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## DAVID SOJOURNER AND KAY CRAWFORD HONORED BY PRESS - SCIMITAR

Tech has always been proud of its students and their accomplishments. With the year only half over, two Techites have been chosen as Teenagers of the Week. They are Kay Crawford and David Sojourner.

Teenager of the Week is only one of the many honors that Kay has brought to Tech. She has participated in all phases of school curriculum. Serving as a cheerleader for two years is only one way she has shown her loyalty for Tech sports. An active part of Kay's school life concerns the speech department. She has been in many of the plays presented by this department and this year is the co-captain of the debate squad.

Also an active member of the speech department, David Sojourner is president of the Thespian Club and was Technical Director on the last play. But speech doesn't compose all of David's time. Music is also a main interest of his. He plays the piano, the saxophone, trombone and is planning to learn to play the cornet. Another interest of David's is football. He has played three years for Tech and was co-captain of the team this year.

## V.I.C.A. Enters Contest

Members of V.I.C.A. are busy preparing for the Regional of West Tennessee to be held at Newbern on March 3. Plans are to enter several contests, and we hope to have some winners.

## Quill and Scroll

Quill and scroll will induct thirteen new members March 10. All initiates will receive pins and cards which designate membership in the honorary journalistic society.

To be eligible of membership, the senior journalist must be in the top third of their class and junior; must have a B average. Capable journalists must have done outstanding work on a publication.

## GIRL FROM U.N.C.L.E. VISITS MEMPHIS

By Jimmy Morgan

Vivacious, beautiful, and friendly are three of the adjectives used in the invitation I received for me to come and interview Stefanie Powers. The Girl U.N.C.L.E. I arrived at the Channel 5 television station at ten o'clock, and was then directed into a room with around twenty other high school students. From the minute she walked into the room you could tell everything said in the invitation was more than true.

Like many other actresses, her road to stardom was long and hard. She was born in Hollywood, California to a Polish speaking family. Having no dramatics in school, she was able to get a few small parts in movies as a dancer. At the age of 17 her big chance came. She was asked to play a lead part in the West Side Story. Since then she has played in 12 movies and one Broadway road trip. The Girl from U.N.C.L.E. is her favorite part because April Dancer, the girl she portrays, is exactly the way she lives; adventurous, dangerous, and exciting. As a hobby she breeds bulls and fights them in Spain. She is truly The Girl from U.N.C.L.E.

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## Hall of Fame

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## SENIOR CLASS HONORS OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Every year 24 students are selected entirely by the Senior class and are recognized as the outstanding members of that class. Each senior nominates one person to each Hall of Fame Honor. The winner must secure the majority of votes cast for each category.

### MR. AND MISS TECH

Betty Brown has participated in many different departments at Tech. In her sophomore year she was Vice-President of her class and President of the F.H.A. Her junior year brought the honor of being selected as Levy's Young Independent. As a senior Betty was chosen as Twirp Queen and Treasurer of the Student Council. Mr. Tech, David Sojourner, has shown his loyalty to Tech in many ways. He participated in football all three years and was selected to be co-captain in his senior year. He is a member of the band and plays various instruments.

But his main interest lies in the speech department, where he was Technical Director for the last play and is co-captain of the debate squad.

### BEST PERSONALITY

Linda McNair — Cheerleader 3, Annual Sports Editor 3, F.H.A. Vice President, Home Economics awards, Vice-President of the Secretarial Club, Beauty Review.

### FRIENDLIEST

Barbara O'Neil — Reporter of the Secretarial Club, Historian of the Home Economics Class, Chaplain of Homeroom, Beauty Review.

### MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Peggy Kisner — Captain of the Cheerleaders, Student Council Secretary, Spanish Club President, Homeroom President, Sophomore Class Treasurer, Girls' State, T and I Sweetheart, National Honor Society.

Kenny Xiques — President of Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, Vice President, Football, Basketball, Track, Leukemia Drive Chairman.

### MOST VERSATILE

Jane Brewer — Annual Layout Editor, Young Independent, VICA Reporter, Junior Class Secretary, Student Council Girl's Vice-President, May Day Court, Senior Class Secretary, Beauty Review.

Roy Gray — First Place in the Talent Show, Spring Play.

Lynn Stoots — Homeroom officer, Thespian, Football, Track, Baseball, Gym Aid, Honorable Mention in All Western Division Football.

### MOST ATHLETIC

Dorothy Rives — Y Teens, Pep Club President, Homeroom President, F.H.A. Parliamentarian, Beauty Review.

