AUTUMN

Second row: Stanley Teeter, Don Jolly, Charles Presley, Bill Davis, Barger Tygart, Freddy Schwartz, John Cusick, Johnny Nutt, Elwood Mosley, Don Sevier.


Top row: Jack Clifton, Manager, Paul Tester, Harold Partain, Travis Hartwick, James Collier, Eli Billings, Earl Ray Little, Joel Brickell, Jim Hardin, Charles Hayden, Malcolm Murphy, Gerald Goff.

Not shown: Arlen Lee, I. E. Turner.

Raymond "Rabbit" Burnett
Coach
DON DEMPSEY  
Co-Captain

"Dangerous" Don made Honorable Mention Little All-American for his play in '53, and the 200-pounders' decision to stick around for another season with the Wonder Boys was welcomed by all. He is easily one of Tech's all-time great players. His 42 yard run with an intercepted pass against C. of O. will be long remembered by all Techsters.

C. J. Richison  
Co-Captain

This short, but amazingly fast 195-pounder has been of great value to Tech's football fortunes because of his ability to play excellent football from almost any position. C. J. has played three different positions in his three years at Tech, and has everyone guessing as to where he will be next season. One thing is almost certain though, and that is that he'll be somewhere on the starting line-up.

Bobby Benton

Benton, a bruising 200-pound tackle, is one of the two men that Tech loses through graduation, and his departure will leave a big gap to be filled by next year's coaching staff. Bob lettered all of his four years at Tech and was a highly regarded man by opponents all over the state.

Although Tech won only three games this year, the prospects are much brighter for a successful season next year. Reinforced by some excellent freshmen, the Wonder Boys looked like the champions of a few years back at times this year. In the opener Tech made an outclassed Eastern Oklahoma A. & M. team look like a high school team as Hannon, May, and Presley made a race track of the gridiron. Score—66-6.
Billy Gene Davis

An All-State center in his high school days, "Killer" has become an outstanding pass-receiver from the end position for the Wonder Boys. His uncanny ability to get into the open will probably have much to do with the offensive designs of next year's team.

Sammy May

Sammy "Caesar" May has established himself as the most feared break-away runner in the AIC for the last two campaigns. He was the Wonder Boys' leading yard gainer by rushing, and the AIC's leading punt returner, leading to his reappearance on the All-AIC team for '53. Sam will be around again next year to harass Tech's opponents and provide numerous thrills for the spectators.

Bob Wilson

"Pig", as his teammates call him, was hobbled early in the '53 season with a leg and hip injury, but he rounded into shape for the last few games and was a standout performer at his tackle position. Bob departed from the Tech campus after the Fall Semester to enroll in the University of Tennessee Dental School.

With Louis Sanford passing, the Muleriders ran up a 30-7 score against Tech in their second game. Sammy May made Tech's lone tally. It seemed that the Wonder Boys' brilliant passing and ground game never could get started against the much heavier Southern State team.

A close-up of the crowd at one of the games. As shown from the faces it was a tense moment.
Charles Presley is brought down after a short gain in Tech's 34-18 victory over State Teachers at Conway.

This shot reveals vividly the toughness of the line play in the Tech-Ozarks tilt. The Techsters tied the Mountaineers 13-13 to knock them out of a share of the AIC title.

A strong Northeastern Oklahoma College proved too much for Tech in the third game of the season. Bruce McConnell and Don Sevier played outstanding games in this one. Sammy May had to leave the game at halftime with three broken ribs. This proved discouraging to the rest of the team. Final score was 47-13.

Don Sevier
As a Freshman, this 6 ft. 7 in. 215-pound end has caused more talk and eye raising than any prospect in recent years. Also a crack "roundball" player, "Slim" surprised everyone by working his way into the starting lineup on the football team before two games had been played, and by the end of the season, word of his prowess had spread enough for him to make Honorable Mention Little All-American. An extremely strong and agile performer, Don has a brilliant athletic future ahead of him.

