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Student life at Tech begins with classification and registration. It continues with clubs, parties, dances, varsity and intramural sports and just about anything imaginable. These things are just part of the overall reflection of Tech's student life.

Homecoming and Parents' Day brought parents, alumni, students, teachers, and administrators together with displays, pretty girls, football games and the dedications of Witherspoon Hall and Hull Hall.

Many students voted for the first time in the national election last fall. Nixon won, of course, and shortly after his inauguration all draft calls were cancelled, much to many male students' relief.

Due to the enrollment drop, Tech felt the squeeze of an overall 18% budget cut. The Student Senate, Arka-Tech and Agricola were just a few things which suffered.

Judy Trower, a senior English major, seems well pleased with her schedule.

At the beginning of each semester, the student center ballroom becomes crowded with apprehensive young people trying "to get what I want" in the way of class schedules. While some have good luck, others wish that they had not left their rooms.
Looking not at all happy, a tech student waits to finish classification.

During the physical and emotional rigors of classification, members of the cadet cadre of the department of military science attempt to help students having trouble.

Classification can be the win or lose point of the semester for many students.

ROTC member, Eddie Lacy, attempts to help Linda Pierson with her classification forms. ROTC students offered their services to anyone needing help during classification.
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Many male students joyous as Nixon cancels draft

Above: Sandra McCollum, junior art major, walks aimlessly from class like so many others.

Charles Benson and John Clark pay their fees at the Students Accounts window. This is the last procedure the students go through, and the most dreaded.

Karen Adams and Bill Alsup, two freshmen at Tech are making use of the lounge in Witherspoon Hall, the new Humanities and Arts Building.

Many students spend time before and after class studying and talking in the lounge.
Pictures reflect varied campus life

Peaceful and quiet under a beautiful coat of snow, Hull Physical Education Building waits for the return of the students who were away on Christmas and semester break. Hull was completed in the spring of '72.

Lowesta Shurn prepares to take a picture in Student Center; or is it just the opposite.

A Parks and Recreation class helped to beautify the campus by cleaning McEver Ditch, damming the stream, and planting flowers in a specially built flower box.
Botany classes convene out-of-doors whenever the weather permits. Textbooks are essential, but instructors often supplement students' reading by "going into the field," which includes observing the plants surrounding the bridge to Witherspoon.

Relaxing in Massie Hall social lounge are Connie Cowdry and Richard Bringarden. Social lounges are enjoyed by many students in the different dorms. The lounges are open from 10:00 a.m. until the dorm closes at date call.
Faces, paint reflections of good times

Above: One of the many exciting things that happen during SCA week may have its origin with a paint bucket.

Above right: Students reflect a variety of moods as they depart from the Post Office. Some of them were beginning to wonder about Mr. Edgar's photography students who were everywhere.

Right: A Techster is caught in mid-air at the swimming area known as The Strip Pits. Students often capitalized on its convenience.
Friends and possibly enemies congregate in the student center to rap, play cards, eat pre-cooked, sterile sandwiches, play "Me and Mrs. Jones" on the loud jukebox, and have, in general, a good time.

A man's best friend is his not-so-usual off-campus rabbit and this Parks and Recreation major seem to be in perfect agreement.
Club activities

Clubs hold pie contest, campouts, runs

Danny Roten, amateur photographer and spelunker, hazarded the early morning light to catch his exhausted fellow spelunkers catching a little more shut-eye before another day of cave exploring. It can't be too comfortable on asphalt, can it?

Lu Hardin, student senate president, can run for the March of Dimes as well as office.
One of the major events of an agri student’s year is their annual dance and banquet at Mather Lodge. This is the only formal activity of the club and is quite a change from the other events they sponsor, such as rodeos and clinics for high school students.

Contemplating her revenge, Sue Boster collects her pie for a return shot.
In outfits designed by the best, Marquise pledges await their fashion debut. Each pledge designed her own costume and modeled it during the carnival.

Sandra McCollum, a Kappa Pi member, gets a laugh out of the antics of the pledges.

