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Mr. Piaggio Retires After 32 Years With No Absences

By Tommy Johnson

Among the teachers missing from the hallowed halls of Tech is Mr. George Piaggio, who retired this summer after teaching at Tech for 32 years with perfect attendance.

Mr. Piaggio, who began at Tech in 1929, graduated from Memphis State and studied at the Cleveland School of Arts, among others. He was interested in Tech by Tech's former art teacher, Mike Apt and finally decided to teach here.

Mr. Piaggio was well known in Memphis for his work with the Memphis Cotton Carnival. He and his students designed many of the beautiful floats.

He lives alone in a home on Covington Pike and is at the present taking life easy. He feels he will enjoy retirement when he becomes better adjusted to it, but admits he has twinges of nostalgia when he thinks about the busy life he led in his work. He enjoyed working with students and took great pride in each honor they attained; the honors were many.

Our former art instructor spends most of his time working in his gardens, which some have called another "Bellinrath Garden," one of the famous beauty spots in the United States. Often he has graciously shared with us his lovely flowers for various school functions. He says he will work in his garden while the weather is warm, and when it begins to turn cool, he will begin to paint and work in his studio.

In the many years he taught at Tech, Mr. Piaggio became a part which shall be long remembered.

BABES IN ARMS

By Tommy Johnson

The first play to be put on by the Speech Department this year, will be done in collaboration with the Music Department. Why? Well, for the first time, Miss Butts plans to produce a musical comedy, entitled "Babes In Arms."

It is a story of a group of teenagers in summer stock theater, and their problems. It's funny comedy with some very good songs and some spirited dancing.

Tryouts for the Rodgers and Hammerstein play will be October 8. There are 18 parts in the play, with some requiring singing and simple dance steps. So all you singers and dancers out there, sharpen up and try out!

To raise money for the production costs, the Thespians Club plans to present a program of dust acting in the form of an assembly, charging 25c per person.

THEY'RE OFF & RUNNING

By Robert Hall

Someone once said, "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party." It seems that everyone is doing just that. The major contenders are Hubert Humphrey, Richard Nixon, and George Wallace. What's under it all?

Nixon is for stopping the war in Vietnam. Hubert Humphrey is for following the lines of the Johnson administration. George Wallace stands on a platform for law and order. Wallace seems to draw the biggest crowds.

A public opinion poll taken by this newspaper showed:
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY.....45% of 200
RICHARD M. NIXON.....17% of 200
GEORGE C. WALLACE.....38% of 200

Some of the comments received:

"Humphrey is for me, I like the way he combs his hair!"

"Wallace, it's time for a change. Signed L.B.J."

"Nixon, he might win this time!"

"I think Humphrey understands and wants to help the impoverished people of this nation and I think he can help erase racism in the United States."

"I don't know why we need a foreign policy, but I think Wallace is against it."

This poll only shows how Tech students feel. There's still a lot of fighting to be done in the next month before the election. So, may the best man win!

Team's Top In Spirit!

By Robert Hall

Your Tech Yellowjackets are really going places and plans reach as far as the highest place anywhere—the number ONE place in team standings. The moral and spirit inside of our team is something hard to believe. One has to really know the team to understand the great feeling between the players themselves and between the players and the coaching staff. This reporter has traveled with the team and followed them all the way to victory. The way these guys work together as a team is something very rarely seen.

It seems that the team looks toward Senior Tackle Russell Gordon as their "spirit leader". He is always boiling over with feeling for our great team. You can always see him shouting words of encouragement to his fellow teammates.

If it took just spirit to win a ball game our team would have first place assuredly, but it takes more than just that and we've got that too. The Yellowjackets are on their way to a victorious season, and this is a statement that all Techites should share in being proud of.

P.S. — Coaches, I advise that you do not give any more spaghetti dinners to the team as a victory celebration after every game. You're going to go broke!

Girls Beg For Mercy

By Richard Greene

"How did Twirp Week originate?" This question which was asked many years ago, has resulted in so many tales that it is possible that Mother Goose could write another book.

However, this year we will not try to answer that question but we will give you a little information about exactly what will take place.