Kenneth Seymour
A scrappy 170 pounder in his Freshman year, Seymour reported for practice in 1953 at a muscular 195 pounds and promptly proceeded to bruise and hull his way into the starting eleven and through opposing lines throughout the season. He lacks the speed of Billy Bob Elliot, a Tech great at the guard position which Ken fills, but he makes up for it with brute strength.

Bobby Hannon
Somewhat light as college football players go, Bob had to make up for his slight 150 pounds with speed and cunning. Though he stepped into the lineup right out of high school, Hannon impressed everyone with his ball-handling ability and splendid accuracy on short passes. He ranked second among small colleges in the NAIA in total yards passing with 1060 yards in only 9 games. His 117 yards per game average by passing ranked seventh.
Charles Presley

An end in his first two years at Tech, Presley was tried out at fullback for '53 and he picked up the new position so well that he started the last seven games there. His ability as a pass receiver was still utilized and he was on the receiving end of the longest yardage covering pass of the season, an 87 yard gain made against Teachers.

Johnny Nutt

Tech did well to land this much sought-after guard prospect, and he came through with flying colors in his first year of college pigskin play. An extremely efficient offensive player, Johnny should have three more outstanding years as a Tech football player.

Travis Hartwick

Kept out of the last few games by a bone fracture, this tiny speed merchant still managed to finish as the number two man of the Tech team in the rushing department. A little light for much rugged play in this new era of "one-platoon" football, Travis should prove mighty useful as a "spot player" for the Wonder Boys. He's not seen in togs here because of an injured foot.

Playing their finest game of the year, the Wonder Boys found themselves in the game with State Teachers to the tune of 34-18. This came as a surprise to some but not to those who know how much the boys were fired up for this one. Despite the fact that he had broken ribs in the game with Northeast Oklahoma, Sammy May provided the spark for the Wonder Boys with two long touchdown runs and other long gains which set up touchdowns.

*It was a wet, drizzly day, but the Wonder Boys surprised the favored Ozarks Mountaineers on Dad's Day by tying them 13-13. Here the Cheerleaders pep the crowd up despite the rain.*
Playing before a large crowd, the Wonder Boys pushed the Trojans around almost at will. Benton, Seymour, and Nutt played extremely well in the line, and the backfield play of Hannon and May stood out as usual. The final score was 40-12.

Bobby Allison
A defensive line-backer for the Wonder Boys in 1952, “Jabber” made a good transition into a full-time performer at tackle. His 195 pounds on a 6' 3" frame makes him a pretty rough customer, especially as far as defense is concerned. Allison has another year to play and should be able to hold down one of the starting berths.

Jerry Goff
Hampered somewhat by facial injuries throughout the season, Jerry showed great determination by sticking it out and playing a creditable game from his guard position. Jerry is a 6 footer and tips the scales at 190.

Stanley Teeter
This rangy wingman has proved himself to be a standout both on the playing field and in the classroom during his stay at Tech. “Stan the Man”, as his friends have named him, is a 6'0" student majoring in pre-med. His hustle and clean sportsmanship have brought him praise from all sides.
Fay Pew
Fay is as hard-hitting a defensive man as there is on the Tech squad, but his lack of weight is against him on offense. Nevertheless, his drive and love for the game has made it impossible to keep him on the bench very much of the time. Fay's specialty is putting an opposing ball carrier's head where his feet ought to be.

Don Jolly
Don was another of the much wanted products from the 1952 Little Rock High School team to land on the Tech campus. Jolly quickly proved his ability as a pass catcher and proceeded to lead all pass-receivers on the Tech squad in his first year.

Bruce McConnell
A big, smooth-operating quarterback, Bruce probably got the seasoning he lacked this season and should assert himself next year. Possessed with a wonderful passing arm, and good brains to go with it, Tech fans have much to look forward to from this boy.

The Bollweevils from Arkansas A&M. upset Tech by a score of 20-14 as they added Tech to their string of conquests before winning the AIC title. Tech's two scores came on an aerial play from Hannon to May covering 54 yards and a pass from McConnell to Bill Davis.

