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TOEC girls work on float decorations for the National Education Week Parade.

## Tech Gets New Assistant Principal

Maybe you haven't met him, but when you do so, I hope its under good conditions. He's six feet tall and full of power. I am talking about our new assistant principal, Mr. Robert Terrell. If you do not know too much about him, then let me hip you.

Mr. Terrell went to high school at St. Augustine, now Father Bertrand and graduated from there. He went to college at Mississippi Industrial in Holly Springs where he received his B.S. Degree. Later, he got his Masters from Arkansas State. He taught two years at Walker Elementary and I'm sure they loved him. He then went to Corry where he started as a physical education teacher. He was Coach of football, baseball, and basketball. RIGHT ON? After moving up to administrative aide, he had to drop those other duties. He spent eleven years at Corry Jr. High School.

Mr. Terrell thinks Tech is a very good school. He said, when he first got to Tech he didn't know what to think, but after being here for a while he feels right at home. He said the students are very considerate and friendly. He believes in being fair but firm, as some of our students well know. He wants to be known as the Asst. Principal and not the Black Asst. Principal. Was he in love with Corry Jr. High? Yes he was, but he believes he will love Tech even more.



NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mr. Terrell comments on the kids at Tech: "Most of them come because they want to attend here. Black and White get along very well here. They are very intelligent and very friendly Students."

The office staff comments on Mr. Terrell: "He is just great and most cooperative with the office staff," said Mrs. Pate.

Mrs. Terrell said, "In such a short time He has established a good relationship with the students and I think he'll work out fine."

Mr. Terrell has been nominated and selected to appear in the 1973 edition of WHO'S WHO IN TENNESSEE, which is a compilation of information on outstanding citizens of the state of Tennessee. To be considered for listing in this important publication, one must have distinguished himself in business, government, or civic awareness. To Mr. Terrell we would like to give our sincerest congratulations for being selected.

Mr. Terrell has been with us for quite a while and now we feel he is really part of us as a whole. We would like to thank him for what he has done for us in that length of time. We will do what we can to make your stay with us a long one. So, Mr. Terrell we say to you, GOOD LUCK AND MAY YOU BE WITH OUR GREAT SCHOOL A VERY LONG TIME.

## Homecoming Shows True School Spirit

The crowning of Marcia Taylor as Tech's 1973 Homecoming Queen was the highlight of a spirited pep rally which featured humorous skits and contests.

The members of the Queen's Court were, 1st runner-up Terri Cox escorted by Dwight Lee and 2nd runner-up Debbie Devaiser escorted by Jerry Wilkerson. The members of the court were Janice Lamar escorted by Sidney Sharp, Cheryl Weber escorted by Larry Wilson, Reda Riley escorted by Ray Hassell, and Toni Jordan escorted by Cornelius McFadgon. There was a beautiful array of for-

mals worn by the members of court. The cheerleaders and their escorts were Lynn Logan escorted by Sam Martin, Denise Craig escorted by Kevin Payne, Brenda McAllister escorted by Eddie Torres, Robin Brown escorted by Tyrone Gentry, Kathy Craig escorted by Mike Lawson, Mary Herron escorted by Charles Wren, and Shaileen O'Kelly escorted by Richard O'Connor. The cheerleaders looked wonderful in their gold and blue outfits.

Winners of the prizes deserved them. The winner of the door prize was Mrs. Campbell's homeroom. Mrs. Lee's homeroom won the big mouth award with Mrs.

Lee and her nice cartwheel. The runner up was Mrs. Alderson.

Decorations were done by the Commercial Art Department. Portia Johnson received special commendation for her work.



Queen Marcia Taylor who ruled over Tech's Homecoming festivities.

## Student Council Is At Work

Under the leadership of Marcia Taylor the Student Council began making plans for the coming year.

Other officers are Terri Cox, Vice-President; Edna Saquing Secretary; Rita Smith, Chaplin; and Mike Lawson, Sergeant at Arms.

To assist these officers the following homeroom representatives have been chosen; Julius Crutcher, Milton Dickerson, Tim Barnes, Autry Mills, Diane Brooks, Dorrie Forbess, Angela Johnson, and Debra Williams, all of whom are Seniors. The Junior and Sophomore representatives are John Bolden, Cleveland Lee, Carol Henderson, Larry Wilson, Robert Pruitt, Malverta Trotter, Crystal Brown, Roderick Horton, Carolyn Hines, Diana Booker, Vivian Porter, Victoria Washington, John Sweeney, Alma Jones, Deborah Deaviser, Rhonda Ezelle, Jannie Albright, Mack Starnes, Kermit Ferrell, Diane Sullivan, Beatrice Brooks, Sheila Reid, Katrina Starnes, Timothy Jordan, Karen Cox and James Wright.

