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Left to right—Steve Shelton, Lawrence Rouser, Lee Pearson, Brenda Riales, Joellyn McNeil, Frank Rice, Joyce Brashier, Donna Ray, Ricki Jackson, Roger Orman, Lt. Crossnine, Mr. J. Walker.

The Student Council Get On The Way

The officers for this year's Student Council are Pres. Sonja Shields, Vice-Pres. Joey Webster, Secretary Carla Tucker, Treasurer Jackie Stewart, Chaplain Steve Harris and Reporter Sharon Wheeler.

These officers were elected last spring to serve for this year. The Student Council represents the whole student body. The homeroom selects a representative to be on the student council and an alternate. The representative automatically becomes the president of the homeroom. And if he doesn't stand up to his position the alternate takes over when the council has a meeting it is the representative place to get the news to the homeroom, and keep them up to date on the news. On September 28, each homeroom elected a student council representative and alternate to join the previously elected officers. The representative are: Michael Clark, Spencer Harris, Ted Jeans, Robert Reed, Bill Naron, Rebecca George, Betty Drew, Ora Lee Burks and Janice Camburn, all seniors. Bobby Brown, George Greer, Mickey Jolly, Orlando Richmond, Calvin Williams, Larry Fullilove, Anita Fevurly, Mary Bolden, Linda Coleman and Cleo Thomas are junior representatives.

Willie Brown, Bill Davis, Ronnie Fields, Michael Bell, John Mullins, Billy Taylor, Mike Wells, Rhonda Barkley, Sylvia Cole, Mary Herron, Patricia Mertz, Ann Polk, Janet Starnes, Patricia Smile, Carl Exum and Ralph Kemp are sophomore representatives.



1971-72 Homecoming Queen Connie Curry with 1st alternate Jo Nell Barkley, Second alternate Jackie Stewart, and court Mary Bolden, Sharron Wheeler, Pam Torres, and Linda Johnson.

Tech Wins First Prize In Poster Contest

First prize winner in the 1971 Fire, Prevention Poster contest was Clarence Phillip in Mr. Marsh's homeroom.

Firemen were at Tech on Thursday, November 11 to take pictures. This poster and photograph, along with the other winners, will be sent to Boston, Massachusetts for National Competition.

Clarence is a second year commercial art student under the instruction of Mr. Jobe Walker, and is also enrolled in a corresponding course in cartoon.

Pat Smile Wins Volunteer Honor

Patricia A. Smile, a tenth grade Techite, was presented an award as runner-up volunteer-of-the-year on the George Klein Talent Party on channel 13, Saturday, October 30.

Patricia's honor was given on the basis of her many hours of work at city of Memphis. The overall winner was Marian Donati of St. Agnes, and the other runner-up was Leslie Burson of White Station.

Other volunteers at Tech are Patricia Clay, Sharon Crapo, Sherie Linke, and Letha Turner.

Pat Smile's thoughts about volunteer work are summed up in her statement: "Helping a person who can't help himself is one of the greatest things anyone can do and believe me, it gives a very big thrill!"

History and Traditions of Tech Revealed

New students are always curious about the history of their school. How old is it? What are some of its traditions? Many students from last year may not know the answers to these questions.

Memphis Technical High School is one of the oldest schools in the city. Many older people can remember when Tech High was located at 317 Poplar, but the history of the school goes back even further.

There are four periods in the past for Tech. The first covers the years 1878 to 1892; the second from 1892 to 1917; the third from 1917 to 1928; and the fourth from 1928 to the present.

Tech began in 1878 as Hope Night School, founded as a private school by Mr. J. C. Johnson, who saw the need for occupational training for boys who had been orphaned by the War between the states, and the yellow fever epidemic. The school was operated in a building on Main Street owned by Mr. Johnson, who also financed the operation of the school. After Mr. Johnson left Memphis, his daughter, Miss Lillian Wyckoff Johnson continued the operation until it became part of the public schools in 1892.

Tech had many locations during the years following 1892, but became more permanently located at 317 Poplar in 1917. Mr. J. L. Highsaw became principal of the school, then called Crockett Technical in 1917. Mr. Highsaw, a native of Texas and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, had been a classroom teacher prior to his appointment as

principal of Crockett Tech.