I. E. Turner pours on the coals before popping leather with an oncoming "Bruin".
A fleet A.S.T.C. back has trouble from his own interference.
At the "Pep" rally before the Ozarks game all the football boys lined up as Tech students showed their loyalty by cheering wildly.

On November 7, Tech traveled to Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia only to lose by a heartbreaking score of 14-13 after leading for two quarters. A third-string fullback named Joe Goodrum was part of the difference. in the score with his bruising line plunges.

Charles Hayden
Primarily a defensive player in '52, "Chuck" found the transfer into a full-time performer rather difficult to master in one year. He still managed to shine on defense and show enough on offense to make him a top prospect for a starting berth next year.

Freddy Fields
As determined a player as you'll ever meet, and well-liked by all his teammates was little Freddy. He was Tech's number two extra-point kicker and added some much needed bench strength to back up the starting backfield.

Charles Horne
A big Korean War Veteran who hadn't played football in several years "Chuck" picked up what he had forgotten quickly and gave the starting guards a run for their positions during the last part of the season. Plenty big at 6' 3" and 190 pounds, Horne should be ready to really go in 1954.
In the last two games of the season Tech lost a thriller to Tampa 26-20 and tied College of the Ozarks 13-13 to knock the Mountaineers out of a share of the AIC title.

The “Refs” and Cameraman get a worms-eye view of line play in Tech’s 40-12 Homecoming win over Little Rock JC.
THOSE FIRST BUSY DAYS

These students have passed through the classification line and are filling the long row of cards.

The Caraway lawn party at the very first of school.

This scene took place at the Freshman Reception.

Another scene from the Caraway lawn party.
The Engineers Float.

The Freshman Float.

Bill Harper escorts Queen Dorothy Shaddox across the field.
The Queen is Crowned.

The R.O.T.C. Color Guard leads the Homecoming Parade down Main Street in Russellville.

The Queen and her maids atop the "T" Club float.

The Engineer's float was a "horsey" display.

The snappy Tech band marching up Main Street in the Homecoming Parade.
The announcement which appeared on the big billboard in front of the Administration building.

John Ramsay visits in Caraway Lounge.

A dance was held after the presentation of "The Little Foxes" by the Little Theatre Guild.

The Quartet performs at the Dad's Day Program.
Several prizes were given away at the assembly program on Dad's Day. Here President Hull is presenting one.

Parents and Students line up before lunch outside of the Dining Hall.

Sid Burke and Clarence Gunnell visit with friends as the parents and students prepare for a pleasant day together. Some of the parents who visited us on their day. Some of them came from long distances to attend the programs.
The Administration Building.

Parker Hall and Faculty Dorm in the snow.

These girls are wending their way towards Caraway after classes.

They'll face any kind of weather to get to that good ol' Tech chow.

The Library.
In Memoriam

BILLY E. BAKER
Front row, l. to r.: Donavon Horn, Lindsey Parks, Bob Wolf, Jack Jones, "Tubby" Jackson, Glenn Brooks, and James Ralph Hudspeth.

More decisively than ever the Wonder Boys racked up an impressive seasonal record this year, quickly sweeping the AIC title, then, winning the NAIA playoffs at Little Rock, and finally reaching the Semi-finals in the NAIA tournament at Kansas City. In summary, it could probably be said that this year’s team was one of the best that ever played at Tech. In its first conference game Tech defeated Ark. College 94-80.

E. C. O’Neal
E. C. has already established himself as the greatest scoring machine ever to play at Tech, and he still has another year to add to his feats. A member of the Helm’s Foundation Third Team All-American team last year, and an all-AIC selection for two successive seasons, “Eke” received his highest honors in Kansas City this year where he was named to the Helm’s Foundation All-American First Team, and also to the first five on the All-NAIA tournament group. Statistically, E. C. hit 47.3 percent of his field goal attempts in regular season play to amass a total of 528 points in 22 games for a 24.0 average. He scored 53 points in the regional playoffs and led all scorers in national tourney at Kansas City with 108 points for a total of 689 points in all games. O’Neal works from a forward slot in Coach Sam Hindman’s double-post system.

