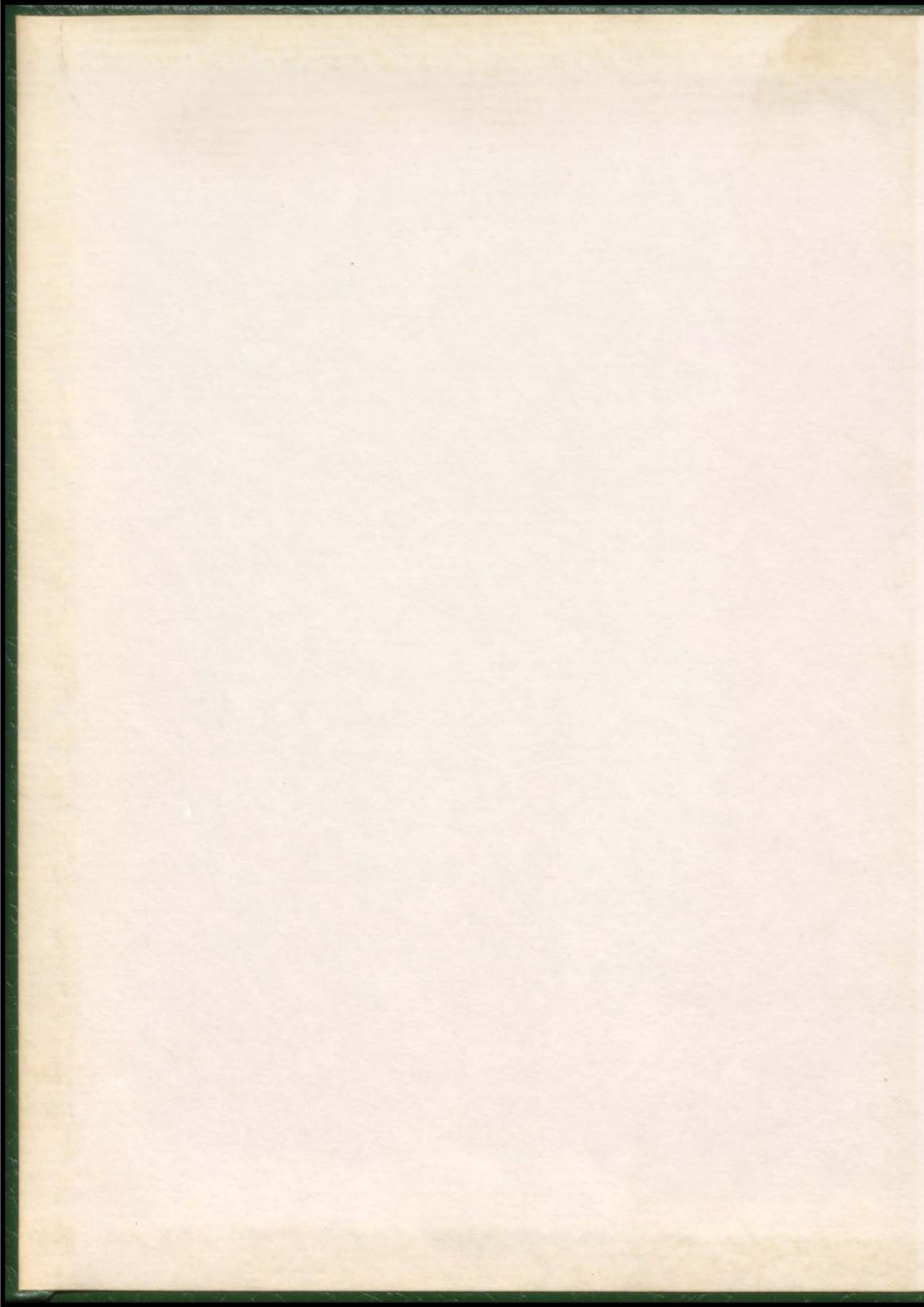
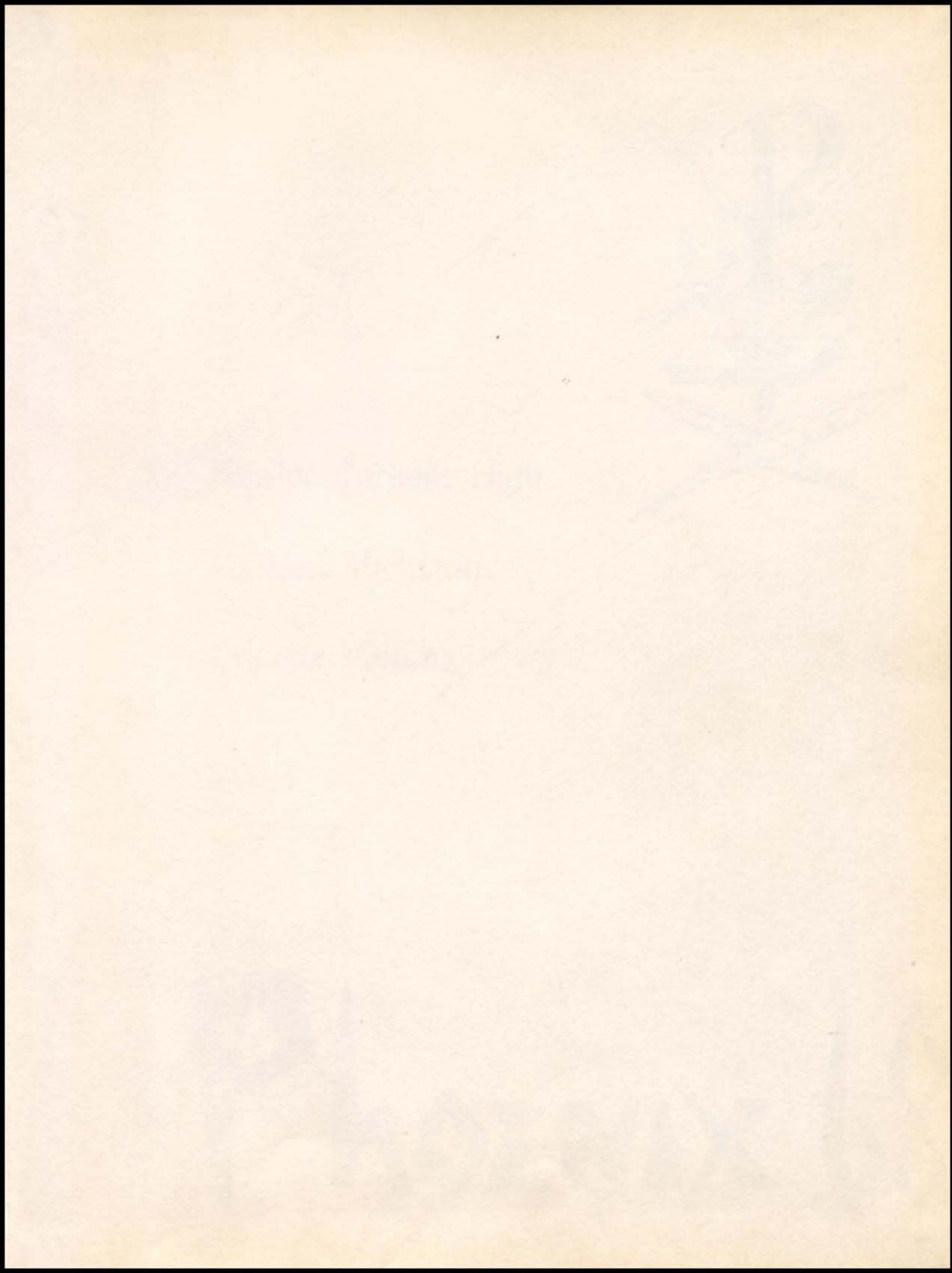


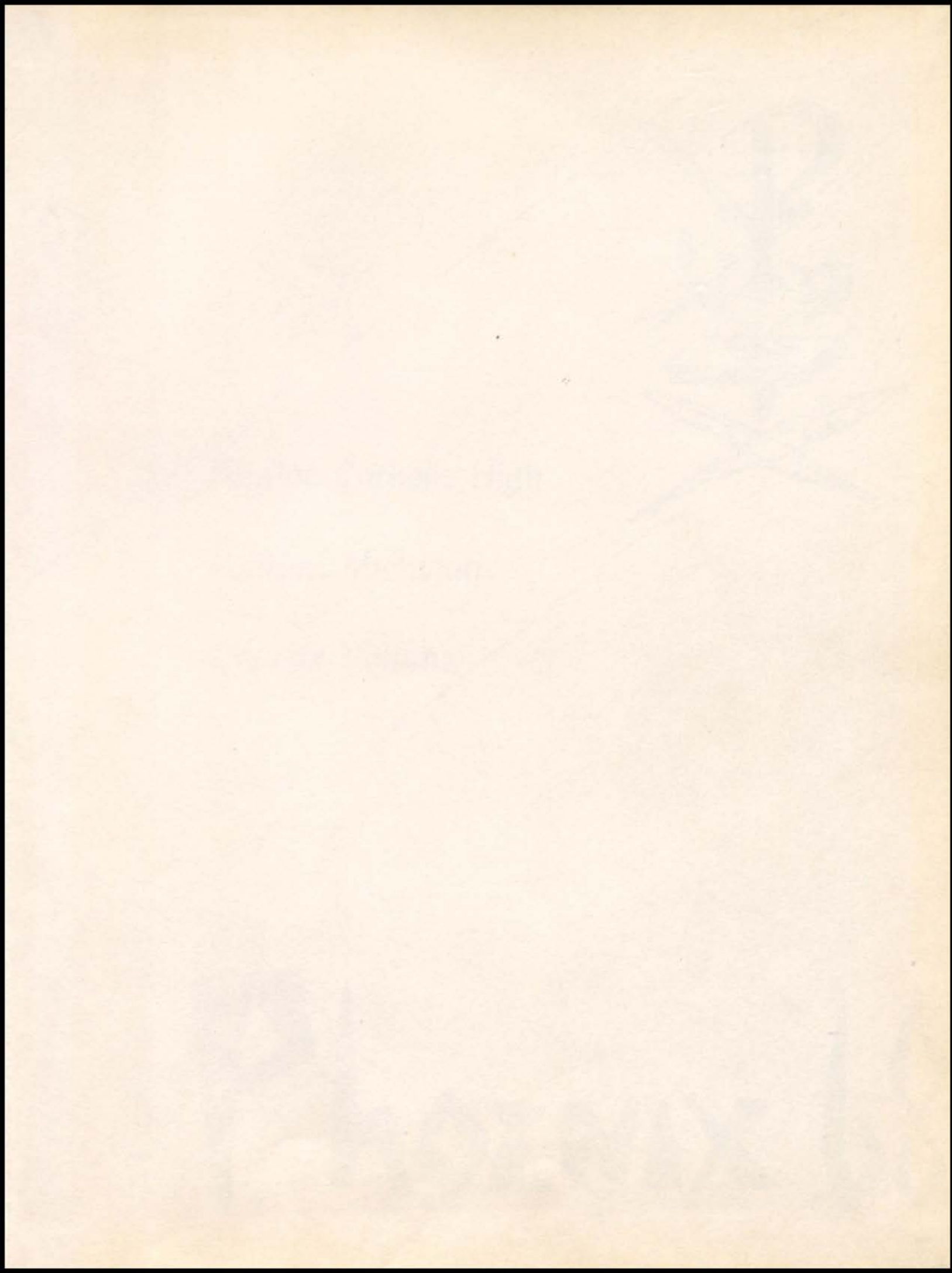


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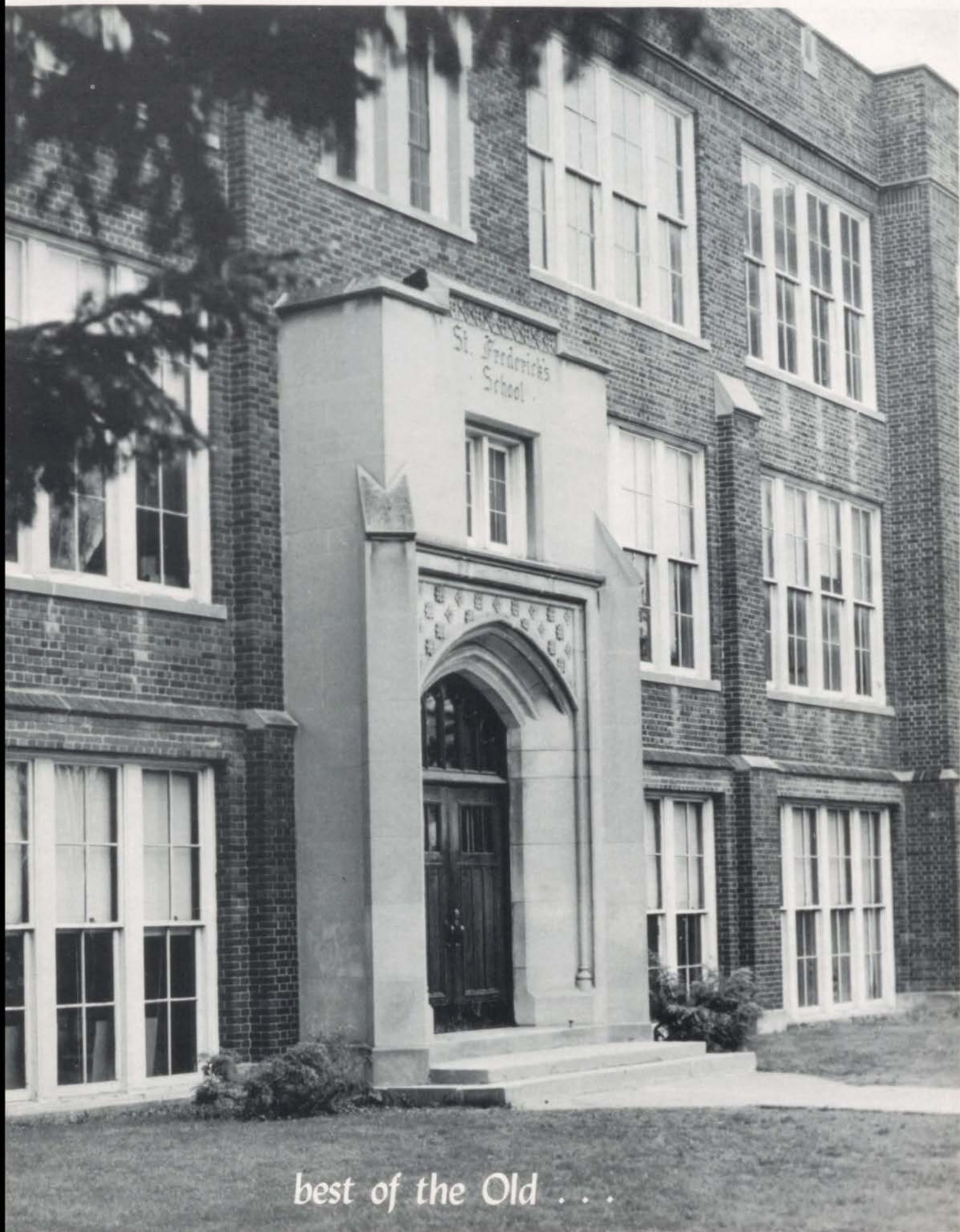
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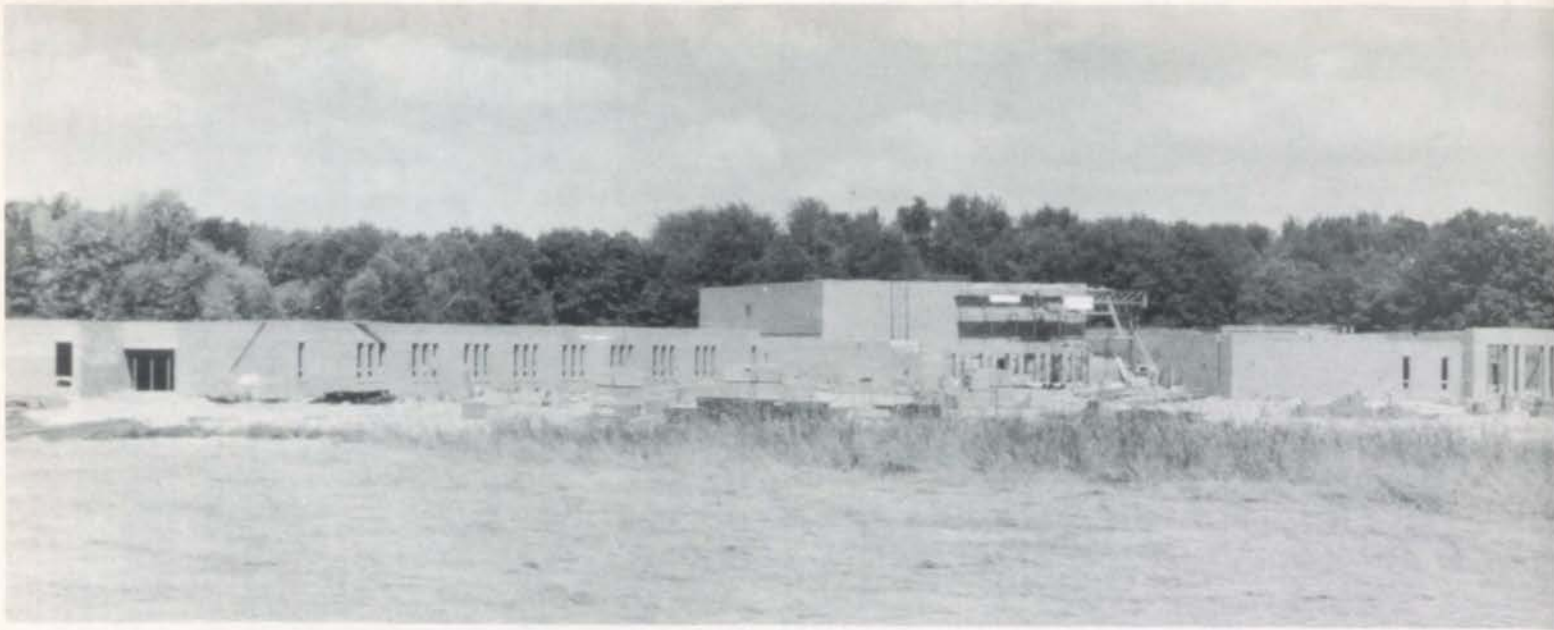