### BEST LOOKING

Carol Hart — Cheerleader, Senior Class Reporter, Beauty Queen, Annual Sports Editor.

### BEST DRESSED

Candy Spencer — Sophomore Beauty, First Alternate to Senior Beauty, Commercial art, Art Awards.

Raymond Reynolds — Student Council Representative, Homeroom officer, Chess Club President.

### SENIOR FAVORITES

Bonnie Johnson — Homeroom President, Red Cross Treasurer,

F.H.A., Newspaper Club Editor, Beauty Review, Homeroom Favorite.

Ken Langston — Twirp King Candidate, Homeroom Officer, Commercial Art.

### MOST TALENTED

Jo Lynn Curry — President of Thespians, Speech Plays and Tournaments, Front Street Summer Theater.

Wayne Russell — Highest Honors, Commercial Art, Art Awards.

### WITTIEST

Connie Parker — Cheerleader, Homeroom President, Beauty Review, Senior Class Treasurer, VICA Vice-President, Football Court, Yellowjacket Staff.

Billy Jo Anderson — Homeroom Officer, Sergeant of Arms for VICA, Football, Track, Leukemia Drive.

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### PRINCIPAL OFFERS ADVICE

Students who finish junior high school in June, 1967 should make definite decisions about their future before making the choice of the senior high school in their neighborhood, or Memphis Technical High School for their 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

Memphis Technical High School is a comprehensive high school. It offers training in many specialized areas as well as regular academic courses found in other high schools.

Tech is not a panacea for all the weaknesses you may have cultivated during the first nine grades of your formal education. Don't be disappointed if you come to Tech and find that you must follow a strictly academic program during your sophomore year, because you have not had certain basic subjects in the 9th grade.

You secure your future by gearing your high school program to your employment goals of the future. Many opportunities await those who have had the foresight and will to plan and prepare for the future.

Memphis Technical High School could place hundreds of Electronics graduates if we had them. We get calls from all across the nation. Tech is unable to provide a sufficient number of graduates to fill the requests for many of our training areas. Check other sections of this paper for the many courses at Tech.

We mentioned earlier that Tech is a Comprehensive High School. Only about twenty five percent of Tech graduates go to college, yet Tech ranks ninth from top of about 200 high schools in Tennessee in the number of graduates who complete work toward a Ph.D. degree.

Evaluate your past educational experiences. What are your future educational and occupational interests? There is no substitute for occupational preparation.

—W. A. Bourne

### Sing Your Alma Mater With Meaning

High school is a combination of present struggles, past memories, and future hopes and ambitions for success and happiness.

As you enter Tech, the words "Ad Astra Per Aspera," provide your first challenge. This phrase is a summation of the standards and principles for which Tech High stands. "To the Stars Through Striving," a very appropriate motto, has propelled many Techites to successful positions regardless of their chosen fields.

Your years at Tech will go swiftly, but they will leave golden memories of friendships, accomplishments and activities. All too soon the day will come when you begin a whole new life; the day that you stand and sing the words which have become familiar to so many Techites.

Someday, when the night shades  
Are falling, Someday when  
Our dreams have come true,  
Our thoughts will be turning  
To school days, and our hearts  
Will be yearning  
Alma Mater for you.

Someday, when life's shadows  
Are falling, Someday, through  
The swift passing years,  
We all will remember thy  
Friendship, true and tender  
Our love, ole Tech High,  
We give to thee.

## FROM THE FILES

The bustle of busy feet and the ring of voices and laughter signal the beginning of a new day in the lives of Techites. The walls take in the familiar sounds and reflect those from years past. As old students return, the hall takes on its same warm, friendly form and brings beautiful memories of days past.

Roy Craft, a 1962 graduate, is now a senior at Blue Mountain College where he is studying to be a teacher. Chattanooga State is the choice of Danny Bumpus, who graduated in 1966.

Paula Williams finished Practical Nursing School in December and will be working at Baptist Hospital. Shirley Chu is at U.T. Knoxville, while her fellow classmate, Beverly Oswalt is a freshman at Lambuth. Both graduated in 1966.

Howard Chu, a 1965 graduate is now in his second year at C.E.C. Friday, January 13, the Rotary Club presented the film, "Every Hour, Every Day". This movie demonstrated the importance and significance of today's policeman, and how we often tend to take them for granted. The student body enjoyed it very much and learned a great deal from it.