Debbie Reese Goodell, a Marquise pledge, does a poor job of looking mean. The pledges “dressed” for the carnival and presented a fashion show.
These sophomores are waiting patiently for someone to come along and get a "big smack" for "two bits" at the annual Marquise Carnival held every fall.

Barbara Sisco, Shannon Caston, and Lorraine Williams, Marquise pledges, anxiously await their moment of modeling during the feature fashion show at the Marquise Carnival. Lumpy Lunsford is the "Wonderboy backing the Marquise."

Martha Kendrick is the happy junk seller at the Massie Hall junk sale.
Campus organizations hold contests, aid needy families

Benny Shepard receives notification of being seventh round choice of the Miami Dolphins.

Left: Rita Howell and Barbara Steffenhagen discuss programs and activities for the AWS which has been very active this year.

Donna Stout, Tech cheerleader, prepares to drench a fellow cheerleader at the water balloon throwing contest sponsored by the cheerleaders during SCA week to raise money for expenses incurred by their out-of-town trips.
Pie in the sky during SCA week, compliments of the sophomore class? The sky fell during the now infamous pie throwing contest.

Mrs. Kimie Johnson performs an original song for the Nichiren Soshu Association.

Left: Sigma Beta members organized, with the aid of other campus groups, a canned food drive to help needy families of the Russellville area during Christmas.
Dances

Faces reflect diversified emotions at Tech dances

"Now it's your turn," Mike O'Brien seems to tell Donna Stout during a S.O.T. dance.

Shannon Briggs and cohort take a smiling break from their musical obligations during a dance in the Student Center Ball Room.

Everyone gets into the swing of things during one of Sigma Omega Tau's dances.
Sandy Vaught and her escort pause a minute to reflect on the evening’s activities at the annual ROTC Ball. All ROTC cadets sponsor the military ball, which is the social highlight of the year for local military men and Tech cadets.

It looks as though the organist saw what everyone else saw but still kept playing.

A circle of friendship forms spontaneously on the dance floor as these three couples embrace for a dance en masse.
Donna Cotton crowned Queen of Hearts

Sherry Bowling watches students crowd out of the ballroom at the Valentine's Dance.

Chuck New and his valentine dance to the music of Redwing at the Valentine's Dance.

Sarah Hickman (center) dances with her date among the 250 student couples that attended the annual Queen of Hearts dance. The formal occasion was sponsored by Marquise and the Student Senate. It is one of the outstanding spring activities at Tech.
Concerts

Music moves a tired Tech in concerts

Above: Buddy Rich's saxophone soloist belts out a number to a Tech capacity crowd.

The music department sets the stage for the annual Christmas concert. Members decorated the auditorium with Christmas trees and greenery to provide a fitting atmosphere.
Gene Cotton quietly captivates the audience with his singing.

Left: Playboy's drummer of the year, Buddy Rich, flashes his winning style and iridescent teeth during his fall concert sponsored by the Tech Student Senate.

Below: One of several trumpet players in Chase, a heavy brass band, blows it hot and heavy for a capacity audience at Tech's fall concert.
Marching Band

Tech's band of distinction marches on

Don Hall, Tech's drum major reflects the results of hard work and practice.

Elton Elsle, left, and Ricco Bolatti know what it's like to be behind — they march in the last row of the band. They aren't used to the Wonderboys being behind, however.

From many hours of field practice comes this display at SCA. The Arkansas Tech "Band of Distinction" moves with Tech moods, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the SCABs have the Wonderboys running in circles.
Golden Girls drill team newly formed

Practicing quick draws, the Golden Girls worked hard all year to learn routines for the 1973-74 school year when they will perform. The Golden Girls also serve as hostesses for college functions and will be a sight to behold at halftime.

Jeannie Alstadt, a freshman from Berryville, stands at attention during practice.

Front: Jeannie Alstadt; JoAnn Brown; Lisa Conaster. 2nd: Vickie Ingram; Donna Finkenbinder; Sandra McCollum; Vicki Moore. 3rd: Dede Peel; Rebecca McSpadden; Elaine Bentley; Becky Parker.