Alternates were also chosen in case their representatives cannot serve. They are Janet Taylor, Pam Smith, Rita Smith, Mary Herron, Joyce Brasher, Marcus Taylor, Linda Johnson, Agnes Bragg, Gerald Adams, Thomas Dickerson, Kenneth Cox, Sandra Smith, Allen Moore, Pat Wooden, Feary Alston, Keigh House, Cheryl Mathis, Shirley Price, James Remy, Darlene Walton, Arthur Cooperman, Donna Johnson, Vicki McDonald, Teresa Blakemore, Charles Jones, Denise Herring, Eleanor Scott, Linda Jones, Arthur Frazier, Shirley Patterson, Jennifer Phillips, Lavine Lee Sheena Herron, and Troy Mathis.

## Tech Grads Face World

Our Tech graduates of the year "73" really have made us proud of them. You see, they've stepped on to higher ground, so let's cheer it out.

I heard that Shelby State really has some Tech graduates, such as Vickie Adams, Reda White, and Paula Boyland. More power to you. Memphis State is really getting its fill of our cool school. Some grads doing their thing are Terry Williams, Nancy Stewart, Ricky Bullock (doing his thing in football), Melba Jones, David Williams, Darlene Guidi, Jerri Moore, Kerry Engle and Joey Webster. Three of our graduates doing their thing at Business School are Elma Brown, Suzanne McKa, and Morris Williams.

A lot of our graduates have gone out of town, but we have still got good lines on them, anyway. Lane College has claimed Janice Payne. Tennessee State at Martin has our beloved Venus Jones, Michael Braden, and Chris Taylor. Everyone has their own thing to do, and some grads wanted to see the working world. A few are: Henry Rosenthal at Kress, Cecil Bing at Keystone Lab, Tommy Logan at Yale Fork Lift, Bill Tune at Gould Battery, Barry McGraw at Richards, and Glenn Church at Elam Machine and Fabricating Shop. Larry Morrison and Calvin Williams are in the army.

Some graduates took the walk, including Lovell and Cleo, Langston and Vickie, Ronnie and Robin and Paul and Pam. We offer our sincerest congratulations and wish you many long years together. Teresa Howe, Lynn Lawler, Rita Ragle, Barbara Walker, are among the new brides.



Pictured above is Mrs. Miriam Bright, who retired recently after teaching typing at Tech several years.

## Mrs. Bright Retires

Many Tech students have missed Mrs. Miriam Bright, who taught typing here for several years. Mrs. Bright quietly retired at the end of the 1972-73 school year, with very few people knowing of her decision. Since faculty and students did not have an opportunity last spring to bid her farewell, the newspaper staff wants to express on behalf of everyone at Tech their best wishes to Mrs. Bright.

Typing is probably one of the most useful courses a student can take, whether he is going to college or to work. Mrs. Bright had the ability to motivate her students and to make her course enjoyable. As one student commented, "She made the subject easy to understand and was always kind to us." She was also a strong fan of the athletic program and attended many games.

Mrs. Bright had the reputation of being a person who was really concerned about others. We know that in retirement we will enjoy the extra time with her family. We hope, however, that she can spare a minute to visit her friends at Tech.



# Techites Pick Song Hits

What is your favorite song, Techites? We on the staff have been listening around to find out which are the most popular here at Tech. We asked about a hundred students and teachers what their favorite songs were. The top ten are as follows:

1. We're an American Band - James Dodson, Doug McNeil, Lamar Freman, George Burks, Terry McGan, Blane Stultz
2. Keep on Truckin' - Priscilla Coleman, Jeanette Lewis, Tim Jordan, Michael Barringer, Michael Neil, Perry King

3. Let's Get It On - Beatrice Brooks, Anthony Craig, Anthony Kig, Earl Wynn, Mike Miller
4. Free Ride - Ricky McAllister,
5. Rambling Man - Mike McQuietes, Kurt Castorlin, Lon Weaver
6. Half-Breed - Cindy Wahlen, Amel Norman
7. Rocky Mountain Way - Sharon Lyons, Mike Mills
8. It's Cheaper to Keep Her - Agnes Bragg, Mrs. Campbell
9. Midnight Train to Georgia - Anita Kent
10. Love Maze - Hanes Blakely

# T.V. Guide

- Shaft - Kevin Payne
- That Girl - Brenda McAllister
- Talent Showcase - Robin Brown, Terri Cox, Shalene O'Kelly
- Adam 12 - Grady Jones, Joe Pearson
- The Little People - Football team
- Love of Life - Mark and Reda
- Hee Haw - Michael Hawkins, Henry Parker, Wilford Fisher
- Lawrence Welk - Mr. Marsh and the band
- Wild Kingdom - 4th period study hall
- Rookies - Gary Garmon, Carlton Taylor, Eddie Torres
- The Girl in My Life - Diane Warren
- Sonny and Cher - Kenny Cook and Becky Dennington
- of the American Style - Daryl and Janice, Mike and Rosie
- Who, What, or Where Game - Guidance Office
- Captain Kangaroo - Roger Curry
- What's My Line - Rita Smith, Bill O'Kelly, Joyce Brashier, John Bolden
- Newlywed Game - Peggy Ray, Rangela Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gwan Stewart
- Hollywood Squares - Daryl Braden, Daryl Durham, Daryl Norvell
- Temperatures Rising - Mr. Dworshak's chemistry class.
- Emergency - Carol Stroud, Rene Casterlin, Janice DeGraw
- Another World - Mr. Walker's art classes
- Sanford and Son - Patches and George
- Beverly Hillbillies - George Burkes, Dixie Bursott, David Wilson, Dorries Forbes
- Straight Talk - Coach Sivert and Mr. Terrell