Tech certainly feels the absence of Mr. Robert Heglund since his recent promotion. He is now working for the Board of Education. He has able replacement in

## Semester Honors Earned By Forty-Six Students

Once a year Tech makes a special effort to recognize those students who have worked so hard to improve themselves scholastically. Semester honor roll consists of not lower than a "B" in all subjects. A majority of "A's" reflects highest honors.

These students display their own initiative and responsibility by showing such an enthusiasm for the more "unpleasant" side of school life. They are an important part of Tech High School, for they represent the hope and future of the school and community. They deserve the highest congratulations for their special academic achievement.

February 20, the Honor Society awarded Tech's outstanding students gold ribbons as a token of their scholastic accomplishment. Following the Honor Society induction parents, teachers, and Honor Society members enjoyed a tea given especially in their honor. The tea was sponsored by the Honor Society, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Only ten students qualified for Highest Honors this semester although 36 earned Second Honors. Those included were:

#### Highest Honors

Billie Ruth Parker, John Sorrell, Peggy Kisner, Johnie Landois, Sheila Pleasants, Judy Beasley, Jane Brewer, Ralph Allen, Gail Hawkins, and Mary Cochran.

#### Second Honors

Margie Dacus, Alan Bondurant, Lonnie Eads, Doris Sammons, Sheila Shelby, Pattie Barnes, Norma Childers, Pat Wade, Carol Weeks, Pam Wiles, Priscilla Krause, Linda McNair, Kay Crawford, Ronnie Roach, Eddie Morgan, Susie McCraw, Sharon Freeman, Ted Skinnis, Thomas McRight, Rose Ann Huffstickler, Wanda Neeley, Barbara Sowell, Danny Ferrell, Willard Johnson, Betty Jean Barrett, Tina Harris, Sandra Jolly, Linda Keller, Dianne Marshall, Judy Bond, Margaret Padgett, Connie Parker, Regina Lee, Sherry McEwen, Lee Sherrill, and Lynn Hale.

If your name was not on this list, we strongly urge you to work harder. It's a lot of work to maintain high grades, but it's worth the effort.

## SORRELL WINS CONTEST

Over six hundred students entered the National Brotherhood Week Essay Contest. Tech's winner was John Sorrell, one of Mrs. Elliott's senior English students.

The following received honorable mention in the school contest: David Damron, Jim Beck, Sherry Pannell, Charles Haire, Peggy Kisner, Margaret Padgett, Demetrius McClure, and Priscilla Krause. Many excellent essays were submitted for the judging. All showed effort and good work.

David will enter his in the city contest. Best of luck David!

Mrs. Virgie Cox, who has successfully taken over his classes.

Miss Butts' second year speech class is planning a one-act comedy, "Antic Spring," to be presented sometime in April. The entire play will be under the direction of the students, and you can be sure they'll do a fine job as always.

Now that exams are finished, both students and teachers are enjoying a brief breather.

Seniors are eagerly anticipating graduation, and are anxiously counting the weeks until they don

## THE RAVER

(A Parody)

Once upon a school day dreary,  
while I pondered weak and weary  
Over many a quaint and curious  
volume of forgotten lore.  
Suddenly there came a ringing,  
as it was the school bell ringing,  
Ringing, bringing sounds I'd  
heard so oft before.

And when I approached an exit  
thoughts of home were mine 'tis  
sure.

Came a senior ranting, raving  
shoving by to go before?  
Saying 'his just as he passed me  
'Seniors first go out the door.'  
Only this and nothing more.

So on and on throughout that  
year, the only sound I seemed to  
hear

Was of that senior, ranting,  
raving,

Oh he was an awful bore;  
With those words that kept in-  
creasing,  
never ceasing, never ceasing,  
'Seniors first' 'Seniors first.'  
Quoth the raver evermore.

Then one day when I was walk-  
ing, near a window — 13th floor,  
Came the senior ranting, raving,  
showing by to go before,  
Saying 'his just as he passed me  
'Seniors first go out the door.'  
Only this and nothing more.

Now he's buried 'neath the  
Window,  
Window he thought was a door  
He went first just once too often  
Quoth the raver—NEVER  
MORE!

### Commitment and Involvement

By John Sorrell

"To be or not to be; that is the question." To be committed to something and thus be involved is a desire that dwells in the inner depths of that small blob of gray matter called the brain. One may not realize immediately that brotherhood pertains to himself; but with a little mental activity on his part, one realizes that directly or indirectly he is involved in everything that occurs around him.