Twirp Week will begin in November and the Key Club will sponsor the activities. Festivities will begin on Monday and during the week the girls will suffer terribly. They will be commanded (or rather asked) by the boys to carry books, open doors, and other odd jobs. The climax of Twirp Week will result in a Powder Puff football game between the cheerleaders and the Pep Club. At half time the Key Club will crown the sweetheart of the year. Then back on the field, where the girls with their masculine bodies finish the game as the boys cheer the winning team in their short skirts and lovely legs.

National Newspaper Week

By Robert L. Hall

President Lyndon Johnson has made a proclamation stating that the week of October 6-12 will be National Newspaper Week. Mr. Bourne joins the President in making another such proclamation. These fine men and others like them, realize the severe importance of a free press in America.

In line with this celebration Mr. W. A. Bourne, principal of Tech High, issues this proclamation endorsing this celebration. The Tech High Yellowjacket will therefore celebrate with the National Newspapers of the U.S.A.

"National Newspaper Week is an industry-wide celebration which pays tribute to the 1,770 daily and 9,000 weekly newspapers published in this country. It is designed specifically to focus the spotlight on the role the newspaper plays in protecting the Freedom of Speech . . . and Freedom of Religion."

Alumnus Excels

Mr. William Shatner, known as Captain Kirk, is a delightful and extremely sensitive actor of Star Trek, which is starting its third season. While in Memphis, he told of his new record, *The Transformed Man*.

P.T.A. Makes Plans

P.T.A. membership is a dollar per person this year. The main purpose of the drive is to pay a Tech student's tuition to State Technical School.

Mr. Charles Whitehead, Director of State Technical School will speak during National Education Week, November 5, at 7:45, Open House Night. His speech will pertain to our Scholarship Fund. Also he will explain the many courses available at State.

New Course Adds Interest To S.H.

By Cheryl Blankenship

Will it be the instructor or the car that cracks up? Drivers' training is our new twelve week course which will be taught the first and the fifth or sixth six weeks and will really be a challenge.

The first half will be good old text books, lots of notes, and lectures by Mr. Hilsabeck. Even though it's just a twelve week course there will be several tests and your grade will show up on your report card. The Board is even talking about giving you credit for Drivers' Training.

This course is not only text books, but there will also be actual behind the wheel driving. While some students are sitting in front of a screen with a dash board equipped with all the gadgets, others will be at a driving range causing the instructors to have nervous breakdowns.

Suggestions Please!

By Edward Dillard

Hi there, Mr. Yellowjacket! Are you interested in what goes on at Tech, if you're not you should be. It's your school, or are you the one who always has some complaint to make about what is done but who never has any constructive suggestions to offer on how to improve anything. If you're not that person, then you probably have some serious and interesting suggestions that might be made in the school . . . Please send them to the Editor. The Yellowjacket "suggestion" box is located in room 204 on second floor.

Students Attend Services For Judy Pickler

By Barbara McDaniel

As we the Seniors of Tech High School begin our final year, we all seem to fit in assigned places. We have gained some new friends who have transferred from other schools, but we all will miss a vacant spot in our class. This vacant spot was filled by Judy Pickler. Those of you who did not know Judy would have thought a lot of her even if you met her once. Judy was a friend you could depend on and someone who had a personality of sunshine.

Judy was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Pickler. The family had gone to Strong River, near Magee, Mississippi, on a picnic and the younger children were wading along the rocky shore when the currents changed and threatened to sweep them away. Judy could not swim but she went to help Ginger, who is 8, while her father rescued Russell 5, and Jeanne 6. Judy held Ginger up out of the water until her dad could get her but they never saw Judy again.

Coach Craig had Judy for American History last year and like all of us who knew Judy, he was shocked to hear it. Coach Craig said, "Judy was one of the sweetest and nicest students I ever had and one of the most conscientious and hardest workers, too. It's unbelievable that she is not here, because I can still see her sitting in the left-hand corner facing me. When Judy turned in her notebook to me, I noticed she had different things written on it, things pertaining to life and things only a Christian would write. She's someone I will never forget."

The people of Tech will always remember Judy and the courageous thing she did. Her face, beauty, and personality will be in the halls of Tech forever. So we the people of Tech High School dedicate the first edition for the year 1968 in memory of Judy Pickler.



Extinguish The Fire Before It Starts

By Robert Hall

How would you like to come home and find your home burned to the ground? Your family or friends could be affected by this horrible disaster. Maybe you had stupidly ignored the fire prevention rules you had been taught.