- Flop Wilson - Michael Bell
- Soul Train - Yvette Tate, Austry Mills, Debra Williams, Mary Lewis, Reshelle Williams, Patricia Tucker, Debra Leaks
- Love Thy Neighbor - Denise Craig
- Odd Couple - Moses Trotter and Carlene Dunlap
- Room 222 - Mrs. Morris' 1st period class
- The Girl With Something Extra - Anita Hungerford
- Midnight Special - Tech High at Shakey's
- Three On a Match - Verta Beale, Anthony Craig, Zellner Johnson
- Baffle - Edgar LeGrone and Aanny "Nose" Chatmon
- Mister Roger's Neighborhood - Radio and TV class
- Brady Branch - Marshella Grooms, Donna Johnson, Melissa Whitehead, Connie Green, Debbie Mynatt, Paula Brandon
- Wizard of Odds - Mary Brown, Cheryl Kennedy, Frances Potts, Mike Jarret, Russel Finley, Charles Wren
- Jackson 5 - James Turner, Arno Smith, Dempsey Lewis, Danny Bounds, Anthony Craig
- All In the Family - The Craigs, The Williams
- Curiosity Shop - Mr. Bourne's office
- Bewitched - Mary Jordan
- Finstones - Sam Martin, Nancy Little, Jim Gregory, Jane Palmer
- Osmond Brothers - Ronald Cossitt, Mike Mills, Pat Lawson
- William O'Conner, Mark Cooperman
- NFL Football - Larry Burtis, Tyrone Gentry, Cornelius McFadgon, Robert Rayford
- Let's Make a Deal - Joe Wooten

# Editorial - Let's Grow Up

Conduct at our football games this year has generally been satisfactory, but it could be better. For one thing, we lack enough school spirit, and there have been several incidents of students being rowdy and at least one fight. This type of behavior is simply childish and immature. There are other ways of settling differences besides fighting and these are usually less painful. As for those who just have to fight, it should be done somewhere else so that Tech won't acquire a bad reputation.

Also, many students have been drinking at the games. This definitely needs to stop, if only for the reason that it tends to cause fights. If you are old enough to drink, be responsible about it. Don't drink at the games and don't drink too much.

Another thing to be considered is conduct after the games. Many students go to Shakey's Pizza Parlor and some become very rowdy and noisy. It is all right to have fun, but stay within reason. How would you like to be thrown out of or banned from this or any other establishment? Let's be responsible and help Tech achieve the good reputation it deserves.

# Sophomores Have Many Opinions Of Tech High

The Yellowjackets horoscope says this is going to be another together school year. The Techites would like to give our sophomores a standing ovation. "Let's Get It On" and "Keep On Truckin'" for a "right on" school year.

Now what do the sophomores think about the 'Jackets? Let's check out what some of them had to say about Tech.

Shelia Amis - "We need more extracurricular activities. School should be a little more entertaining."

Jammie Barthal - "I like Tech and hope to become a very involved student in the future."

Verta Beale - "Tech is cool, but we need some outside activities. The Home Economics class should be larger."

Kelly Carrington - "I came to Tech from Kingsbury and I like Tech. I especially like the band, in which I'm a member."

Zelma Fisher - "I like the kids at Tech. I heard some good things about Tech. Tech is a hip school."

Kenny Grisham - "I came to Tech to take printing. I like Tech's printing shop and feel I'll be a good printer."

Marshella Grooms - "I came to Tech because Melissa Whitehead came. I like Tech because Donna Johnson goes here."

Donna Johnson - "I came to Tech because Connie Green and Marshella Grooms go here. I like Tech because Steve Raburn goes here . . ."

Zellner Johnson - "I came to Tech to take business, on which I am majoring. I like the structures and basis of Tech. To me, Tech is like a college and you feel big to a member."

Alma Jones - "I think Tech is nice, but it is not what I was hoping for."

Farrell Lee - "We need more

spirit at Tech. I can take gym instead of R.O.T.C. Tech has some interesting subjects being offered. The football team is good, but we should back it for a better one."

Brenda McNeil - "My sister encouraged me to come to Tech. She has graduated from Tech and liked it. I am glad I came."

Pamela Minor - "I like Tech. Improvements could be made by having clubs and other extracurricular activities."

Susan Moroe - "The people at Tech are friendly. I don't regret coming to Tech . . ."

Michael Neal - "I came to Tech to take Auto Mechanics. I really like the vocational programs."

Pete Smith - "I came to Tech to get more advances in things dealing with the outcome of life."