Mr. Highsaw served as principal from 1917 until the new building was completed in 1928 when he and his faculty moved to the new Tech at 1266 Poplar. Mr. Highsaw remained at Memphis Tech until the spring of 1957 when he retired. Many leaders throughout the nation are among the thousands who graduated from Tech High.

Mr. W. A. Bourne became principal in 1957. Under his leadership Tech has continued to serve the entire city of Memphis in the established tradition. One of Mr. Bourne's proudest accomplishments was having a new gymnasium constructed in 1964. Many new courses have been added to the curriculum under Mr. Bourne's guidance.

Loyalty and friendliness are two traditions at Tech. Many former students support the school in many ways and keep in touch with Mr. Bourne. And the faculty generosity in charity drives is another characteristic of Tech students. They are also proud of the beauty of the well-established trees and shrubs which make the campus one of the loveliest in the area.

The school colors are blue and gold. The motto is "Ad Astra per Aspera", which is Latin for "to the stars through striving." The mascot is the yellowjacket, the athletic symbol which is also featured on the class rings.

Truly students at Memphis Technical High School have much to be proud of in the history and traditions of their school.

Club News

DECA NEWS

Earlier in the year after all schedules were settled and the students were notified, the members of Tech High Distributive Education Clubs of America or DECA for short elected their annual officers to represent the club for the year 71-72 term. The elections were held in September with the following officers elected: President, James Franklin; Vice President, Deborah Rhodes; Secretary, Lois Wicker; Treasurer, Barbara Ashmore; Reporter, Bailey Wilkes; Parliamentarian, Brenda Lagos.

The Tech High Chapter of D.E. in Memphis has great plans for their part of the club. Our club has designated several events for the year and most are still in the rough stage. The club so far has had its annual Halloween picnic, which turned out to be a great success with most members being in attendance throughout the day. It was held at Overton Park by the Pavilion Sunday, October 31, and lasted from 7:00 on. The day proved most successful joining the new members with the old and a sense of togetherness was soon accomplished! The day was mild, the sun was shining and so were we.


Student Teachers

Michael McKeen, Mrs. Weber's student teacher, is now attending Memphis State and will graduate December 18. He is twenty five years old, married, and has no children. When asked if he thought being a student teacher here at Tech was good experience, he said "I think student teaching has been a good experience because I have somebody to help me if I don't know something. That way I'm not thrown into a classroom without anyone to advise me." He said he enjoyed teaching here at Tech because the students here are from all over the city and all of them have varied backgrounds. He plans to be a D.E. teacher hopefully in a school in Florida. D.E. is on the job training with related classroom activities. D.E. is his major subject, and he likes it because there is a variety of activities involved.

Miss Ora Rodgers, Mrs. Woolridge's student teacher, is now attending Le Moyne College. She has nine more days left student teaching at Tech. Miss Rodgers is single and comes from a middle size family. Mrs. Woolridge says Miss Rodgers is well prepared in her field. Miss Rodgers' interests are playing the organ and the piano, and likes sports. She attended one of Tech's games and said the players were good and putting out a fine effort. At Le Moyne College Miss Rodgers is a member of the NEA and was one year president of the NEA. Miss Rodgers says by student teaching at Tech she has gained alot of experience, and she feels right at home because the students and faculty are so nice.



First place winner in subscription to the Yellowjacket was Mrs. Thomas' homeroom 12-07.

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Mrs. Smith and TOEC Officers Attend Meeting at Memphis State

The Leadership Conference for the Tennessee Office Education Clubs for the city of Memphis was held at Memphis State on Friday, October 8, 1971. Fourteen schools were represented at this meeting.

Mr. Paul Homes, the State Consultant for TOEC, Mr. Gilbert Harrison, the West Tennessee Regional Supervisor, and Mrs. Dorothy Simmons, a Parliamentarian authority were speakers at the conference.

Group workshops were conducted for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Reporters, and Parliamentarians. Mrs. Smith, Tech's sponsor, conducted the workshop for parliamenta-

rians. The duties of each officer, the main purposes of the club, and the State Convention to be held in Nashville were discussed.