Said the English poet, John Donne, "No man is an island, entire unto himself." This statement is a true now as it was at the time it was written. No one can be entirely self-sufficient; he must depend on someone for something. Even if not shown openly, everyone is affected by the behavior of others. Everyone sacrifices something to his fellow man however small that something may be.

One may be involuntarily committed as soldiers in Viet Nam who are fighting our war; others such as teachers, ministers, Red Cross workers, or people in related occupations are committed voluntarily to the service of others.

Indirect involvement runs the gamut from common courtesy to helping someone who is injured.

The problems of commitment and involvement as they pertain to brotherhood are not to acquire these traits but to kindle the spark already present. To accomplish this, it becomes necessary to have the co-operation of everyone throughout the world in improving and increasing friendly relations among nations and peoples as well as among groups in our own country.

The ultimate principle of brotherhood can be best set forth in the saying: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If one follows this Golden Rule, it is impossible for him not to be committed and consequently involved in the joys, problems, and sorrows of his fellow man.

## THE EDITOR'S PEN

Hi there, students,

Just thought I would plop myself down and write you a word or two of friendly advice. It's not really advice, but more or less information. While I am writing this, my staff is busy preparing scores of articles. I hope you will read through them with the utmost care.

Pretty soon you will be faced with an important decision — that of which Senior High School to attend. Although it does not seem important, this decision will effect your success and happiness in future life. Don't neglect it.

The foremost purpose of school is education, but to enlighten the process one needs to become involved in extra-curricular activities. However, one should avoid the possibility of getting "too many irons in the fire."

Highlights of the school-year begin with football season, which is climaxed with the crowning of the Football Queen. Also during football season, TWIRP Week occurs. This fun-filled week, when girls have to carry the boys' books, is climaxed by the crowning of a TWIRP King and Queen.

Other major sports events include basketball, track, and baseball. Tech's fine coaches enable their teams to place quite well in the league.

During the year, the Speech Department (Thespians) presents two plays, one in fall and one in spring. The Thespians also engage in several speech contests, throughout the year. Under the expert direction of Miss Ruth Butts, Tech's speech department is rapidly increasing in stature.

Mrs. Virginia Lee, the Home Economics teacher, annually sponsors a fashion show. At this time, girls model clothes, which they have made during the year.

In order for Tech to show off its beauties, it holds an annual Beauty Review. Selected candidates deck themselves in beautiful formals and compete for one of four titles: Sophomore Beauty, Junior Beauty, Senior Beauty, and the most coveted title, "Beauty Queen."

As you can see, Tech has plenty to offer. Without one minute more of delay, let's join Mr. Yellowjacket and take a tour of Tech.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Hale

their caps and gowns. At the same time Juniors await the arrival of their class rings.

The Student Council is working on various projects at the present. Interests in intramurals is being stimulated on campus, and the Student Council is working on revival of these and other activities this year. They recently sponsored the March of Dimes Drive in which a representative number of students participated.



## Outstanding Qualities of February Techites Include Homemaking, Art, Cheerleading

### MARY COCHRAN

Despite her numerous extra-curricular activities, junior Mary Cochran still manages to maintain an "A" average.

Mary's interests center around cheerleading and home economics. Cheerleading takes up a lot of Mary's time, as basketball games take up from two to three nights a week. When asked how cheerleading has helped her, Mary answered, "It has helped immensely! Getting to know other girls so closely made me learn to cooperate with different people. I now have such a high regard for anyone who tackles any school sport or activity. Just being there to cheer my team on and knowing that they are fighting for Tech give me pride and loyalty. Although I have yet another year to go, I have one desire to fulfill — to put all I can into Tech, not take everything out of it. I hope that all other Techites will keep Tech's name high always."

Mary is majoring in home economics and hopes someday to be a teacher in this field. She was awarded the "most outstanding student in Home Economics" trophy in the ninth grade, and has received first, second and third place ribbons at the Mid-South Fair.

Her favorite hobbies are eating steaks, athletics, and climbing the goal posts during football season.

### BILL GREGORY

Senior Bill Gregory is no stranger to the Tech High campus and neither are his talents. His warm personality and friendly manner make him popular with both students and teachers alike. Bill was sergeant-at-arms of his homeroom during the tenth and eleventh grades, and this year Bill is an active member of the Key Club.

Bill is also well known for his participation in sports. He has lettered in football two years and track one year. Bill was sidelined during football season because of a broken ankle. However, he hopes to participate in track now that his injury has healed.