Let's think hard of how safety pays. Put yourself in the place of the person who disobeyed the precautions.

You carelessly left some oily rags lying around or possibly left some of your household supplies in the reach of small children. You may have let the children stay at home by themselves. Finding the matches from your cigarettes posed no problem to them. You did not strictly enforce fire restrictions to the small children. The children met a fiery and most horrible death. Friends, neighbors, and total strangers could be harmed. You must go through your life with a painful stabbing at your heart. You will always have the little voice inside of you haunting you. You think "I caused them to die and the others to get hurt by my stupidity, if only I had listened to the fire safety precautions."

Think of the others you can hurt; if not yourself. It's better to learn and put safety rules into force now, than when it's too late to save a life, your home or your job. A few minutes of practicing safety can save years of trouble.

You Name It, We've Got It!

By Tommy Johnson

"You name it, we've got it!" Or so says Mrs. Martin, Tech's librarian. This year the library has taken on a new look with all the new books.

Hundreds of new books have arrived during the summer months and are now ready for checking out by the students. Also, film strips, records and transparencies are available for the student's edification.

For art majors and future artists the library has acquired many books illustrating art galleries in the United States and European countries.

Anyone interested in the history of Negroes is in luck for Mrs. Martin has received many books on the subject. As far as reference books go, the students now have the 1968 American and Colliers encyclopedia.

Among the new books are best-sellers. Such as *Swift Sword* by Brigadier General S.L.A. Marshall. It is the story of Israel's victory in the June, 1967 war.

To Sir, With Love, by E. R. Braithwaite is a popular book with everyone and is now available in our library. It is the heartwarming story of a new teacher in a rough school, and the problems he faces.

You can also find *The Last Battle* by Cornelius Ryan among the new books. This is the fantastic story of the fall of Hitler's "thousand years" Third Reich. Even though you know the ending, it keeps you enthralled and on the edge of your seat!

Also is an exciting book about a most dangerous incident within the past few years, *One of Our H-Bombs Is Missing* by Flora Lewis.

A few other new books are: *Paper Lion* by George Plimpton, *The Professional Approach to Journalistic Photography* by Ralph L. Sellmeyer and *Cal Wayne Moore, and Unsfe at Any Speed* by Ralph Nader.

And so I close this article with an invitation from Mrs. Martin to come in and browse through not only our new, but also our old books!

How Do You Communicate?

By Edward Dillard

What is your problem fellow students? Many students, when asked their major problems in schools today promptly answer "teachers" or "misunderstanding" with classmates. It would in either case seem that there exists a lack of good communication among teachers and students and with students and their fellow classmates.

It is evident that a major problem confronting all generations is lack of good communication. It would seem that in all of man's many advancements, he has not learned to live with his brother. One of the main functions of institutions of learning should be to direct better relationships among people. How every institution here as well as abroad have in this respect failed. Had they succeeded, we would not be confronted with the outbreaks of the disorder we now face. "What can I do to help?" You might ask.

First of all, do some very serious thinking about your relationship with others and how they may be improved. We students at Tech might start by establishing better relationships with our teachers and fellow classmates. We might ask ourselves these questions. What's wrong with me? How may I change my attitude so that others might understand me? Are my teachers and fellow classmates my greatest problem or am I theirs? Our teachers might ask themselves similar questions. Am I approaching my students correctly? Do I recognize individualism? Do I include their particular interests in my courses?

IT COULD HAPPEN!

By Robert Hall

Are you going to give your parents a coffin for a present? Are you in that big of a hurry? Don't you care? Don't you think about yourself and your friends? What will you gain by your reckless driving?

Your life is at stake. You can cash in all your chips in on just one accident. You can kill yourself, one of your friends, or even a total stranger. The odds are against you, but with safe driving you can lessen the odds.

You are not a professional racing driver. To become a pro takes good judgment and knowing and

understanding the safety rules. The streets are not for racing. If you have the urge to race, go to a track and talk to a professional. He will tell you how dangerous racing is. Even before he is ready to test his car on the track, the driver makes certain that every possible problem has been taken care of. Only then is he ready. He must know exactly how that car will handle before applying speed. In most cases when you see a pro crack-up, it is due to an unavoidable force.

Know the laws, operate your car as you have been taught and licensed to do so, and "watch out for the other guy."

