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## Large Induction For 70-71 Year

Well, it finally happened. The Honor Society Induction, so many students have been asking about, finally occurred. The new members were inducted into the Tech High Chapter of the National Honor Society at 1:15 on Friday, March 19.

The annual spring induction ceremonies, which took place in our auditorium, went very smoothly and were a great success thanks to the help of all concerned. One person, in particular, who was a real asset to the program was Miss Margaret Kelly. Miss Kelly retired from Tech last year after serving our Guidance Dept. for 32 years. She was always an interested sponsor of our Honor Society as well as a fine guidance counselor. Friday she was kind enough to return and participate in the assembly.

Mr. Bourne opened the program by welcoming the parents, faculty, and students. He briefly explained the joint purposes for it. The first was to present ribbons to the Semester Honor Roll students. The second was, of course, the induction. Mr. Bourne then turned the program over to our band who played "The Star Spangled Banner." Immediately following this performance, Frank Galloway, Honor Society Chaplain, read the invocation. His chosen lines were the first eight verses of Proverbs I.

Miss Kelly, after receiving a special introduction from Mr. Bourne, presented the Honor Roll students with their ribbons. This year's large list of honor students included six First Honors and 29 Second Honors. Barbara Matthews, Vice-President of the Honor Society, and Pam Johnson, Treasurer, assisted Miss Kelly in pinning on all the ribbons. After they had completed pinning the ribbons on, the meeting was turned over to Patsy Kennedy, Honor Society President.

Patsy explained the requirements and goals set up for Honor Society membership. The basic ideals she mentioned were character, service, leadership, and scholarship.

As the program progressed each officer gave an explanation of one of these ideals. Character, according to Patsy, was a kind of attitude expressed by the student.

## Speech Department Goes To Shreveport

The Speech Department "brought home the bacon" after its successful performances against the daring competitors from White Station, Messick, and Kingsway in a state wide tournament held at Shreveport, Louisiana, during the first week in March. Also attending the tournament were other high schools from Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Alabama.

The two day event, which was held on Friday and Saturday, found the participating students which included Margaret Brown, Debbie Scarborough, Teri Boyce, Ouida Robertson, David Morris, Ira King and James Franklin loading their bus on Thursday to insure ample time for them to reach Shreveport.

The Speech Department knew that they would succeed when Margaret Brown, Teri Boyce, Ouida Robertson, David Morris, and Ira King had reached into the semi-finals. From these on Tech received the applause as Teri



The new members of the Honor Society at their tea. Left to right, front row: Debra Benton, Nancy Chu, Debbie Scarborough, Barbara Matthews, Pam Johnson, Patsy Kennedy, Connie Neville and Janice Camburn. Back row: Leslie Voyles, Ted Jeans, Diann Weatherly, Betty Drew, Barbara Ashmore, Barbara Williams, Ora Burkes, Frank Galloway, and Ken Briscoe.

Barbara stated the need of service in all walks of life and told how the high school student could be of service. Leaders are another thing needed and Pam explained where and how they could be useful. Frank's topic was scholarship, the knowledge a person acquired not only in school but also that acquired out of his own work and interest.

The big moment arrived as the officers went out among the student body to tap their chosen inductees. There were thirteen well-deserving inductees. The Seniors were Debra Benton, Connie Neville, Debbie Scarborough, Leslie Voyles, Diann Weatherly, and Barbara Williams. The Junior, who will carry over next year, were Ken Briscoe, Janice Camburn, Barbara Ashmore, Nancy Chu, Betty Drew, Ted Jeans, and Ora Burkes. (Sophomores are not eligible for Honor Society membership).

As the band played the ceremonial march, the inductees were led onto the stage. There they received the pledge from Miss Kelly. Miss Kelly went on to congratulate the students on behalf of Mr. Bourne and the school.

Boyce took first place in dramatic interpretation. Ira King received second place in the boys' division of poetry interpretation.

After collecting over half the awards given, the Tech students attended a pre-Broadway try-out of the play "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail". Later a banquet at a restaurant on the lake.

But the Speech Department does not stop after winning awards. In early May the time for the annual Spring play, the Speech Department under the direction of Miss Ruth Butts, will present a mystery thriller by Maxwell Anderson entitled "Bad Seed". The plot revolves around a wicked little eight-year-old girl. For those who have or think they have the talent to act try-outs will be conducted March 30 or April 5, whenever the scripts arrive. So those who wish to try-out or even those who want to do back stage work can now be practicing for the twelve roles consisting of five girls and seven men. Who knows, maybe walking in the halls of Tech there is another "Graduate"!!!!

Patsy Kennedy ended the program with acknowledgements to all who helped. The entire program was a joint effort of our Guidance Dept., the Band, the Art Dept., the Print Shop, the PTA, the Student Council, and the Honor Society members. An added, and very appreciated, help was the presence of Mr. Bourne and Miss Kelly.