Coming to Tech mainly for Commercial Art, Bill has brought many honors to himself and his school in this field. Last year, he placed first in cologne, and he also participated in the scholastics. This year he won first place in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest. In junior high, Bill received three gold keys in scholastics, a gold plaque and placed first once and second twice in the Mid-South Fair.

Bill's favorite types of art are portrait, still life, and pencil sketching. He plans to further his career at Memphis State where he will major in art.

### FRANKIE ROBBINS

In senior, Frankie Robbins, we find a particularly well-adjusted teen. Her time is divided among school activities, baby-sitting and church work. Church is Frankie's main interest and she takes very active part in it.

Frankie explained, "Today's teenagers tend to turn away from the church. They continue to go, to please their parents, but they skip the worship service following the Sunday School or Training Union hour. The Church needs its members no matter what the age. There are people who need help at all ages, so there is no limiting activities to any certain age group. Frankie has given many services to Bellevue Baptist Church. She sings in the Youth Choir, and is a substitute in the Sanctuary Choir. She is group leader in both Sunday School and Training Union.

Frankie's singing ability has been a valuable asset to the Tech High Chorus for the past three years.

Her leadership abilities seem somewhat unlimited. This year, Frankie is a cheerleader, secretary of V.O.O.C., secretary to Miss Linder, and was a Beauty Review candidate.



V. O. O. C.

On December 6, 1966, Mrs. Betty Hendon's V. O. O. C. girls were taken on a very interesting tour of the Southern Bell Telephone Company. They showed the class four departments which were, the Computer room, Office Processing, long distance calls, inserting and mailing operation and Reproducing Bureau. The girls learned about the excellent job opportunities the telephone company offers. After the tour refreshments were served.

For the V. O. O. C. Christmas project, the girls helped the unfortunate children. They brought toys and stockings which they stuffed with various goodies for the Cerebral Palsy children. They made Christmas a lot happier for several girls and boys.

### SCIENCE CLUB

Mr. Dworshak's science club witnessed a very exciting experiment at their last meeting. They conducted an experiment to produce metal, which illustrated how to take iron and copper from iron-oxide and copper-oxide.

They have interesting speakers every meeting. This club needs a larger membership, and anyone who is interested in any phase of science, please attend the next meeting.

### PEP CLUB

Mrs. Jessie Hartwell's pep club has decreased in number this year, but they really get the message across when it comes to school spirit. This has been exhibited at our basketball games. The pep club members may be seen selling ribbons and yelling at the games. All you hard working members keep up the good work, it can be rewarding.

### RED CROSS

The Red Cross project of sending baskets to Vietnam turned out for the best, as usual. The club received letters from young boys thanking them and asking everyone to write letters. The club expresses their appreciation for every bit of help the school gave them and they hope Tech will do the same on any project they have planned for the future. Their thanks are extended to everyone for all the help and patience that was put in the last project.

### Y-TEENS

There is a new addition to Tech's clubs this year. The Y-Teens may be small in membership, but they have proven to be a good club by planning projects for this year. Their newly elected officers are as follows: President, Mary Cochran; Vice-president, Myrna Miller; Secretary, Cathy Dennison; Treasurer, Mary Sue Barbee; Chaplain, Linda Jones; Reporter, Betty Brown; and Mrs. Macdonald is the sponsor.

## ROVING REPORTER

by Randy Stark

The Roving Reporter was told to find out how the students felt about an item of clothing. The question he asked was "What do you think about mini-skirts?" Here are some of the replies:

Cathy Spencer—"I try not to." Robbie Pafford—"No comment."

James Malone—"They're okay in their place."

Gail Hawkins—"Wow!"

James Black—"Up with the 'mini-skirts'."

Shirley Stewart—"They're cheap and degrading."

Joe Horton—"Ho, ho, ho."

Ronnie Van Velsor—"I wouldn't want my sister to wear one."

Kenneth Harrison—"It's hard to say."

## Fashion News & Views

By Melvina Stoots

Now that old man winter is here, our thoughts turn to the world of winter fashion which has proved to be more exciting than ever this year. There is a bazaar of new styles from which to choose for that fashion minded school girl, who is looking for neatness and simplicity in her wardrobe.

The plaid skirts are being paired with sweaters and knee socks and are definitely "in" for those cold winter days. For a trend that is catching on fast, there is the pompon cap and wrap around scarf for that Scottish Kilt look. Show-off skirts keep on the move in appealing and exciting new heather tones along with color-matched classics and color-matched separates.

