron James, Kenny Xiques and Don Miller. Jimmy Dancy took third place in the divisional mile run with a good time of 4:44. He has been outstanding in the 880 run, mile run and two mile relay. Dancy's also considered one of the strongest distance runners in the city.

After the District there comes the Regional and State meets.

JIMMYS ARE UNBEATABLE

As you look through past and present issues of the paper, you come across many names. There are a few names that just always seem to be at the top of the list. Among these names are Jimmy Dancy and Jimmy D. Smith.

Smith came to Tech with an outstanding track record of having never been defeated in the half mile run. In the tenth grade J. D. proved his ability by holding up his record and never being defeated in a district meet. He ranked high in the city meet for Tech by placing third. This year J. D. entered track season with shin splints and wasn't able to keep up with his old time. Nevertheless, he kept on working and finally began creeping back to his original time.

One of his hardest working competitors is Jimmy Dancy. In the eleventh Jimmy ran on the two mile relay team and with his determination and pride, he led the relay team to the city. This year Dancy once again started out on the two mile relay team and was again leading his team to victory. As Jimmy improved, Coach saw other opportunities for him. He was capable of doing almost anything but coach finally decided to enter him in the mile and half mile (880). For a boy to run a mile and win is something, but for a boy to run a mile and a half and win them both is something else. These two boys have made track a fast, exciting sport.

Talented Seniors --- Connie, Candy, Wayne

CONNIE PARKER

The best things come in small packages—just look at Connie Parker! This compact bundle of energy has contributed to pep rallies, games, and fund drives for two years, and is a characteristic well-rounded Techite.

Connie's sense of humor and sparkling personality attributed to her election as "Wittiest" in the Hall of Fame. She is a member of the Quill and Scroll and was a candidate for Homecoming Queen in the fall.

Anyone who says life at Tech is dull evidently doesn't know Connie. She wages a single-handed

war against the "blues" daily, for she possesses an uncanny knack for making people forget their troubles and look on the brighter side of life.

Majoring in Cosmetology, Connie hopes to become a stylist after graduation. However, her versatility and friendly manner will make her successful in any endeavor.

WAYNE RUSSELL

Did you know that Tech is the home for a little group of super heroes? Well, down in the commercial art room they have been breeding them for three years.

Wayne Russell has been in Mr. (Continued on Page 4)

FUTURE SPORT SEASON ANTICIPATED BY COACHES

I'm sure you would like to know about next year's football team. Although this year's football record wasn't the greatest, as far as winnings go, the players and their determination to do their best was excellent.

You've all probably heard the old saying "your team starts with the quarterbacks." Well, if this is true, next year's team should be in pretty good shape. It will be the first time in many seasons when we'll have quarterbacks with game experience. Robert Woodard and Phil Murphy are lettermen in these positions.

Tech will have approximately twenty-five players for next year; twelve of whom are returning lettermen and sixteen of which have game experience. Backs, such as Ronnie Scott, Donnie Scott, J. D. Smith, Sam Lisagorski, J. L. Smith, Raymond Thompson, Phil Murphy, Robert Woodard — and linemen, such as Larry Turner, John Gideon, Ronnie Van Velsor, Russell Gordon, Ralph Allen, Lumpy Lambert, Dale Champion — should provide next year's supporters and spectators with plenty of action.

The success of any sports activity depends not only on the people participating but on the support the student body gives. How many games have you attended this year? This includes football, basketball, baseball and track. Everyone of these events needs our support; they need to know we're behind them a hundred per cent. Coach Sivert believes the students can help raise the morale of the players through many pep meetings.

Now for a basketball run-down. Not only should the football team expect a good year, but the basketball team also. As Coach Gibson sees it Ralph Allen, Robert Woodard, Ronnie Scott, Aaron James, Lumpy Lambert, Larry Turner and Steve Brock should make up the nucleus for next year's team.

Ordinarily sophomores, and there are four this year, would imply that Tech's team would suffer from lack of experience, but coach doesn't think so. He thinks that with boys like Turner, Brock, and Scott as leaders, what the Tech High team lacks in experience, it will make up for with hustle, spirit, determination, and desire.

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THE WEASEL

Greetings, Nosey, here's dirt in your eye, or what I really mean is hold tight, kids, while we run through these cleanings from the vacuum cleaner.

Notice: The Tech High Chapter of the Morons Club will meet on June 1, 1967 in the bird house at the zoo. All members and applicants for membership please attend. But, remember, "Just any old fool can't be a good moron." And now here is a poem written to the club by their last year's president.

Thirty days hath September
April, June and November
All the rest have thirty-one
Except grandma and she
Rides a tricycle.

Found: One fragment of a note—owner may have it by producing other parts of the same. It reads: I love to make ?????? jealous by flirting with ?????? especially when I'm going to break up with him tomorrow.

Oh! A beautiful night. One girl and 2 boys! Mary you ought to make a choice between David and Ronnie; 3's a crowd you know!

