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Seniors Leave With Pleasant Memories

We, the seniors of Tech, are beginning to cast wistful glances into our fond and treasured memories as the last few remaining days of high school slip through our dwindling fingers so very quickly now that it is drawing close to graduation. It teaches a living example of that since we entered these familiar doors with trembling hearts and shaking knees...

Farewell Seniors

"Parting is such a sweet sorrow," these words which written over a hundred years ago still carry a great deal of truth. They seem even more meaningful as the graduation draws near. Tech has bid farewell to the seniors of whom we've grown so fond. The seniors have been a model and an example to the sophomores; the embodiment of all the things that they someday hope to be.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May, the fifth month of the year, gets its name from the Roman goddess, Maia. Originally it was the third month, but when the Romans placed the two newly added months, January and February, at the beginning of the year, it took its present place. From the earliest times, the first of May has been a time for outdoor festivities. The hawthorn is the May flower.

Parham to Represent Tech at Girls' State

The Volunteer State this year will hold its 21st Girls' State at the West-Balmorel Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee on June 11-18. The lucky girl is Margaret Parham, a Junior, who has been selected to represent Tech with character, outstanding service and leadership, which are the qualities required of a delegate.

Band Climaxes Year of Interesting Activities

Parties! Parties! and still more parties! The band really gave its best during that odd saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Black-tie affair, plenty of fun, and a lot of happy laughter plus the band playing for a super happy evening by the handsomeness following their performance in the Tech High, Memphis, Tennessee, presented at Capeville, Tennessee.

Soph Class Elects Who's Who for 1950

This year something new has been added as a final touch of the sophomore's last days as sophomores. The class, under the supervision of their director, Miss Margaret Gavin, has elected the "Who's Who for 1950" contest in the high school district. In the State Music Festival here in Memphis he was awarded "superior" in the solo division by singing "The Lord's Prayer".

Junior-Senior Prom Held Last Night at Peabody

The Annual Junior-Senior Prom will be given by the Junior Class on May 24, 1950 in the Continental Ballroom of the Peabody Hotel. Following the Senior Banquet in the same hotel, the Junior Officers, Jimmy Anderson, Mary Jane Bagan, Gene Howard, Myrta Harris, Gloria Mildred Poole, and Alex McCollum will receive the guests.

Candidates For Graduation GIRLS

- Adams, Jean
Aderson, Alice
Aderson, Marie
Andrews, L. Bon
Baker, Betty
Balk, Val
Balk, Louise
Balk, Patricia Sue
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BOYS

- Agnew, Will Donald
Allen, Robert James
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1950-51 Officers

At a recent meeting, the Y-Teens selected as leaders for the coming year are: President - Doris Fleming, Vice-President - Razz, Treasurer - Helen Walker, Secretary - Shirley Crosswell.

Faculty Honors Retiring Teachers

Miss Effie E. Wright, Miss Clara A. Griffin and Mr. Michael Abbe were honored Saturday at a luncheon at the Peabody Hotel for their many years of service to the faculty members. Miss Wright was presented with a Lady Hamilton watch.

Johnston Receives Pilot's Rating

First Lieutenant Robert C. Johnston, twenty-six years of age, and Mrs. E. C. Johnston of Memphis recently received a Senior Pilot's rating from the Air Force, one of the youngest officers to be so rated.



The R. O. T. C. Officers Club presented Miss Effie E. Wright a silver bowl after the military drill in her honor, May 18. Pictured above is Miss Wright (1), Gerry Coia (2), Billie Brown (3), Charles Dalky (4), Earl Scott (5), Kenneth Mosley (6) and Jackie Maloney (7) admiring the R. O. T. C. boys and their accomplishments.

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SPORTSCOPE

Baseball Season Ends Climaxing Year of Outstanding Events



Kirschner Leaves Tech After Three Years

After three successful years of leadership as captain J. O. Kirschner left Tech High...

Tech Places Seventh in Baseball League

The Tech High Yellowjacket baseball team opened the second half at Hodges field...

Jackets Place Third In Track Race

The Tech High Yellowjacket track team lost the championship back to Central as the jacket trackmen could...

Ex-Grad Makes Good In Baseball Field

Melvin "Greasy" Greer, a Tech graduate of '47, continues to wind his way up the professional baseball ladder...

Golf Team Meets South Side Saturday

The Tech High Golf Team by means of a default victory over Humes (15 to 0) moved out of the cellar of the Golf League...

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Activities Planned For May Field Day — May 19—was held at Hodges Field. All Schools participated.

Armed Forces Day Parade—May 20—replaces Army Day, Navy Day, Air Force Day, and all other holidays that parades are held except for Armistice Day.

Officer's Party Evening—which will be sponsored by the Memphis Veterans of Foreign Wars.—May 20—will be held at the Officers' Club at the Memphis General Depot.