For fashion high life the sophisticated buckles and straps have high fashion appeal for the teenage girl in this fast moving generation. These popular items are bolder than ever and fit almost any occasion.

We wouldn't think of leaving the male side of this out in the cold, for they are definitely in the scene looking scholarly and smart in the London look of ties and pullover sweaters. This new look in the male fashion world has proved as popular as the pace setting ivy look which is still popular. The top coat look is really eye-catching and gives the teenage male that smart neat look.

In the young fashion world, neatness is "in".

## THE SEA OF LIFE

The sea of life is white with foam A foam no one can shed. The water washes on the rocks The rocks of fear and dread. The sea gull lifts her wings of life—

Sweet bird of golden truth; But anyone can see the bird is not so good and pure.

For when you see the driftwood misshapen with age and strife— You'll see the way you may be If you don't help yourself in life.

### PLUNK'S FLORIST

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## Teacher of the Month: Miss Ruth Butts

Three years ago, a new teacher came to Tech. In those few years, Miss Ruth Butts, English and speech teacher, has become well-liked among the students as well as the faculty. Miss Butts graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Branch. She is now working toward a Master's Degree at Memphis State in English.

Miss Butts is very active in many different activities in and out of school. One of Miss Butts' students says, "Miss Butts works!" Outside activities include: secretary of the Memphis Speech Association, secretary of the speech interest group for the West Tennessee Education Association, the West Tennessee nomination for the Tennessee Speech Teacher of the year, a speaker at the Southern Speech Association meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, and advisory board member of the Memphis State Chapter of the Delta Gamma Sorority.

Inside of school, Miss Butts is sponsor of the Thespians and will be the sponsor of a chapter of the national Forensic League, which will soon be re-established at Tech. She is also the debate coach and senior sponsor.

In the years that Miss Butts has taught at Tech, she has brought many improvements in the speech department. Tech has gone from a single one-act play to two three-acts and a one-act play per year. She also helped to re-establish the debate squad and to re-activate Tech's Thespian Sorority. Tech has begun participating in out-of-town speech tournaments in Shreveport, Louisiana and also in the Southern Speech Association Tournament. For the first time in ten years, Tech placed in a sweepstakes division at Frayser this fall.

We would like to take the opportunity now to thank Miss Butts for everything she has done for Tech and wish her all the luck in the future.

## Speech Students Excel

Tech High School recently put its speech students against some of the best competition in the nation. On February 3 and 4 Tech competed in the first annual Memphis State Forensic Tournament, which drew participating schools from as far north as Illinois and as far south as Texas. This was a full championship tournament in which semi-finals and final rounds were held in individual events and debate team; were power matched.

In each individual event trophies were awarded to the top three finalists. Two of these were awarded to Tech students. Winning these trophies were: Cathy Spencer, 2nd place in Oral Interpretation and Jimmy Smith, 3rd place in Oral Interpretation. In the Debate Division, David Sojourner received a trophy for the highest number of speaker points.

On March 2, fifteen Tech students will depart for Shreveport, Louisiana, where they will compete in the Centenary College Forensic Tournament. Competition in this particular tournament is considered to be the hardest in the South. Last year, Tech was fortunate enough to be the only Shelby County school with two finalists in this tournament. They were Jo Lynn Curry in dramatic declamation and Kay Crawford in poetry interpretation.

### Library Aids Students

Perhaps one of the most places for a high school student is the school library, and Tech's is no exception.

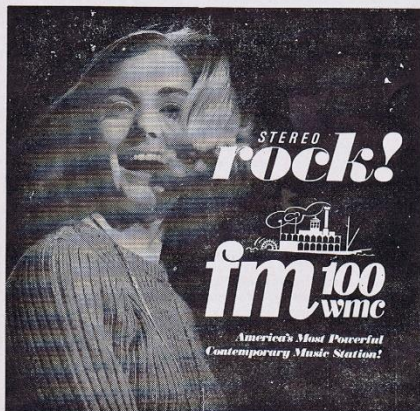
Although Tech is a technical school, our books are not limited to technical fields. Besides having one of the best reference sections of the Memphis City Schools, Tech also has many marvelous novels. Along with all its other assets, Tech is privileged to have as our librarian Mrs. Frances Martin who is always on her toes ready to help everyone whenever she can.

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Leburn Sharp and Ray Driggers, former Techites, discuss the action of the Central-Tech game.