The parents, who were also a welcomed part of the program, went up to the second floor where they enjoyed a tea with the inductees. Everything at the tea was set up by our PTA ladies.

We know that some students are still a little doubtful about the exact requirements for Honor Society membership so we will try to explain them.

The first requirement is a three point average in grades. This is on a scale with A's counting four points, B's three points, and so on. Your conduct grades should be Satisfactory. Although one N may be allowed, a U will keep you out of the Honor Society. The last basis used is your qualities. If you meet the above requirements and the faculty and members agree that you possess the high ideals of character, service, and leadership then you have it made. As we mentioned before, students are not eligible for the Honor Society in their sophomore year. The reason for this is to give everyone a chance to get to know you so that they may judge you more fairly.

Mr. Walker, head of Tech High's art department, and four of his outstanding students submitted twenty-two entries in the 1971 Scholastic Art and Photography Awards Contest. It was held February 27 thru March 13 at Southland Mall.

## Many Entries In Art Contest

This regional contest held entries from twenty-one western Tennessee counties. The contest was sponsored by Southland Mall and Scholastic Magazine. Both Southland Mall and The Scholastic Magazine are trying to encourage young people and students to be more creative in the art departments.

## Make A Date To Celebrate

The graduating class of '71 will top off the end of their hard-working year by attending the Senior Prom that guarantees to be a night of fun and dance.

Thanks to the efforts of Cora Moss, Linda Austin, Pat Ayres, Joy Taylor, and Tosca Parker the senior event that is to take place at the Sheraton Peabody Motor Inn located at 889 Union Avenue will give the class of '71 some thing to remember from their school days at Tech.

The event will begin at 8:30 P.M. and continue until 1:00 A.M. for those who really want to enjoy themselves.

A deposit of \$3.00 is required by April 3 for this formal event. The price for a single is \$8.00 and couples can come along for \$7.00. The cost will pay all expenses of food and for the entertainment from the great band the Dashikis.

If you miss this one, you miss out on the best time of your senior life.

## Be Important... Join The Staff

Being on one of the school's staffs is not only fun, but it is a learning opportunity.

You do things on the Newspaper staff such as being a page editor, writing many different types of stories, or even selling ad. One hour fifth period is devoted to newspaper staff time.

On the annual staff a different variety of things is offered. Photography heads the list. Other things are cropping pictures, layouts and inexhaustible amount of other things. One hour sixth period is offered for Annual staff time.

If you think you have the ability and the initiative contact Miss Ramsey in room 108 or one of the Staff members.

Don't pass up this experience that may help you get a job in the near future.

## Do Your Part Walk For Man

Memphians of all races and ages had a chance to show their concern for Mankind. This opportunity came on March 28 at 8:00 Sunday morning. The walk began at Blues Stadium and the last check point was on White Station road. In between these points were various other points. Each person received a card at Blues Stadium when he began his walk. As he came to every check point he stopped and got his card stamped. By the time he got his last stamp he had walked 20 miles. The purpose of the walk was to raise money to help support the less fortunate people of our nation. Each participant went out and got as many sponsors as possible. These sponsors agreed to pay a certain amount of money per mile to the participant. All the money was contributed to this cause. Each participant could sponsor himself.

Elizabeth Millington and a few other Techites worked very hard in preparing an assembly in which they introduced the walk. There were two films in the auditorium which showed the students and encouraged them to believe that this walk was important and was for a very important cause. The assembly took up a whole hour but was well worth the effort from the enthusiasm showed by the students. Immediately plans were begun to dedicate the whole Sunday to walk for Mankind. For all those students that still had doubts there was a program on WFBQ Sunday night from 9:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Students were asked to call the radio station and ask questions which they might have concerning the walk. The results were overwhelming. Several of the teachers here at Tech sponsored students in their classes.

## Congratulations To Our Best

Contestants, Teri Boyce, Pam Johnson, Diann Weatherly, Elizabeth Millington, Cathy Mills, Ruth Spencer, Tosca Parker, Diann Kasser, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Rule attended the TOEC Divisional Competition Activities at Memphis Area Vocational School. They brought back Tech awards for eight of the ten entered competitions. Tech's students brought home more first place awards than any other Memphis Schools entered in the contest.

Teri Boyce was entered in the Club of the Year contest in which she won first place. Ruth Spencer won first place in the club yearbook contest. Elizabeth Millington was first place winner in two of the contests. That was all the first place winners. These girls were the best in their special fields. Now we know they are the best in Memphis.

The four other awards were two second place winners and two third place winners.

Teri Boyce won second place in the Oral Presentation contest. Pam Johnson won second place in the recording minutes competition. The third place winners were Diann Weatherly in Printing Calculation and Cathy Mills in Stenographic Production.