Danny Thomas - "I like the atmosphere of the students. It's great how the races get along with each other at Tech"

# Fall Fashions Blaze With Elegance

As I look into the Tech High Fashion Den, I see the student body is really doing their thing this year. John Bolden is really hitting it off the right-on way with a pair of sky blue "baggies" and a print knit shirt in shades of blue and lilac. Sherea Smith wears the most fabulous pants sets in the world. One I especially like is a pair of black "baggies" and a black sweater with 2 stripes of orange and red. "Chicken" could have laid someone to rest about a two-piece dress in blue and white. Marcia Taylor is showing us that elegance is back in the layered-look. Her outfit consists of a peach tailored-look shirt, brown vest, orange flair pants and a big brown bow-tie with white dots.

Mr. Rodgers has a collegiate look in his group of sassy sweaters. Mr. Bourne has worn a suit that looks terrific. A multi-color knit coat, forest green slacks, pale green shirt, and forest green tie. Coach Dunlap's fashions are looking good on his trim silhouette.

Mrs. Taylor wears a beautiful suit in pale shades of maroon, green, and ecru. A green corduroy blazer with soot-cropped, turned-up shirred sleeves, shirred back with belt, a ribbed maroon turtle-neck, and maroon, green, and ecru plaid, cuffed "baggies". Mrs. Morris is showing us a bad denim outfit, a flared "shorty" top with a blue sueds inset at yoke, and a pair of flared leg pants.

The sophomores are on their way up the road to becoming very fashionable people this Fall. Zellner Johnson wore a cute little pink, two-piece suti with a ruffled bolero top and cuffed flares. Darlene Walton sported a tailored suit with a geometric print, black and orange coat and some orange flares. Evelyn Lewis shows us that the

fashion trend is in the "mod-look." She wears a green and red jumper with some green and red socks.

The look this fall is elegant; the favorite colors are solemn brown, gold and neutrals. The main fabrics are fur and wool in a trend back to natural fibers. Plaid is extremely popular.

In hair styles, the cornrow is still strong. Joey Frazier, Diane Booker, and Cleveland Lee are among those who sport this style. Short hair is said to be a trend in other places, but Tech has not followed this style.

Some other notables are Terri Cox, Albin McGlown, Pamela Minor, Pat Wooden, Carol Henderson, Carolyn Spencer, Crystal Brown, Milton Dickerson, Austry Mills, and Charles Etta Jones. They help make Tech a "fashion school."

Another popular hairstyle is the Afro. Wearers include Lurlene Jimmerson, Debra Laaks, Arno Smith, James Turner, Valerie Shaw, Robert Yancy, and Shelia Amis. Question? When is Vicki Bowers going to recap her cool skull with that once in a lifetime 'fro?

FASHION FOCUS HINT OF THE WEEK: Midi Length dress of jersey and dark hose with a pair of funky platforms. IT LOOKS SO GOOD.

# Tech Couples Keep Truckin'

Love American Style is what all the guys and gals around Tech High are playing. As you look down the halls you'll see couples rapping, fussing, comparing lessons, jiving, having fun, being cool and having an outasight time. Some of these yellowjacket couple portraying their love in many ways are:

1. Mike and Rosie
2. Daniel and Rene
3. Thomas and Carol
4. Moses and Carlene
5. Dempsey and Regina
6. Gary and Mary
7. Wilford and Cloo
8. James and Valerie
9. Larry and Linda
10. Rodney and Janey
11. Ne-Ne and Tony
12. Chester and Karen
13. Kevin and Pam
14. Don and Shirley
15. Anthony and Shelia
16. Mark and Reda
17. Daryl and Janice
18. Larry and Sherrie
19. James and Sherri
20. Eddie and Angela
21. Robert and Patricia
22. Mike and Myra
23. Ricky and Edna
24. Antonio and Dianne
25. Richard and Shalene
26. Pat and Ramona
27. Catus and Susan
28. Russell and Anita
29. Tim and Kathy
30. Chuck and Arlene

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### Annual Staff Busy On 1973-74 Yearbook

Under the leadership of Editor Anita Hungerford, Tech's annual staff is working hard to produce a quality book for 1973-74. The cost has been held to \$7.50, although several other schools in the system have raised prices sharply due to increased printing costs. Photography is being done by qualified students such as Joyce Brashier, Laurel Swearingen, and Virginia Fraser. Mr. Walker and the art students are cooperating to make the coming book attractive as well as sentimental.

Many students feel that they cannot afford an annual and that the money must be spent for other things. However, some students regret not buying one after a few years. Mr. Bourne, Tech principal, says that students from former years often visit the campus to reminisce; and some express sorrow that they did not buy a yearbook or that they have carelessly lost it. Its great value seems to be in identifying old classmates whose names have been forgotten. It is also a reminder of good times.

Since the 1973 annual went deeply in debt, it is hoped that there will be a strong response to the 1974 book so it can pay for itself. If not, the annual will probably be discontinued.