Sometimes during the month, the Tech High R. O. T. C. Battalion will have a parade in honor of Miss Wright, an Honorary Colonel in the ROTC.

Congratulations also to M-Sgt. Vaughn and Sgt. Bucher for their part in making our battalion the best in Memphis.

Many Thanks to Lt. Col. Jack Sanders and his cadet officers for their leadership during the year.

Last but not least, may next year's colonnists get on the ball and beat the deadline once in a while.

Thanks also to Mr. James Carey and the band, without whose help our periods and parades could not have succeeded.

By Jimmy Kacurides



Cadet Lt. Colonel Jack Sanders and Honorary Lt. Colonel Billy Young led the R. O. T. C. Battalion in the Armed Forces Day Parade May 20.

REELS AND RECORDS

NO TIME FOR MOVIES—RECORDS SOOTHE NERVES

As one disc-jockey in town would say, "Gremlin's gate; got your head on straight!" If I were to answer that little query, I'm afraid I would...

Herb Jeffreys has recorded SWAMP GIRL and excluding all the William Pruet, Tom Sams, John Talley, Jr. Ann Stotts.

Disixland Craze Again Every 5 or 6 years someone plays a Dixieland record over the radio as if it were new.

Released nearly two and a half months ago, MY FOOLISH HEART by Sammy Kaye and Don Cornell are still being requested over the record program with increasing regularity.

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Swimming Team Places Third

The Tech High Swimming Team took the third place slot in this year's city meet.

The excellent team was composed of the following boys: Pat Lowrey, Jimmy Garton, Harvey Dice, Alfred McDaniell, Saylor Doncey, and Howard Miller.

The outstanding member of the team was Pat Lowrey who won first place in the diving competition.

He was presented a statuette by Ewing Caruthers for winning first place with 156 points.

On April 29, the annual city track meet was held at Crump Stadium.

The Tech Track Team finished in third place. The senior members of '50 squad were Joe Gaylor, Hugh Ballard, and Bobby Dreyer.

These seniors and the rest of the cinder-men made an excellent showing at the meet.

Although finishing in third place, the Tech squad was a top-notch team.

Jordan's Typing Class Stages Track Meet

To break the monotony of the regular typing routine, Mr. S. C. Jordan held a track meet in each of the first year classes.

The events were low hurdles, high hurdles, 120 yard dash, 440 yard dash, relay race, and many others.

Mr. Jordan appointed about five captains in each of his classes and let them choose their teams.

The winning team of each division received "A" for the three days the contest was in session.

The second place "B" and fourth place "C". The winning teams are:

SECOND PERIOD—Nedra Ramsey, Captain, Patty Finch, Mirkey Irvin, Joanne Keyes, Shirley Doyle, and Beverly Downer.

FIFTH PERIOD—Jan Barnes, Captain, Betty Falton, Dudley Hois William Pruet, Tom Sams, John Talley, Jr. Ann Stotts.

SEVENTH PERIOD—Ann Parth, Captain, Arson Leonard, Martha Sherman, Billie Jean Word, Dolores Floyd, Lois Parks, and Don Strawn.

THIRD PERIOD—Rodney Grogan, Captain, Barbara Bracewell, Davie Brownlee, Carl Collins, Jerry Mann, Paul Pierce, and James Wallace.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE MR. HIGSBY

Trying to describe a day in the life of Mr. Higby is almost an impossible feat. Why? Just because it is hard to keep up with him. You'd think he was on the track team the way he rushes around the building.

Of course, it is rather difficult for him to read all his mail, so it just goes on his desk till he manages to find time. He is the only one who can find anything on that desk. As he says, "I have the instinct of a rat. I can always find things." That's not always true but nearly always.

Sometimes he does have a difficult time answering mail. In between interruptions by our "seed and dye" who just have to go home and read their weary homes. He can usually

Fashions on Parade

By MARTHA SHERMAN

Summer is finally here and all the boys are buying the coolest clothes possible.

Hugh Ballard is ready for the hot summer months with a blue and white striped sport shirt. Curtis Witt, Johnny Pearson, and Jesse Pearson appear quite comfortable in their identical yellow mesh-knit sweat-shirts with blue and white striped accents at the neck.

Ezell Philpot looks very neat and cool in his white short-sleeve sport shirt of "fresh-air" cotton. This type of shirt is a most popular one for summer comfort.

Gay colored skirts are also popular with the high school crowd. Billy Lewis is sporting a bright blue plaid skirt and Joe Clewer is wearing one of the new "rainbow" shirts. Donald

Commercial Students Given Demonstration

By MARTHA SHERMAN

John Duddy, salesman for International Business Machines demonstrated the International Business Machines Executive typewriter to the commercial students recently.