School Bells Ring For 929

By Yvette Morgan

Summer vacation — swimming, sunning, and in general enjoying life is over now, for the dreary time of going back to you-know-where is here again. Even though it meant giving up summer fun, there were 315 sophomores, 312 juniors, and 302 seniors that showed up happy, and smiling. This gives us a total of 929 happy students in Tech.

There are many students here this year who transferred from other schools here in Memphis. There were also transfers from various states such as: California, Michigan, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, Florida, and Illinois.

It seems that the girls continue outnumbering the boys, as we have 141 boys, and 161 girls in the Senior class, 147 boys and 165 girls in the Junior class. The boys outnumber the girls though in the Sophomore class where there are 164 boys and 151 girls.



TOMMY JOHNSON

TECH WINS A GAME!

DROPOUT SAYS 'STAY IN SCHOOL'

My name is Bobby Morgan, I'm nineteen and I'm a sophomore here at Tech. I dropped out of school last year because I was 18 and in the tenth grade. A certain party told me of her brother dropping out of school, joining the Navy and now he's got a good education. That sounded great so I joined. But while stationed in San Diego, I had a physical and they found that I had hypertension. They decided to give me a discharge. It was really good to be home but after a few days of looking for work, I found out the old saying of "To get a good job, get a good education" was true. I couldn't get a good job without my high school diploma, so after a few weeks and a lot more "SORRIES", I decided to go back to school.

Really school isn't all that bad. Dad is walking the streets with no job, no money, and no high school diploma. Sure I'm nineteen, and now I'll be twenty-one before I graduate; but at least I'll know when I do graduate, I'll have a good job.

My advice to everyone is "STAY IN SCHOOL". You're a lot better off and if you don't believe it, just ask someone who knows.

February Bells

By Pat King

Congratulations to one of our number one teachers around Tech, Miss Blanche Buckingham. Our fine history teacher is betrothed to Mr. Mike Deaderick, a top professor at Memphis State University. Miss Buckingham met the former Arkansas at Memphis State a year ago, while working on her Masters Degree. Now Mr. Deaderick is working on his Ph.D. at L.S.U. The summer found a very complex problem and February first, St. John, Apostles Church will give the solution.

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Dear Readers,

I would like to make an impassioned plea on behalf of my ditch. Some teachers look out upon noble, leafy oak trees, others up on rolling green lawns, while still others have the beautiful white cloud-studded blue sky — While I have a damp, dark, dank, dreary, grass-stained, cracked ditch wall.

Last May 20, Graduation Night, some exuberant seniors tried to brighten my view. The following morning I found beautiful five foot blue and gold lettering — "CLASS OF '68". While I realize this is considered vandalism and I understand why it was necessary for Mr. Sellars and Levy to consume three hours, five containers of acid, two wire brushes, and a broom to get it off — please consider my position from an esthetic viewpoint. Now our view of the damp, dark, dank, dreary, grass-stained, cracked, and now crumbling (due to the acid eating away of the cement) ditch is clearer than ever — because at least the windows got washed.

Mr. Bourne, faculty, students and staff — it is now the time for an enthusiastic, spirited move to help stamp out Miss B.'s ugly ditch wall. For the sake of students, visitors and me who all comment upon the "view" — can't we have a lovely landscape, bullfight scene, etc. painted there? Perhaps an art contest — to determine the most fitting display?

The forty-four lap physical fitness tests would be easier to take if my deaf words could fall upon a gory, glorious scene of man versus beast. Isn't that what it's all about anyway?

Sandra Barron

Poet's Corner

By Nancy Peterson

I sit thinking, and watch a bird— She flies.
 So completely free—like me?
 I sigh.
 Paralleling love?
 Oh my
 A shot rings out— She dies
 And suddenly— I realize
 How quickly something beautiful can end.

I AM AN AMERICAN

By Robert Hall

The lonely G.I. sat under the decayed old remains of a tree, looking at the ugly war-torn skyline. He sat there wondering, "What am I here for, why must I do this — fight against people of a foreign land?" He thinks, "How beautiful America is, if only I were there. We all take her for granted, I never realized how wonderful it is to have a united nation. I had to come around the world to see the poor little orphans and old people being run from their homes and killed." The sad G.I. asked himself, "Why is it that the people of America seem to have no faith in her? Here I am fighting for my government, which I believe is right, yet America's populous riot and demonstrate." The cautious soldier surmised, "I'm here fighting for a new nation to be born, free and noble, and I'll fight for freedom and loyalty. I may be fighting a battle against some of my own people at home, but I'll be loyal to my government because really my God is showing me the way.