Donovan Horn
The darling of all Tech basketball fans, “Agib” pulled out of a mid-season slump to remain the team’s leading playmaker and spark-plug. Playing from a guard position, Horn makes up for his diminutive 5’ 8” with alertness and savvy. Donovan received selection to the All-AIC third team for the second straight year. Always a “pressure-player”, Horn was at his best in the NAIA tourney at Kansas City. He scored 257 points over the season.

On January 14 and 16, Tech easily breezed past Henderson and Arkansas A. & M. in two conference games.
Chalking up their fourth straight AIC triumph, Tech made a fine comeback after their accident. E. C. O’Neal hit for 34 points, and the play of Smith, Martin, and Horn was outstanding. Ouachita never threatened. The score was 99-86.

Paul Martin
This 6' 2" forward is one of the many reasons why Tech has maintained a 90 plus average in scoring for the past two seasons. Possessing a deadly shot from outside, “Punk” can also drive for the basket with the best of them. Paul averaged 13.3 points per game during the regular season, and this plus his superb rebounding led to his selection to the All-AIC first team for '54.

James Hudspeth
“Runt” is the type of player that every coach relies on to get the job done game after game. An unspectacular sort of player, “Hutch” always seems to be at the right place at the right time, and to come through when things are looking worst. Hudspeth was the team Captain this year and was named to the All-AIC second team due to his steady, reliable play, and over-all value as a team man. A strong rebounder, “Runt” also hit the hoops for 236 points.

In the game with Hendrix the Wonder Boys hit slightly over 40 per cent of their shots. Thirteen of the Wonder Boys figured in the point-making. The final score was 96-73.
David Camfield gains possession of the ball in Tech's 102-72 revenge win over Louisiana Tech.

Paul Martin sends a push shot high in the air as the Bears guard in vain.

Southern State just didn't have what it takes as Tech routed the Muleriders 116-89 in a free-scoring game. This was the one in which "Eke" poured in 43 points—his high for the season. Although Culp and company tried, the superior rebounding and team shooting of Tech gained the upper hand.

For the fifth time Tech cracked the century mark as they smothered the Boll Weevils from A. & M. in the armory. O'Neal scored 35 points, his second highest for the season as the Techsters racked a 112-88 victory.

Don Sevier
Great things were expected from this 6' 7" Freshman from the moment he stepped on the Tech campus and he more than fulfilled those expectations with a great display of natural ability and determination. Don finished up the season as the Wonder Boys' leading rebounder, plugging the main gap in Tech's hopes for greatness. "Slim" also found time to score 357 points to rank third on the Tech squad in this department, and was named to the All-AIC second team.

Robert Wolf
One of only three Seniors on the Tech cage squad, "Rapid Robert" has been a standout performer for the Wonder Boys since his transfer from Beebe JC in '52. A guard with a good running push-shot, Bob has been most valuable for his all-around play. Wolf showed real spirit by shaking off the effects of a disastrous accident in January to perform creditably in all of Tech's 31 games.
Willard Smith

"Big Will" had been a consistent scorer and rebounder for the Wonder Boys for the past two seasons, and he came through this year with another outstanding record. Possessing one of the most beautiful shots in basketball, a jumping, one-hand push shot, Smith pumped in 310 points in the 1954 season, for an even 10 points per game average. Willard placed on the All-AIC third team at a forward position.

D. H. White

A 6' 5" center, D. H. is another of the trio of Seniors on the Tech team. White transferred to Tech from Mississippi JC in '52, and his devastatingly effective hook shots made him a welcome addition to the Wonder Boys. D. H. played in 12 regular season games and led all lettermen in field goal percentages with 49.2 per cent. The AIC coaches selected him for Honorable Mention in their All-AIC pickings.

In a much anticipated game which lost some of its flavor because of a previous defeat of the Bears by another conference team, and because of the absence of Larry Crandall, the Bears' brilliant shot artist, Tech defeated the Bears by a score of 82-72.