The other day I heard Tina Hargett shoot the same line to six different girls. Did it work?

It lasted a little longer than we figured—huh Cathi and David. Wanted: 3 boys with good looks, cars, money. Will settle for 3 boys. Signed: Robbie Pafford, Gail Hawkins, Vicki McCullough.

Billie P., how come you're always seen with boys that are going steady?

Flash: If any of you jerks find a broken heart drooling around, please send it back to me. Thanks!

Times have changed since your dad's dating days, huh Martha? Farewell, fellow freaks, 3 whole months until you hear from me again. Please miss me, honey.

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THERE THEY GO

Look out Murfreesboro, here they come! Five of Tech High's good looking girls will be attending Girls' State Convention from May 28 to June 3. This little group will consist of Cathi Spencer, Melvinna Stoots, Rose Ann Huffstickler, Tina Harris, and Martha Landrum. The girls will be learning about our state government, and seeing it in action.

Tech High also is sending Larry Turner to Boys' State. He will watch our great legislative body at work. Good luck Larry!

CLASS FAVORITES ARE PHENOMENAL

Theresa Deskard

"I'm glad I came to Tech because I have found here what I couldn't find anywhere else—happy people," says Theresa Deskard. "Right off I noticed that everyone was so friendly. I wouldn't change schools for anything!"

Bad luck seems to follow this sophomore favorite. Each year at her church retreat something happens to her. For example, sprained ankle, sprained toes, cracked ribs, and once she spent the whole weekend with a toothache. In spite of it all, Theresa is still a happy outgoing person.

Paul Carter

"I want to be equal with everybody and Tech has the friendliest students," says Paul Carter, sophomore favorite. "Tech isn't just a technical school for people who want special training, but a school with well rounded students." Paul's main interest seems to be GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS. He is grounded now but this doesn't stop him from drag racing with girls.

Katha Spencer

"I could sum it up by saying—"

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gest symbolism?

Miss Lee must be the sweetest teacher at Tech. She always keeps a jar of sugar cubes near by. Could anything be more appropriately found in Mrs. Stamper's desk than food? You'd better not let her catch you hanging around the salt and pepper she puts on her hard boiled eggs, much less her crackers, or she might punish you with her electric "branding iron."

Miss Barron's desk reeks with Spanish culture. If asked what month it is she's liable to pull out her Spanish calendar and answer, "El mes de mayo." She does, however, have one American object—a paper clip FIVE INCHES LONG!

This is "Be Kind To Plant Week" for Mrs. Norwood, who always keeps a bottle of plant food stashed away. If you notice a bright glow coming from her office, don't be alarmed. She just keeps things bright with her bottle of silver cream.

Miss Butts' popularity is demonstrated by a small red statue with blue hair, given to her by a student. It's inscribed with the words "I love you." Found in her cabinet was a sack of cherry smoke bombs. This could make the statue seem more of a peace offering than a sentimental treasure.

Tech faculty, we cast our votes for you when it comes to the most unique desks.

Love that Tech," says Katha Spencer, the newly elected Junior favorite. Katha was shy before coming to Tech but one certainly can't see that now. "Tech, with all its activities, has helped me become a more outgoing person. There is always something planned, something to look forward to."

Not every Junior favorite has a yellow and green pacifier to keep them occupied while they are reading.

Larry Turner

"This is the best school and the best bunch of kids in the city," says Larry Turner. "The friendliness of Tech's students would make it easy for any person to carry on a conversation and make new friends." This is one of the reasons Larry is active in all sports but there is one sport that only Larry can play. Some people go horseback riding but Larry doesn't stop there. Once a horse rode him. Unbelievable? Ask Larry about it.

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Piaggio's art department for three years, and walked away with some super cool groovy awards for his work. He received two awards this month. The Goodwill poster contest and the Clean Up, Paint Up, Fix Up, and Plant Up awards.

Wayne is a favorite student among the faculty and a real good guy to his friends. He is a member of a popular rock 'n roll group called "The Up and Down Children." After he leaves Tech, Memphis State will be his home. There he will continue his studies in art and also will work for a major in history.

When I asked Wayne why he entered the Clean Up contest he said that he wanted to clean up the town and make it safer for the young children, mamma's apple pie, and the girl he left behind.

CANDY SPENCER

While driving down the street on a sunny afternoon, if you glance sideways and see a girl calmly driving by with a bird on her shoulder, don't be alarmed. It's only May's Talented Techite, Candace "Candy" Spencer. The pet bird's name is Petey and has been with Candy since December. Petey can't talk yet but Candy hopes to remedy that problem soon.

If you can't find her playing with Petey or participating in a beauty contest then you can find Candy in the Art room. Art is her favorite hobby and only one of her many talents. She has won numerous art awards at the Mid-South Fair. Upon graduation Candy hopes to attend the University of Tennessee and major in art.