This patriotic American continued to fight his battle against disloyalty and corruption, but suddenly one day a V.C. machine gunner cut him down. This nation must not let this man and so many others die in vain. We must do our share to protect our rights and others, too. America's and the world's future is in your hands. What will you do?



Tech students leave second pep rally after Cheerleaders boosted spirit against Kingsbury.

Tech Loses Some But Gains More

By Cheryl Blankenship

NEWCOMERS
New teachers around Tech include Mrs. Sara Weber, distributive education teacher. This is her first year of teaching, and she enjoys the friendly atmosphere of the faculty and students. The new commercial art teacher is Mr. Jobe Walker. He was a commercial artist for Perel and Lowenstein's for twenty years. Before coming to Tech he taught at Manassas, where he graduated from high school. Miss Kathryn Rule is in her first year of teaching after substituting at Treadwell. She teaches shorthand and typing.

Mrs. Rose Wooldridge taught at South Side twenty years and in several elementary schools. She went to Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. She teaches biology. Another new typing teacher is Mrs. Marjorie Stewart. She worked in Little Rock before coming to Memphis. She went to Little Rock University besides going to Northeast Louisiana State. Mrs. Stewart was a student teacher at Central before coming to Tech.

Mr. Gleason Spencer went to Burnettsville High School in Burnettsville, Indiana. He teaches Auto Shop.

Meet Mrs. Vivian Hooks, who previously taught at South Side and Central. She got her EDB from Southern in Illinois and Masters Degree at the University of Michigan. She's the new History teacher. Last but certainly not the least is Mr. William Hillsbeck. He went to Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Illinois and none other than our own Memphis State. He first taught Driver's Training at Southaven Elementary in Southaven, Mississippi.

FAREWELLS

Faculty members of last year's staff who did not return are Mr. George Piaggio, who retired; Mrs. Betty Hendon, who is now teaching at Wooddale; and Mrs. Doris White, now teaching at Overton.

Mr. Charles Danley has taken a job with Chrysler Corporation. Mr. Cummings is now an Area Specialist in the Adult Basic Education, Department of Instruction. Mrs. Maribeth McGuire is happily awaiting the arrival of a new baby expected in November.

'BRING ME MEN!'

By Robert L. Hall

Determination, willpower, a desire to better oneself and for success partly make a man fit to become a member of a good Machine Shop crew. If you meet these standards you could most likely be used in our shop.

Tech is one of the few schools across the nation to have a highly successful shop program. Mr. James Ferrell stands behind this great achievement. Mr. Ferrell is one of the most active sponsors of VICA.

This writer is a member of that team and is very glad to be. Mr. Ferrell's classes are really going to get ahead. The class is very active in VICA and plans show that the Machine Shop will greatly be responsible for the success of VICA this year.

Most of the students decided on taking Machine Shop because they wanted to take a vocational course that would prepare them to take the places of men in industry. Most of them will do this.

Mr. Ferrell, who was most helpful in preparing this story, asked his class, "What do you think you will accomplish this year by taking this course?" These are some of the comments received:

Ronnie Duncan: "Machine Shop can always help a person who is going to be an engineer."
Allan Evans: "I'll have a better chance to get into industry and I can learn the basic operations and gain skill in using the machines."

Larry Pepper: "I feel I may go to the VICA convention with a project. This will help build up my self-confidence."

Jessie Smith: "I think that a machinist would be a good career because the world always needs good machinists to supply the parts of all the other industries."

Lewis Dawson: "I feel that if I work hard enough I can make a successful career of it."

If these students are to become men to replace their fathers in business and industry, they must work hard and gain their education. It entirely depends upon their desire.

Club News

D.E.

State Leadership Conference will be held in Nashville. DECA will send two delegates early in November.

After Mrs. Weber started talking about the D.E. officers, Tom Overbeck brought his camera and equipment to prove to the second period class that he could handle this office. Tom did prove it and he was elected to the office of Photographer for the D.E. Club here at Tech High School. I would like to congratulate Tom on winning his office.