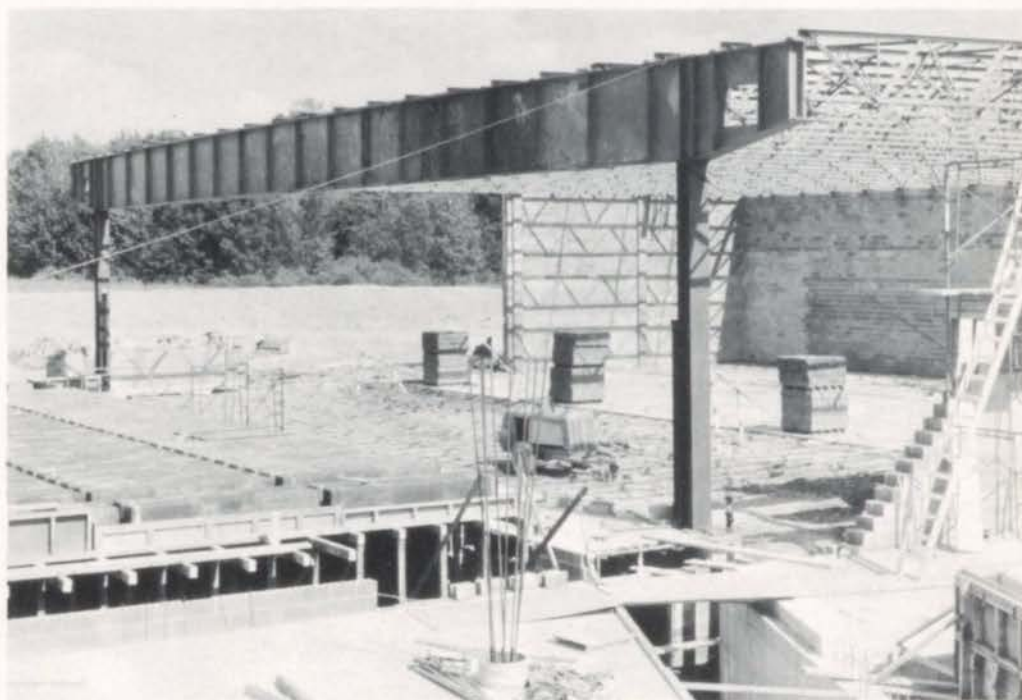


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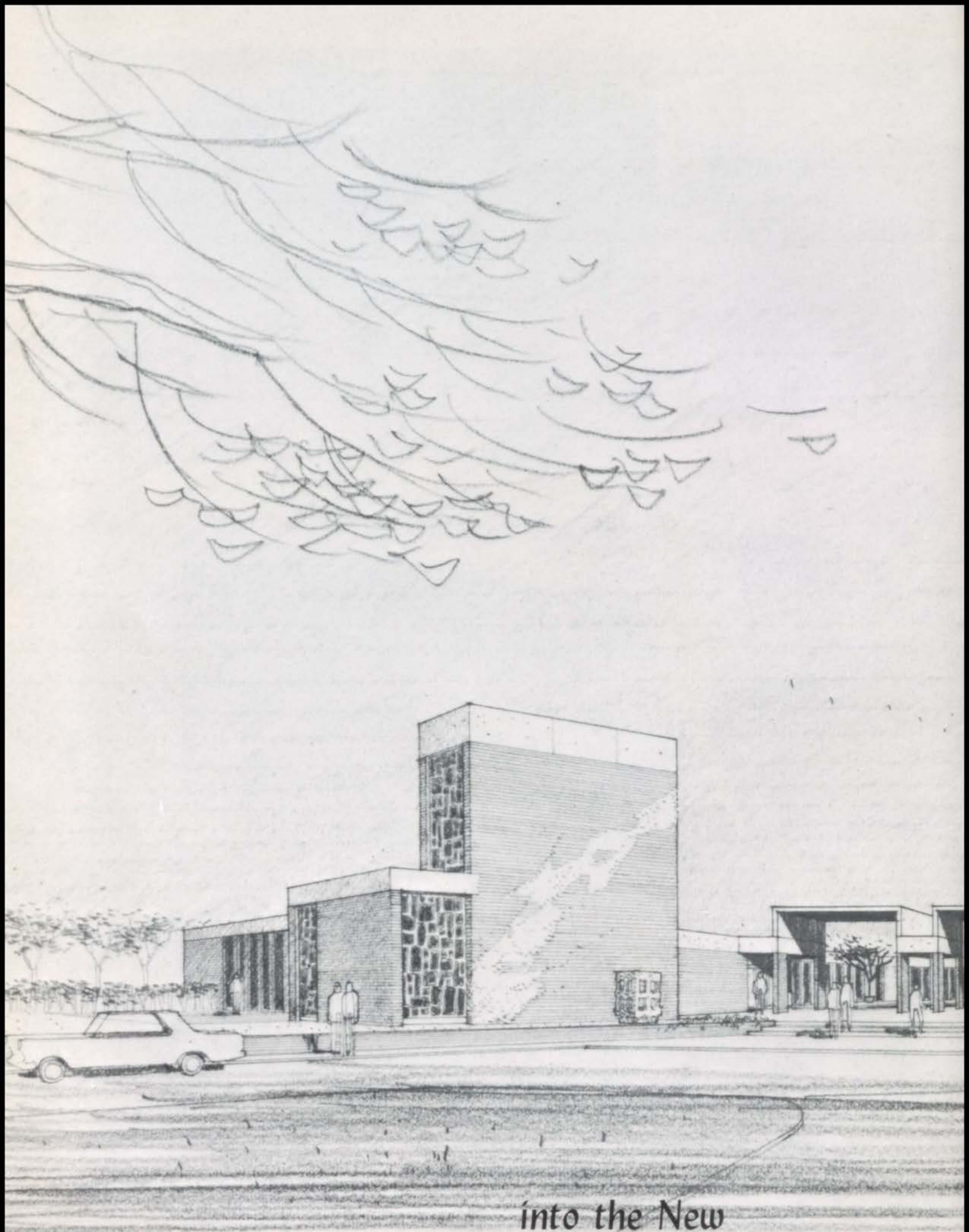




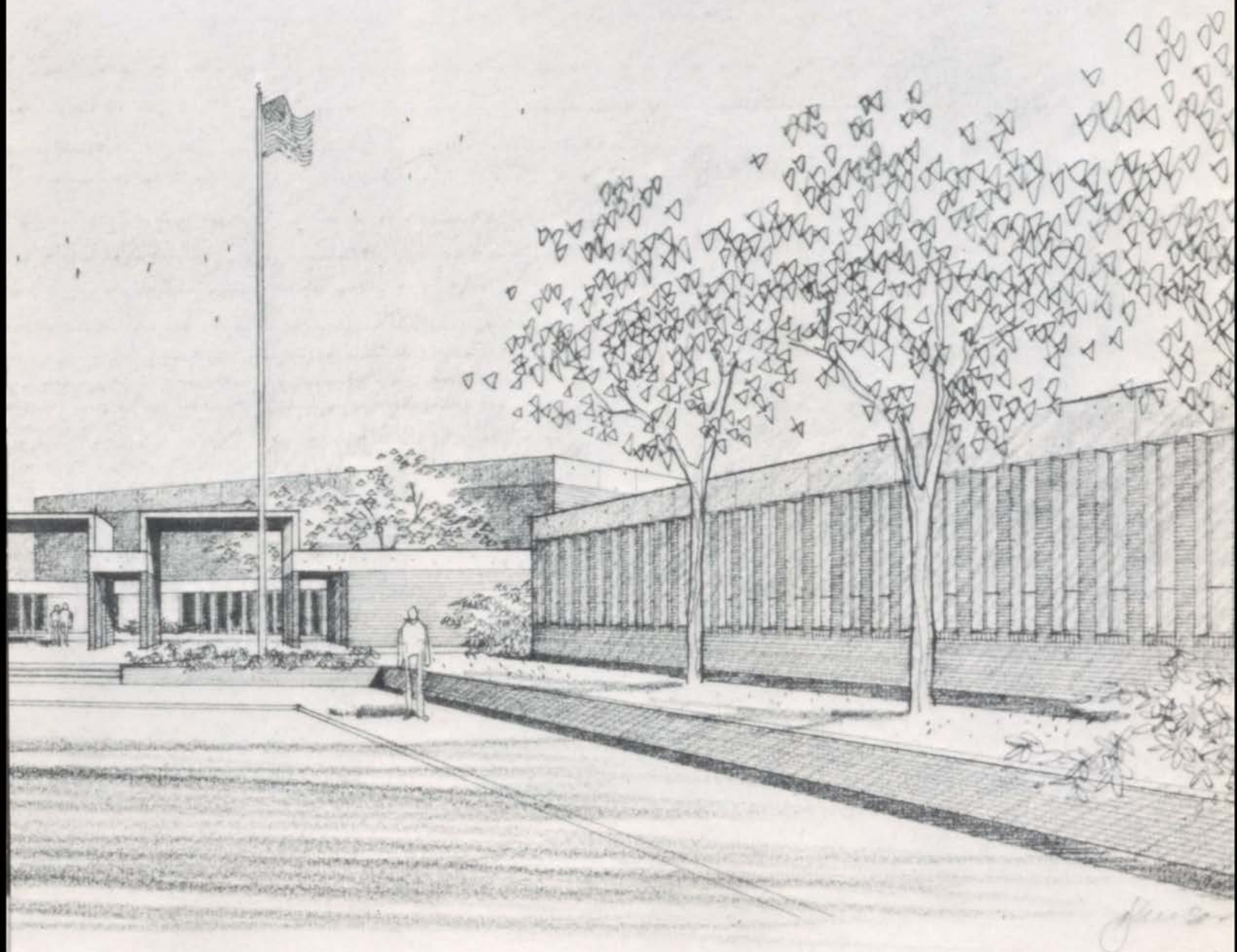




To the onlooker, a simple ground-breaking ceremony -- to those involved, a dream made reality. From left: Fr. Thomas McGrath, Fr. Arthur Oldani, St. Vincent de Paul; Fr. Henry Kreft, Sacred Heart; Fr. Bernard Zaglaniczny, St. Perpetua; Fr. Richard Thomas, St. Benedict; Mr. Glenn Paulsen, the architect; Fr. Francis Okonowski, St. Joseph; Fr. James Hayes, St. Michael.









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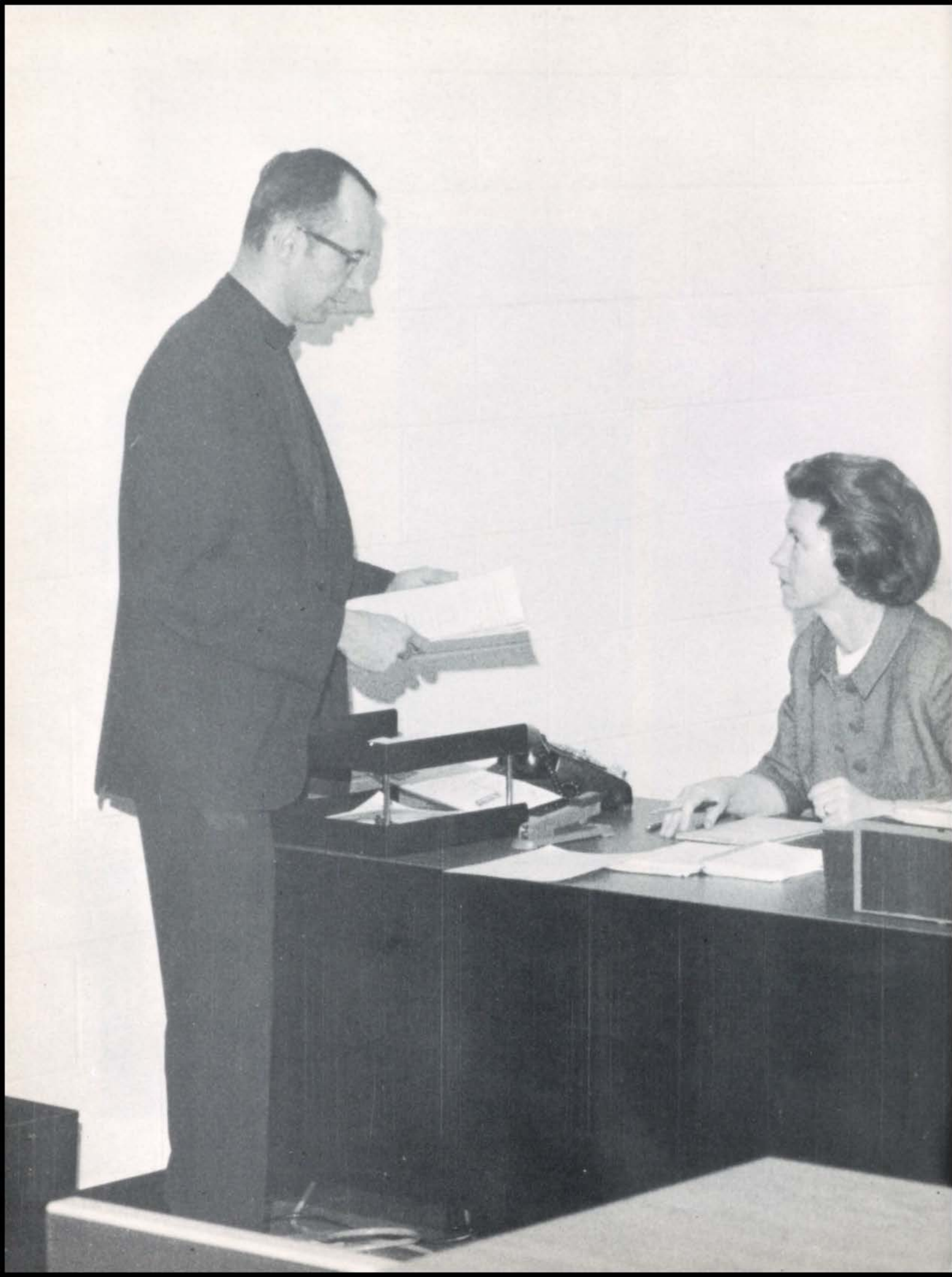
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Fr. Kurmaniak



## A man of few words, but many actions!

From the strange marriage of two long-standing rivals -- St. Mike's and St. Fred's -- there had sprung a new and undeveloped infant -- Pontiac Catholic. Like all infants it needed a strong and loving hand to guide its first steps. This hand was found in our principal, Father Valentine Kurmaniak.

His undying devotion to this infant school was every bit that of a new father. When firm discipline was necessary, it was there without hesitation, yet never in excess.

Father quickly became a friend to the students. Many hours were spent helping the students to understand what he wanted when the school matured. He spent untold hours at the unfinished cradle that would house the infant and worked untiringly so that the child could get into its sheltering walls as soon as possible.

And now that first painful year of growth is over, and the infant can stand and walk. It has flexed its muscles and stood tall, but it is far from mature.

In time the students will say that they make the school; but it was Fr. Kurmaniak who molded the students who molded the school, and he will always be there supporting the foundation.

# The time has come, the walrus said, to speak of

Through the looking-glass of literature we are allowed to step into adventures otherwise excluded from our world. We may journey 20,000 leagues under the sea or climb Mt. Everest or share romance on a South Seas island.

The next adventure is as near as the next book. The book is our media to broaden our experience. Our experience increases our maturity and judgement. We grow as we go.

So let's put aside the routine for a while. Let's let ourselves go. The world is waiting. Fun and adventure are the next stop -- through the looking-glass.



Sr. Fernando



Sr. Mary Louise





many things.



Mr. Foley





Sr. Suzanne



Mrs. Hadden



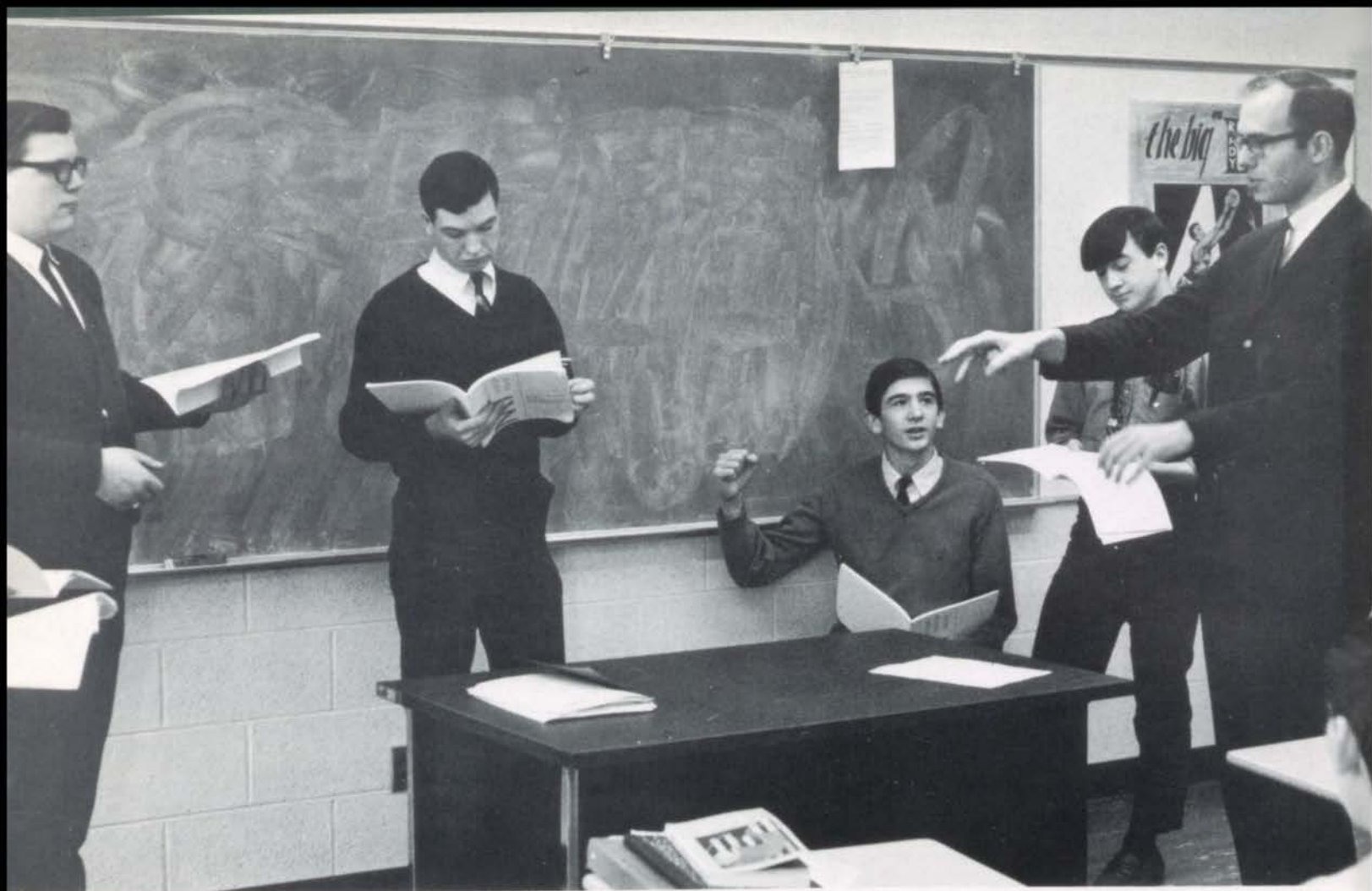




## No matter how you say it, it spells communication

"Bonjour," "Salve," "Hola," or "Hi". Language is the means of communicating ideas and sharing experiences. Language develops an insight into the different countries of the world; it is the medium through which the cultures, customs, fashions, and ideas are expressed. More than expressing just ideas, language brings about an understanding of the peoples of the world.









*A man should say what he thinks,  
but only if he knows how to say it*



Mr. Hoeflein

"Now speak the speech briskly as I have shown you. But if you garble it, you'll make me wish that I had asked the town crier instead . . ." Hamlet (freely translated).

Like Hamlet, Mr. Howard Hoeflein directs his energies toward helping members of his speech class to do the best they can in oral expression.

But far more than speech is taught here. No topic is left untouched. Nowhere in school is there a class where the answers to the important questions of life are so readily available.



Sr. Collette



## The art of expression;

Sir Joshua Reynolds declared, "A room hung with pictures is a room hung with thoughts." Pontiac Catholic's art department testifies to this statement, for a peek into the art room often shows a mass confusion as students adapt themselves to pens, paints, and pastels. Their finished products range from motifs in paper sculpture to abstract designs in plaster. Developing hidden talents and learning that "practice makes perfect," Sister Collette's art students project themselves into their art, instilling their thoughts within.







## the song of the soul

Music is a powerful language, expressing emotions with ease and capturing the spirit as no eloquent speech can. With the emphasis on youthful enthusiasm and beauty, Sr. Mary de Lima directed the choral music class this year. Although working under overwhelming odds, Sister has prolifically added to the idea that music is an essential part of communication.

After many hours of work, the choral appeared at the National Honors Society Introduction meeting, and later performed marvelously at the school Christmas play, *CHRISTMAS BY HALVES*. Working diligently with the musical backgrounds, Sr. de Lima and choral students prepared chorus work for *ANNIE GET YOUR GUN*.

Pontiac Catholic's choral music class refutes the common idea that creativity in youth is dead, for it added the proper milieu to every idea and the proper atmosphere to every occasion.



Sr. Mary de Lima

# History is the record kept in man's family album



Sr. Regina



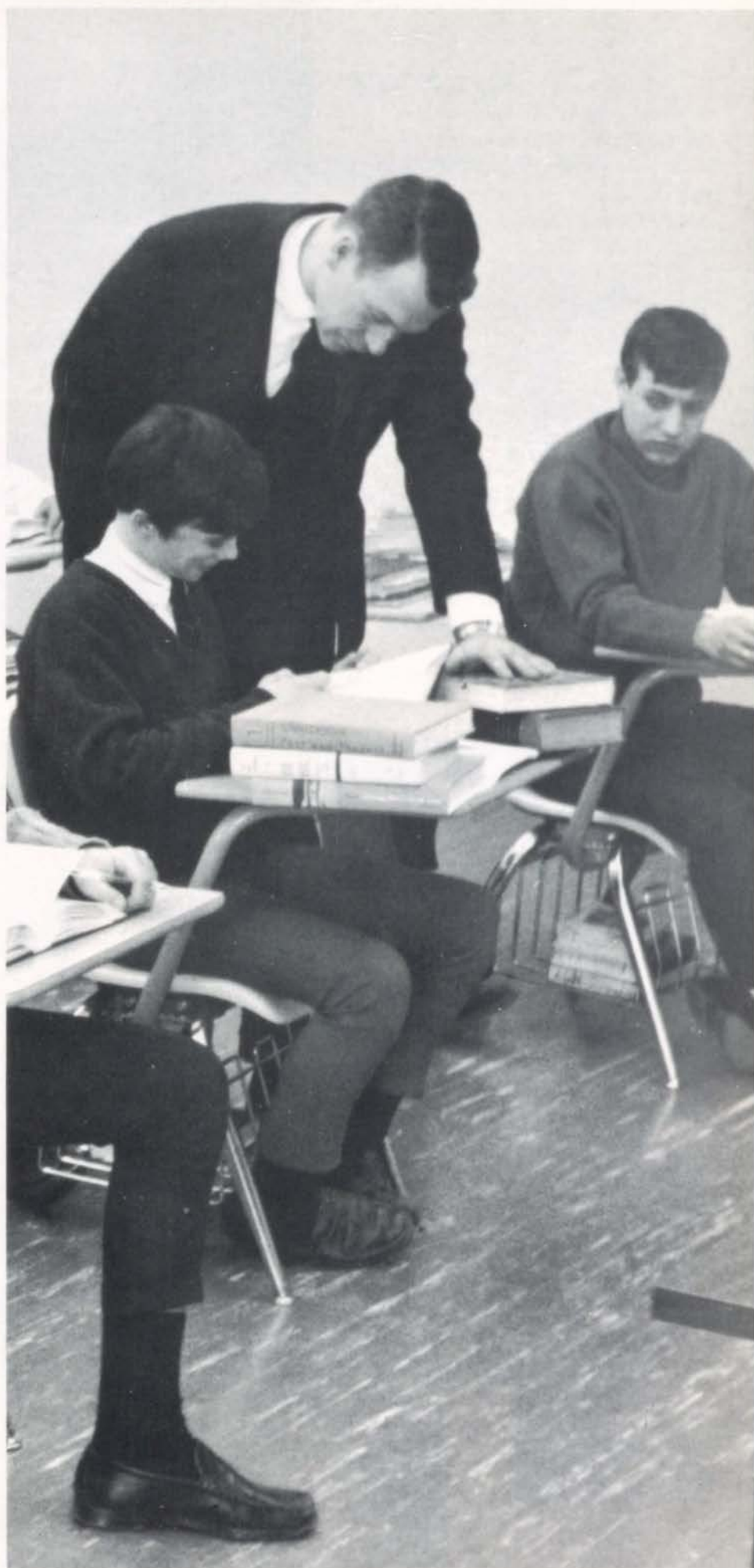
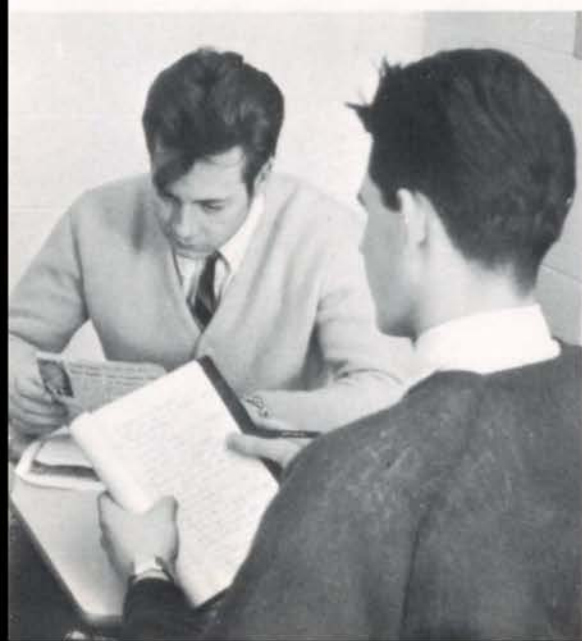
Sr. Amedia

Our national heritage is the foundation of the past, and it is upon this structure that we plan for the future. With this thought in mind, we study the structure of our country and of our world, delving into all social, political, and economic aspects of the social sciences.