## Former Students Attend Tech-Central Game

Mixed emotions and happy reunions characterized the Central versus Tech game. Gloom loomed over the Central gymnasium as Central defeated the "Mighty Jackets". Despite this loss the courageous Techites still beamed with pride a couple of weeks ago when they swarmed over Frayser in a clash between the Rams and Jackets with a capacity crowd.

Above the chants and screams at the referees, former students of Tech greeted their former classmates. Three outstanding graduates to be seen among the crowd were Joan McCommon, Leburn Sharp, and Ray Driggers. While at Tech, Ray played as a forward on the basketball team and was chosen for the All Western Division team and captained his team through victory during the 1966 season.

Ray is presently playing freshman basketball for Memphis State University.

Another boy who has received outstanding recognition in college is Leburn Sharp. During football season, Leburn played linebacker on the defensive unit for the Southwestern Links. While attending Tech, Leburn played football for three years and in his Senior year was Co-captain of the team. During the basketball season, he bounced down the court many times to score points for the Jackets.

## PLAYERS GAIN HONOR

Quick thinker, good sport, and highly polished player are phrases to describe Tech High's Player of the night, Don Miller. Don has received this award twice, once at the Germantown game where Don scored 28 points; then at the Southside game when he was high point man with 18 points. He was presented two trophies by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Also bringing top honors to Tech during the week of January 30 thru February 7 was Joe Brock. By the dull acclamation of The Memphis Press Scimitar and The Commercial Appeal, Joe was selected as the Player of the Week. By rebounding, assisting the other players, and scoring, Joe showed his fine abilities as a basketball player. In selecting the player of the week, the judges took into consideration the player's contribution to the team, good sportsmanship, to the other players and the player's abilities in playing the game. Our congratulations to both boys!

Curb Meat Market Co.

236 N. Cleveland  
272-1828

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### GREGG

Former Gregg students who have won fame at Tech include; Dianne MacDonald, Yellowjacket staff, and art winner; Jimmy L. Smith, football and basketball player; Robert Woodard, letterman in football and basketball player; Carol Xiques, member of Pep Club, and Honor Roll; Tommy Woodard, football and basketball manager; Ronnie Scott, letterman in football and Junior Class President; James Lambert, basketball player; Donnie Scott, May Day Court, and letterman in football; and Dee Yeager, Tech's representative on Goldsmith's Fashion Board.

### KINGSBURY

Hailing from Kingsbury are: Janet Rowland, homeroom President; Vicki Gibson, Honor Roll; Gail Hawkins, F.H.A. officer and Honor Roll; and Vicki MacCurogh, Beauty Review Contestant.

### LONGVIEW

Representing Longview are: Martha Sellers, cheerleader, and May Day Queen; and Joyce Hopkins, homeroom president.

## DISEASE

Some call me a disease. I bring to all students such awful pains they scarcely ever touch me. I cramp their style and fill their minds with stuff they've never heard of, I am forced on students by superior forces who don't understand what miseries I bring. Students complain and wonder why I exist. All I want to do is help and I will if they will spend more time with me. — I am homework.

You may know my cousin. He has an inferiority complex and feels rejected by everyone. We have talked over many problems of the modern student. We have decided if young people would spend more time with me (homework) then there would be less tears when cousin test comes along. Visiting hours are from 3:15 until . . . ?

"Mr. Yellowjacket"



## Mystery Quest

This is a mystery quest. So see if you can pass the test. He stands tall in a figure of speech,

But is quite under six feet. He appears agile in every sport, Whether it be field or court.

His activities are more than plenty,

But his studies never suffer any, His grades are always up to par. To please his mother and his pa.

He may work from sun to sun But he'll always find time for fun.

He is truly Mr. X

## TECH CAPTURES TROPHY

The world of basketball has always been important at Tech. While playing, the team strives, not only to win, but to conduct themselves as sportsmen. Their efforts were accomplished at the Knights of Columbus Tournament. The team received a trophy for good sportsmanship on the court and off. It takes a truly great team to walk away from another angry player, to smile when the referee makes a bad call, and to ignore a rude crowd's remarks. We are proud to say that Tech's basketball team merits this award. Tech also won a trophy for placing seventh in the tournament.

Joe "Stick" Brock captured a trophy for being selected on the all-tournament team. Totalling 57 points for three nights, Joe rallied more points than any other boy participating in the tournament.

In the Germantown and Southside games, Don Miller was presented two "Player of the Night" trophies.



Admiring the five trophies won by Techites during the basketball season are (l. to r.) Don Miller, Coach Bill Gibson, and Joe Brock.