Students and faculty are urged to support the annual. Members of the staff in addition to those mentioned above are Cheryl Lee, Karen Schmulbach, John Bolden, Grady Jones, Dorie Forbess, Chuck Jones, Charles Etta Jones and Valorie Sharpe.

### Social Studies Club Is Organized

A Social Studies Club was organized on October 16 by Mrs. Campbell. The officers are: Thomas Dickerson, president; Thomas Love, vice president; Linda Anderson, secretary; Patricia Burmett, assistant secretary; and Colin Jones, reporter.

We have been directing our efforts toward a "Straight Talk" type of program for the latter part of this year. We are hoping to have guest speakers such as city councilmen and other officials. If everything goes well we may be able to repeat our program later this school year.

### VICA On The Move At Tech High

Our Tech High V. I. C. A. club moved right out this year. We sold candy for the P. T. A. and they kept right on making money by sponsoring a bake sale at the Raleigh Spring Mall on October 18 and 19, where we sold all kinds of goodies made by the member of the club. President Portia Johnson, along with Secretary Brenda Strong and Parliamentary Lisa Duck, put their magic touch on the candy as well as sold, while Vice President Willie Mack Brown, Reporter Eugene Walker and other members conducted the actual sales. Our sponsor Miss Thompson, was right on the spot to keep things hot.

# CLUB CORNER

### NFL Members Win Awards

N. F. L. stands for National Farenics League. On the Weekend of November 9th and 10th our N. F. L. department took part in the Central Speech Tournament. Our coach, Mrs. Pat Taylor carried us to the tournament. Students who took part were: Keith House, Kelly Carrington, Ralph Ward, Denise Craig, Sheryl Weber, Reda Riley, Margarte Stepeh, Micheal Bell, Roderick Horton, Diana Brooker, Crystal Brown, James Evans, Karla Kembro, Joyce Brashier, Crystal Perry, John Bolden, Carolyn Blakemore, Feary Alston, Renita Porter, Gale Ward, Mary Hudson, Joe Wooton, Shelia Read, Dorrie Forbes, Virginia Fraser, Linda Tate, and Larry Wilson.

Tech is really ready when it comes to speaking, and three of our students won awards at the Central Tournament. Joyce Brashier took 1st place in Humorous Interperation, Denise Craig won 2nd place for Poetry Interperation, and Renita Porter won 3rd place in Black Literature Interperation. Mrs. Taylor and the group would like to say "Congratulations" because Tech ranked 3rd out of eighteen schools.

### TOEC Is On The Go

T. O. E. C., has been moving out with the newly elected officers in front, led by Sherry Aldridge. Amid the excitement of the Mid-South Fair, you may be sure T. O. E. C. was there.

Those who were working the booth replied that this was a very exciting experience. Diane Warren and Terri Cox modeled fashions from Sears. When the "Sound of Memphis Education" parade arrived the T. O. E. C. and D. E. C. A. clubs entered a float. Sherry Aldridge and Debra Williams were the representatives from T. O. E. C. The Hemophilia drive was headed by Sheryl Weber and Mary Herron. At the open house, members escorted parents and demonstrated the machines. At the state convention in Nashville, candidates from Tech were Sherry Aldridge and Terri Cox. Voting delegate were Debra Williams and Diane Warren. The homecoming door was decorated by Terri Cox.

### Thespian Club Presents Play

The Thespians will present it's fall plays, "Aunt Cathie's Cat" by Felicia Metcalfe, in early December.

You will gasp with terror, howl with laughter and be thrilled with the fast tempo of this unusual three act mystery-comedy.

Mrs. Sallie Thomas and Mrs. Patricia Taylor are sponsors of the Thespians.

### Hemophilia Drive Helps Raise Funds

Although Techites have always been noted for their hard work on charitable drives, the Hemophilia Drive lacked the promised support of a number of students. A leader of the Hemophilia Foundation, Mrs. Sappington, had contacted Mrs. McHaffie, one of Tech's guidance counselors, in order to organize a group of workers to help raise funds to combat this dread disease. Mrs. McHaffie made an announcement to the entire student body, asking all interested students to volunteer. Only eleven responded.

The drive took place Saturday, October 27, in front of Zayre's Department Store. Out of the eleven students who had promised their time, only three showed up! Only Sheryl Weber, Mary Herron from the TOEC Department, and Bernetta Jones gave their time and effort to raise money for the needy.

The girls collected contributions from various people, even from small children who chipped in their pennies. Mrs. Sappington was very complimentary to the girls, saying how much she appreciated their work. She expressed disappointment that the others who had signed up had not appeared.

Perhaps next time there is a charitable drive, Tech High students will put their hearts in the right place and keep up Tech's reputation as a school that cares.