Man is himself a history of ideas. Today the past is very alive in the present. History has not only been made, it is in the making . . . We will help to shape destinies, not only our own but those of future generations. Yes, history can be glorious; it can be feared, loved or hated -- who can say for sure. Isn't history really mankind.







Through Basic Mathematics and Algebra I, skeptical Freshmen step into the sphere of set theory, polynomials, and, of course, identity elements. Survivors of these courses look ahead to geometry and drafting, the world of rulers, compasses, and protractors where nonprofessionals construct lines and congruent triangles. Eager Juniors wanting to major in math tackle Algebra II and trigonometry, trying to acquaint themselves with the realm of functions, logarithms, and a whole new "trig" vocabulary.

Then, there are the dedicated and so ambitious few who last through four rigorous years -- those who find in mathematics a personal challenge. These are the students who see a mathematically-oriented world; these are the students whose theories may go down in history.





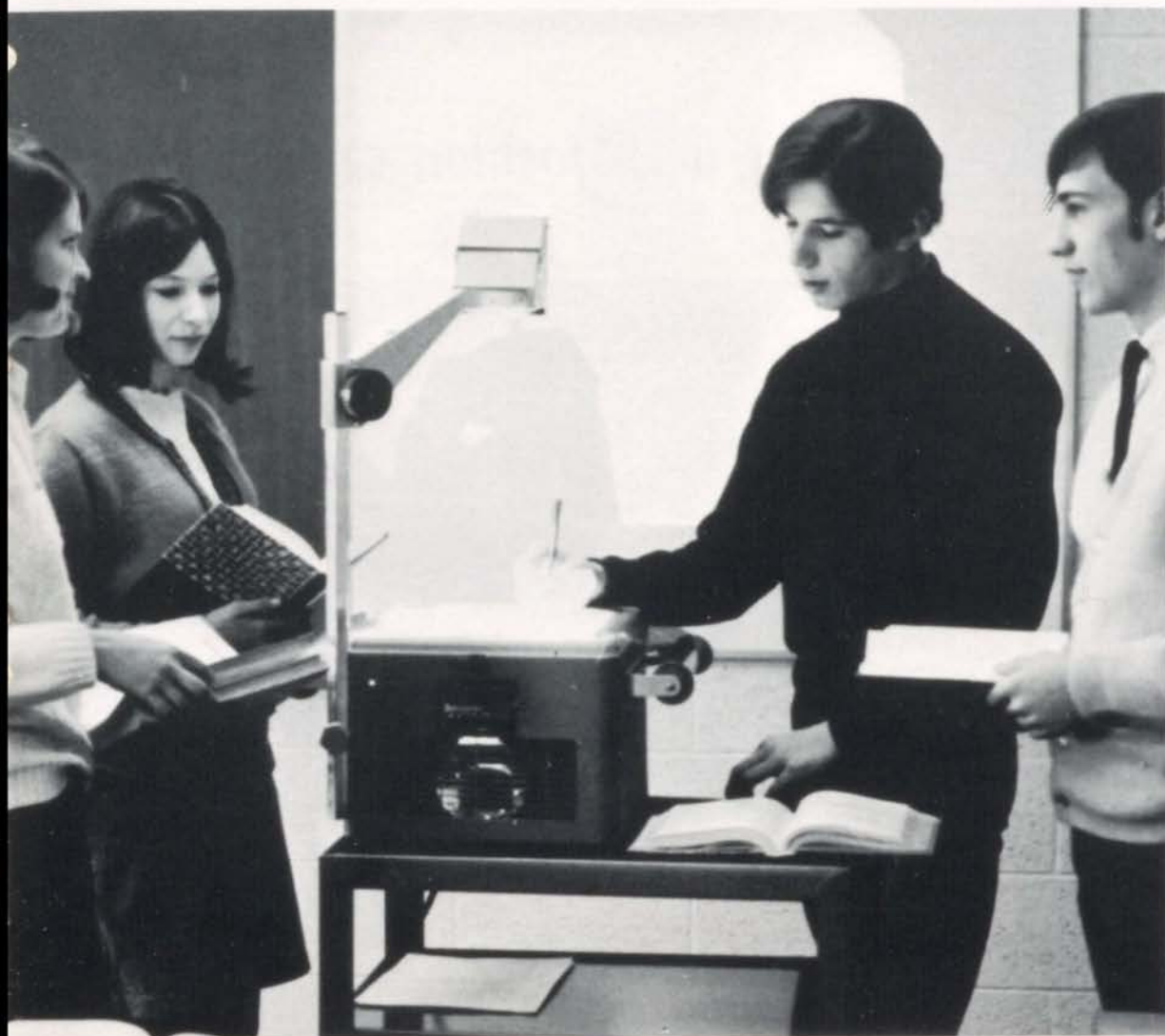
Let's call it  
mathemagical!



Sr. Bertha



Sr. Carol Ann



Mr. Murray



Mr. Winiemko



## Home Ec'ers cause big stir with fashion sensations



Sr. Rosemarie

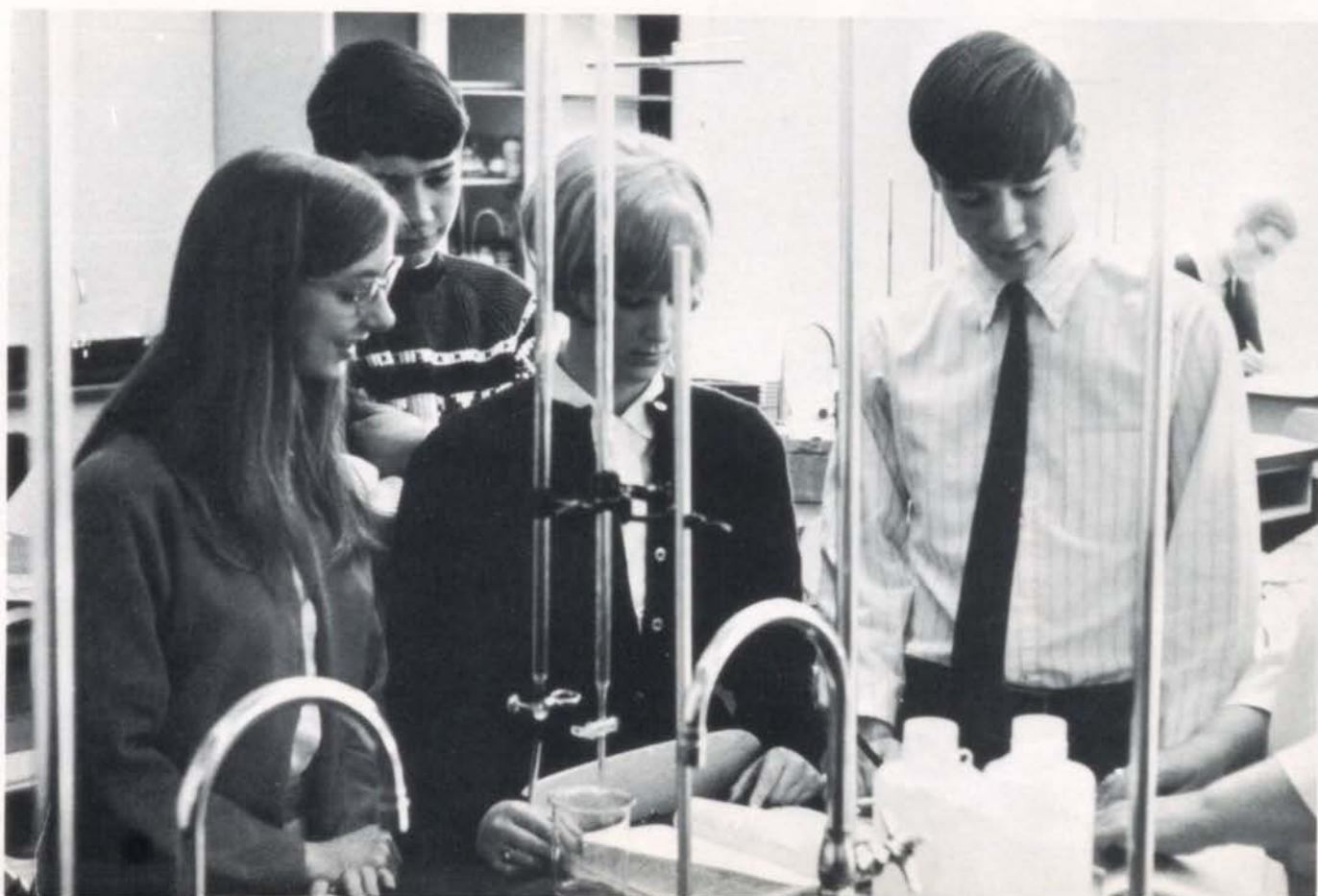


Another Dior or Edith Head may emerge from Pontiac Catholic as students find an outlet for their creative abilities in Sister Rosemarie's Home Economics class.

Cutting patterns, pinning seams, and sewing sleeves and waistbands -- only to rip them apart and start over -- add to the feeling of accomplishment when the dress is finished.











Sr. Giovanni



Sr. Pius



## God gave us the knowledge to discover and to perfect.

The study of sciences helps to sharpen the mind and promote clear thinking in the individual. In learning about the nature of the physical universe, the student begins to sense the orderly phenomenon of God's creation. Discovery in the laboratory -- observing, analyzing, and classifying -- contributes towards the thought process of the individual, making him more aware of the scientific world about him.





*Your hands have fashioned me; train me that  
I may learn Your commandment. Ps.118*



Sr. Catherine Vincent



Sr. Anne

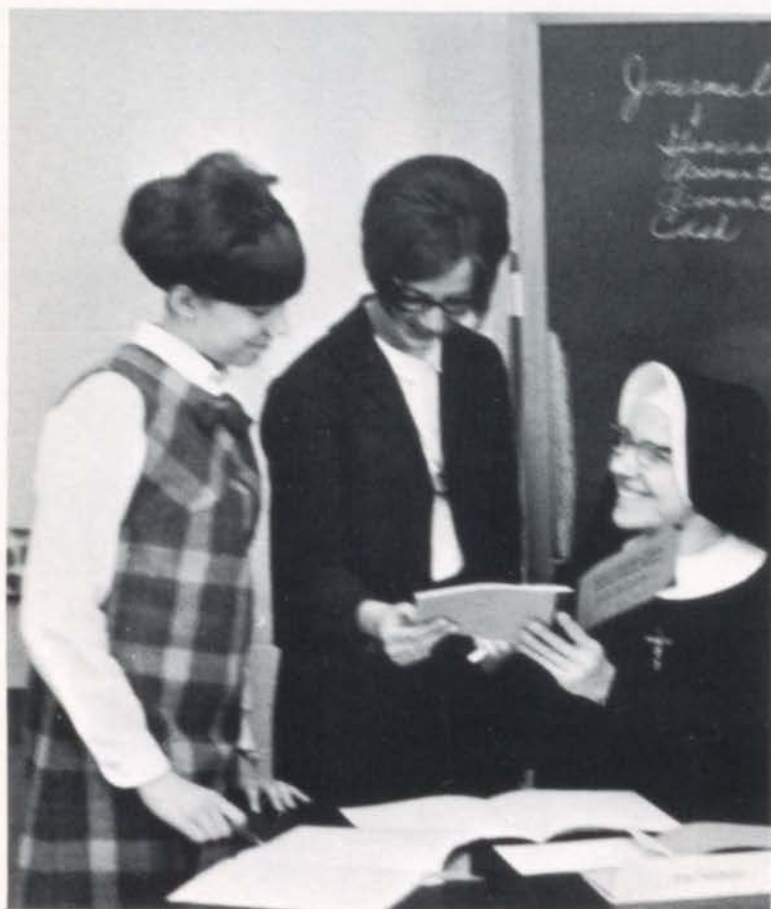
Today, religion is a very real and personal involvement, and each one experiences it in a unique fashion. In our constant search for meaning, the people and places we encounter become a medium through which we discover ourselves. What we hear and witness are experienced in terms of our faith in God and our love of His creation. The success of each new and challenging day depends upon what position each occupies in our lives.

## Preparing for tomorrow today

Secretaries, bookkeepers, and other office-workers of the future receive their training from the "belles" of the business department, Sister Rachelle and Sister Anne Isabelle.

After a year or so of "quick brown foxes," "debits and credits," and making strange and fascinating little curlicues, these students are ready to do a creditable job in any business office.

Future executives of the class of '68 take note -- these are your right hand men.







Sr. Ann Isabelle



Sr. Rachelle

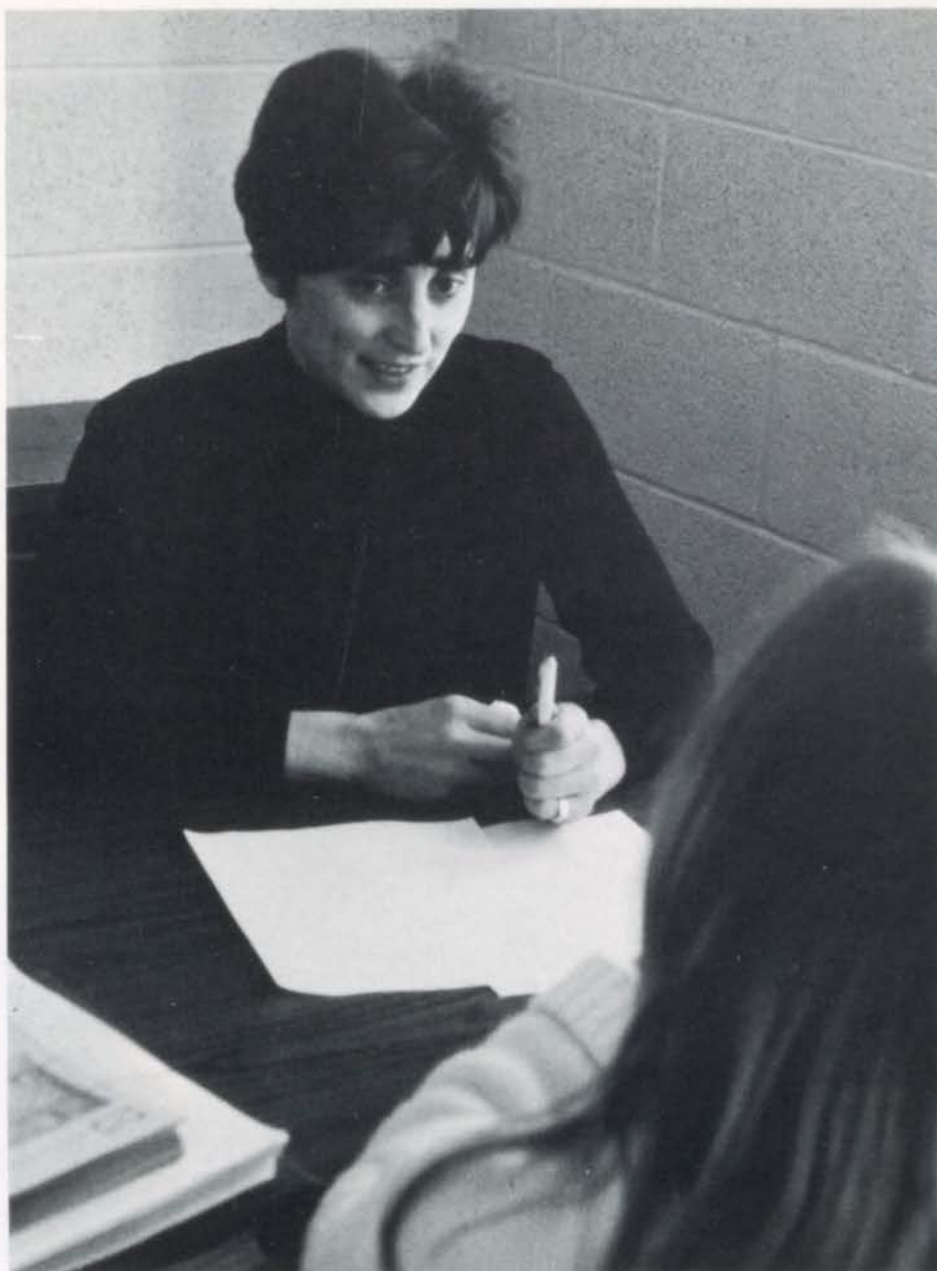
## Counselors



Sr. Robertus



Mrs. Nickman







## Librarians



Sr. Mary



Sr. Callista









## To be initiated is to be accepted

History shows that man has repeatedly put into practice the idea of one class dominating another. Never was this idea more manifest than when Pontiac Catholic's "majestically benevolent" seniors initiated the lowly freshmen. Though delayed until spring, the three-day initiation program sparkled with spirit and fun on both sides.

After a hectic day of dressing up the freshmen, the senior court came to session with judge Maurice Finnegan presiding. After little or no deliberation the jury delivered a good number of "guilties" to those freshmen who had received citations, and sentenced them all to be bombasted by eggs, water-balloons, and plates of whipped cream. All was meant in fun, and to make the frosh feel truly welcome, the seniors invited them, free of charge, to a welcome dance, finalizing all initiation activities on a happy note.



Doug Bacon  
Tom Bailey  
Marie Bard  
Barbara Barnes  
Paulett Bochnig



Debbie Bowker  
Larry Boyer  
Mike Brabant  
Carl Brinson  
Sue Broucuc







Marianne Bruemmer  
Monica Bueno



Mary Buller  
Joe Carhart



John Carrol  
Sheila Carry



John Cassani  
Joyce Chambers



Alice Chenalls  
Kathy Christian  
Diane Clark  
Debbie Condon  
Pat Cook



Jan Conner  
Mark Covalt  
Therese Daily  
Debbie Daugherty  
Kellie Dean

Charmane Delhane  
Estrella Delgado  
Pat Demers  
Bridget Denihan  
Denise Deuman



Jeff Donovan  
Cherl Dove  
Nancy Drake  
John Duff



Carol Dumas  
Jim Einheuser  
Valerie Forten  
Jean Fraiser



Michael Himmelspach



Bob Frieberg



Mike Gaffney







Cindy Gallagher  
Mike Gallagher  
Gena Gibbard  
Pam Groleau  
Barbara Gross



Joe Guilleen  
Paul Heitjan  
Melva Herr  
Brian Hockstead



Mary Holdsworth  
Gerard Holland  
Joe Hubarth  
Tim Hubarth



Marlene Janka



Juanita Jiminez



Darl Johnson





## We're only Freshmen

Paul Kay  
Ann Marie Kaye



Steve Kessling  
Bob Kluwe



Valarie Knoppe  
Jack Kudray



Mike Kwitt  
John LaFave  
Terry Lane  
Mike Lavoie  
Robert Lavoie



Dan Leavy  
Pat Lenz  
Jim Linsay  
Cliff Lingnenz  
Jim Long





for a year . . .