All the first and second place winners will go to Nashville on April 2 for the state Competitive Activities.

# Long Hair On Athletes?

by James Franklin

Have you seen Joe Namath with his hair dangling below his football helmet or Joe Frazier with his sideburns emerging from behind the boxing gloves or Lou Alcindor with his goatee standing 7 feet tall?

The athlete from junior high to the professional ranks is involved in a revolution.

The revolution is the hair revolution. Why should athletes at Tech and other high schools and colleges be prevented from wearing their hair in reasonable, modern styles?

The reasons a coach may present for forcing his players to cut their locks are: 1. Long hair may look unsanitary or unneat, and the hair may affect the player's safety and skill. But, since the athletes take daily showers after every practice and wear clean equipment, coaches can't say the extra hair will be unsanitary. Athletes, realizing they are on performance in front of crowds, will keep their hair reasonably neat and trimmed if they have any pride at all.

Have you ever seen Muhammad Ali with his hair untrimmed and out of shape?

There is no way one can say the hair will endanger the athlete's skill and safety. Nine out of ten starters in the National Basketball Association All Star Game had either sideburns, goatees, or long hair and none of them were and have been injured because of their hair.

Nor can one contend that these athletes are not skillful. From the player's standpoint, after he sacrifices so much, he deserves some privileges and a player does sacrifice a great deal. Imagine that you practice from 2:15 to 6:15 everyday, six days a week. Sports are such a strain that one probably has to study two hours on what he has been exposed to in practice. So after athletics, the student gets two hours of study for schoolwork a night.

Recreational activities are difficult to fit into the schedule of the serious athlete. In other words, an athlete sacrifices a great deal for his school. Yet, in spite of this, coaches still shout, "Get your hair cut or don't play!"

It is time athletes found a new image for themselves. Athletes have always been thought of as machines who should be oiled every game instead of people with feelings, dignity, and pride. Being able to grow one's hair the way he wants, contributes to the person's dignity, pride, and personality.

Coaches have forgotten that players make the teams, and morale is important.

One can't find a coach today who has achieved fame without having skilled, enthusiastic players. The great Vince Lombardi did and so does John Wooden of U.C.L.A. One thing Tech and other schools should realize, before the coach starts giving orders to cut hair, is that the athlete has sacrificed much for his team and his school.

Reasonable allowances should be made for reasonable hair styles.

# What's It Like?? An American Citizen

by Nat Hawkins

Since the beginning of American history, the natives of this land have been proud of their heritage. This goes back many years, to the days of the Revolutionary War, when the colonies were breaking the binds that kept them from being called true Americans. Brave men, such as Thomas Paine and Patrick Henry paved the way for the upcoming generations. Today the people of America should be exceedingly happy that they are citizens of the leading country in the world. Some might feel that since they are already citizens, they have it made, and have nothing else to do. They pay taxes and feel the officials and enforcements should take care of everything else. How wrong can they be! Sure, there are many wonderful privileges of being an American citizen, but each citizen has certain responsibilities that are expected of him.

American citizens enjoy more freedom than any other country in the world. They have a voice in government, freedom of press, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, only to name a few. Most of them have had this all their lives and know it no other way; so it is taken for granted that this is the way it should be. If they were to visit some foreign communist countries, they would probably be shocked at the adverse conditions existing in those countries.

Another privilege of being an American citizen is opportunity for improvement of one's situation in life. Because of the beliefs of some people, sometimes the task seems impossible, but it can be done with determination and much hard work. There have been many people who have started from scratch and have become millionaires—James Brown and Elvis Presley to name a few.

Another and the most important privilege of being an American citizen is the educational opportunity. There was a time when only the wealthy people finished high school and went to college. Nowadays it is possible for everyone to get the type of education they want or need to become productive American citizens.

Being an American citizen is truly a great experience, but there is another side that goes along with it; the side that covers the responsibilities. Many people say they are proud Americans in time of peace, but when trouble comes, they seem to shy away. A good example is a robbery or shooting. Many people witness these incidents but fail to report it because they don't want to get "involved." A person who does this is really hurting the community, or even himself. He is allowing someone to go free that is a menace to society who will probably do more harm than good.

A person who doesn't want to get involved is a small situation compared to a citizen who doesn't abide by the law. They feel the laws are silly and sometimes unnecessary, so they show their disapproval by disobeying them. This is a very childish attitude and also a dangerous one. Suppose a man driving a car comes to a no left turn sign and decides he will turn anyway. He is endangering his life along with the lives of many innocent people. The laws are to protect people so it is to everyone's advantage to obey them.

Yes, being a citizen in this land is a marvelous experience, but still there are responsibilities that go along with it. Let us all strive to keep America the best by being the best citizens we possibly can.