The officers who attended the meeting from Tech were President, Jo Barkley; Vice President, Ora Burkes; Assistant Secretary, Gloria Nelson; Treasurer, Jo Ann Bell; Reporter, Betty Drew; and Parliamentarian, Debra Blakemore.

Tech's First Play

Tech High Drama Department under the direction of Mrs. Sallie Thomas is presenting "The Absent Minded Professor", which will have one performance, Friday afternoon, December 10th, beginning at 1:15. The tickets will be \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for students.

This play, written by L. Vern Slout is a hilarious comedy about a professor who is so absent minded he can hardly remember his own name.

The evening starts off to be just a birthday party for the professor at his summer cottage, but as things turn out, the professor finds himself at the gunpoint of two crooks who have gotten him involved in a statue robbery. This is a very funny comedy which we are sure everyone will enjoy.

The cast consists of: Professor I. Q. Allen—Jeff Sanders, his wife—Carla Tucker, the town hick sheriff, Hiram Hummel—Jim Bratton, the two crooks, Barr—Straughter Morris and Snatch—Ted Jeans, and Imogene, whose been bitten by the drama bug, Robin Lacy. Terry Williams. Laura Allen, Michael Synder, Billy Taylor, Sharon Wheeler, and Jo Nell Fisher.



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PTA Worker Wins Honor

Mrs. Don Fevurly, first Vice President in the Tech PTA, has been given the Governor's Outstanding Tennesseean Award for work in the state's foster-home program, the first such honor to a West Tennesseean. She is a familiar lady to Tech students because of her involvement with PTA. She has provided a home and motherly love to nine foster children, three of whom still live with the Fevurlys. They are Carolyn, 17; Charlene, 16; and Cheryl, 14. Mrs. Fevurly has two daughters of her own, Anita, 16, and Donna 13.

Mrs. Fevurly believes in helping others because she was given help and encouragement in her own teen years. "A lot of people think that because teenagers are young, we don't need to respect them. If we show them respect and consideration, they'll give it back a hundredfold," she commented.

The members of the PTA and the Tech student body have every reason to be proud of Mrs. Fevurly.

TOEC HAS HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE AND CANDY SALE

On October 28 the TOEC members and sponsors, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Rule gave a Halloween Open House for the faculty and Mr. Bourne.

Many of the members were busy at work showing what fields are involved in the VOE program. Some of these students were Edie Martin, Debbie Lawson, Ora Burkes, Dale Morgan, Amy Hanson, Cathy Free, Pat Robinson, Susan Rogers, and Virginia Brady.

Some other students were dressed in Halloween costumes. Mrs. Smith and Betty Drew came as bats. Cathy Murphree and Pat Moore were witches. Ruth Parker and Susie Rosebrough were old women. Jackie Stewart, Debbie Green, and Sara Thompson were hoboos, and Jo Barkley came as a ghost.

Refreshments were provided for the faculty.

The VOE classes also had a candy sale. Over \$14,000 dollars worth of candy was sold. This money will be used in helping needy families, and will be used in buying clothes for some of the needy students here at Tech.

TECH WINS IN NFL

Tech's NFL is still gaining recognition under the guidance of Mrs. Sallie Thomas and Mrs. Marva Hunt.

Recently Mike Snyder won a plaque for poetry interpretation in the White Station Speech Tournament.

At Central High on November 12 and 13, Sara Kennedy won a trophy for first place in poetry interpretation, David Morris and Janice Payne won a second place trophy in Duet Acting and Mike Snyder, certificate in poetry interpretation.

We are looking forward to Messick's Tournament in early December to bring Tech more Trophies.

The transfer of Miss Butts to Central has caused quite a bit of nostalgia. However, we feel, we were fortunate in having had her to work with us when we did, but now we hope she is happy at Central and that the students there will benefit from her wealth of experience as we did. So Tech's NFL says "Goodbye Miss Butts, Hello Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Hunt."

SPANISH CLUB NEWS

The Spanish Club met under the direction of Miss Grubs to elect officers. They are Robin Lacy, President; Gregory Brown, Vice President; Vicki Frazier, Secretary; and Beverly Randall, Treasurer.