Isabelle Macias  
Josefina Macias



Tom Mazac  
David Martinez  
Philip Mastalski



Mary McCormick  
Cindy McHugh  
Roberta Mehney  
Pat Mercier



Mary Ann Moreno  
Mary Ellen Morin  
Mike Nevells  
Ann Newby



Raymond Ochoa  
Steve Patch  
Clare Peace  
Bernie Raymond

Carl Renolds  
Mike Riley  
Dennis Rodriguez  
Grant Roediger  
Mark Roselli



Larry Shacren  
Tom Sharkey  
Mark Shedden  
Tarus Sheperd  
Nancy Schroeder



Larry Showvan  
Cecila Skubeck  
Marie Slavin  
Mary Ann Smothers  
Mary Stazkiewicz



Amy Stiel  
Marilyn Swicky  
Julie Szeremet  
Jackie Talbot  
Bill Thiel



Noah Thoin  
Dennis Thornberry  
Kathy Tippen  
Toby Vanover  
Steve Valentine



Rick Vidrio  
Lisa Wade  
Rick Watson  
Colleen Weber  
Joyce Wheaton





## Fantastic Freshmen

Eager and wide-eyed, freshmen look optimistically toward school life, gradually adjusting to a new school, new curriculum, and new friends. Determined to be noticed by the upperclassmen in some way, the Freshmen stand out as a truly unified and indomitably spirited class.

Jerry Wilcox  
Mae Wiley

Tom Worthy  
Cathy Wroblewski

Bob Wright  
Marianne Zelinski



## Sophs grab a tiger by

The dynamic Sophomore class came up with another way of hooking their wagon to a star. They challenged the faculty to a no-holds-barred, public, winner-take-all basketball game. In the picture to the right, Barry Burch is demonstrating to Mr. Larsen the optimism of the Sophomores prior to the game.

Needless to say, the Sophomores bit off more than they could chew. The Fantastic Faculty Five blew them out of the gym by so great a margin that the statisticians lost track of the score. Well, if at first . . .

Lisa Adair  
Marilyn Albrecht



Fred Anderson  
Joanne Arcand  
Cecilia Bellisario



Adel Biallas  
Martha Bieri  
David Bierlein

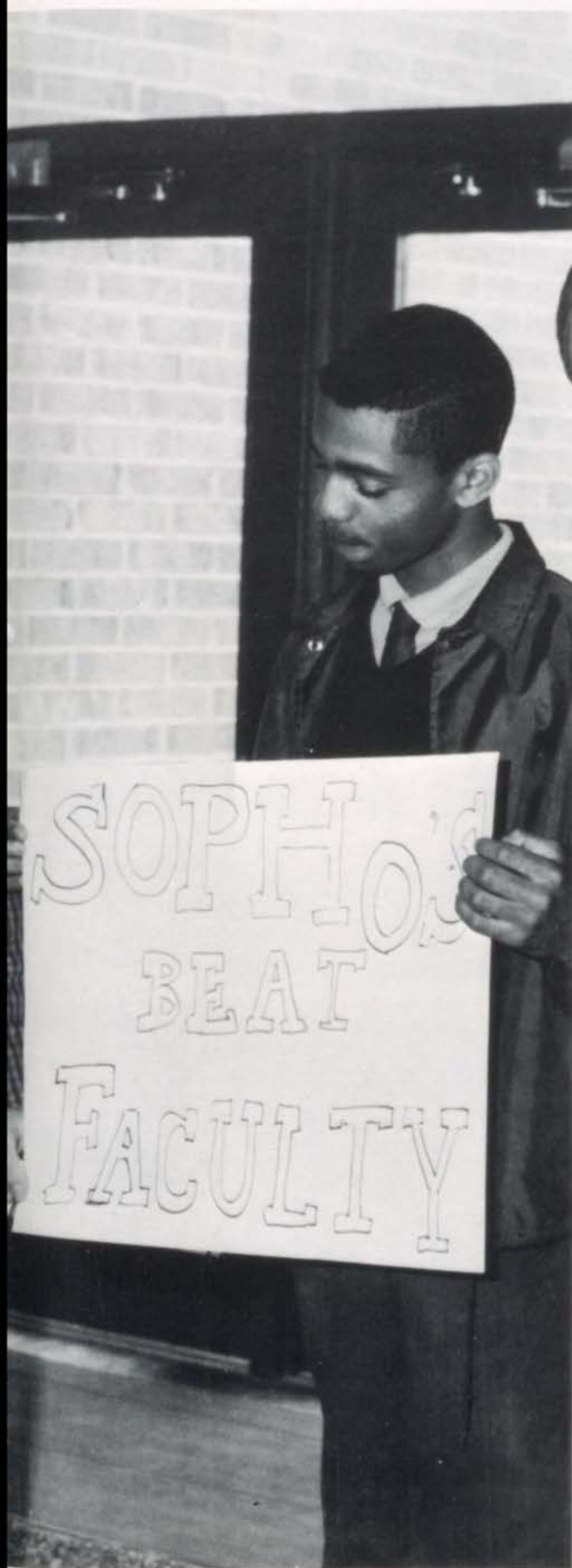


Tom Bleau  
Chris Boomer  
Jim Boucher





# the tail



Tim Boyer  
Sam Brady



Pat Brady  
Dianna Briggs



Pat Briggs  
Marcia Brinson



Pat Calcaterra  
Debbie Campbell



Walter Carhart  
Chris Carry



Stephanie Condon  
Edith Conner



Roslynd Cope  
Mike Couture  
Pat Craig  
Eilleen Culloty  
Kathy Dawson



Beth Dearing  
Debbie Dennis  
John Doyon  
Tom Doyon  
Stanley Dubis



Steve Dunseith  
Judy Einheuser  
Mark English  
Brenda Erickson  
Dorthy Estrada







Tom Favre  
Sue Felice  
Pat Francken  
Christine Fraser  
Hector Gonzalez



Larry Gotham  
Kathy Harworth  
Jane Hildebrandt  
Steve Hoffman  
Harvey Hubarth



Tom Jamnik  
Tim Jones  
Carmen Guilleen  
Mary LaFave  
Pierre Landry



Joyce Lange  
Herb Larson  
Robert Lenz  
Mary Lou Lepisto  
Sharon Lewer



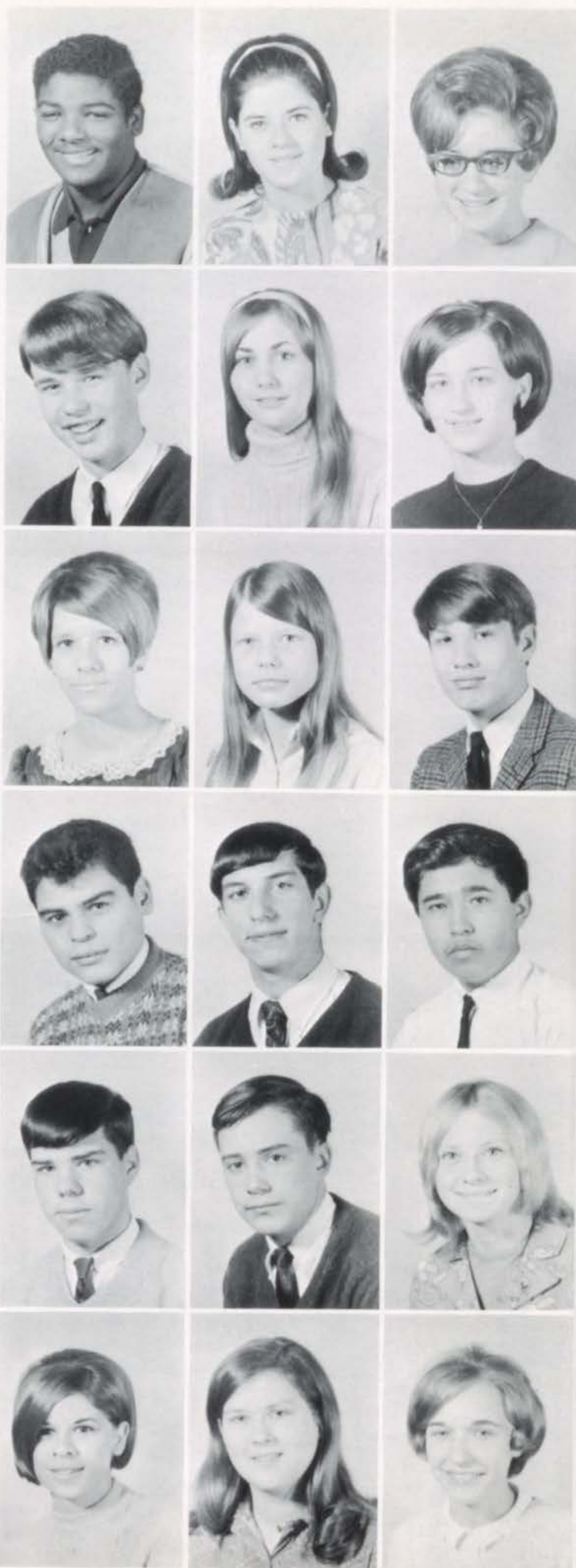
Mary Lopez  
Ramon Lopez  
Louis Lucio



Debbie Malloy  
Patrick Manion  
Rudy Martinez

## Spirited Sophomores surge ahead

With one year of experience, sophomores begin to gain confidence. However, new difficulties arise: the newness of high school has worn off and graduation seems a limitless distance away. With spirits high, the ever-striving sophomores plunge into classwork and school activities, learning that concentration brings about the best results as they struggle through biology tests and geometry problems. Attempting to make the commandments apply to here and now and seeing them as a means of loving God and others, sophomores learn that besides receiving, the necessary element in true education is giving.







Robert Metoyer  
Linda Meyers  
Sandra Milhalak

Sue Schmansky  
Dan Scully  
John Sevengy

CAMERA SHY  
Angelo Sabato  
Barry Burch  
Elizabeth Ferriolo  
Dave Freeland  
Mark Holdsworth  
Mike Hutchinson  
Ann Marie Traynor



Greg Miles  
Sue Ministrelli  
Marianne Myers

Carolyn Smith  
Denise Smith  
Diane Soda  
Jeff Sowold



Debbie Nord  
Mary Nordlund  
Roger Novotney

Tim Spellicy  
Diane Spellman  
David Stoddill  
Pat Studnicki



Rick Ochoa  
Ron Olesky  
Edward Padilla

Nancy Swett  
Joyce Taylor  
Elaine Thompson  
Pat Tyrell



John Parle  
Rick Polmear  
Mary Ann Pruss

Gail Walencik  
Janice Walworth  
Judy Walter  
Marjorie Welch



Denise Raymond  
Kathy Reynolds  
Sue Schlicht

Gloria Whiting  
Gordon Williams  
Judy Wright  
David Yezbeck



## *Juniors find: Work brings its own rewards*

The Junior year is a year of new responsibilities and challenges. Secure in friendships formed, Juniors look to the future, since only a short time remains before the big step into the adult world. At times their attempts are full of difficulty and they wonder if it is really worth the trouble to strive ahead. But with determination as their watchword and the certainty of not struggling alone, the Juniors give vibrant life to a hope for the future.

Adams, Nancy  
Adair, Michael



Almas, Greg  
Amshay, Charles



Ball, Gerald  
Bard, Mary







Barnes, Gayle  
Barnes, Vivian  
Bieri, Donna



Birchmeier, Marie  
Blanzy, Geraldine  
Boyer, Michael



Carry, Judy  
Cassin, Colleen  
Cook, Joanne



Cook, Laura  
Coolidge, Tim  
Daugherty, Maureen  
Delgado, Amelia  
Dennis, Pamela



Deuman, Debbie  
Drake, Raymond  
Einheuser, Bob  
Ellis, Michael  
Ellsworth, Rebecca



Erickson, Larry  
Ewald, Joseph  
Finnegan, Frances  
Floro, Abraham  
Fuller, Karen

Gallagher, Charles  
Garland, Jerome



Gatton, Maureen  
Giglio, Susan



Green, Virginia  
Guzman, Linda



Hearn, Nancy  
Hegwood, Kathy



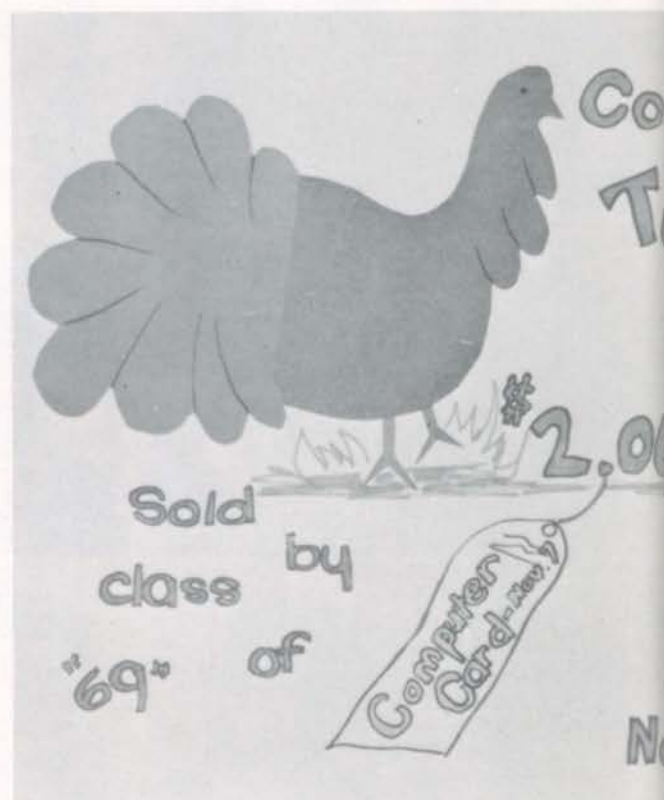
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Hoffman, Patricia



Hoisington, Jeanie  
Holdsworth, Judy



## Zealous Juniors model





# co-operation



Holland, Vincent  
Hurren, Sharon



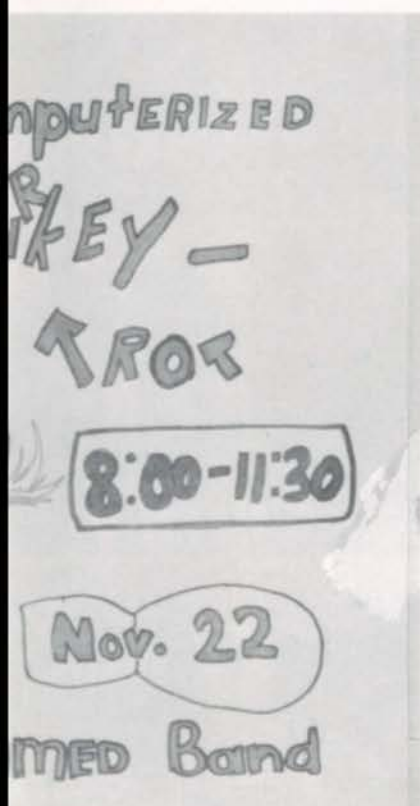
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Janka, David  
Jaruzel, Nancy



Jimenez, Rebecca  
Jones, Alice  
Kammer, Kelly



Klein, Larry  
Klinkhamer, Geriann  
Laflin, Rita





LaLonde, James  
Lofthouse, Robert



Macias, Tony  
Martin, Dennis



Martínez, Nanette  
Martínez, Trine



Medina, Sarah  
Mellado, Theresa  
Montgomery, Judie  
Morin, Richard  
Morris, Sheila



Murphy, Steve  
Meyers, Robert  
Nelson, Arlene  
Nordlund, Susan  
Ochoa, Frank



Ochoa, Laura  
Petinga, Princine  
Pierce, Patricia  
Quinn, Rosemary  
Rappin, Robert





# In quest of beauty, God put me here to find



Schneider, Peter  
Sclesky, Eugenia  
Spadafore, Ralph



Spurk, Rebecca  
Stantoh, Mary  
Staszkievicz, Joanna



Stiel, James  
Stier, Joanne  
Suckow, Debra



Sugden, Dennis  
Talbot, Linda  
Tarchalski, Susan



Valko, Diane  
Wade, Gerald  
Walther, Doug



Wehr, David  
Wirth, Susan  
Wright, David











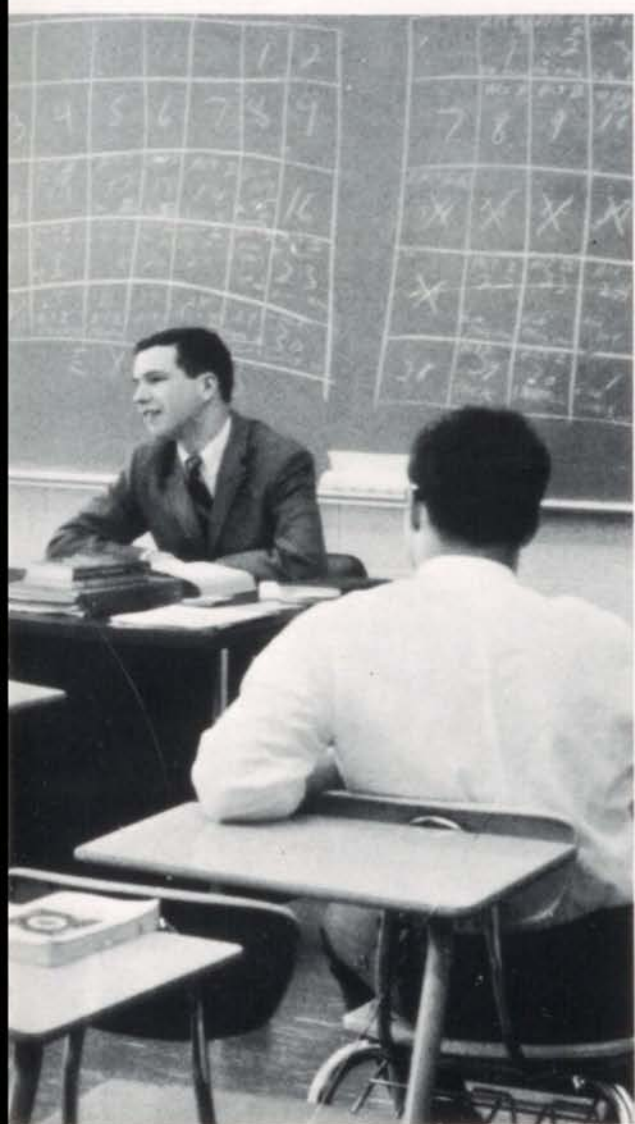
## Student Council learns by experience

Student Council officers and representatives dealt with issues concerning the entire school, learning by experience the many problems of running a school and offering suggestions to solve them. While gaining an understanding of the democratic way of life, the Student Council followed the roads to service, compromise, and pleasure, keeping the individual student foremost in mind.

The Mardi Gras, Career Day, Student Government Day, and Faculty Day were some of the many contributions added to the work-a-day world of running student affairs. The writing of the constitution to govern the Student Council is a large feather in the cap of these devoted servants and dynamic representatives.













## Senior Government Seminar the travelingest group around



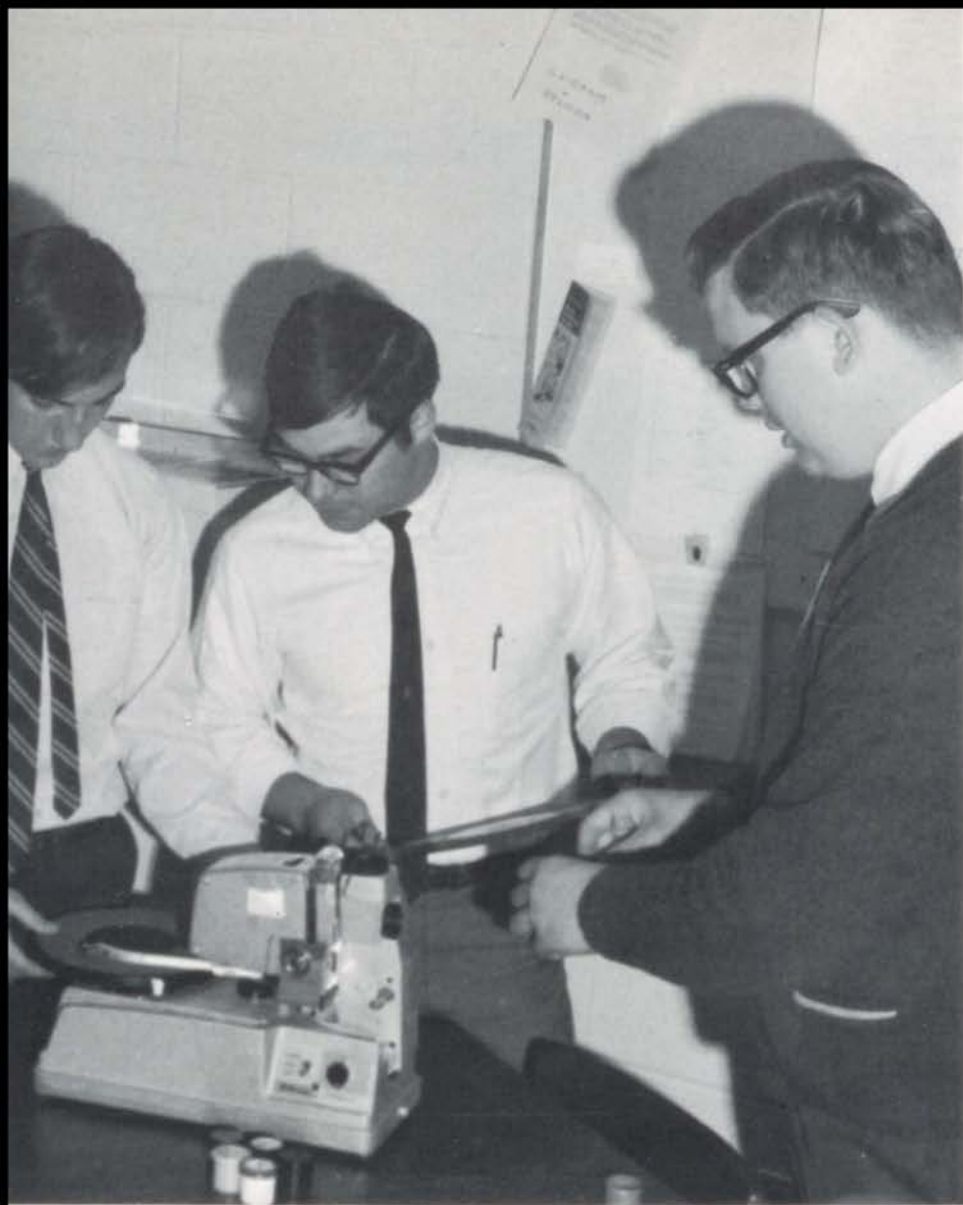
Striving to understand our political system -- our national, state, and local governments -- is the purpose of the Senior Government Seminar. Activities for the year included talks by guest speakers, trips to Lansing, and attendance at local city commission meeting. Completing the year, the SGS planned a trip to the nation's capital and New York City, visiting such well-known places as the Capitol, the White House, Mt. Vernon, Ford Theatre, the United Nations, Greenwich Village, and Broadway theaters.