# soundbox

MOVIE: "Gimme Shelter"

As I try to recall the movie, "Gimme Shelter", all that comes to me is a strange tenseness. I think of it as a documentary on something that perhaps nobody will understand for a long time to come.

The Altamont Festival recalls a tragic event in many minds. There was a force of destruction present there that perhaps was kindled unknowingly. I don't think there will ever be an answer to the question of why the life of a man was taken by another man amid the thousands of people present.

It had, of course, many incredible moments. The movie traced the few weeks period before the December 6, Festival in isolated scenes, such as Mick Jagger prancing across the stage and Ike and Tina Turner bringing it to the people. And there were some really funny spots until, the tenseness began to settle down. It seemed more than a documentary. It was at times, a summary of the organization that goes into a Festival. It was frightening to watch the manipulation of people by the other people. The whole thing will strike you as a human puppet show.

Was the killing expected? There was no evident reason for it, but throughout the movie the tenseness built up. Angels were randomly involved in rowls. Some people think the Stone's music induced a veil of violence on the people. Indeed, they were practically blamed for the murder.

Besides putting on film the tragic event, it showed quite successfully the fruitlessness of trying to kill violence once it has begun to grow. It was hard to believe that nothing the musicians did stopped that seed from growing into a reality. It was frightening to me to sit and continue watching and wondering, quite naturally, when the act would take place.

At one point in the Stone's performance, a man stoop on stage obviously moved to quite an extent by the music. Harmful. Yet, he was moved abusively off the stage. The Point? It is hard to grasp. I was glad to see him enjoying the music but it seemed wrong to move him in such a manner.

The most touching part of the movie, it seemed, was watching the Stones watch the tape of their performance, trying to figure out what had caused the outbreak. The film stopped and Mick Jagger left the room seemingly very moved, as if he were very saddened by people in general. Then the movie was over and I saw people leaving with the same expression on their faces.

# Something Lost Nothing Gained

To many students, a day in class would not be complete without a lecture from the teacher on why they should not cheat. But the teachers have better reasons to complain than the students. They know from experience that employers will not pay good money to employees who can not think for themselves or know their trade well. Cheating on tests or assignments gives the other guy a better chance at obtaining your job.

In the long run you gain by doing your own work. Even a loser, who at least tried at winning, gained by knowing what he did wrong and will be better prepared for the next try at his goal.

Everyone needs a goal so that he will have something for which to strive. If your goal is just to get out of school, even if you have to cheat, then you were already out before you even had the chance to cheat on your first test.

# Avoid Graduation Goofs Etiquette That's Foolproof

The graduating senior class received their formal announcements on March 26 and by now the big question in when and how do I mail my announcements?

To make everyone's graduation a perfect one and since Amy Vanderbilt is not available at the moment, the newspaper staff will give a few helpful pointers to proper etiquette in mailing graduation announcements.

About three weeks before graduation, announcements, addressed by yourself in blue or black ink, should be sent out. On the outer envelope the full address, using no abbreviations or names of children, is written. The inner envelope is addressed with the names that one would use in regular conversation and now including children's names. Most important, include name cards by inserting them properly in the announcement. The person who will receive your announcement will not know who has sent it to him if a name card is missing.

Place the announcement in the inner envelope having the folded edge at the bottom and the front facing the flap. Do not tuck the flap. The inner envelope with it's flap facing the address side of the outer envelope is inserted into the outer envelope.

With the outer envelope sealed neatly, it is now ready to be sent out by First Class mail.

# CRITICS CORNER

"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie"

by Debbie Scarborough and Ouida Robertson

"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" which closed on Sunday, March 14 at Memphis Little Theater was certainly a play worth seeing. The setting is in the early 20th century in Scotland. A nun (Ruth Butts) has written a book that has become very famous, and is being interviewed by a reporter (Bob McEntyre). She said her book was influenced by a former teacher, Miss Jean Brodie (Noopy Dykes). The play then progresses in a series of flashbacks to school days.

Miss Brodie is an incurable romantic. She has her favorites among the girls, and most of the play deals with them. Miss Brodie has a definite future in mind for each of her girls and is always predicting what the future of each will be. Each girl is deeply influenced by Miss Brodie's predictions and avidly believes in them.

Miss Brodie is also involved with two men. Her real love, Mr. Lloyd (Holden Potter), is only one that Miss Brodie uses, and he eventually marries another.

One of Miss Brodie's girls, Sandy (Drew Benson), is considered to be very intelligent, and Miss Brodie predicts she will become a famous spy. Another of the girls, Jennie (Bates Brooks), is beautiful. Miss Brodie says she will be painted many times and will have many affairs.

Sandy is jealous of Jennie, so to prove Miss Brodie wrong, Sandy has an affair with the art teacher, Mr. Lloyd, whom Miss Brodie really loves.

