



Tiger Tales

Tech High School Alumni Association

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Tech Student Profile- Otis Morris

St. Cloud Tech is filled with many great students from around Central Minnesota and some have origins from around the world. One such student is senior Otis Morris. Otis was born and raised in Monrovia, a war torn country in Western Africa. In 1998, Otis along with his mother and a few family members traveled to the U.S. to escape the strife. He arrived in New York City and settled in MN to be with relatives and friends. Otis moved to St. Cloud as a third grader to live with his uncle and Tech teacher at the time, Jeffery Karbedah.



Otis' mother lives in St. Paul and he has not seen his father since he left Monrovia in 1998 although they do talk on the phone. Tech High School has embraced Otis as he is a very intelligent and personable young man. He was recently crowned Homecoming King by the student body. As a member and Captain of the football team Otis has led the State Ranked Tigers to a current 6-0 record. With his 4.4 speed in the 40 yard dash he has several colleges interested in offering him a scholarship to participate in football. Otis plans to play collegiate football and study to become a teacher and coach. He attributes part of his success to the teachers and coaches who have been stellar role models encouraging and challenging him along the way.

Items of interest...

- **The annual Tech High School Alumni Association meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 15th in the Learning Resource Center at Tech. All alumni are welcome to attend.**
- There are six openings on our Board of Directors – Contact us if interested.
- THSAA is a registered, non-profit organization and any donations to fund scholarships are always appreciated.
- We are currently looking for Alumni who would like to spend time in our Tiger Den at Tech hosting current students and sharing stories of Tech's memorable past – Contact us if interested.
- Thanks to all for participating in our recent project to build an updated directory. Alumni Research did an excellent job partnering with us to provide a quality, finished product. There are a few hardcopy versions remaining and it is not too late to subscribe to version on the internet. Contact Alumni Research at 800-325-8664 for current pricing and ordering options.
- Tours of Tech High School will be conducted for any class that requests such tours. The tours will be on Saturday of the reunion, starting at 10:00 a.m., unless other arrangements are made. The building and Tiger Den will remain open until noon. Enter the front entrance, door 3. To request a tour, please call the alumni phone number @ 320.252.2231, extension 3.

THSAA Board of Directors

Brian Bensen, Director, 1968
 Rollie Carlson, Treasurer, 1962
 Jim Dahl, President / Editor - 1976
 Charlie Eisenreich, Director, 1982
 Brenda Gergen, Exec Director, 1992
 Bruce Hentges, Director, 1968
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 John Scharenbroich, Secretary, 1981
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TECH HIGHLIGHTS – FALL 2007

The 2007-08 school year is off to a **GRRREAT** start at Tech! The football team is 6-0 and rated in the top-10 in the State of Minnesota. They beat Sauk Rapids in overtime for a homecoming victory before a large crowd at Clark Field. Ellen Melrose and Otis Morris were named Homecoming Queen and King. The Tech Girls Swimming and Tennis teams are both in first place in the Central Lakes conference and have yet to be beaten in Conference play. The Volleyball team is having one of its best seasons in years and is in second place in the conference. The Tech fall play will be “Dracula” and will be performed the last week in October.

This Date in Tech History

Fall 1922 85 Years Ago

- Tech had 685 students register for classes in grades 9-12.
- A new grading program was announced. Tech, “like most successful schools and colleges” will use letter grades (A,B,C,D & F) to identify how well a student has done in a class. The old system of “75’s & 95’s” is being discarded.
- At the end of a successful football season, Virginia High School sent a telegram to Tech, challenging the tigers to a football game to determine “the public school championship of Minnesota”. Since most players had already turned in their gear and started basketball, Coach Schrop declined the offer.

Fall 1957 50 Years Ago

- Tech defeated Crosby-Ironton 33-0 in the homecoming football game. Queen Carol Millett presided over the game and festivities that week.
- The football team went on to a 7-1 record after losing its first game of the season. Coaches Don Nylund and Bill Frantti were in their third year at Tech after replacing the legendary Vern Morrison.
- A budget of \$1,417,552 for the fiscal year 1957-58 was announced by the St. Cloud School Board at its August meeting. Superintendent H.B. Gough announced he would retire at the end of the 1957-58 school year.

Fall 1997 10 Years Ago

- Tech’s Laura Provinzino, a 1994 graduate, was named a Rhodes Scholar, receiving a scholarship to Oxford University in England.
- Chelsie Schafer and Riley Sharbonno were crowned Queen and King at Tech’s Homecoming Coronation.
- The Tech football team advance to the State Quarterfinals, before losing to Blaine in a great game on Clark Field

About our newsletter...

Our newsletter is the primary means of informing alumni of our organization’s activities. We are now in our third year of a partnership with 1st Hour Communications to produce and distribute this document. They provide printing and distribution activities in exchange for allowing advertisements to be inserted into the mailing. We have the option to select from companies who are known for their community involvement.

Four to five newsletters are published per year. We encourage you to let us know your thoughts for future newsletter articles and how we can continue to improve. We want to ensure the alumni population that their names and addresses can only be used for distribution of the newsletter. However, you may opt out of the mailing by contacting us.

The THSAA board looks at the relationship with 1st Hour Communications as an incredible opportunity to communicate with more alumni, more often.

Planning a reunion? Here is what the **THSAA** can and cannot do for your class.

We can...

1. Provide your class with a listing of graduates names and addresses.
2. Provide labels for addresses on file at a cost of \$1.00 per page.
3. Provide class contact information, assuming they have approved their information being handed out.
4. Post your class reunion information on the Tech Website/ Alumni Page
5. Assist in giving tours of Tech during your class reunion event.
6. Provide memorabilia from your class year. The Tiger Den is full of wonderful items. Your class reunion planning team would need to schedule time with a THSAA board member and place a small monetary deposit with the THSAA to insure that all items will be returned.

We cannot...

1. Plan or host your class reunion.
2. Mail your reunion information.
3. Give out graduate information for any use outside of a reunion.