## Twin Teams Terrify Opponents

Everyone has heard the statement that each individual has a twin somewhere in other parts of the world. Taking this statement into deep consideration, don't you conceive it possible for a group of boys, possibly a basketball team, to have a twin? Tech High's basketball A-Team has such a twin — the Tech High B-Team.

As the season progresses, the B-Team has been almost forgotten in the excitement of the main team's winning record. This team should be praised as highly as Coach Gibson's team, for they are the A-Team of the future.

This year's team consists of only two juniors, and the remainder of the boys are sophomores. The usual starting five are: Aron James, center; Ronnie Scott, guard; Phil Murphy, forward; Robert Woodard, forward; James Lambert, guard; others are: Silvester Woody, guard; Walter Williamson, guard; Hugh Manus, forward; Johnny Washington, center; Levi Twilley, forward; Jimmy L. Smith, guard; and Paul Carter, forward.

The A-Team with a 13-8 record believes that the best offense is a good defense and have kept the opposition down to a low 45 point game average. The Jackets are presently averaging 54 points a game.

Of course a team needs to score points as well and the Jackets are rapidly improving in this area. Don Miller, guard, rated second in the Western Division in scoring. Fellow teammate Joe Brock, center, is not far behind in fifth place. Kenny Xiques, with his speed and skill, contributes his share of points and Robert Austin, a very consistent ballplayer, usually contributes his share also. Ralph Allen is always sure to pick up a few under the basket and is rapidly improving on his outside shooting.

Seniors Don Miller, Kenny Xiques, Joe Brock, Robert Austin, and Craig Wright have seemed to realize this is their final year for Tech and they are doing a fine job. The team effort, spirit and hustle are improving every day, consequently, Tech is becoming more powerful every day.

Coach Gibson says "This is a real fine bunch of boys with lots of desire. I believe with shooters like Miller, Brock and Xiques and two hustlers like Allen and Austin, we're going to surprise a lot of people before it's all over. I'd like to see us go all of the way for Tech. It's a fine school and deserves only the best — that's what we're trying to give it."

## MORE DATES MEAN BETTER GRADES!

A recent college survey on dating which might interest many Tech students proves that more dates mean better grades!

Dr. Samuel Harman Lowrie has surveyed the dating habits of nearly 3,000 students at Bowling Green University in Ohio. Graphing his results, he found that the curve of average grades rose as the number of dates increased. Students with five or more dates a week averaged grades about ten per cent higher than non-daters. The sole exceptions were "only" children and youngest sons. It made no difference whether they dated or not.

The graph indicated average grades. The students with time for nothing but studying may get the highest individual grades but are



## Coach's Corner

Coaches at Tech demand respect for the outstanding 1966-67 basketball team! In a pep rally on the day of the Central game, Coach Gibson stressed the importance of school loyalty. Tech is tied for third place in the division, and it has won city recognition for sportsmanship; the student body must take pride in their team and school.

Most of us feel Tech is the best high school in Memphis. Clubs, classes, and students excel in numerous contests — sports, speech, art, home economics, etc. Without student body unity a winning basketball team cannot operate. It needs support from every individual. See you at the game with no hats, airtight tails in, and rooting for Tech.

### BULLETIN

Yea Kenny! Saw your big news write-up in the Sunday Commercial Appeal. Pictures and everything — not bad, huh? Ten Tech letters, excellent grades — you know, you're due 42 words in the Yellowjacket since you lacked 42 words in your article.

## Unkept Resolutions

As 1967 rolled around, many Techites found themselves making resolutions which proved impossible to keep. Among the discarded promises were as follows:

Sheila Goggins: "To stop going all night bowling."  
Linda McNair: "Not to let Onnie call me so much long distance."  
Mike Sivert: "To keep the resolutions I made."  
Frankie Robbins: "To start going to bed earlier."  
John Waits: "Never to flirt with another girl."  
Mary Cochran: "To stop letting myself get so excited at basketball games."  
Jimmy Morgan: "To make the forthcoming year as dull and uneventful as the last one."  
Cathi Spencer: "To keep my big foot out of my mouth."

not happy. Their lack of contact with the opposite sex often makes them socially unadjusted. Frequent dating assures a student he has been "approved" and kills the shyness and self-doubt that hamper studies. Most students arrange time to fit both dating and studies. Dr. Lowrie also found that the best grades came to those who dated several people. Getting involved seriously with one person seemed to lower averages.

Maybe the not so dim future will bring teachers assigning extra dates instead of homework!

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