After the tragic death of Mary McGregor (Page Walker), another of the "Brodie set", Sandy finally realizes that Miss Brodie has a too deep influence on her students, and betrays her to the head of the school, Miss McKay (Jean Jack-

son), who dismisses Miss Brodie from Marcia Blaine School.

The most outstanding performances in the production were those of Miss Dykes, who successfully captured the subtleties in a romantic nature of Miss Brodie, and Miss Drew Benson, a visiting actress from New York. Miss Benson's performance was notable for her remarkable sense of communication and reaction. Fine performances were also given by Miss Page Walker, a none-to-adept student who provided most of the humor in the play, Mrs. Jean Jackson, a strong opponent for Miss Brodie, and Miss Ruth Butts, a nun who is really the mature Sandy. Robin Lacy, one of our Tech students, also performed her part well. We hope Robin will be seen again on the Little Theater stage.

The technical aspects in this production, like the acting, were superb. Although there were no complete changes of scenery only the adding or taking away of flats, one still got the idea that the scenes took place in separate places. The flats appeared to be painted with a sponge in a light shade of violet.

Of all the scene changes, the scenes in the head mistress's office were the most unique. Here, one got the idea that this took place in a completely different area simply by the rearranging of a desk.

The costumes, designed by Mr. Jay Erlicker, were very well done, especially Miss Brodie's which were so colorful. The uniforms which the girls wore flattered each of them and were well chosen for the period.

The lighting on the nun at the end with Miss Brodie's voice played in the background was very good and left one with a sort of love for Miss Brodie, in spite of her unhealthy philosophy.

Congratulations to director Sherwood Lorkey on another fine production at Memphis Little Theater.

# SMOKE OUT . . . APRIL 14

## TECH HIGH YELLOWJACKET



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Snooper's mmm? News

Here is your friendly snooper again who has been hard at work listening from around corners and all that stuff to write this column which is none of our business. We thought you would like to here some of the latest gossip so here it is.

Did you know that Peggy and Gary are really having fun since they got married?

Steve Johnson and Nanci Hinds got married March 11th.

Congratulations to Mr. Burnett, the new grandfather and a happy one too!

Have you noticed some of the "Shags" walking around Tech? I think P.J.'s looks the best.

Guess who went to the Living Room and got stoned Thursday Night?

Vicki K. is going to ask Mike R. to marry her during leap year! Now don't you think that's way out?

Warren L. is following Nat H. around. Be on your guard Nat.

E.M. and J.N. were seen walking the hall during class.

Did you know that Miss Ramsey plays with toy trucks?

What well-known senior is engaged to a Senior R.O.T.C. Officer at Central?

I wonder what Bobby E. and

Bobby G. are cooking up together at lunch.

Rebecca from Sunnybrook Farm is trying to make a come back with her midis.

Congratulations Cecelia Harper for winning the V.I.C.A. sweetheart contest.

Marilyn B., has Ronnie W. broken your heart or has he patched it up?

Ora B., which will you choose, James F. or Robert H.? You have them both.

Pat N. and Bob V. have planned to get married this summer.

Cleo, are you and Ronnie together or not? We've seen E.E. around you lately.

Janice P., you've been hanging around T.I. a lot lately. Have you two got anything together?

Everyone who walked for Mankind has flat feet.

This is to a person in Mrs. Hook's 4th period History class. "Prather your mother wants you."

O.R., are you still tearing dollar bills in half?

Claire S. came back to school to get her pictures; she's supposed to move on a farm in West Memphis.

Ask C.N. whose ring she is wearing.

Be A 1971 Volunteer

What will I do this summer? That is a very good question for many students who are not quite sure what this summer will be like. It really is not the question what I will do but what will I do worthwhile? Right now in progress the 1971 volunteer program has found something worthwhile for those students who want to keep busy this summer.

The program puts a teenager to work in a non-profit community serving such agencies as hospitals, museums, libraries, play care centers and specialized schools. Of course, working in a non-profit community the teenager will be working without pay but will gain in the experience of helping his fellow man and very few people nowadays give enough time to his fellow man unless money does the talking.

Not much will be asked of the volunteer except one or two days a week during the summer with two or three weeks given for vacations.

Under the careful supervision at all times of a professional staff the volunteer will build a progress record which will be sent to his

school and placed in his permanent records. Statistics show that these records kept on file has helped many in good references for job applications, college selection and career planning. Given a good opportunity for on-the-job experience the volunteer finds that he is different from others like him by serving his community and preparing himself for a good job.

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer this summer, register any weekday until 4:30 P.M. at the office of the Volunteer Service Bureau, 900 McCall Building. For further information call the Volunteer Service Bureau, 526-5836 or talk with Mrs. Horner or Mrs. McHaffie in the Guidance Office.