No. 31 seems to be waving to someone in the bleachers. Martin is taking a little rest on a La. Tech player's shoulder.

Tech dominates the rebounding here.

In the game with the Mountaineers, which was postponed earlier, Tech came out with a 92-82 victory. O'Neal and Smith were the big guns in this triumph.
Wiggins of La. Tech gets one of his few shots off over the close guarding of James Hudspeth.

Big Don Sevier shows how he controlled the boards in many of Tech's games as he renders the Reddies' efforts helpless.

The Wonder Boys were held to the low score of 79-56 in a game with Hendrix fought on even terms throughout the first quarter. Hudspeth turned in a stellar performance for this game, connecting for 14 points, rebounding with class, and turning in his usual fine defensive job.

Smith and Burks, of Arkansas College strived mightily to snap the Wonder lads' winning streak—but in vain. The score was 94-77. Trying to hold the score down with a slow, deliberate style of play, the Scots were unsuccessful in stopping the smooth Tech scoring machine.

Burlin Hefley
The epitome of determination and will to win, "Hef" kept driving himself in his hardwood efforts and was rewarded this year with his second year Letterman's Award. Always a hustler, and in perfect condition, Burlin will be missed from next year's basketball roster.

Jack Jones
This hustling and very capable guard has two more seasons of cage play for the Wonder Boys, and much is expected from him in the next two years. Jack's play in the latter part of the '54 season indicated that he may have picked up the confidence he needed to make him a top-notch performer.
Glenn Brooks
Brought up from the third team following the January automobile accident involving Tech players, Glenn showed much improvement in his play. Brooks has two more seasons at Tech, during which he may well develop into a very fine basketball player.

Lindsey Parks
One of the five Freshmen to make as high as the third Tech team, Parks exhibited some smooth basketball skills during his first year at Tech. Some off-season improvement could make him a first-rate prospect for next year.

In a very close game Ouachita was nosed out 86-81 by the Tech men to enable them to wrap up the AIC title. Tech played without O'Neal and were doing all right until the Tigers got hot and began pouring in shots to tie the score a couple of times. Finally, in the last three minutes Tech wrapped up the game.


Tech was virtually assured of another AIC championship with a 95-63 licking of A.S.T.C. This was Tech’s 12th straight conference win. Sevier made 21 points to lead the Tech scorers.
Tech won over Arkansas State and A.S.T.C. in the NAIA play-offs at Little Rock, gaining another chance at the national title in Kansas City. In this tourney Tech reached the Semi-Finals before being defeated.

The last three games of the Conference were with Henderson, Southern State, College of the Ozarks, all three of which Tech won easily. In the Southern State game Tech made 140 points to break the previous record of 134 held last year.

**Sevier sets and fires as Tech rules supreme over ASTC.**

**Martin and Smith await the tip on a jump ball in the Henderson tilt.**

**Jimmy Short**
A boy who saw some action this year and should see more next year is Jimmy Short.

**“Tubby” Jackson**
Jackson will be an improved ball player next season.
On January 17, the Tech basketball team was returning from an overnight trip to Arkansas A. & M., when two tires blew out on one of the station wagons in which they were traveling, causing the vehicle to overturn. The station wagon, driven by Travis Adams, the team statistician and publicity man, carried six members of the traveling squad plus team manager Orban McLemore. This traffic accident was fatal to Billy Edward Baker, an outstanding sophomore forward, who was one of the brightest hopes for continued success for the Tech cagers in the next two seasons.

Those injured in the accident were: Paul Anderson, who, it is hoped will be able to play next season; Sidney Ragland, who suffered a broken arm; Bill Stanley, David Camfield, and Robert Wolf, who returned to action.
The tip-off. There is plenty of action in the Intramural games.