TEACHERS' DATES COMPARED TO TEENS' FUNTIMES

Have you ever wondered what your teachers did on their high school dates? The newspaper staff got inquisitive, too, and decided to do something about it. When we inquired about it we received the following comments:

Mr. Bourne — "My date and I went to parties and picnics mostly. A few of the off-side things were swimming and contests at get-togethers."

Mr. Plaggio — "We had dances, cookouts, and parties after games and on weekends. During the summer we mostly played golf and went skating."

Mrs. Macdonald — "We did not have much money at the time. We usually went out to Overton Park, but every once in a while we had parties at friends' houses where we would dance and eat. Also, we went on treasure hunts and would drag each other on small roads."

Miss Porter — "Generally, we were chaperoned. Every month we would have a church activity where we could have dates. We also had clubs that had get-togethers."

Mr. Sellers — "We were always chaperoned. Our parents always went with us. We never held hands or anything the kids do today. If we were walking down a road, I walked on one side and my date walked on the other with her parents in between. Sometimes, we had picnics and dances."

Mr. Danley — "I lived in Florida near the beaches and that is where the kids usually got together. We had cookouts on the beach, midnight swims, and watched the submarine races. When we were off the beach, we went to pavilions and danced or to drive-ins."

Miss Wood — "I was fourteen when I graduated from high school. In college, we went to dances and out to eat."

STUDENTS SOCIALIZE DURING SIZZLING SUMMER

As the party-giving season is upon us, are you perhaps a little appalled at the thought of another beach party or picnic at the park?

We are, of course, not advising that you try to go all out and give a formal lawn party. It is only the lazy, yet polished, summer mood we wish to capture.

For late afternoon entertaining one might choose the lawn party. This need not be as elaborate as the Old South variety; but it must have the same atmosphere to be effective. Consider gathering 50 or so friends together on a long green lawn in the late afternoon sun. Talk; nibble cold turkey; sip cool drinks and when you are sufficiently relaxed, in wicker chairs, lean back and absorb the pleasant sound of conversation, muted laughter, the clink of croquet balls, and the tinkle of ice in your drink.

Now that the mood and scene have been set, it is left up to you to adapt it to your needs, abilities, and inclinations.

For more informal evening partying, one might give a Hawaiian luau, complete with poi, stuffed pigs, leis, torch lights, and a hula dancer, if you have a friend who is so inclined. This is in truth, a glorified picnic, but can be proven to be very effective in the proper setting.

For those special times when it's "just the two of you", you could have a midnight picnic or supper, indoors or out, depending on how you like to fight mosquitoes. The midnight picnic is only a distant

relative of its daytime counterpart. The night-time version calls for more elegant food dishes, not paper plates.

Most of the parties described whether they be for 2 or 50, requires a great deal of advance planning, but the reward is in the doing something unusual.

Thorton Wilder, author of *Our Town*, has a best seller on the shelves. His latest book, *The Eighty Day*, is a non-fiction dealing with a small town murderer in Illinois who escaped execution. "A Man For All Seasons," Oscar Winner for Best Picture, has been recommended by several teachers to view. It is now showing at the Memphis. "The Sand Pebbles", also a winner of various awards, is now showing at the Crosstown.

CORRECTION:

ABC has decided to wait until the end of August to show the final two episodes which settle Dr. Kimble's fate. Otherwise, how would they keep you tuned in for "the Fugitive"?

F.H.A. MAKES PLANS

The senior girls in Home Economics have been in the unit of Consumer Living. While studying this, Mrs. Lee arranged to have speakers from the Better Business Bureau, Social Security, an Insurance Company and Home Builders Association. Also the girls had the opportunity to hear a local attorney and a banker.

The next unit the girls will be studying is CAREERS and HOW TO GET A JOB. They will have speakers such as a Home Economist, a homemaker, nurse, teacher, secretary and a representative from Bell Telephone Company. The final meeting for FHA this year, being on May 2, will be the FHA District meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED

The following boys represented Tech at the Regional Meet; Mike Sivert, discus; Dale Champion, shot; Jim Dancy, Don Miller, Donnie Scott, and Mike Strain, 2-mile relay team; and Don Miller, 880 run. They've done an excellent job and deserve all the credit they receive. Last year Jimmy D. Smith was the only person to go to the regional. Again we say congratulations!

Coach Wright Serenades Linder

The April showers came along with a bit of sunshine this year in the serenade for Miss Mayo Linder, which was given by Coach Wright. The merrymaking was in honor of Miss Linder's birthday, given by her V.O.O.S. girls. Three of the requested selections were "Blueberry Hill", "My Wild Irish Rose", and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Another special event took place on April 5, which was a luncheon in honor of the mothers by the class of V.O.O.S. Among the many special guests were, Mr. Wilhelm, a former teacher of Tech, Miss Zillah McKennon, instructor of the keypunch machine, and Mr. W. A. Bourne, our principal.



MRS. STAMPER catches snooping students by surprise.