Instead of complaining all summer with the wrongs of the world don't just sit and wait for the other guy to make it right. Get out there and improve your community or the next time when you start complaining about the world think of the summer you could have helped those who really had something to complain about.

The Poet's Corner

I know that your wrong for me I just can't admit it out loud  
Everyone says I'm dumb and it's true  
So why do I always think of you  
Whenever you see me you act like you want me  
But when I leave, you want others I wish I could get you out of my mind  
But I guess it's true about love being blind  
What do I mean, how can I say love?  
I know, I know! I can't possibly love you  
Then why for for heaven's sakes, do I have this feeling inside  
The feeling that I just wish I could do  
Will you just please keep away from me  
Cos the more you come the more my need  
Just go away and leave this place It would be best if I didn't see your face.

I walk the road through woods I know so well  
I see the leaves fresh broke fall down still green  
Now shed by tree and blown how cruel and mean  
So fresh, so pure, tell why, yes why, they fell  
Have they done wrong or bad, kind sir do tell  
All fell I cry, "come back to light on this scene"  
This woods now bare can not survive so lean  
Men come with saws to cut these woods to sell.  
Man stop, see buds, new buds, so tiny, still small  
This tree will live and give new leaves again  
This woods will live and birds shall sing their song  
And ner, not ever, will leaves be blown and fall  
Don't cut once more for it would be a sin  
This woods will live and breed and not go wrong.  
—Jim Bob Bromley

Wanted! CLUB NEWS

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

A five ring, big top tent to house Miss Ramsey's 4th period English Class. There are just that many different acts going on at once.

All sincere, dedicated, concerned sophomores and juniors to sign up for the paper staff next year.

A very daring, impossible mission for Tech High's two super agents, Sylvester Smith, alias James West, and Patrick Crump, alias Artemus Gordon.

By popular demand, a new school. The student body is fed up with the food, freezing mad because the radiators don't work, sick of the old fashioned condition, and just plain tired of walking up and down all of those stairs.

A Tech High Talent Show to show Tech High students that "The Yellowjackets" have got talent.

All young men, between the ages of 18-65 with few physical defects for military duty.

Uncle Sam

Some new shades for Mrs. Hooke's 4th period History Class. The old ones keep falling on her head. Anyone with some pretty good used ones, should also feel free to contact Mike Reed.

The week of March 15-19, the Honor Society was busy planning for their spring induction which took place Friday, March 19. The Honor Society was pleased by the presence of Miss Margaret Kelly and would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her time and assistance.

Other plans in the air, at the moment, are those for the selling of annual covers. The exact date has not been agreed on yet, but it is sure to be sometime very soon. The covers are clear plastic as they were last year. Again the prices have not yet been set but will be announced in due time.

V.I.C.A.

Fifty-five members and three advisors went to Brownsville, Tennessee March 24 to participate in the divisional VICA contest. They left school at 6:30 A.M. and returned at 3:30 P.M.

Cheryl Shirley was Tech's representative for cosmetology. There were members of our club participating in public speaking. Mr. Peters and his boys worked to participate in the convention, along with the Art Department.

The V.I.C.A. officers are looking sharp in their red jackets with the VICA Emblem.

Celia Harper from the Art Department was chosen as Tech's VICA Sweetheart. She was also given a VICA jacket.

FHA

On Saturday, March 20, Pam Johnson, Barbara Matthews modeled in the Sears-Sew Arma.

This year state FHA's convention is to be held in Nashville, April 22 and 23. Pam Johnson, Carol Littlejohn, Barbara Matthews and Pam Mills will attend the convention.

DECA

The city wide DECA contest was held at Memphis State University. All DECA members were excused from school to participate in this. The contest included job interview, sales demonstration, ad lay-out, speech, and the window display. Bailey Wilkes, the contestant for sales demonstration won first place.

On March 9, 1971, the Tennessee Association of District 3 and 4, held its annual Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Peabody.

On March 25 and 26 the State Contest was held in Memphis. Also it was at Sheraton Peabody. Bailey Wilkes continued competition to determine if he will be sent to San Antonio, Texas for the national contest.

TOEC

On March 16, 1971, Tech's TOEC club went to Memphis Area Vocational School for TOEC's divisional contest. They received 1st place for Club of the Year—Teri Boyce, the Yearbook—Ruth Spencer, chairman, Jop application—Elizabeth Millington, and Student of the Year—Elizabeth Millington. They received 2nd place in Oral Representation—Teri Boyce, and Recording Minutes—Pam Johnson. They received 3rd place in Stenographic Production—Kathy Mills and Printing Calculation—Dianne Weatherly.

ART CLUB

On March 24, the art club went to Brownville, Tennessee to participate in a Vica contest at Haywood County High School. Betty Boyette entered public speaking.