### Art Club At Work On School Projects

The Tech High Art Club has been involved in a number of activities, directly and indirectly, for our school. One activity directly concerning almost every student is the daily production of menus for the cafeteria. The art club was engaged in making the signs and decorations for the Open House on October 27th. The most recent involvement was the UNICEF drive the 31st of October in which these students took part; Gloria Ramase, Margret Stevens, Vickie Marburger, Sherry McElion, Ralph Ward, Virginia Umburger, Brenda Strong, Wynn Ingersol, Portia Johnson, Lisa Duck, Karla Kimbo, and Grady Jones. They collected \$43.00.

In the recent parade for Memphis City Schools, Tech's Art Club did the decoration for the Central Area float. The parade was designed to promote the Memphis educational system with the theme: "The Sound of Memphis Education." The Central Area theme was "In-Tune With the Times."

### DECA Plans Events For School Year

This summer three DECA students along with our teacher Mrs. Sara Weber, attendad Camp Clements, near Doyle, Tennessee. The students were Joyce Johnson, Diane Robertson and James Winters. Their experiences consisted of competitive events study programs for district leadership offices, talent shows, and developing future leaders for America as well as DECA. Joyce Johnson is our district officer.

On September 25, 1973 the officers of Tech High DECA Chapter went to a State Leadership Conference at Memphis State University. Each officer went to their separate workshops.

On October 2, 1973, we had installation of officers, with Mr. DeWayne Tucker, president. Officers were as follows, President: Larry McGee, Vice Pres: Anthony Cox, Secretary: Sheila Harris, Reporter: Janice Arnett, Parliamentarian: Diane Robertson, Treasurer: Gloria Phillips.

The DECA Members had a Halloween party on October 26, 1973 at Mrs. Weber's house. Anyone could bring a friend with the fee of one dollar. There were drinks or acholic beverages were allowed. Of future events, we are having an Open House. It's theme will be centered on Thanksgiving. It is planned for October 21, 1973. The purpose of Open House is for Parents, Faculty, Alumni, and Employers to have a day to get acquainted and talk over their children's of employee's work.

This is going to be the most prosperous and exciting year that Tech High School DECA has ever had.

### Spanish Club Makes Good Start

The officers of the Spanish Club are: Gerald Adams, President; Vera Durden, vice president; Marshella Grooms, secretary; Cheryl Kennedy, treasurer; and Priscilla Coleman, reporter.

To make money, the club plans to sell pillows and other items. Meetings are held in Miss Powell's room in LL5 and dues are fifty cents per meeting. All members please try to attend.

### Denise Vursott Heads Red Cross Drive

Denise Vursott, who attended leadership workshop at Pinehurst in August, is head of the Red Cross group at Tech High.

Home rooms that were 100% before the drive began are Mrs. Alderson, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Cox. The following are also one hundred percent: Miss Thompson, Mr. Peters, Mrs. Campbell. Mr. Cox's group has a goal of \$.25 per pupil and their total is now \$4.91. Good work!

We hope to exceed last year's contribution.

### Literary Guild Is Organized

The members of the Literary Guild, which recently was organized with sponsor Mrs. Satty H. Thomas, are striving to increase, understanding and appreciation in the arts. Any student wanting to join may come to the meeting each Friday morning at 7:45 a.m. in Room 203.

The members are: Sherry Aldridge, Diane Brooks, Dorrie Forbes, Cheryl Hardy, Rosie Hayes, Roderick Horton, Florestine Nelson, Cheryl Lee, Karen Schulbach, Barbara Strickland.

### Drivers' Education

Tech, like many other city schools, has been visited by a team of five Drivers Education Teachers. The team captain is Mr. L. R. Fletcher. The others are as follows: Mr. Minor (our teacher here at Tech), Mr. Collins, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Love. They are here to teach the lab phases of Drivers Education. The first six weeks they stay inside the classrooms; the second six weeks they practice simulation and drive on the street. By the end of the second six weeks the course will be completed. The students receive one-half credit, a certificate, and an insurance reduction. Mr. Fletcher says he enjoys teaching Drivers Education very much.

### Open House Celebrates Education Week

Open House was held at Tech High School on the evening of October 24, 1973, in celebration of American Education Week. Parents, students and friends of the school visited in the classrooms to see the attractive displays and discuss the individual course offerings with the teachers. The Rev. Mr. Blair Hunt, who was principal for many years at Booker T. Washington, made an address in support of education today.

A concert preceded the address, putting the audience into a relaxed mood. Under the direction of Mr. Leland Marsh, the band and chorus presented several numbers ranging from a capella vocal selections to rousing instrumentals.

Mr. Bourne and the faculty welcomed guests and explained to them how Tech as an open school with three hour courses differed from typical schools in the system. Many shops such as cosmetology, machine shop, and others had displays, while bulletin boards and posters advertised the work of speech, D. E., T.O.E.C., and other departments and organizations.

### FHA Expresses Involvement

The main goal of F.H.A. says sponsor Mrs. Lee, is the involvement of every girl. Some of the worthwhile causes of the club this year have been dressing dolls for Goodfellows, baking sixty-two dozen cookies for Red Cross to be sent to hospitals and homes for aged, and filling two Christmas baskets. They have also made toys for Lenox School and John Gaston Hospital, contributed to CARE, and modeled garments at the Mid-South Fair.