That's what I call relaxation. Come on, Benton! Let's see some action!
The 1954 Tech Wondergirls got off to a slow start with two losses to the 1953 and 1954 State AAU champions, Beebe Junior College, but came back to win three straight from other formidable teams. The girls entered the state tournament as a seeded team, but fell in the second round game to the Little Rock Independents. Loss of All-AAU guard Helen Camfield with a back injury a week before the tournament and the limited number of games which the girls are allowed to play contributed to their defeat. Polly Lefler and Faye McKnight played their last year and received four year and three year letters respectively. Polly received a place on the second All-AAU team this year.
"Roman Holiday" was the theme of the Christmas dance sponsored by the Engineer's Club.

The Christmas dance is one of the big events of the year.

In contrast with the serious look on Botts' face, Bearden seems quite happy. What's on your mind, Gail?
This is a remnant of the Lonely Hearts club.

There's nothing like good dance music to make you forget your troubles.

Betty Jo's kinda bashful. Well, James, what's so funny?

Whatever the topic of conversation is here, even the camera couldn't pull their attention away.
The heartbreak comes when you almost win but don't quite make it.

MILITARY BALL

Wake up, Henning!

The Military Ball sponsored by the R.O.T.C. was a gala affair held in the gym.
Don’t know what Willie is supposed to be but, anyway, he looks the part.

There are varied reactions to Dale’s speech — Rondal is interested in the camera, Maxine is all ears, and Mr. Garrison seems to be enjoying the whole thing.
Smack! That's Bill Harper and Dora Joyce Judkins, who was Queen of Hearts.

The candidates for Queen of Hearts.

Mr. Brown gives Bill the crown with which to crown Dora Joyce.
A few of the couples who posed for the camera at the Valentine's Dance.

Billye Webb and Bill Poynter

Bob Burnett and Mary Priddy
Pete Jobe and Jean Hampton

Suzy Martin and John Hawkins

Betty Daniels and Burgen Tygart

Some non-student guests

Robert Fair and Ann Smith
The Techionery is a busy place between classes.

These students are waiting in the drizzling rain for their classification numbers to be called.

The President's Home.
Left to Right: Mike Smith, Bob Wolf, Bevan Dunlap, Jack Metcalf, and Bill Stanley, infielders.

Left to Right: David Camfield, Sammy May, Jimmy Griffin, and Don Dempsey, outfielders.

Left to Right: Bob Franklin, John Economides, and Glenn Brooks, pitchers.
Five Wonder Boy pitching hopefuls go through their paces in early drills.

*Ray Holbrook takes a cut in hitting practice while Bernard Huett catches.*

*Kenneth Kersh, catcher, tosses the ball back in practice.*

*Bernard Huett, catcher*
Kneeling, l. to r.: Chuck Hayden, Harley Burke, Sammy May, Bobby Botts, James Mayhugh. Standing, l. to r.: James Collier, Travis Hartwick, Stanley Teeter, Johnny Nutt, Don Jolly, Bob Allison, Dale Woodiel, Bill Chism, Barger Tygart, Jim Shell, and Coach Harold Stratton.

Sammy May gets set for a discus throw.
Harley Burke, Stanley Teeter, Bobby Botts, and Sammy May stride around the oval in one of their daily practice sessions.

James Collier steadies for a shot put effort.
The King and Queen and their attendants. Seated, left to right: Margaret Clingan, Gail Carr, Grace Daniels.

Standing, left to right: Willard Baker, Bill Hays, Dorothy Shaddox, Vance Broadaway, and Al Alsup.

Some Engineers preparing for Engineer's Day.

Grace Daniels, Queen and Al Alsup, King.
AGRI DAY

Queen Jackie Phillips and King Robert Watson.

The Queen and her attendants. Standing: Maxine Underwood and Oleta Ennes. Seated: Jackie Phillips.

The King and Queen and their attendants. Standing, left to right: Bill McCutcheon, Robert Watson, and Bill Stanley.

Seated, left to right: Oleta Ennes, Jackie Phillips, and Maxine Underwood.
Culinary experimentation.

Set 'er just right, now.

The orchestra performs at the valentine dance.

Who are you hiding from, Don?

Nice little dog, isn't he?

Travis, Ann, and Bill — a nice-looking trio.