Art Club is preparing 80 streamers for the Mid-South Spelling Bee. They are still doing posters for drug abuse.

A Calm April Fools Picnic

As we set off on our destination I looked at the sun rising in the west and wondered if I would ever see this beautiful sight again. Allen and I hopped in the speed boat and headed toward the marsh on the other side of the lake.

We stopped to fish, and Allen caught a 300 pound channel cat, and I came up with just a 50 pound bass. About that time the motor in the boat died, so I buried it at sea. We were a good 500 yards from shore. There was only one thing to do . . . jump in and grasp the tow rope with my teeth and pull the boat to shore. All was going fine until a bunch of alligators attacked. Funny I could have sworn one of them looked like David Williams. Anyway, after I overcame them, I was virtually exhausted. After a seemingly endless swim we finally reached the shore.

As tired as we were, we pushed on. I threw the boat on my back, along with the motor and started down the trail toward the marsh. We walked for hours before we finally camped.

I started a fire while Allen started to skin the alligators for alligator skin purses. We threw the drunk one back.

After a good night's sleep, which was much needed, we started back on the trail. We walked a little way when I heard a strange growl. I looked around to behold the purple mad dog. In fact there were four purple mad dogs. They had four inch horns, and four inch teeth and four inch tails. They also had four eyes and four ears and three and one half legs. They attacked. I handled three while Allen took the big one. When we finished them off, we started back on the trail.

We had the pleasure of meeting George Washington with the actual ax that chopped down the cherry tree. When asked why he did it he replied "because it was a rotten lousy cherry tree". Also we met Adam's third rib, Eve. She was escorted by a slimy looking guy.

Arriving at the marsh, I decided it was too shallow to use the boat, so we would have to wade across.

Halfway across I met Spiro Agnew. When asked what he was doing there he replied, "looking for a golf ball."

After reaching the other side, the man eating grass was too much for us so we had to make a detour.

We swam through the pool of 1000 piranha only to come out and discover we were lost. I told Allen to climb on a little hill and see where we were. After climbing 500 feet he recognized our destination to be 400 miles northsouth. We'd have to jog. In three days and many minute delays we arrived.

We had to fight off an army of killer ants and one uncle, but we finally got down to business.

Allen made raisin sandwiches while I opened the hard drinks. We had a dandy April fools picnic . . .

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# SENIORS DISCUSS 'THE EVENT'

When the Tech High Senior Athletes were asked what kind of experience they faced at Tech, they all agreed it was a very unique one. But when asked the events that were most significant to them or the game that they'll treasure above all others, their responses were varied. To completely describe each senior's "Special Event" would be impossible because they were too long. The paper staff tried to tell each player

experience briefly, but retain the excitement and drama they used to express them. Below is a brief summary from each player:

**Adrian Stoots:** The most significant thing to me was when we won the first three games of our "68" football season. I started as a linebacker in all three.

**Sylvester Watkins:** In a baseball game against Olive Branch, Miss. this year, I hit a triple to bring in a run. There were two strikes

on me and our man was on second. I felt like a pro.

**Mark Pipkins:** Against Hillcrest, my alert defensive play resulted in an interception. I did a breathtaking 25 yard gallop into the endzone for my first touchdown.

**Larry Dickerson:** The first basketball game of my junior season, was my best. I set my two career high, 14 points and 12 rebounds.

**Eddie Eston:** The Whitehaven game was probably my best ever. I scored once and threw for approximately 200 yards.

**Garry Groce:** I think the Whitehaven game was my most successful in a Tech High uniform. I knew it was my last Football game and I did the best I could.

**Billy Laneer:** A track meet against Melrose my sophomore year was something to remember.

It was in fifth place coming down the stretch in the 800 run. I turned in the burner and passed three Melrose runners, the third being so

surprised, he fell on his face. I finished second.

**Ralph Hammond:** When we beat Catholic in a baseball game last year I made two put outs in one inning and knocked in a very important run.

**Jeff Carlock:** The baseball game I pitched against Catholic last year, I felt it personally was my best. We won.

**Ernest Palmer:** Just being able to play baseball under Coach Wright and compete with other guys from different schools are the two most significant events for me.

**Eddie Faulkner:** When I got a hit against Harding Academy to drive in the two winning runs.

**Mike Williams:** I won the mile run against Overton last year.

**Frank Galloway:** Game No. 4: Tech vs. Frayser; 1970. For once in a long time we were on the verge of winning. But my dream for victory, my hopes for post-

season honors and my chances for a scholarship were all destroyed in the fourth quarter when I broke my wrist. I really hated to miss the last six games.

**Frankie Gattuso:** The most significant event of my athletic career at Tech was when I played all four quarters of the football game against Central as a linebacker.

