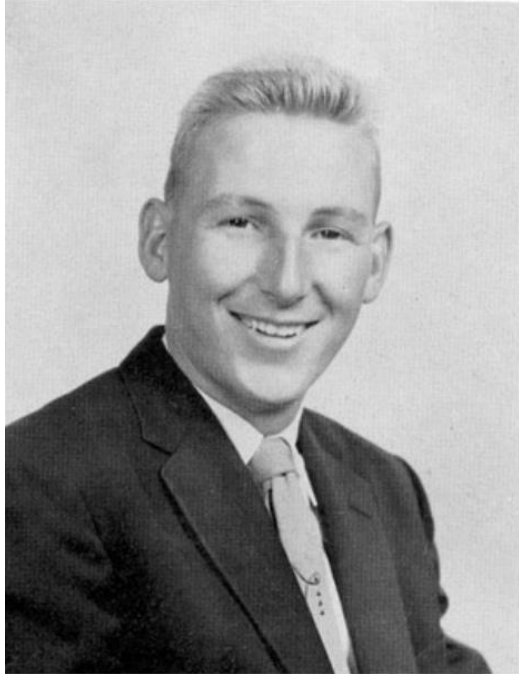


John David Oakes, Jr., Class of 1957.



John David Oakes, Jr., a senior letterman on the Tech High football team, died of a kidney injury at 5:30 a.m. yesterday at St. Joseph Hospital. He was 18.

The youth, a first-string tackle was hurt in the last quarter of a Tech-Central football game October 19 at Crump Stadium when he blocked a Central player. An examination at the hospital disclosed he had only one kidney.

He had planned to enter the Air Force after graduation from Tech. He was a member of the Tennessee Air National Guard and had been active in ROTC at the school.

Coach James Sivert of Tech described the youth as one of a his “most outstanding players,” calling him a well-disciplined kid who always had a smile and a knack for saying the right thing at the right time.” The 6-foot, 1-inch athlete lettered for the first-time last year.

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