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Yellowjackets Hit Losing Streak

After a promising beginning, the Yellowjackets yielded to several oppressors. Collierville overcame the Techites 35 to 14 while Harding prevailed 21 to 6. The Frayser Rams scored 44 to Tech's 12 while Catholic barely nipped the Jackets, 26 to 22. Manasses proved a powerhouse, rolling up a score of 52 to 0.

Tech's lone victory of recent date was the October 13 contest with Northside at Crump Stadium. The 14 to 8 score reflected the good defensive play of both teams.

The most outstanding performance of the Jackets in recent weeks was probably their effort against Catholic, Coach Tom Clary, stated: "Tech really came out to play football."

Jerry Chambers shone in the Catholic game, returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown and taking a 62 yard pass from Kevin Scott. Scott helped the cause with an 18 yard sprint for another touchdown.

Tech High Cares

Many students from Tech gave unselfishly their time to collect for the Hemophilia Drive, which was on Sunday, October 4. As you know, people with hemophilia are called free-bleeders. It is a disease of the blood. This drive took these students all over the streets of Memphis.

Sonjia Shields, the chairman, said that everyone seemed to be cooperative. Ted

1971-72 Basketball Schedule

Nov. 23—C.B.H.S.	Home
Nov. 29—Germantown	Away
Nov. 30—Booker T. Washington	Home
Dec. 3—Southside	Away
Dec. 7—Germantown	Home
Dec. 8—C.B.H.S.	Away
Dec. 10—Booker T. Washington	Away
Dec. 16—Bartlett	Away
Jan. 4—Bolton	Home
Jan. 7—Southside	Home
Jan. 11—Bartlett	Home
Jan. 14—Northside	Home
Jan. 21—Frayser	Away
Jan. 25—Catholic	Home
Jan. 27—Bolton	Away
Jan. 28—Manasses	Home
Feb. 1—Trezevant	Away
Feb. 4—Northside	Away
Feb. 8—Frayser	Home
Feb. 11—Catholic	Away
Feb. 15—Manasses	Away
Feb. 18—Trezevant	Home

Jeans, co-chairman; Ore Lee Burkes, Helen Wright, Rosie Bell, Laura Allen, Orlando Richmond, Billy Griffin, Cheryl Kennedy, and Robin Lacy were participants in the Tech Drive. The teacher that sponsored the drive for Tech was Mr. Hal Baker.

The amount of money collected was \$50.00. This money has been donated to the National Hemophilia Foundation. It will be spent in helping the sick and on research for a cure.

TV Guide

- Ironside—Glenn Simpson
- Sarge—Mr. Little
- Sesame Street — Miss Henry's physics class
- Flip Wilson—Melvin Larry
- Carol Burnett—Brenda Declue
- Dean Martin Show—Art Martin
- Six Wives of Henry VIII—Henry Presley
- Ten O'Clock News—Sharon Wheeler
- Mannix—Tommy Logan
- Tonight—Melvin Bledsoe
- Mission Impossible—Passing English
- The Wild, Wild West—Jerry Chambers
- Medical Center—Football coaches
- Room 222—Mrs. Morris's 5th period class
- Odd Couple—Sonja Shields and Spencer Harris
- Mr. Wizard—Mr. Dworshak
- Mary Tyler Moore—Nat Hankins
- That Girl—Rosie Bell
- Bewitched—Mary Bolden
- All in the Family—the Chus, the Johnsons, the Currys, the Thompsons, the Browns, the Starnses, the Stuckeys, the Brandons, the Boldens
- Funny Face—Jackie Neal
- General Hospital—Duane Shannon
- Another World—Mrs. Wooldridge's biology classes
- One Life to Live—Billy Moore
- Let's Make a Deal—Debbie Green
- Romper Room—The Annual Staff
- Curiosity Shop—Mr. Little's office
- Jackson Five—Tracy Hayes, Jesse Bledsoe, Ricky Johnson, Amos Turner, Charles Garner
- The Man and the City—Michael Martin
- Love is a Many Splendored Thing—Ronnie and Marilyn

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