D.E. Officers are as follows: President, Billie Parker; Vice President, Rebecca Rippey; Secretary, Gigi Braden; Treasurer, 2nd period, Maria Sorondias; Treasurer, 1st period, Mae Caradine; Reporter, Clinton Lee Starr; Parliamentarian, Linda Webb; Photographer, Tom Overbeck; Assistant Photographer, Lee Jones; and Chairman, Paula Williams.

TOEC

TOEC is the club all business minded girls at Tech join. Officers are selected in each class. These officers are as follows: Chapter 1-VOOS: President, Pam Brown; Vice President, Nancy Stone; Secretary, Barbara McDaniel; Treasurer, Pam Wiles; Brenda Hammons; Sergeant-at-Arms, Glenda Story; and Parliamentarian, June Blackard. Chapter 2-VOOC 1-3 period: President, Gloria England; Vice President, Phyllis Kinsler; Secretary, Martha Starnes; Treasurer, Vida Gomilla; Parliamentarian, Sheri Wade; Reporter, Eleanor Dotson; and Photographer, Cheryl Kramer and her helpers Bobbie Jones, Pat Kilpatrick, and Tribby Tilper. Chapter 3-VOOC 4-6 periods: President, Sherry Harris; Vice President, Francine Hoard; Secretary, Carol Rodgers; Treasurer, Linda Graham; Reporter, Susan McCraw; Sergeant-at-Arms, Margo McCall; and Chaplain, Tea Rice.

F.H.A.

Robbie Pafford is the Sub-District Secretary for Memphis. Robbie Pafford and Barbara McDaniel were models at the Mid-South Fair for F.H.A.

Doris Elion, Diane Lee, Dianne Byars, Robbie Pafford, Barbara McDaniel, Phyllis Gary, Pat King, Daloris Williams, won ribbons for cooking and sewing at the Mid-South Fair.

Staff Throws Accent On Students' Hidden Talents

By Tommy Johnson

In making Tech a great school, one not only looks to the teachers and faculty, but also to the students. No matter what the faculty does, it is up to the students to make Tech what it is.

One of Tech's students, Beatrice Lyons, came to Tech merely on its reputation as a warm and friendly school, and because it was a place of opportunities for each student.

Beatrice, a senior this year, plans to major in biology or elementary education in college and then go on to teach. Her hobbies include reading books, "sad books," writing, and dancing. Like a lot of people today, she is confused politically and has no favorite candidate as yet.

As a senior Techite, Gerry Osbourne is majoring in welding. Gerry has no college plans as yet, but does plan to be a draftsman.

Politically Gerry is very definite. His choice for president is George Wallace. When asked why Wallace, Gerry replied, "He's groovy!"

His main hobby is working on cars; his latest accomplishment is reworking a fuel line. Despite the fact that Gerry was recently forced to discard a rather shaped-up beard, he thinks Tech is a fine school.

Being rather sleepy and pooped from a part-time job, the next Techite manages to stay a perky and pretty part of our school. Her name is Kathy Furrey. She is a senior enrolled in Chemistry under Mr. Dworshak.

Kathy came here because her mom graduated from Tech, and Kathy has found it to be a great school.

After she graduates, she plans to study at St. Joseph's Hospital to be a lab technician, and then her studies will shift to the University of Tennessee.

Richard Nixon is Kathy's pick for president because of all the candidates, he comes closer to her views than the others. Her hobbies and interests include sports, particularly basketball, soul music, deer hunting (even though she couldn't stand to actually shoot one) and boys (back to sports!).

When I asked her for her opinion of Tech, she brightened and said, "I love it! I really do!" So say we all!

COLORS MOVE WITH FASHIONS

By Jo Ann Smith

Fashions of many colors take their role of elegance in Tech once again! If leather isn't your bag, it should be and Pat Kilpatrick shows us how in her 2 piece leather suit. Her attire is completed with leather shoes and purse.

Stepping into the fashion circle next is Christine Beasley in her A-line leather jumper accented with ruffles at the sleeves and neck. To put a finishing touch to Chris' outfit, is knee-high leather boots to create the "London" look.

Of course the innocent look is still around and an example of this is Mary Simpson in her red-coat dress trimmed in blue with blue patented leather shoes and purse.

Memphis has been a kaleidoscope of color all week long because of the showing of the '69 fall fashions. These are just a few of the upcoming fashions of the fall year.