As a background for his excellent demonstration, Mr. Duddy gave a brief history of the typewriter starting with the Queen Ann model used in England in 1744. "The next typewriter," said Mr. Duddy "was invented by a Yankee in 1828 and was extremely heavy and awkward."

Mr. Duddy continued, "The first practical commercial typewriter that came out in 1874 was designed almost entirely for men's use since the women of that day hadn't as yet come into importance in the business field." He pointed out that the keys used most on a typewriter are operated with the left hand and explained that this is because the inventor was himself left-handed. "Samuel Chickler, better known as Mark Twain was the first author to submit typewritten manuscript to a publisher," said Mr. Duddy.

Honor Students Feted At Luncheon

By MARTHA SHERMAN

A delicious luncheon was given in honor of the National Honor Society, Wednesday May 17. The senior members of the Tech High chapter and faculty advisors, Miss Jeanie Johnston, Miss Betty Mae Collins, Miss Gertrude Geraghty, Mr. Harry Esslinger, Miss Louise Clark and Miss Effie Wright were present. A special invitation was extended to Mr. George Piaggio, who has done so much work for the Honor Society and so generously given of his time. Mr. A. L. Higway generously entertained these students and advisors in his school cafeteria.

Mr. E. K. Stinson, Assistant Superintendent of the city schools, was guest speaker. His speech which touched on some qualities needed to keep a position in future life, was an inspiration to every member.

Mrs. E. K. Beeson and staff prepared the following delicious menu:

- Turkey on waffles
- Green Beans
- Fanilly Potatoes
- Chilled Celery
- Individual Jelled Salad

PRESENTING TECH HIGH ROYALTY



The students who represented Tech in the Cotton Carnival Children's Ball, May 11 were: (1) Walter Walters, disk; (2) Martha Rodgers, dishes; (3) Mildred Poole, lady-in-waiting; (4) Jimmy Anderson, lord-in-waiting; (5) Peggy Anderson, page; (6) David Bowen, page.

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test you look first to see if Mr. Higby is going to answer it. He answers it with a cheery "Hello-o-o-o."

Fattening all silliness aside Mr. Higby really takes to hear every Techite. When we get praised his face lights up like a hundred dollars. He is generous with his praise and truly tries to help every student he can. He is sure about that geometry exam or that horrible test in shorthand.

Mr. Higby also gets rather stern with those who just play around and waste their time when they should be taking advantage of the education provided them by the taxpayers.

All the students of Tech know that Mr. Higby is against Communism. In all assemblies he warns us of the dangers of it and tries to impress on our minds the seriousness of the question.

Vance Babby and Jack...
That's all for this issue—See you again in the fall.

Art Classes Complete Interesting Activities

As the end of school steadily approaches, the annual layouts are being completed in Mr. Piaggio's Art Classes. This department has always made these clever layouts which everyone always admires and laughs at and this year they are going to be better than ever. Fredy Johnson, Sylvia Crick, Joanne Taylor, and Eugene Gill are designing them.

A new project this year has been the painting of little statuettes. Little Bo Peep, young girls with old-fashioned bonnets and full, flowing skirts, and others are being painted with enamel and with showery paints and then given a coat of shellac. These gay figurines look almost like the china statuettes after which they are copied, but it's much more fun to make your own. Barbara Anderson, Nancy Donaldson, Virginia Howell, Betty Baker, and Kathryn Haskoby have been most careful seeing that the paint doesn't run on these.

Prize Poster Winner
To help the "Clean Up, Paint Up, Fix Up" campaign last week some of the students drew some very colorful posters. Sylvia Crick and Audrey Lesser made two outstanding ones and Wilbur Weaver made a very unusual and striking poster and won second place in the contest. He received five dollars as a prize.

In the arts and crafts class, some of the girls have been making cute little Coca Cola aprons and binding them with Mas tape. Some are of bright plaid, others of gay checks and some were a solid color with monograms stenciled on them. Evelyn Greer, Betty Bryant, Virginia Schultz, Eugenia Thomas, and Mary Lou Wade have been sewing diligently to make tiny stitches.

In the lettering class many of the students have made school placards for the spelling bee that was held last Friday night here at Tech. Each school that participated had one with the name neatly printed on it. This art class also made posters for the National Honor Society picture show and for the Junior Dance. Wendell Prater has done many of these.

arrangement of the shift key, the electrifying of the machine, and the proportional spacer. "Of these improvements," said Mr. Duddy "IBM is responsible for the last two." "The changes made in the machine were made by typists themselves," he explained. "Letters from typists over the country determined the changes which were made for their convenience."

According to Mr. Duddy the IBM Executive typewriter increases the typists speed as much as 20 per cent more than the use of the average one. Also, the touch type eliminates 95 per cent operator effort and therefore, increases the typist's morale. Demonstrations of this machine are being made in many schools here in the city.

Soph Hall of Fame
The cutest little pair in the sophomore class
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