**Gary Murchinson:** In the Whitehaven game, I took the opening kickoff, dashed down the sideline, and was almost knocked out by a Whitehaven player. I also made 13 tackles.

Every senior leaving Tech will leave, not having attained his goal, to make Tech a winner. This is not to say that they haven't tried. But if players were measured on courage, determination, and perseverance, our players would be No. 1 in everybody's book.



Billy Laneer prepares to take a swing as Sylvester Watkins gives the pitcher a tricky signal.

## Experienced vs. Inexperienced In Battle To Prepare Track Team

Trying to make a track team out of inexperienced athletes can be a headache. But just in case you want to know how it's done, talk with either Coach Sivert or Coach Collins. They've taken a few seniors and an inspired bunch of sophomores and juniors and formed the Tech High track team. Both coaches are optimistic about the team's chances against other schools. They're not too quick to say we'll burn up the cinders, out in talking with them you get the impression that they expect a lot from this group.

The Jackets have no permanent lineup, but a general idea of the athletes and their events is listed below:

Gary Murchinson, the pole vault, mile and 800 run, Mike Williams, 800 run and low hurdles, James Cox, low hurdles and dashes, Johnny Shamley, distance man, Mike Braden and Robert Hollingsworth, shot, discus, high jump, and middle distance, Gary Huffman, Ken Gomilla, Gregory Brown, Alfonso Jones, Vauell Coleman, Tommy Logan, Raymond Perry, Earl Johnson, Anthony Ervin, James Crumbley, and Danner Sykes are responsible for the relays and dashes.

## Track Schedule

- March 26—Tech, Kingsbury, Whitehaven ..... Fairgrounds
- March 30—Tech, Kingsbury, Wooddale ..... Fairgrounds
- April 1—Tech, Catholic, Wooddale ..... Halle
- April 5—Tech, Mitchell, Catholic, Frayser, Trezevant ..... Firestone
- April 13—Tech, Manassas, Harding ..... Fairgrounds
- April 17—Invitational Meet of Champions  
(composed of teams from Tenn., Miss., and Ark.)
- April 21—Conference Meets
- April 22—Conference Finals
- April 24—City Finals
- April 28-29—T.S.S.A. A., District I, II, III Finals

## Coach Wright Says We're Ready To "Play Ball"

Talented and experienced were the two adjectives used by Coach Wright to describe this year's baseball team. "I think we'll do real well," he said.

Seven returning lettermen from a 9-5 season last year, form this year's nucleus. With the absence of a super player the Jackets have combined unselfish teamwork and determination to once again put together a strong starting unit.

The starting team consists of Sylvester Watkins, catcher, Eddie Faulkner, first baseman, Chucky Scott, second baseman, Jeff Carlock is the shortstop, and Ralph Hammonds rounds out the infield playing third. The outfielders are Mark Pipkins, left field, Gary Groce, right field, and Billy Laneer, center field.

The Jacket's top three starting pitchers, Kevin Long, Roy Sanders, and Jeff Carlock are all experienced.

Last year's leading hitter, Billy Laneer also returns.

Other members of this year's team are Ernest Palmer, Gary Tucker, Dan Anglin, Paul Arnold, Kevin Johnson, Ken Phillips, Daniel Casey, and Raymond Douglass.

The Jackets have fared well in exhibition games with Olive Branch, Miss., and Harding Academy.

This year's schedule is listed below.

## Baseball Schedule

- Frayser—March 29 ..... Fairgrounds, #1
- Manassas—March 31 ..... Fairgrounds, #1
- Whitehaven—April 2 ..... Whitehaven
- Trezevant—April 8 ..... Trezevant
- Treadwell—April 14 ..... Fairgrounds, #1
- Douglas—April 16 ..... Fairgrounds, #1
- Frayser—April 20 ..... Tobey, #2
- Manassas—April 22 ..... Legion
- Whitehaven—April 26 8:00 ..... Legion
- Trezevant—April 30 ..... Legion
- Treadwell—May 4 8:00 ..... Legion
- Douglass—May 6 ..... Tobey, #2

All Games at 4:00 Except Otherwise Indicated

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## Welcome!

The newest addition to the Tech High faculty, gym instructor Mr. Richard Newer, is a recent graduate of Memphis State University. Although he's primarily concerned with Phys. Ed. at Tech he is endorsed to teach Biology and all phases of History. Mr. Newer hails from Chicago and cites better weather and an opportunity to meet different people as reasons to attend Memphis State.

Mr. Newer's interest in Phys. Ed. is a natural one resulting from the challenge presented by all forms of competitive sports. When asked how he felt about Tech High's Phys. Ed. department Mr. Newer said, "I think some phases of it such as volleyball, dancing, and health should be co-educational and the classes should be decreased in size."

After this school term he plans to do full time graduate work or teach and go to night school.

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