The best way to learn more about our country is to get out into it, and Seminar members can truly testify to this.

Service,  
Participation,  
Involvement,  
Contribution,  
Support,  
Work.







# National Honor Society

Character, leadership, service, scholarship . . . these are the qualities a member of the National Honor Society must possess. He must not only be outstanding in his studies, but one who can be called on at any time to serve his school or his community . . . one who understands and is willing to accept responsibility . . . one with personal goals and ambitions, set to benefit himself and those around him. These students have played a great part in helping to achieve the dream of Pontiac Catholic High School.





## Lettermen: Cream of the Athletic Crop



The Lettermen of Pontiac Catholic have truly done a remarkable job this year. Their energetic spirit aided in setting forth and initiating Pontiac Catholic in a full-scale athletic program. Under the direction of Mr. Stuckey, these Titans have established a winning tradition, making PC a great power not soon to be dealt with.

## Putting pep in some people is like pulling teeth



WAM! BAM! ZAP!

These are the sounds of the pep club in action. Throughout the year the vital school functions have been made more exciting by loyal club members promoting pep gimmicks and raising spirit through action and advertising.

Sister Catherine Vincent, Miss Huerstel, and Mr. Foley ran a two-campus club until mid-March when the new building brought the student body together. You can be sure, when people mention the spirit of Pontiac Catholic, that the enthusiasm and team support came to fame through the efforts of the effervescent Pep Club. Sometimes it was like pulling teeth, but we did it!





Show it in your . . . . Uh!! Uh!!





To begin is always hard, they say, to be able to set the pace. It takes real champs to start it off, but the challenge was ours to face.

A challenge to everyone: setting the goals, then proceeding to go after them; working not for ourselves, but for our school.

Whether planning the time and place for a picture, working a lay-out, or rushing to meet a deadline, we were there working together: sifting and re-drafting, writing and re-writing, rejecting pictures and taking more. Phoenix 1968 may be a far cry from the original dream, but we hope it was worth all the headaches, heartaches, and tears of frustration that it took to create it.

## Phoenix 1968

### SENIORS

GRETCHEN GALLAGHER  
BARBARA FRYE  
BARBARA TEWKSBURY  
ATWOOD LYNN  
TOM RICHARDS  
MIKE MEYER  
joe solonika

mary catherine denihan  
noreen spanski  
butch finnegan  
debbie rochon

### JUNIORS

JUDY CARRY

### NANCY ADAMS

gerianne klinkhammer  
maureen daugherty

### SOPHOMORES

DEBBIE CAMPBELL  
JUDY WALTERS

### FRESHMEN

MARY HOLDSWORTH  
sheila carry  
joyce wheaton

and many others too  
numerous to mention.



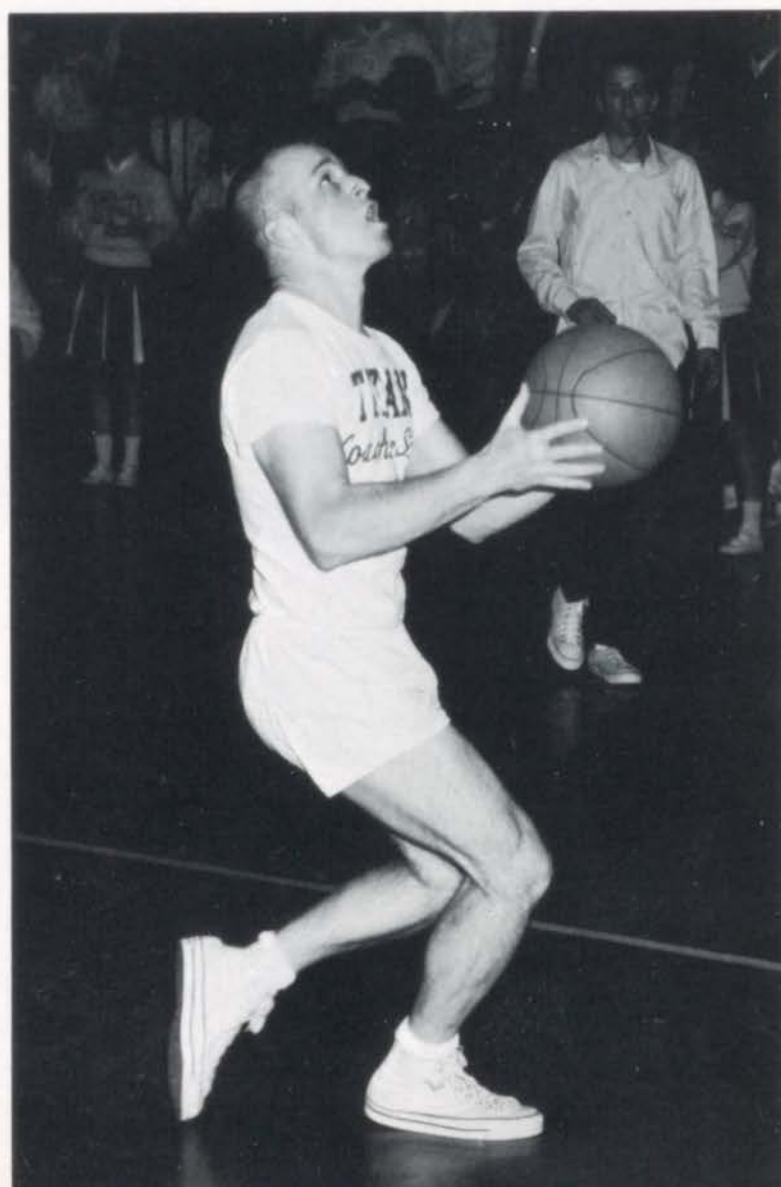


## So what's a mogul?

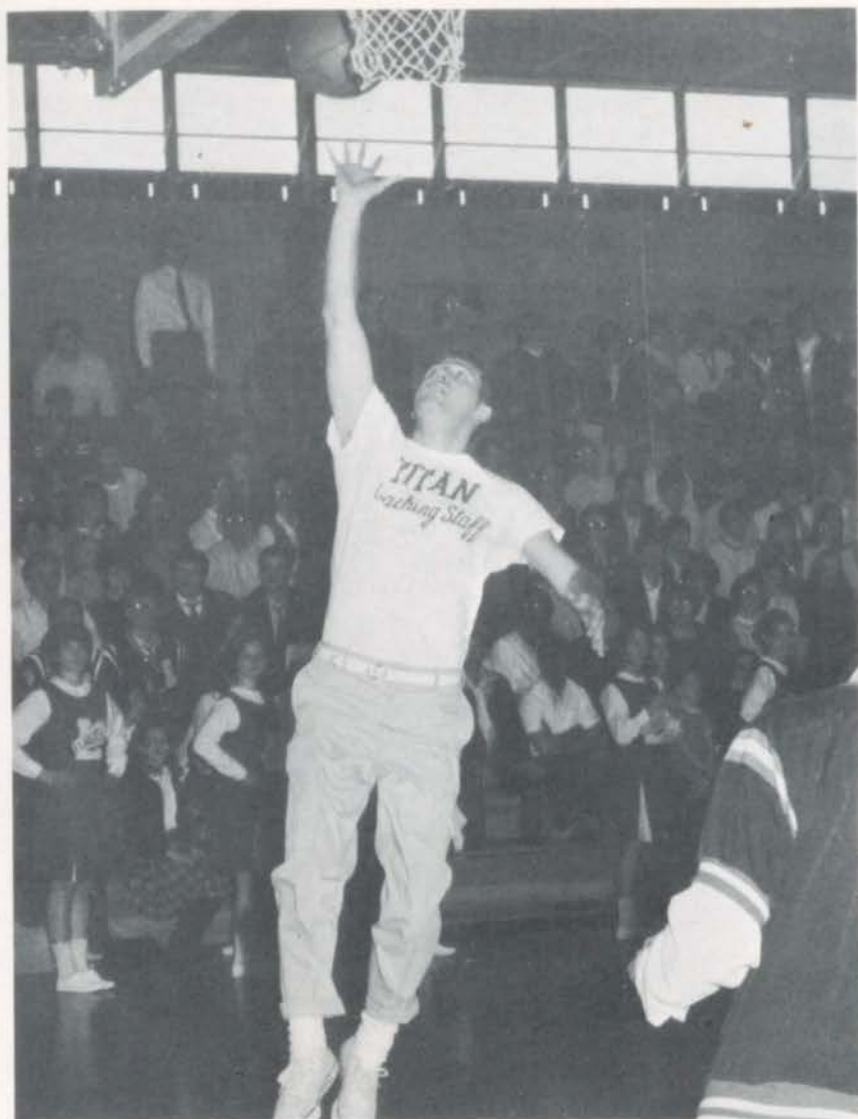
As the winds grow cold and fall gives way to winter, the true adventurers begin to show themselves in the many trips to the slopes. Pontiac Catholic, too, has its share of adventurers -- skiers who love to brave the bitter cold. The world turns to white and the students turn to their skis, defying the dangers of the slopes to engage in one of Michigan's most popular sports.

Students -- who had been unable to meet one another because of the separation of the upper and lower classmen -- now found a media through which they could become better acquainted. This, if not the enjoyment of the snow and cold, was one of the major achievements of PC's ski club in this, its first year.









## Fabulous Faculty

### Five Fights

"We've got Spirit," the students cried as the Pontiac Catholic Faculty team arrived on the court at Our Lady of the Lakes' gym. Our team, The Fabulous Faculty Five, fought fiercely but finally succumbed to the overwhelming odds. What more could we have asked from the Globe Trotters? You name it, we saw it! Did we win? The score was close in favor of Lakes. But all the fans from Pontiac Catholic went home cheering.





## Palmer way goes to the Genesian Festival

Everyone has a birthday and everyone likes to have it remembered. It is for this reason that the PALMER WAY is herein remembered, for it was this short one-act play that was the first production of the drama department. Although there have been other children and other red-letter dates added since, the PALMER WAY takes precedence over all other dramatic endeavors -- not for its quality of acting or for the greatness of the play itself, but for the fact that it was the first.







## "Christmas by Halves" projects vital message

The concept of Christmas is over two thousand years old and, because of its age, it must always be given new meaning for the times. In light of this, Mr. Howard Hoeflein wrote and directed CHRISTMAS BY HALVES.

The ancient romanticism of a babe in arms, the Blessed Mother, and star-following shepherds is all very wonderful, but means very little to a nation at war. With the youth of a nation dying in a far off land, talks of peace mean little.

The objective is unmistakable. Two young men, confused by the world around them, meet on the opposite sides of a battle field. Both know the Lord's message of love and peace, and yet both are forced by their governments to kill. For the first time, they find that they must make the decision -- whether peace is obtained by death or mercy. Mercy prevails, and the result is touching compassion on the one hand and angry misunderstanding on the other.

Neither side is wholly right nor wholly wrong; it is the moderate combination of these two that must be found. However, no obvious solution is given; rather, it is left to the onlooker to contemplate, to find the truth as it applies to him.

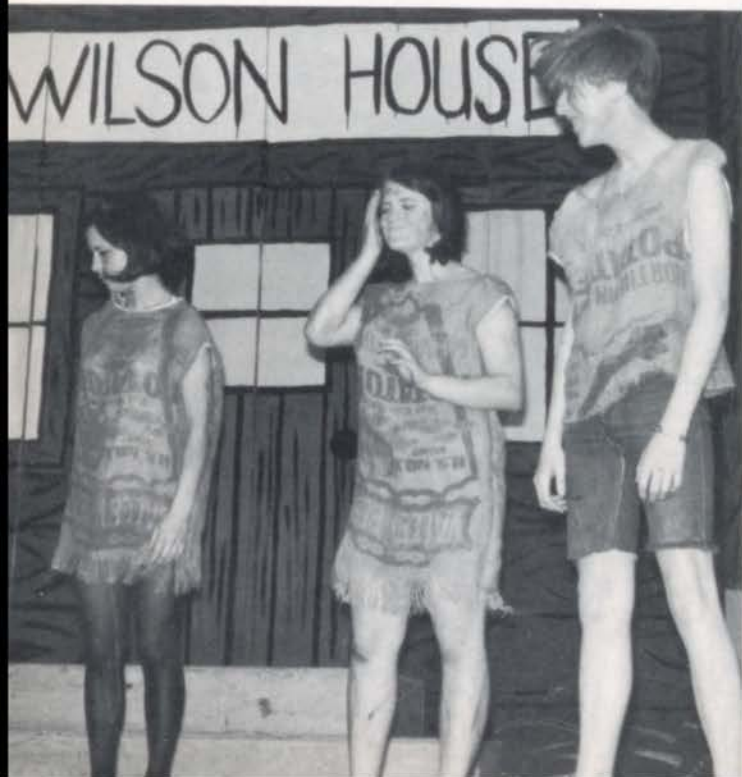




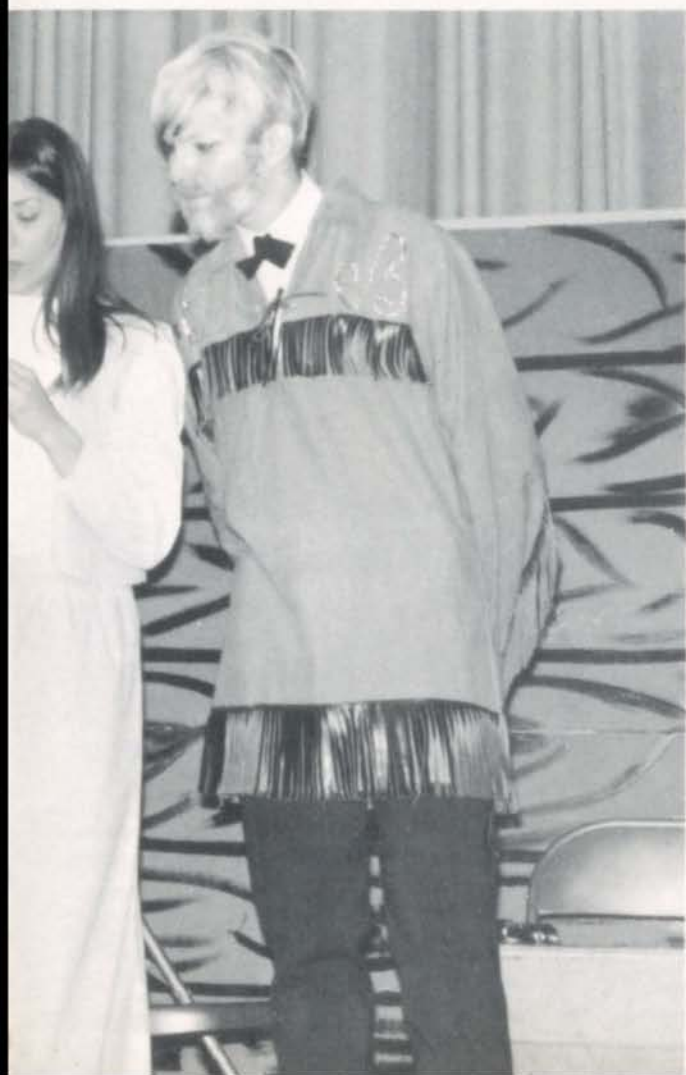
## Annie Get Your Gun - - explodes! !

The smashing success of Pontiac Catholic's first full length musical production, ANNIE GET YOUR GUN, has set a precedent that succeeding classes will find difficult to match. Attempting this Broadway musical presented many obvious problems for a school just starting out; but it served to enhance school spirit greatly. Mr. Howard Hoeflein's efforts in producing and directing succeeded in unifying the student body in a way no school activity has accomplished.

The script, the scenery, the music, and the choreography were perfected in just three short months; and, aside from a few minor disasters and at least seventy-seven bottles of Excedrin, the play was presented on schedule . . .

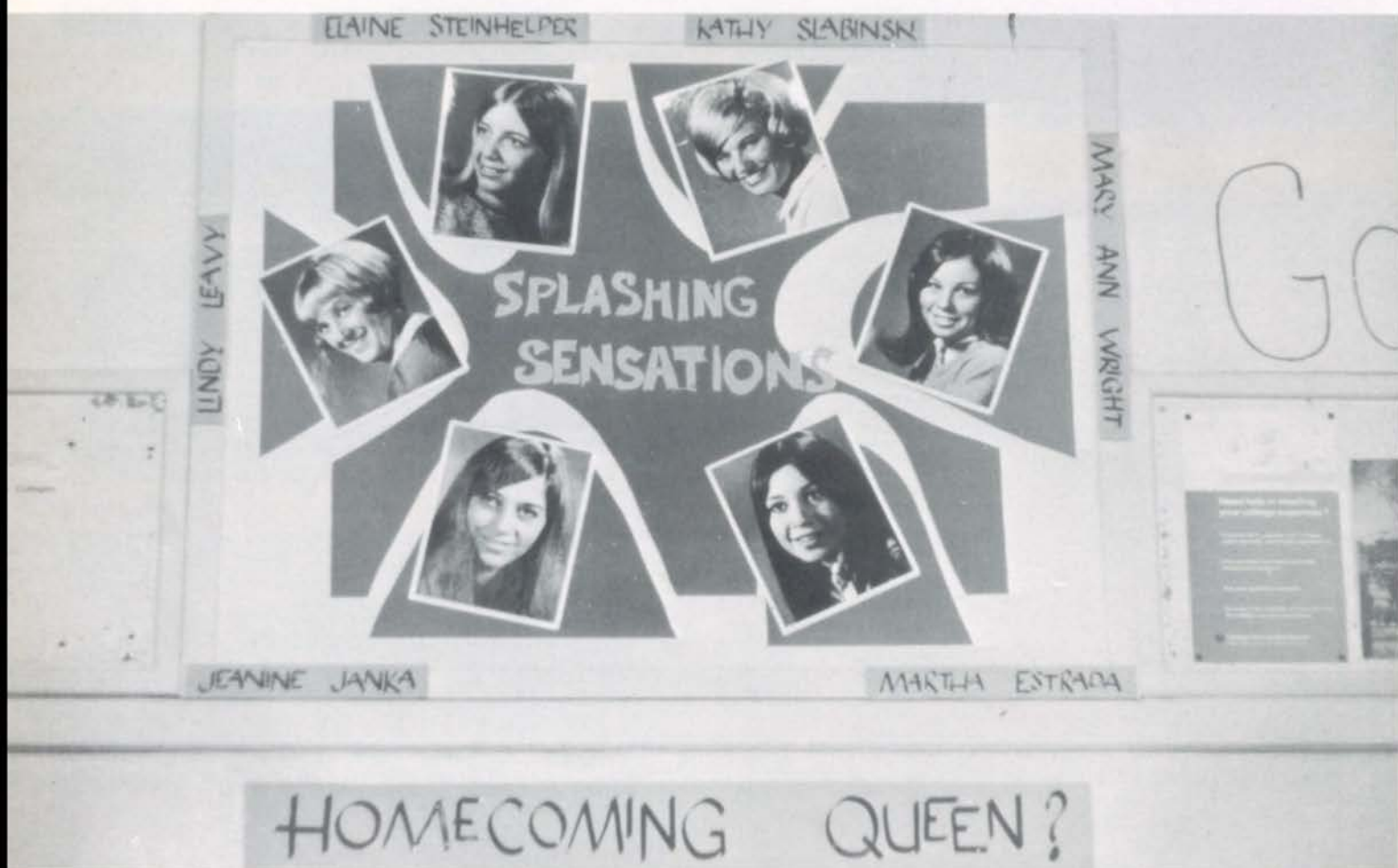








The class representatives await the parade. Left: junior, Pamela Dennis; above: sophomore, Carolyn Smith; opposite page, left: freshman, Nancy Drake; right: senior court, Cindy Leavy and Jeanine Janka, and 1968 Homecoming Queen, Martha Estrada.