**1973-74 Tech High Cheerleaders Get Off To Good Start**

Oh yes, I have this feeling that the Tech High Cheerleaders are going to "get it on" this year. They started off with their first pep-rally of the season on September 14th. The cheerleaders enjoyed doing it just as much as the student body loved seeing it.

The pep-session was enlightened when the cheerleaders showed new cheers they learned during the summer. They also broke out with their "oldy, but goody" cheers from last year.

It was an exciting thing to see our football players being introduced for the new season, thanks to the coaches. It gave the new people a chance to get a good look at our boys. Without a doubt mind, we have one of the most spirited teams in the city!

In this particular pep-rally, the cheerleaders did a skit called the Rockin' Robin" (boy, was it rockin'). Some of the girls on the pep-squad are Terri Cox-Caplan, Marcia Taylor and Lynn Logan-Cocaplan, Mary Herron, Brenda McAllister, Sheryl Weber, Janice Lamar, Robin Brown, Shanna O'Kelly, and Denise Craig.

Did you see those bad rags of fashion that were on display during the pep-rally? Jumbo-size jockey shorts, 1920 tennie bopper



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skirts that hung down to the ankles, topping off with bobby socks and oxfords. Man, it was an experience I'm sure Tech will never forget!

To become more attractive to the football boys, the cheerleaders added a little something to their wardrobe - a king-size jumbo rumbo, gigantic pillow case, which the girls easily fitted on their heads. Get it?

The second pep-rally was held on September 20th. It consisted of a new pom-pom routine some to the record "Bongo Rock"...

Mr. Marsh shows a different approach on music for Tech this year. He and the band displayed some of their talent in the pep-rally by playing favorite hit tunes, such as "Freddie's Dead" and "Shaft."

Just to show that football isn't the only talent our football boys have, Larry Wilson did a fine job on his speech concerning the football team.

We now know that our pep-rallies in the future are really going to be together; this is only the beginning.

**Tech Fields Strong Team In Early Games**

The Jamboree was held at Firestone Stadium on August 30 against Westside High School. During the fourth quarter, both teams came out to win on their field, but ended up in a defensive struggle in which the game was left scoreless.

On September 14, Tech played Fairley at Fairley Stadium. Both teams struggled to get points, although Fairley scored during the first half. Our boys and the coaches talked it over during half-time. During the second half, Willie Brown (from Fairley) returned a 79 yard punt return. Jeff Webb (also from Fairley) kicked an extra point and Fairley pushed with 7-0 in the third quarter. Fairley punted off to Tech. Tech got the ball and penetrated deep field.

Larry Burtis ran a 26 yard touchdown. Tech tried for a two-point conversion, but failed, and the Yellowjackets were defeated with a score 7-6.

September 21st, the Tech High Yellowjackets almost had a victory over the Collierville Dragons. Mike Fisher, (from Collierville) sneaked out and gave Collierville a big lift in the first half! Tech bounced back and scored a 6 yard pass from Cornelius McFadgon to Robert Rayford. Tech took later advantage during the game when the Yellowjackets came strong with 4:12 left, scored a 2 yard pass from quarterback, Eddie Torres to Larry Burtis.

I can proudly say, that on the night of Thursday, September 28, our boys, without a struggle, just trampled over the Manassas Tigers leaving the scoreboard to read 20-0 victory in favor of the Tech High Yellowjackets.

The Yellowjackets defense was very much together that night, thanks to Antonio Isabel, when he blocked a Manassas pass in the end zone, and then grabbed the ball for a touchdown.

Cleveland Lee (Bull), ran 24 yards to score the second touchdown which gave the jackets a big leap with a score of 12-0 at intermission.

Tyrone Gentry made Tech's final score on a two yard run with 23 seconds left in the game.

We are sorry to say that on October 11, at Whitehaven Stadium, the Tech High Yellowjackets were defeated by those Mitchell Road Tigers. Tech's own Larry Burtis scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, leaving the final score of the game, 12-6.

Victory was won over Bolton by our Yellowjackets with a score of 39-0 on Friday, October 19 at Bolton. Eddie Torres passed for two touchdowns.

In the third quarter, Tech scored twice, first on a one-yard run by Larry Burtis; and then on a 35-yard run by Tyrone Gentry.

In the fourth quarter Eddie Torres threw passes of 30 yards and 15 yards to Mike Lawson and Burtis to add to the Yellowjackets score.

**Tech Defeats Catholic High**

It was an exciting experience to see the game played between Tech and Catholic at the Fairgrounds on Friday, October 19. We're proud to say that we had that game before half-time. The score at the end of the game was 26-6, of course, in the mighty Yellowjackets favor. Would you believe it was Catholic's Homecoming that night?

Tech just clobbered away on Catholic some of our tough guys who helped were: Larry Burtis who scored three touchdowns and 151 yds. which guided Tech. Burtis started in the first quarter with a three yard run. In the second quarter, he scored on a run of 88 yards and he capped his touchdown barrage in the third quarter on a 81 yd. pass interception.