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A Stronger PTA Makes A Better School

Coaches Corner

By James Malone
 "The finest football team since I've been here," was a quote given by Coach Gibson when asked about the football team. The team has been working out since August 9th and is regarded by many as 100 per cent better this year. Coach Craig told us why, "We have key players who are well experienced and younger players who are progressing real well." He further commented that, "We are able to be at the top this year and are aiming for first place."

Most of the players seem to agree that our major competition will be Catholic, Melrose, and Manassas but all are confident that we will be victorious. Coach Gibson said it best when he said, "We have a real fine bunch of boys with a lot of heart and desire and they will give Tech a lot of wins."

The Yellowjacket Roster is: Billy Groce 10, Eddie Eaton 11, Robert Woodard 12, Dennis Vise 17, Gary Xiques 21, Ralph Hammond 22, Albert Neal 23, Ricky Reed 25, Frank Perkins 30, Adrian Stoots 33, Jimmy Smith 34, Charles Jackson 41, Ricky McNatt 42, John Bobal 44, Jerry Sides 50, Mike Jenkins 51, Levy Twillie 52, Charles Laner 60, Quinton Perry 61, Larry Dickerson 63, Charlie Ayers 64, James Lambert 66, Mike Riley 68, Mike Jackson 72, Jerry Scheib 74, Jesse Weaver 75, Russel Gordon 77, Curtis Wilson 78, Ralph Allen 80, Mike Swain 82, Frank Galloway 83, Henry Williams 84, Billy Lancer 85.

Allen Tackles Fourth Place In State

By Richard Green
 "Ralph won fourth in the state meet!" This was the exciting report given us by Coach Gibson after returning from a two-day meet in Nashville. Athletes from all over Tennessee came to compete in the Decathlon last summer and Ralph Allen was one. The Decathlon, for those who do not know, is an athletic event consisting of ten separate contests: high jump, broad jump, triple jump, shot put, discus, pole vault, 100-yard dash, 440-yard run, 120 high hurdle, and the one mile run.

In order to participate in the state meet, however, Ralph had to score high in the region, and he did by winning a 2nd place trophy. Coach Gibson with Ralph Allen and Levy Twillie traveled to the state meet one week after school ended. Ralph participated in every event, while Levi helped coach him. At the end of the two-day meet, Ralph received his trophy for being the fourth ranked athlete in the state of Tennessee.

Both trophies have been placed in the trophy case in the lobby of the school. They will remain to show other schools and visitors that Tech has one of the best athletes in the state of Tennessee.

Coach Gibson is very confident that Ralph will win the first place trophy next year, being the only one of the top six returning.

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Yellowjackets Trample On

By Robert Hall
PAPOSES TOO YOUNG TO GO ON WARPATH

TECH HIGH sent the CENTRAL WARRIORS home with a stinging loss at the MIAA JAMBOREE. The game took place at 8:45 Saturday, August 31, at the Memphis Memorial Stadium.

In a previous game (EAST VS. MESSICK) EAST'S PAT COPELAND INTERCEPTED A GARY ROGERS pass and then rambled 32 yards for a Mustang touchdown. Copeland later ran 24 yards too the Messick 10 at the end of the period. Because of this the ball was placed here for Tech-Central game. After four plays Tech's JIMMY SMITH plunged across the 1 yard line for the touchdown. The extra point attempt failed.

For the Yellowjackets to have a successful season they need the support of the student body. Tech does not have a beautiful record in football (since 1965—won 0—lost 17 tied 1, the tie was with East, 6-6) and the students should share the blame. If you want Tech to become a top rate team come to the games and cheer the Yellowjackets to victory. We have a good team and a great coaching staff so let's work for the NUMBER ONE place.

Yellowjackets Joust With Knights

The Memphis Tech Yellowjackets came home with a big 31 to 0 victory over the Sheffield Knights in the first game of the season. Tech's team is really moving with Robert Woodard at the helm. And the Tech defense does not let anybody go anywhere. Our kicking is not the best, but with practice it will improve.

In the game with Sheffield, Tech dominated the whole hour. Jimmy Smith opened the game with a T.D. after a hand-off from Woodard. The P.A.T. was good. Then suddenly Tech split the game wide open with another T.D. by Henry Williams. In the second quarter Billy Gross ran another T.D. making it 19-0. J. L. Smith took a hand-off and scrambled for his second T.D. of the night. And to add Robert Woodard bombed Ralph Allen who ran the pass in for the stabbing T.D.