Candidates for Homecoming Queen, a parade, a football game, a ceremonial half-time, and a dance all provide for a memorable weekend for PC students and faculty.





A fantasy of spectacular events unfolds as a smile of pride appears on the face of Pontiac Catholic High School's first Homecoming Queen, Martha Estrada.



## Enthusiasm reigns over Homecoming '68

Ideas, only ideas . . . and then busy hands slowly turning these ideas into reality, making flowers, hammering and stapling. Suddenly, the float stands there finished.

Then the homecoming dance, the court, the crowning of the queen. And soon it's Sunday afternoon. The spirited tune of the school song drifts through the autumn air and mingles with the laughter of the crowd. The parade starts . . .

At the Stadium, excitement reigns as cheerleaders lead the overflowing crowd in pre-game cheers.

Half-time arrives and the Homecoming Court of 1968 is introduced. Attention now focuses on the queen as she is escorted on the field amid enthusiastic cheers and applause.

Soon darkness and silence cover the small world of Pontiac Catholic. Homecoming 1968 is over, yielding itself to memories, thoughts, ideas . . .

'Tender is the



High school years are a time of many memories. Thoughts of a big night out, dancing to soft orchestra music, smiling faces, dreamy eyes, lost among visions of splendor . . . memories are made.

Pontiac Catholic High School's first Junior-Senior prom "Tender is the Night" proved to be a delightfully memorable evening. The Junior class worked hard to make this, their foremost project for the year, a true success and the effort was well rewarded. The prom in addition to setting the pace for future years, was an effective climax to the social activity at PC.





## Night' Arrives in Splendor

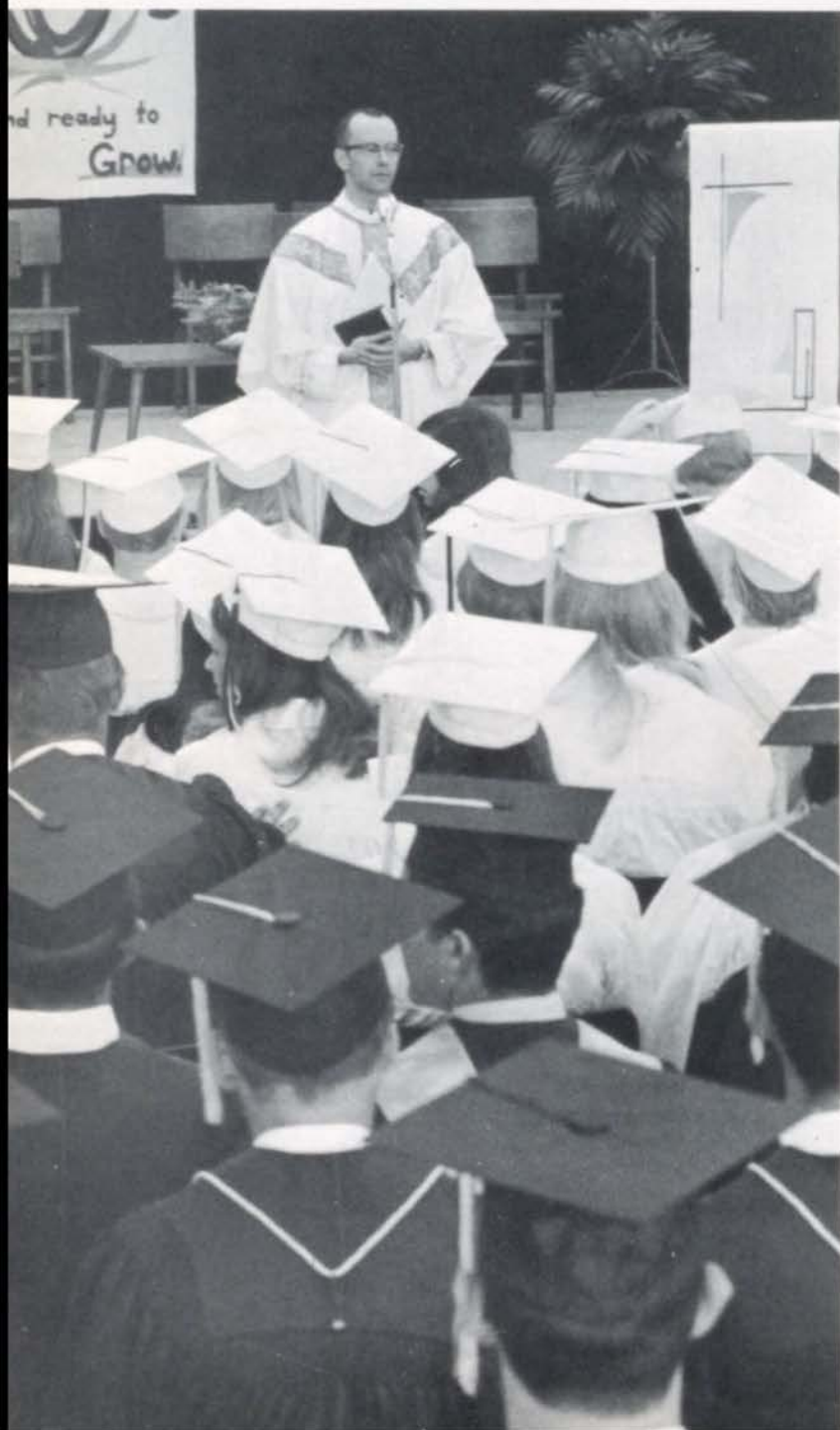


The last chapter in Pontiac Catholic High School's spinning sphere of inspiration closes on friends, parents, teachers, and its first graduating class of '95 -- but not without the promise of a greater sphere to come.

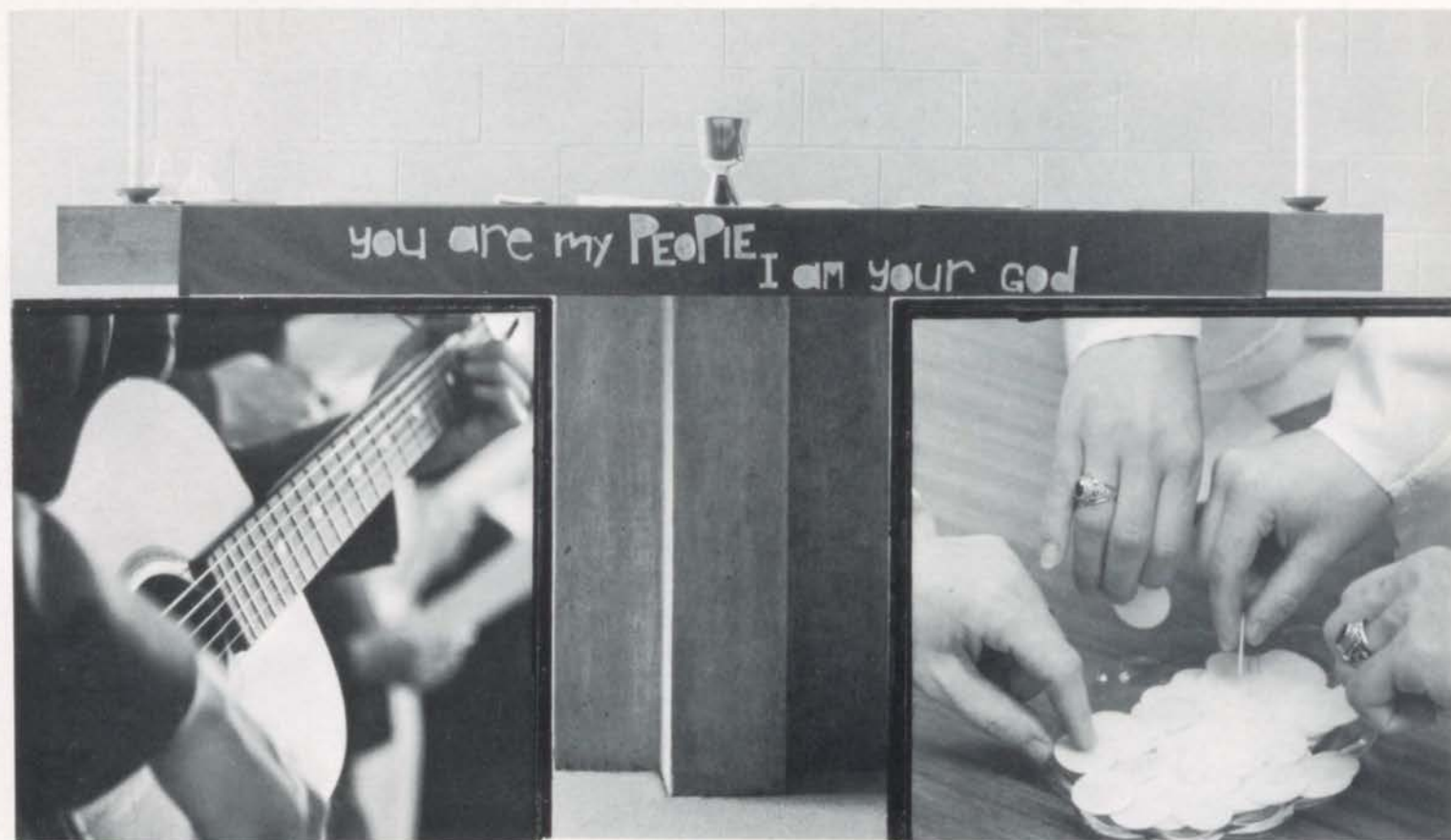
As the procession marches out, a smile with a spark of the future gleams on each senior's face: one journey has finished, another is about to begin . . .

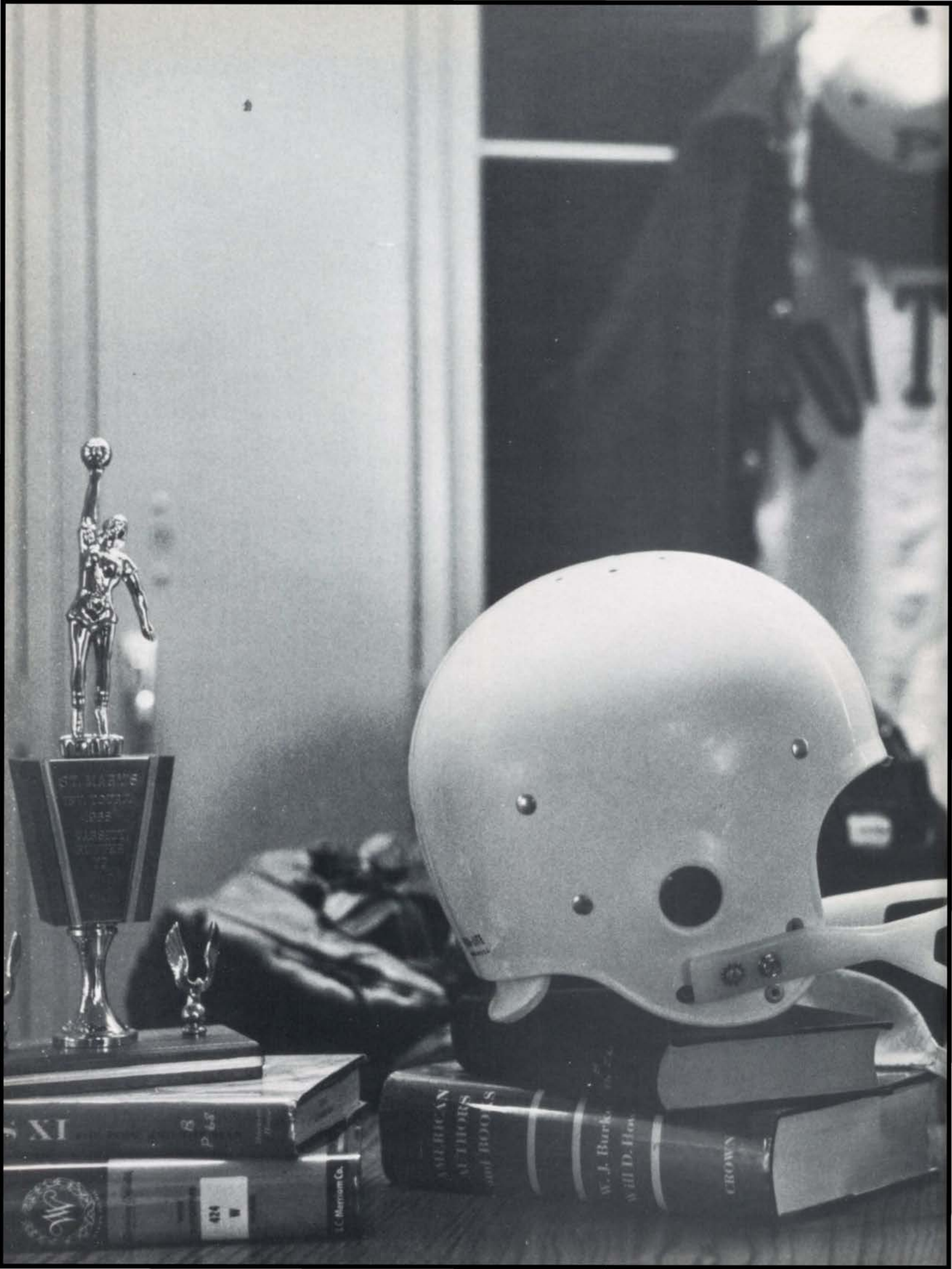
## Graduation:

*One Journey has ended,  
another has begun.*

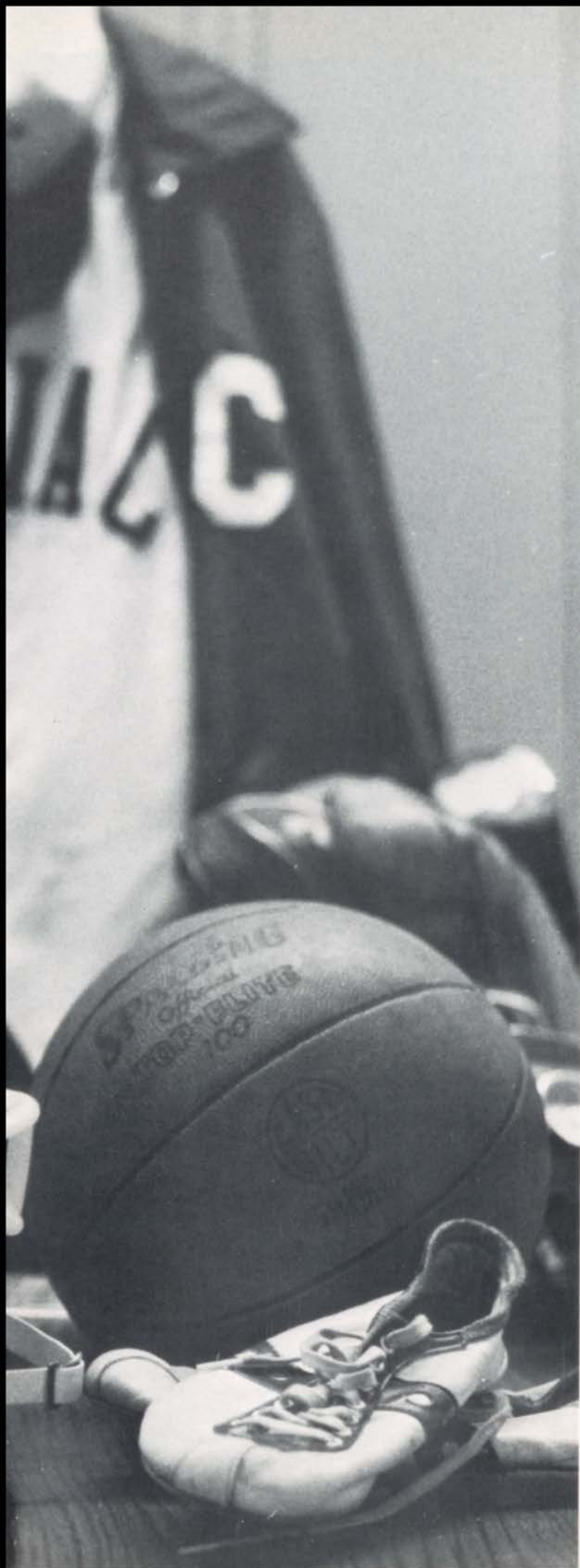














#### SCORES

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P.C. Titans	12	O.L. St. Mary	14
P.C. Titans	33	O.L. Lakes	7







## *It's more than a game . . . it's a way of life*

Not much can be said about the Titans that these pictures don't tell. The effort, the drive, the concern for victory, the teamwork, the discipline, the friendship, the sacrifices, the frustration, and the glory -- each picture a record of our beginning . . . Seasons will come to an end, some players will graduate, old efforts will be renewed, new faces will replace the old, and the Titans will be reborn. That's life. Our beginning was good but "you ain't seen nothing yet."









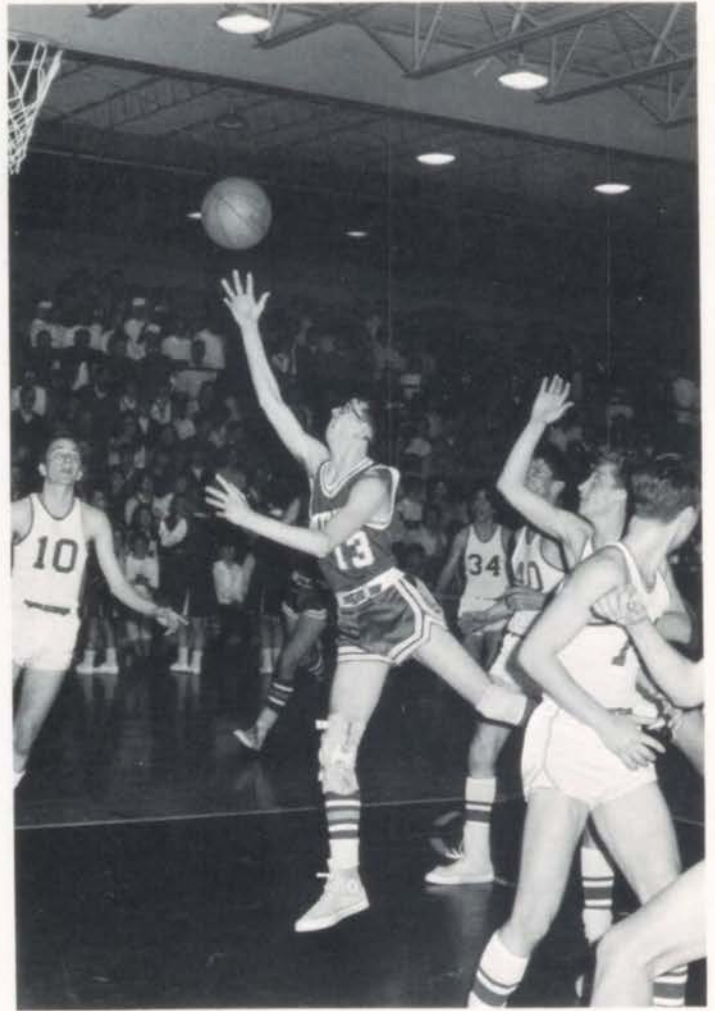


## *We're proud of our team . . .*

Beginning its life as a rather frail infant, the Titan basketball team's debut with Orchard Lake St. Mary was not an encouraging one. But nourished by Pontiac Catholic spirit, it struggled on to a fairly successful season for a novice team as it ended the year with five wins and seven losses in its regular season. High scorers for the season were Sam Brady with 110 followed by Butch Finnegan with 85. With a year of experience behind them, however, the Titans have great hopes for next year. And we are confident that the "year of the Titan reign" is just ahead.