Burtis also scored that night with a two point conversion after the final touchdown. That touchdown came on an 11 yd. pass from Cornelius McFadgon to Antonio Isabel.

There isn't much that I can say about that Central and Tech game which was held Thursday night, November 1 at Crump Stadium. It was their Homecoming too, and believe me they sure made a comeback to win with a score of 35-0!!! I'll say this much, Tech was supposed to win that game with the score turned around the other way.

Well, you Football guys we hope you do much better in the future.

**Trezevant Falls To Tech High**

On rain soaked Firestone field the Jackets slogged their way to victory over the Trezevant Bears. Although Trezevant got on the scoreboard first with a twenty yard field goal, Tech came back quickly with a fifty-one yard drive in nine plays. Burtis went over for the touchdown.

Other important plays were made by Rayford, who intercepted two Trezevant passes. Burtis was the leading ground gainer with 74 yards.

A small but enthusiastic crowd witnessed the muddy contest.

**Tech Loses Homecoming**

Treadwell defeated Tech with a score of 31-14 on Wednesday, November 14 at the Fairgrounds Stadium. Although the weather was good, the Tech High Yellowjackets put forth a struggle to score extra points. From Tech, Cornelius McFadgon passed for two touchdowns to Robert Rayford and ran for a third.

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<p><b>BELLEVUE SUZUKI</b>                  2319 S. Bellevue</p>
<p><b>BURGER KING</b>  <i>"The Burgers are better at Burger King"</i>                  319 N. Cleveland</p>

## School Spirit Suffers

You should be ashamed, Techites. Our lack of spirit is disgusting. We have a good football and basketball team this year, but without your help we just can't have a good season. Go to the games and cheer our team on. It might give them the incentive they need to win. After all, how would you feel if you were a player and saw only a few people to support in the stands cheering for you. If your fellow students cared so little, would you play your best game?

Athletics is not the only area in which we fail to show spirit. When I first came to Tech, there were many clubs, such as the Key Club, that allowed students to get together. This year, most of those clubs have been discontinued due to lack of interest. This is your fault, so don't blame the Board of Education or the faculty. If you want to have clubs, you will have to support them.

Also, we should try to keep our school clean. Look out in the halls. Surprised at all the litter? You shouldn't be; you put it there. Now don't get me wrong. I'm not accusing everyone of being a litterbug, but many of the students I've seen think nothing of throwing down paper, pencil stubs, and other assorted trash. Some even drop their (yeach) gum on the floor. What do you think those trash cans are for, decoration? And let's not forget the biggest litter problem of all. Smokers should leave their cigarette butts in the smoking areas and not all over the campus.

While we're on the subject of cleanliness, a few words need to be said about the lunchroom. Those trays and bottles are back on the tables again. Of course, it's customary to blame the sophomores for things like this, but juniors and seniors are doing it too. We no longer have Mr. Kirkendayll (last year's assistant principal, for you sophomores) to watch over us, but we should have enough pride to take care of this problem ourselves. Please put your trays, bottles, and milk cartons in their proper places.

Another area in which our school spirit shows is in our degree of respect for our school and the faculty. Some students are rude and disrespectful to teachers and many seem to delight in the destruction of school property. What do you think that shows about Tech? Come on, take a little pride in your school because, like it or not, it is our school and people will judge us by the reputation of the school in general.

## The Mighty Jackets

Sit back my friends, and you shall hear of the Mighty Tech Jackets of this school year. They are really very tough, and believe me the best, so go on sit back and I'll tell you the rest.

There is a tail back of this I tell, runs very fast and really quite well. His name is Burtis and don't say who? Cause if you're not careful, he'll run over you.

There is another the same spot, he's no second string, just switches a lot. His name is Tyrone Gentry and is hard to bring down, he's one of the best tailbacks in this here town.

We have two quarterbacks, Ne-Ne and Eddie, they come to every game fiery and ready. They are both No. 1, if anyone says no, they will have Sidney Sharp give them a show.

Then there's that bad defense line, when you look at them it quivers your spine. There's Izzy, Taylor, Howard, Blakley, Payne and Lee, They're No. 1, and we soon shall see.

Then, there's our linebackers, man they're tough, if you get through our line, they will show you their stuff. If you hit head on with them you will see stars above, this is Wilson that I speak of.

Then there's that secondary to put you through the test, if you get by them you go be the best. But it will never happen, because of this I tell, when you're heading straight for hell!!!!

There are many, many more as valuable as these, but, I'm running out of paper, so excuse me please. But, they're just us, and this I declare, there's none on this team we want to spare.

Oh yes, there's our coaches, I can see the light, there's C. Sivert, C. Dunlap, and of course, C. Wright. Now I know this is hard to believe, but, we're going to win the Delta League.

So I sign off with this plead and ado, we're going to beat every team till they're black and blue. We'll beat them at home, and beat them away. Cause the Mighty Tech Jackets are here to stay.