Techites Feel Caged

The Yellowjackets suffered their first loss of the season, Friday, September 13. Their opponents, the Kingsbury Falcons, won because of a series of Tech's, Friday the 13th misfortunes. Tech was hurt mostly by three fumbles. The Falcons capitalized on these for touchdowns.

Our defense is what showed the greatest strength. Our offense fought the losing battle bravely. Robert Woodard was plagued with passing difficulties but managed to make the key plays for scoring our two T.D.'s. The real spotlight should really shine on the outstanding players like Billy Groce J. L. Smith, and Ralph Allen Groce is a tough man to stop once he starts; Smith is just an all round great; and Ralph Allen has hands that can grab that ball and strong legs that can run the ball for the T.D. A warning to athletic, Melrose, etc.: THE YELLOWJACKETS ARE COMING!

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Well here we come,
 Just to let you know,
 That we got a team,
 That really can go!

Well we run like lightning,
 And we tackle like thunder,
 Then we catch those passes,
 Well we never make a blunder!

Now I like peaches,
 And I like cream,
 And I like the Jackets,
 'Cause they're so mean!

Well I went down to the river,
 And I started to drown,
 I started thinkin' 'bout the Jackets,
 I just couldn't do down!

Well I went down to the railroad,
 Put my head on the track,
 I got to thinkin' 'bout the Jackets,
 I pulled my big head back!

Now on a silver dollar,
 It says "In God we trust,"
 We're gonna win this game,
 With just a little bit of fuss!

Watermelon, watermelon,
 Red to the rind,
 Look at the scoreboard,
 And see who's behind!

Now ol' Lady Lucy,
 Y' know she walks with a twist,
 But when we win this game,
 She's gonna walk like this!

Well A-ha-ha-ha-A-ho-ho
 Well A-ha-ha-ha-A-ho-ho
 Well come on Jackets
 Well come on Jackets Lets go!

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Cheerleaders Attend Summer Camp For First Time

By Phyllis Kisner
 "I don't want to go!" was one of the most familiar and repeated remarks as Tech High's '68-'69 cheerleaders departed for a five day cheerleader clinic in Cookeville, Tennessee. It could nearly be certain that if they had been able to realize the opportunities and acquaintances ahead, they would have insisted on going a month ahead of schedule.

Their first day had the most welcome surprise of an almost perfect squad of college cheerleaders who were to become their counselors. Those of you girls who think male cheerleaders are odd and out of sorts would surely change your opinions if you could have seen four of the best looking male counselors on today's college campuses, who instructed our girls "personally."

The next four days fell into an alternating schedule from meeting some of the greatest girls in America, to tumbling, to modified yells, to pom pom routines, and then to the cafeteria, which, by the way, was excellent in every way!

The six "bubbling and sparkling" girls to represent Tech as cheerleaders were Phyllis Gary, captain, Phyllis Kisner, Pam Brown, Vivian Sherrill, June Mansfield and June Blackard. Our '68-'69 cheerleaders will be Phyllis Gary, Phyllis Kisner, Pam Brown, Vivian Sherrill, Carol Xiques, and June Blackard. These girls enjoyed themselves tremendously and are hoping for your cooperation and support for the oncoming season.

The cheerleaders are really putting forth every effort from now on to boost Tech's spirit morale. Don't be embarrassed by yelling at pep rallies and games because you make pep rallies possible. From now on hesitate to ask, "Why don't we have more pep rallies?" Instead say, "I think I'll help up a couple of signs or volunteer for a part in a pep rally skit 'cause I'm tired of seeing no enthusiasm around here!" We'll be mighty beholdin' to ya'.

All of you sophomore and junior girls really work hard, keep that grade average up to a "B" and join the pep club and maybe next summer you'll find yourself leaving cheerleader clinic with a remark such as, "I don't want to leave!"



Pam Brown (top, left) displays one of the many tasks of the '68-'69 cheerleaders while at Tennessee Tech. Pictured above (lower left) are from (left to right) Phyllis Kisner, Pam Brown, Phyllis Gary, Vivian Sherrill, June Blackard and June Mansfield.

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