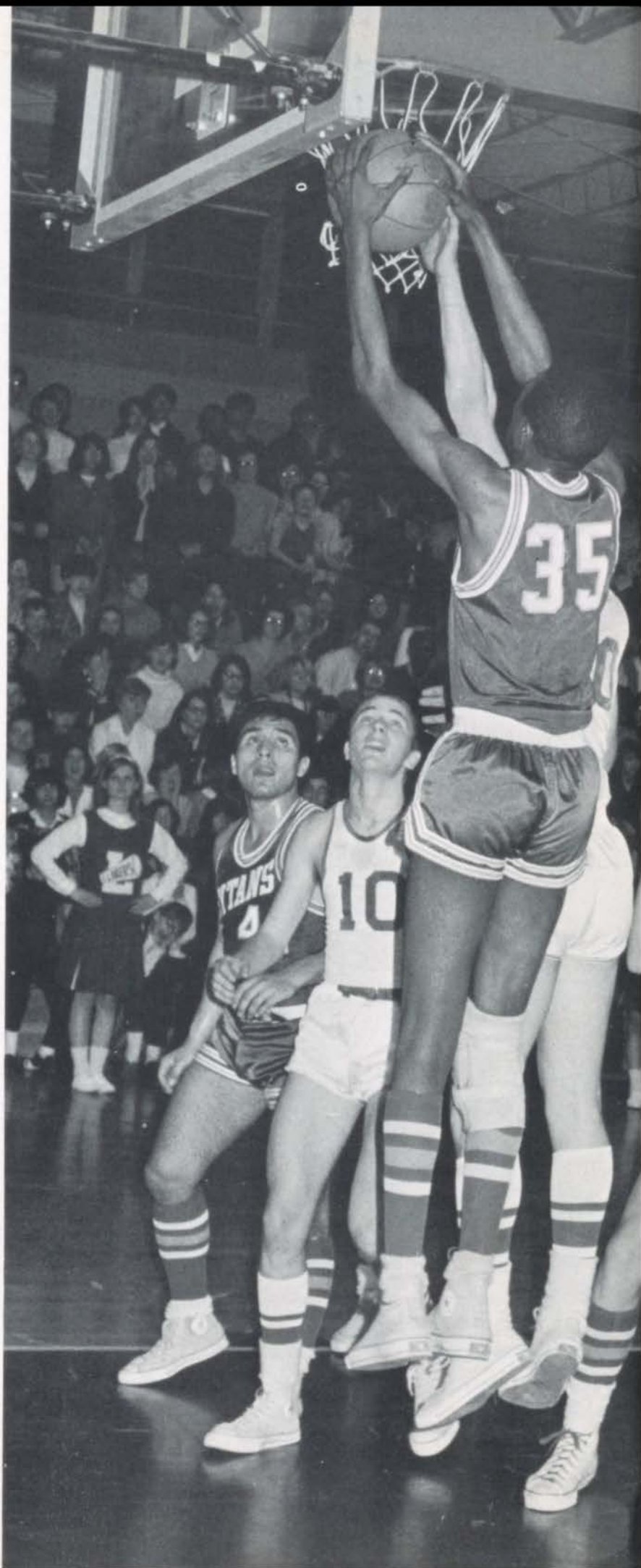




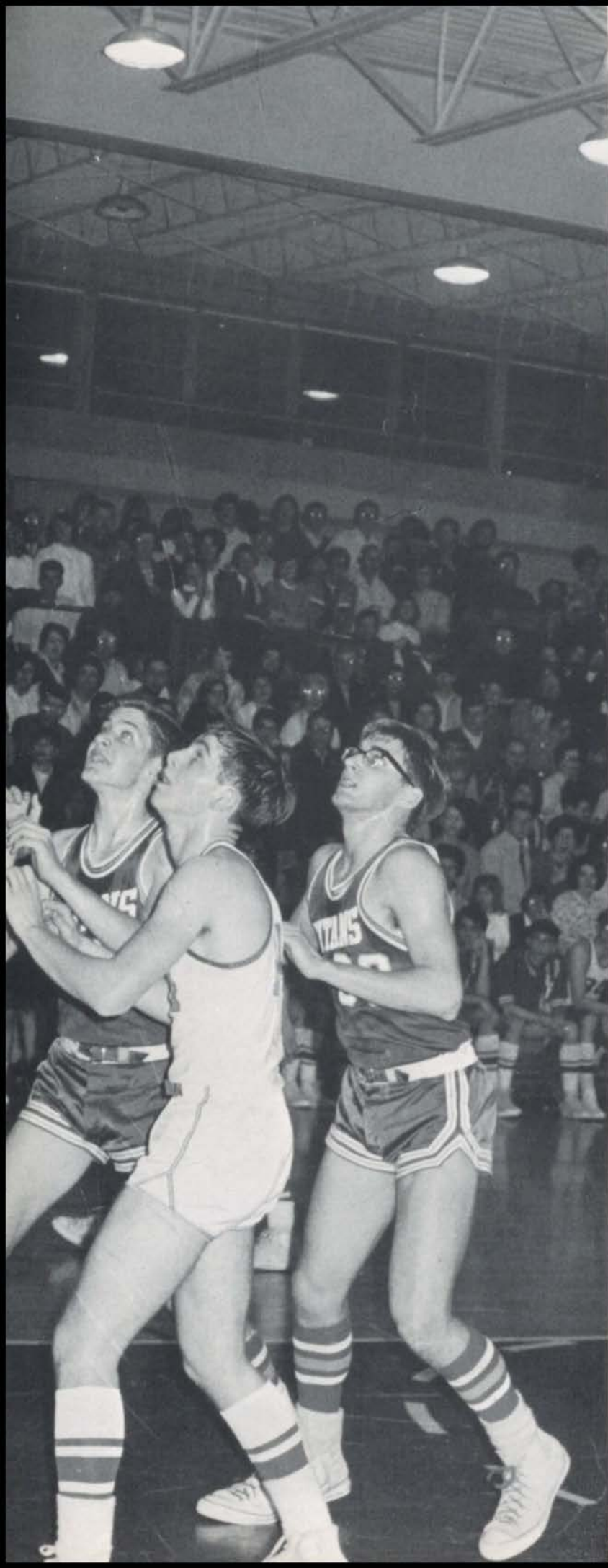
Okay -- so we didn't merit a trophy! But don't look at the scores until after you've looked at their faces. Look at the crowd, and the coach, and OUR BOYS -- and tell me you aren't proud. It's been proven that our skill is beatable -- but never our spirit.



Hey . . .  
We're proud  
of our team!







PONTIAC CATHOLIC 1967-68  
Basketball

Pontiac Catholic 69	Redford St. Mary	87
Pontiac Catholic 51	O.L. Sorrows	56
Pontiac Catholic 54	O. L. St. Mary	75
Pontiac Catholic 61	WOLL	55
Pontiac Catholic 74	St. James	64
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Pontiac Catholic 76	O.L. Sorrows	83
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Pontiac Catholic 46	WOLL	60
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Pontiac Catholic 65	St. James	68
Pontiac Catholic 85	St. Rita	88
Pontiac Catholic 50	Brother Rice	93
Pontiac Catholic 68	Roseville Sacred Heart	75
Pontiac Catholic 74	Mt. Clemens St. Mary	77
Pontiac Catholic 58	Ortonville Brandon	57
Pontiac Catholic 65	Country Day	87

## Charter team captures PC's first two trophies

Yes, the "Victory Bell" rang out for the Titan girls of Pontiac Catholic as they rolled to a 10-3 season, taking the league title and placing second in tournament play. Pontiac Catholic's first two trophies are well deserved, as the girls did plenty of hard work and a great deal of hustling to make the trophies "ours."







## P.C. Baseball Team *starts out right*

A whiz of the ball, a crack of the bat -- the sounds of the season heard over and over again as the Titans proved to be real threats on the diamond, coming through with superb victories to give the school a great first season.









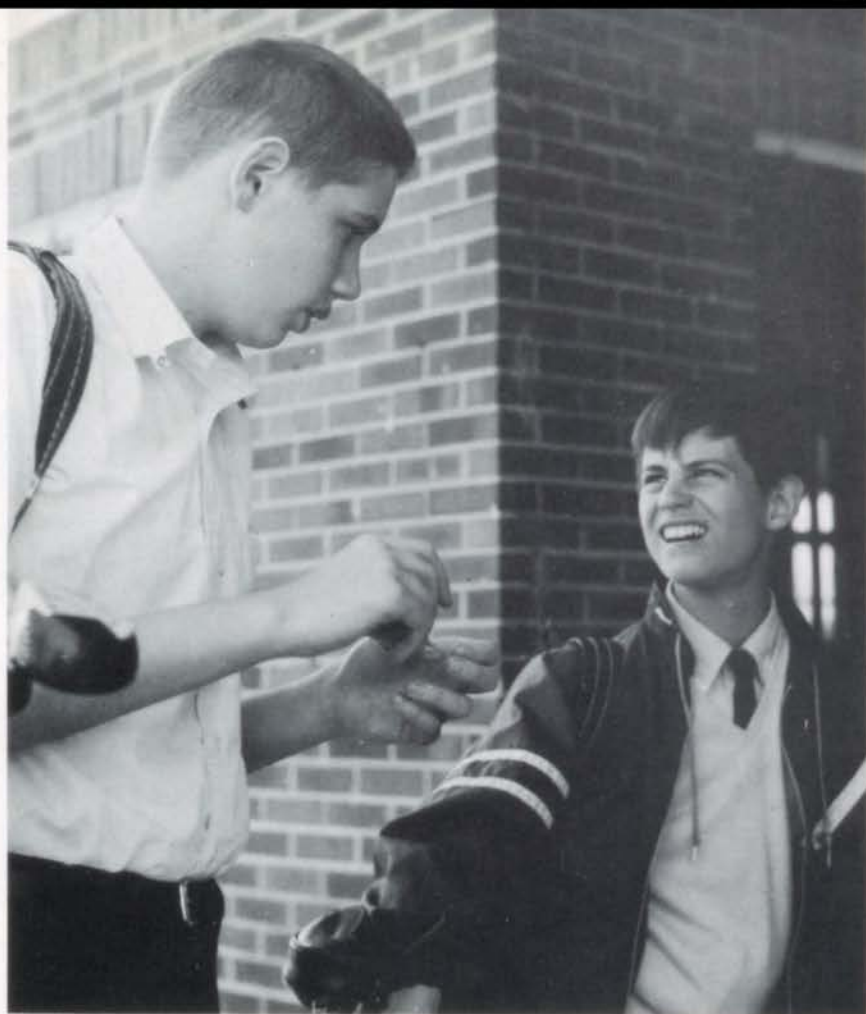
# Fore!!

## P.C. shooting thru

In the spring many people enjoy a jaunt around the golf course. This sport is not restricted to doctors and politicians, as Pontiac Catholic students also enjoy the fresh air and competition.

This spring Pontiac Catholic first engaged in this old Scottish game, and came out of the season with a very good record, 6-2. This was possible mainly through the efforts of senior John Guilleen and sophomore Herb Larson, low scorers on the team. Larson, who also has the team's low average, played excellent golf this year and coach Mel Larsen has high hopes for him. Guilleen came only one stroke within being a medalist in regional state tournament.

The Lavoie brothers, who are both freshmen, did an excellent job and will be invaluable in coming years. The team is strong and getting stronger after taking fourth place in the regionals.







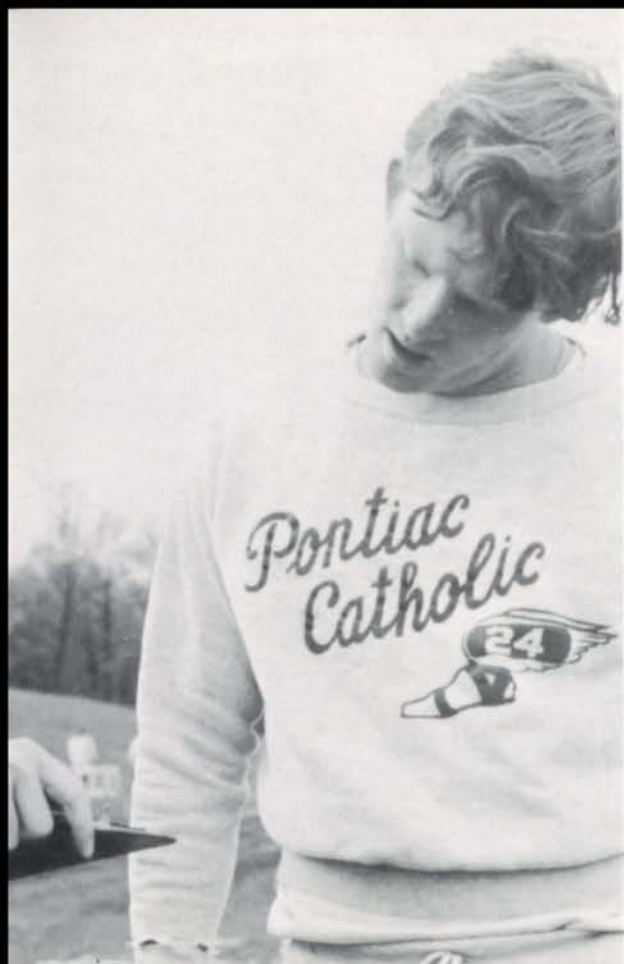
## *Titans learn practice for track begins early*

Spring came early for members of Pontiac Catholic's track team as practice sessions began. The halls echoed nightly with the sounds of running feet while agile boys sprinted and increased speed.

Snow and cold disappeared, and vigorous, intensive outdoor training readied the team for its first meet. Attracted by the hurdles, shot put, high jump, broad jump, and pole vault, talents of all types combined, creating a strong first team for Pontiac Catholic.

















Mark Ardelean



Alethea Barnes



James Bentham



Linda Blanz



Michael Blascyk



Carolee Boomer



Eileen Brinson



Joseph Cassabon



Bonnie Clark





Maria Bora

*Clímb as though you were  
to líve forever;*

*Líve as though you were  
to díe tomorrow.*



Harold Cook



Gary Cremer



Michael Culloty



*Senior Class:  
The real Titans*



Thomas Decker



Martha Estrada



Maurice Finnegan



Michael Fitzgibbon



Barbara Frye





Mary Catherine Denihan



Mary Drake



Wayne English



Michael Ewald



Gretchen Gallagher



Elizabeth Garland



John Guillea



John Heaton



Jane Heitjan



Mary Kay Hoover



J. Patrick Hope



Ronald Hudson



Richard Jamnik





Pamela Hamlin



Catherine Harkins



Thomas Harworth

*Who gives himself with his alms, feeds three - -  
himself, his hungry neighbor, and me.*

Seniors find that reminiscing is the inevitable and somewhat sad activity that is uniquely theirs. Memories of failures that were mountains then, but molehills now, can stir regret, but also optimistic determination.

Blending with the quiet thoughts of the retreats in which seniors now find themselves are delightful remembrances of the games, dances, and teachers -- the casual remarks that readjust outlooks on life, the classes where sharing the great truths alone can make men free. The images crowding into seniors' minds are now community images -- for life was, is, and will be life with others, but now with a difference. The continuous struggle of learning adds a bright new dimension: Life is now life for others.



## Discussion is the heart of solution



Jeannine Janka



Jane LaLone



Bradley Lewer



Mary Jean Long



Timothy Loviska





Daniel Johnston



Michael Keller



Patricia Kusion



Richard Land



Veronica LaVallis



Cindy Leavy



Starleen Lozano



Atwood Lynn



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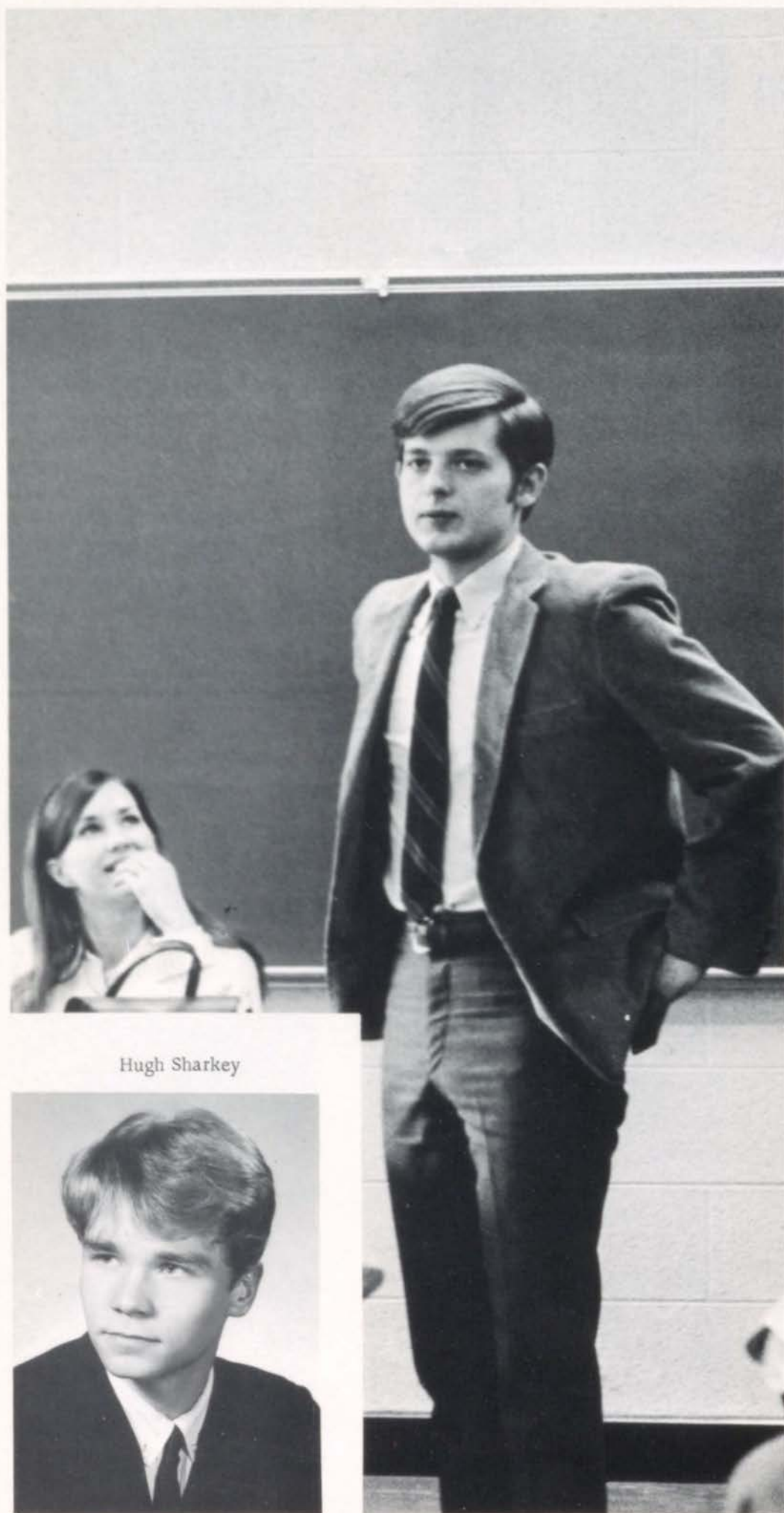
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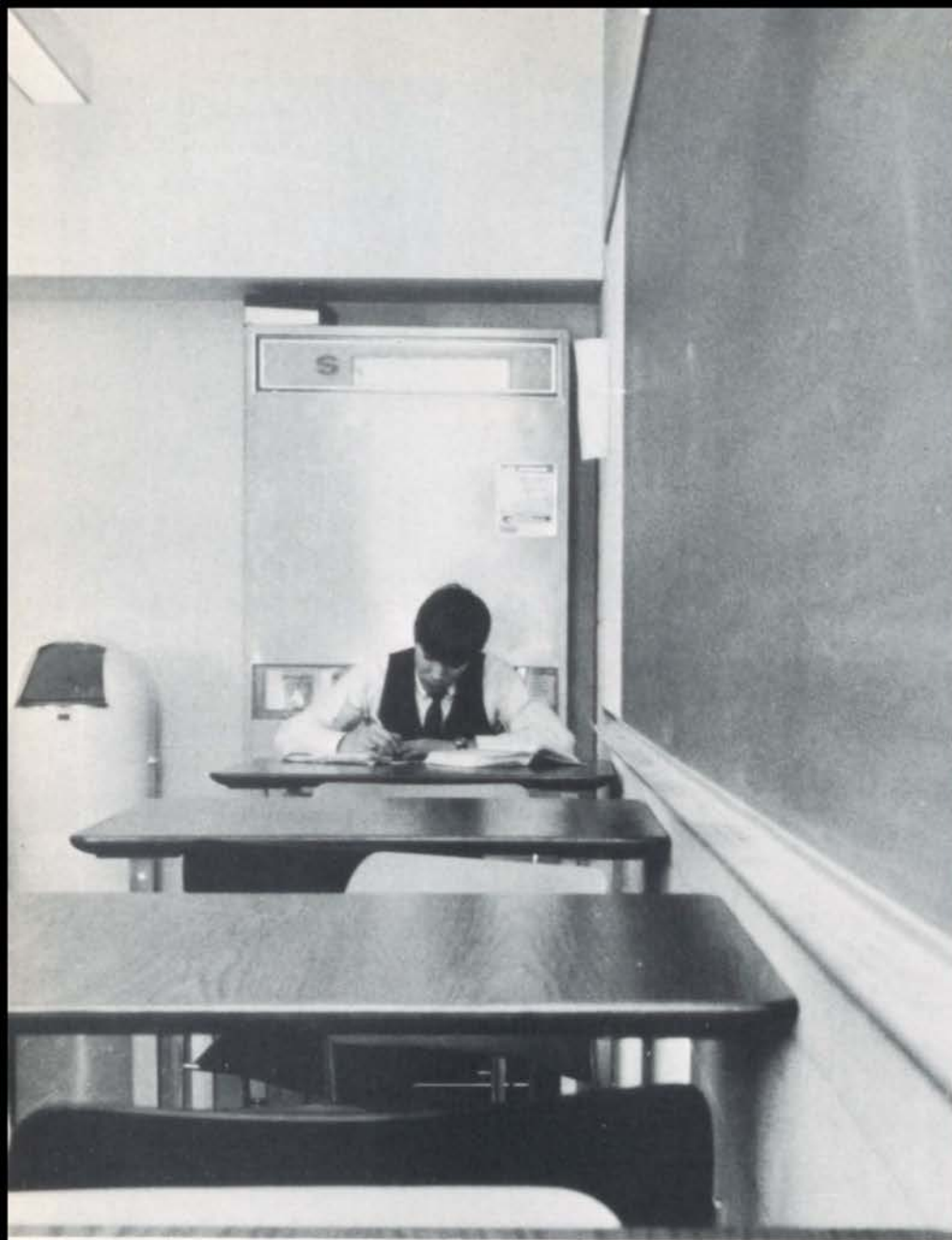


Thomas Slavin



Joseph Smothers

*Seniors seek  
Sounds of  
Silence*



Andrew Sprague



Marianne Stier

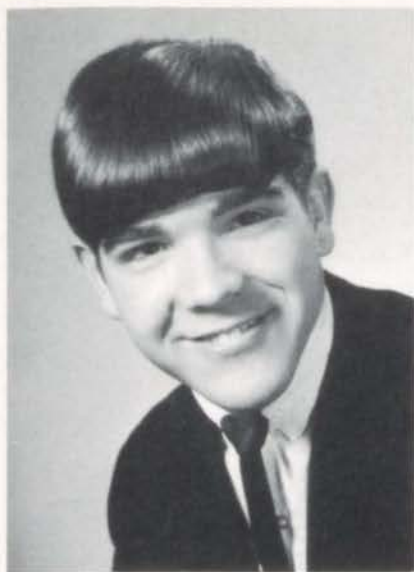


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Gregory Snoblin



Joseph Solonika



Noreen Spanski



Mark Staszewicz



Elaine Steinhelper



Christine Stickle



Donald Taylor



Barbara Tewksbury



James Thompson



Linda Walter



Mary Ann Wright



## Profiles in Excellence

CLASS SONG . . . Sounds of Silence

CLASS COLORS . . . Green and Gold

CLASS FLOWER . . . . . Daisy

CLASS MOTTO: Climb as though  
you were to live forever; live as though  
you were to die tomorrow.

