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'... and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from this earth.'

Abraham Lincoln

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With the thought that defeat in the great struggle of World War II means the loss of those traditional, American ideals, we realize that there can be but one outcome—Victory!

To this end, the preservation of the American way of life, and to the fighting forces of the Allied Nations who are valiantly defending these ideals with their lives, we, the students of Arkansas Tech, dedicate this book.
We are at war! Yearbook materials are either unavailable or too expensive; the student body has been cut in half,—and yet, here is your AGRICOLA.

Many colleges, even some of the larger ones, are abandoning their annuals this year. This action is unfortunate, for annuals are students’ only lasting tie to their college days.

Tech, like most colleges, was different this year. The war tore from the campus the light, airy atmosphere of carefree college days. Men—and women—were taken from Tech and thrown into the great conflict. The stark reality of victory or death loomed as a damper for former high spirits. Even at that the undying “Spirit of Tech” has shown through.

In this turbulent year the AGRICOLA has tried to portray photographically and journalistically the gallant “Spirit of Tech” in all its activities.

If it has succeeded, if at sometime in the distant future when peace has been restored, this AGRICOLA recalls to you a few fragmentary memories of Tech during World War II, then the makers will be rewarded.
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May we lift our eyes to thee,
May thy glory and thy honor
Be for e’er our destiny.
May thy colors green and gold,
Our loyal hearts forever enthrall,
And thy mem’ry live for ever
In the hearts of us all:

Alma Mater, Alma Mater,
Cherished beacon of our youth,
Radiant emblem, shining symbol,
Guide that leads us on to truth.

Down life’s pathway beaming for us,
Lead us ever by thy light.

Should we falter, then restore us
By thy spirit’s glorious might.