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Womanhood . . . . . Maria Bora





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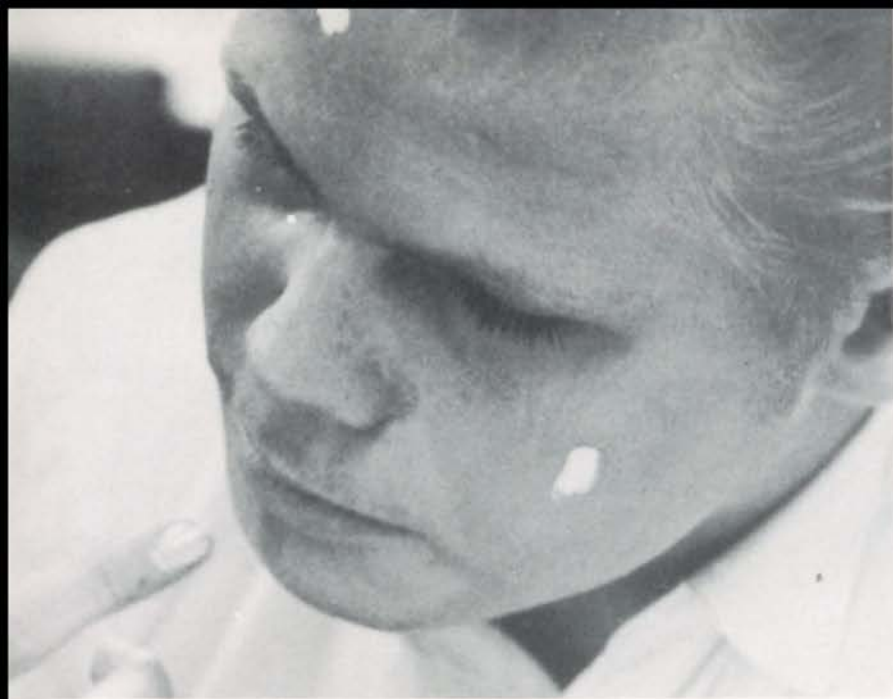


Mrs. Huerstel,  
Physical Education

*Bring back - - Memories???*









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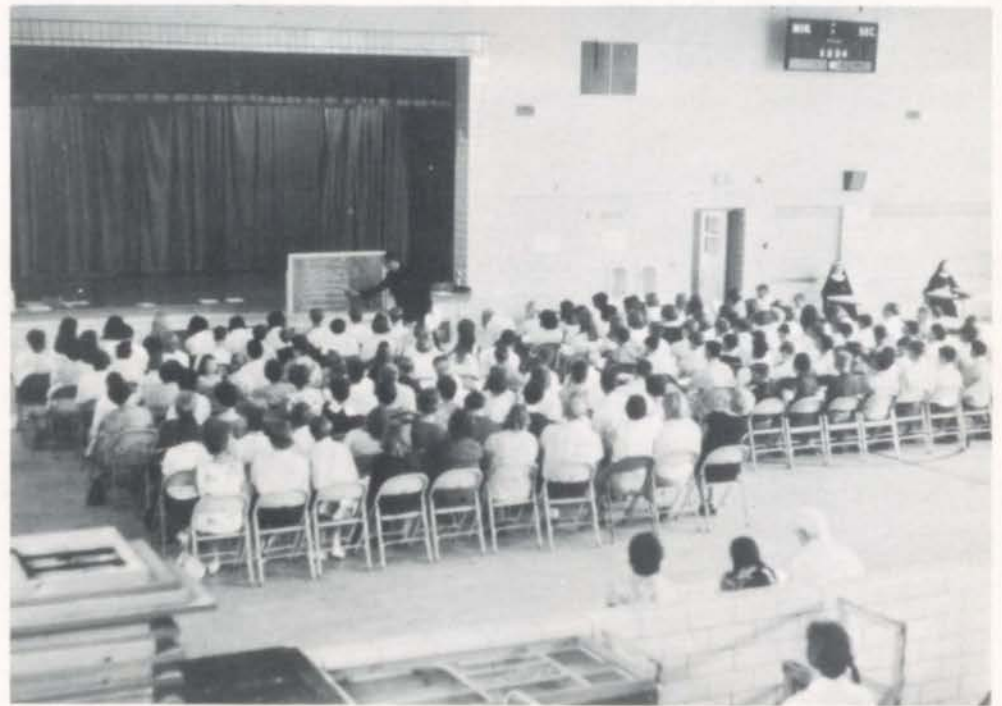


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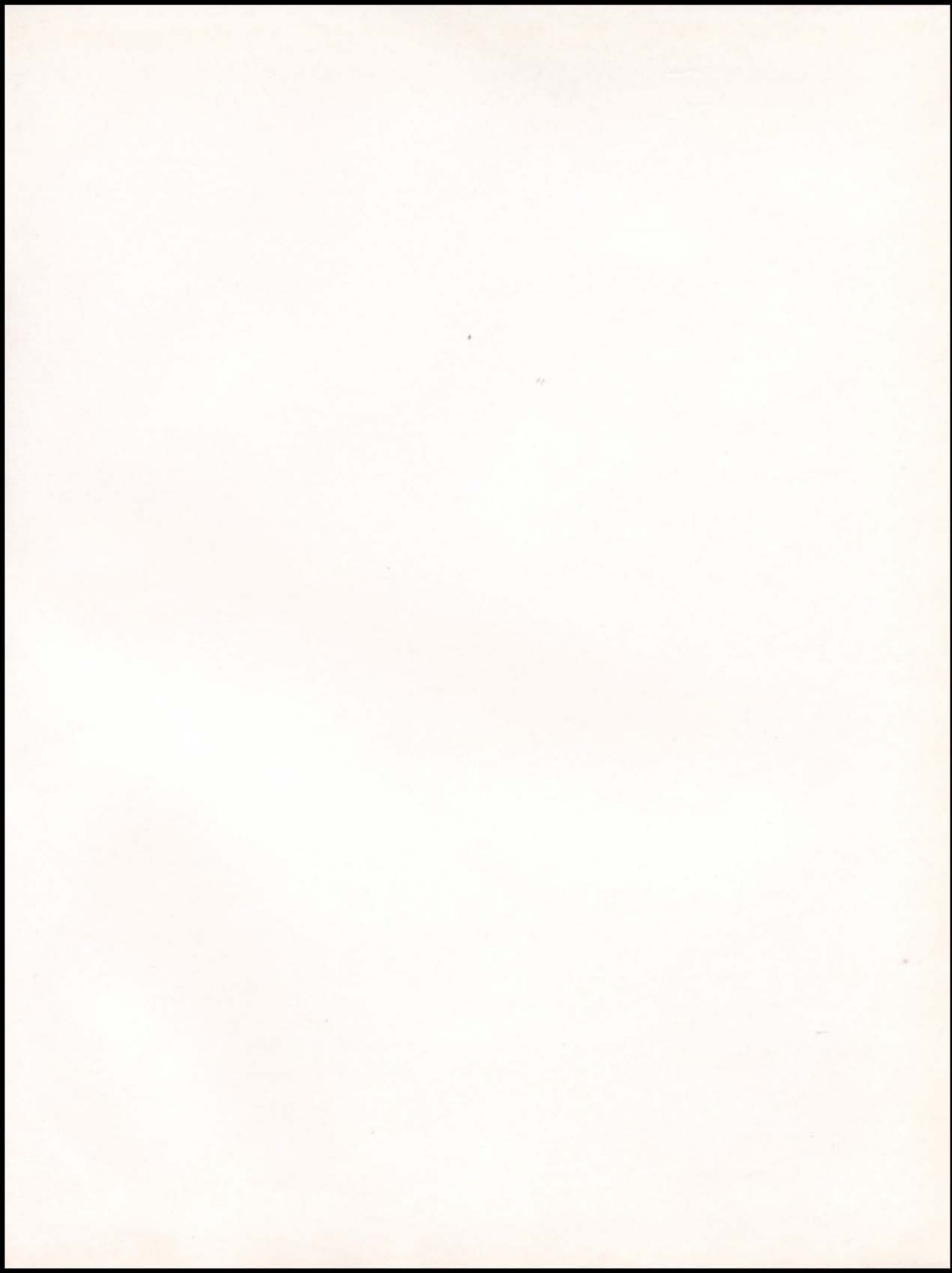
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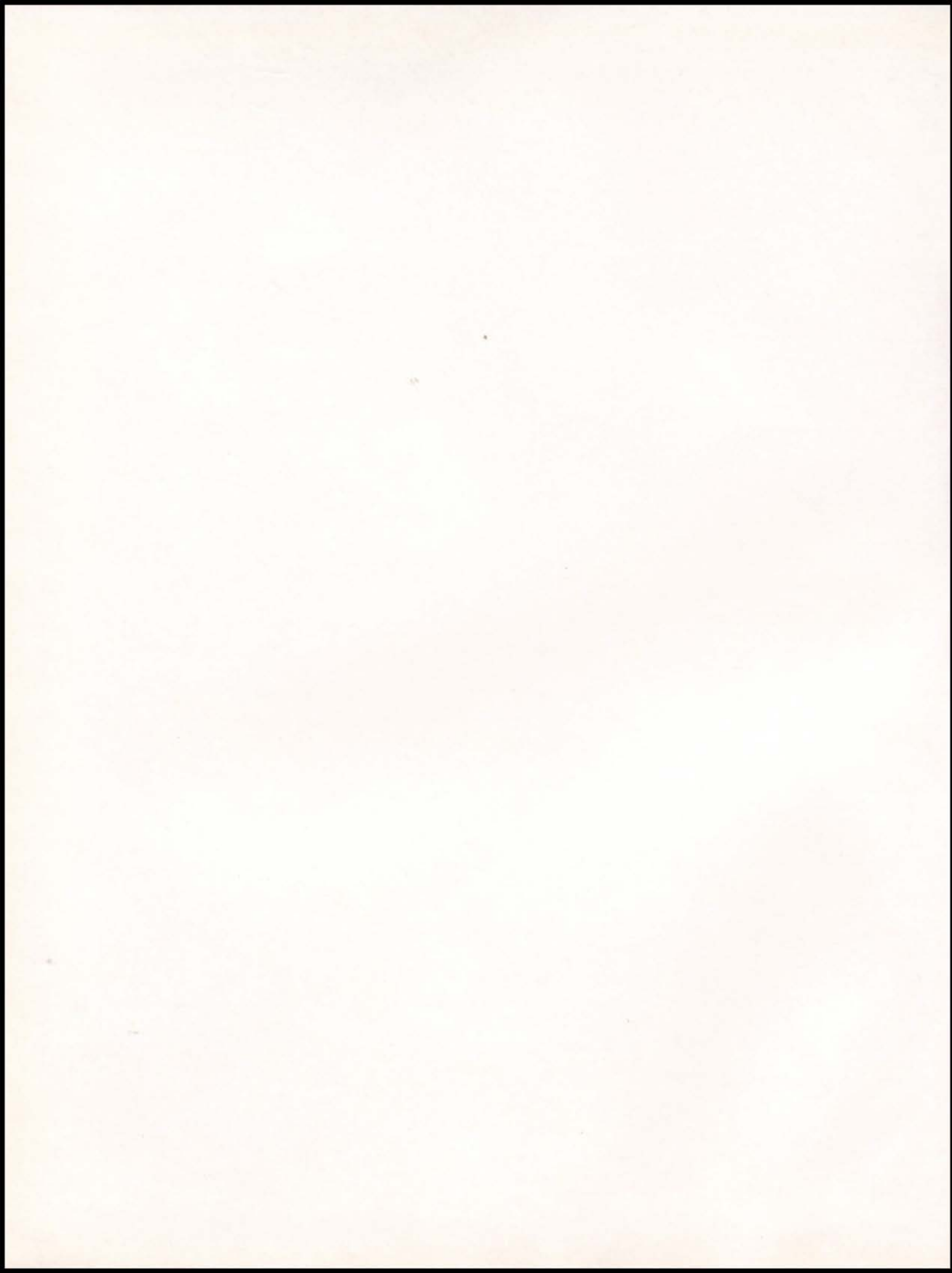
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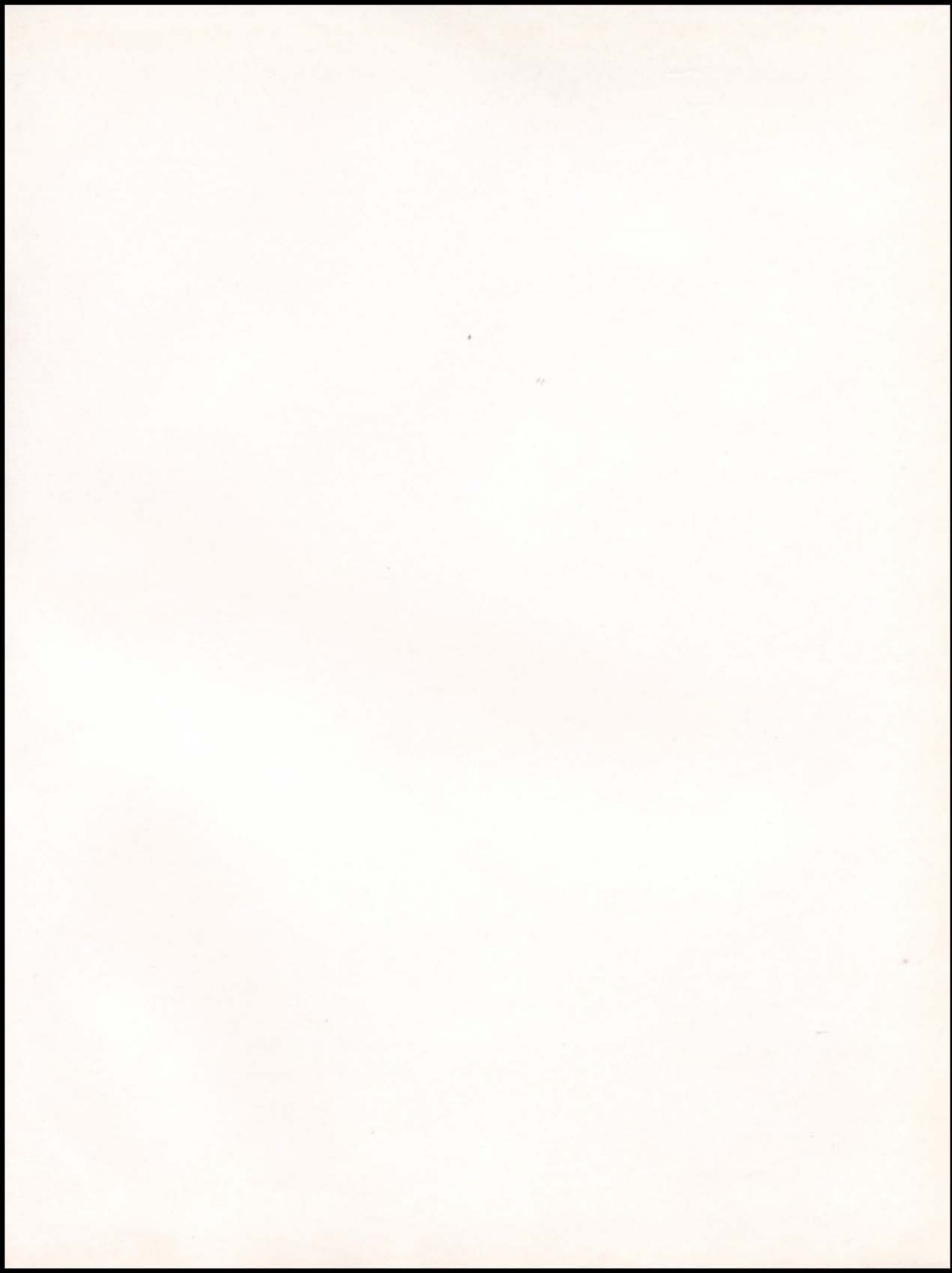


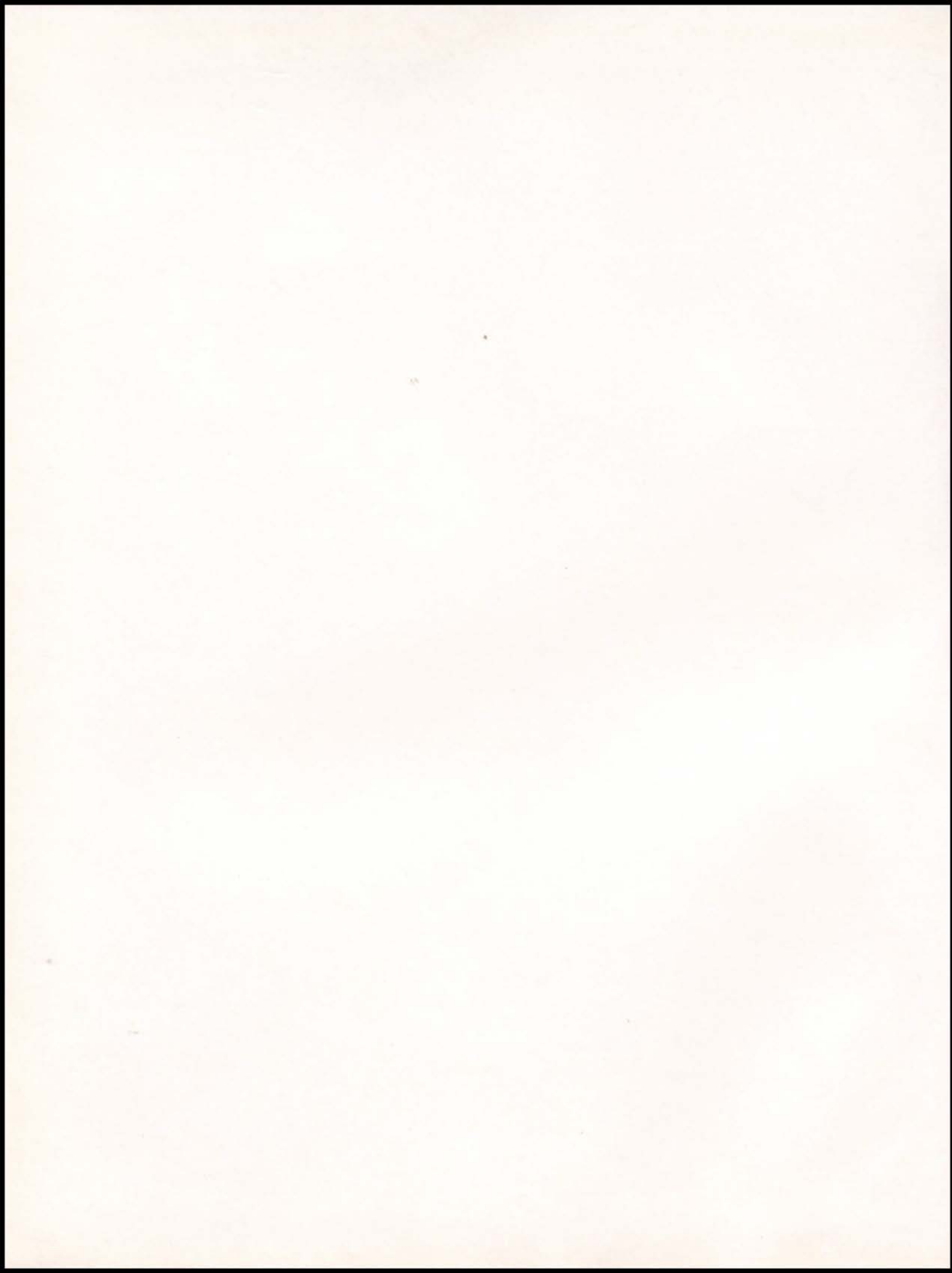










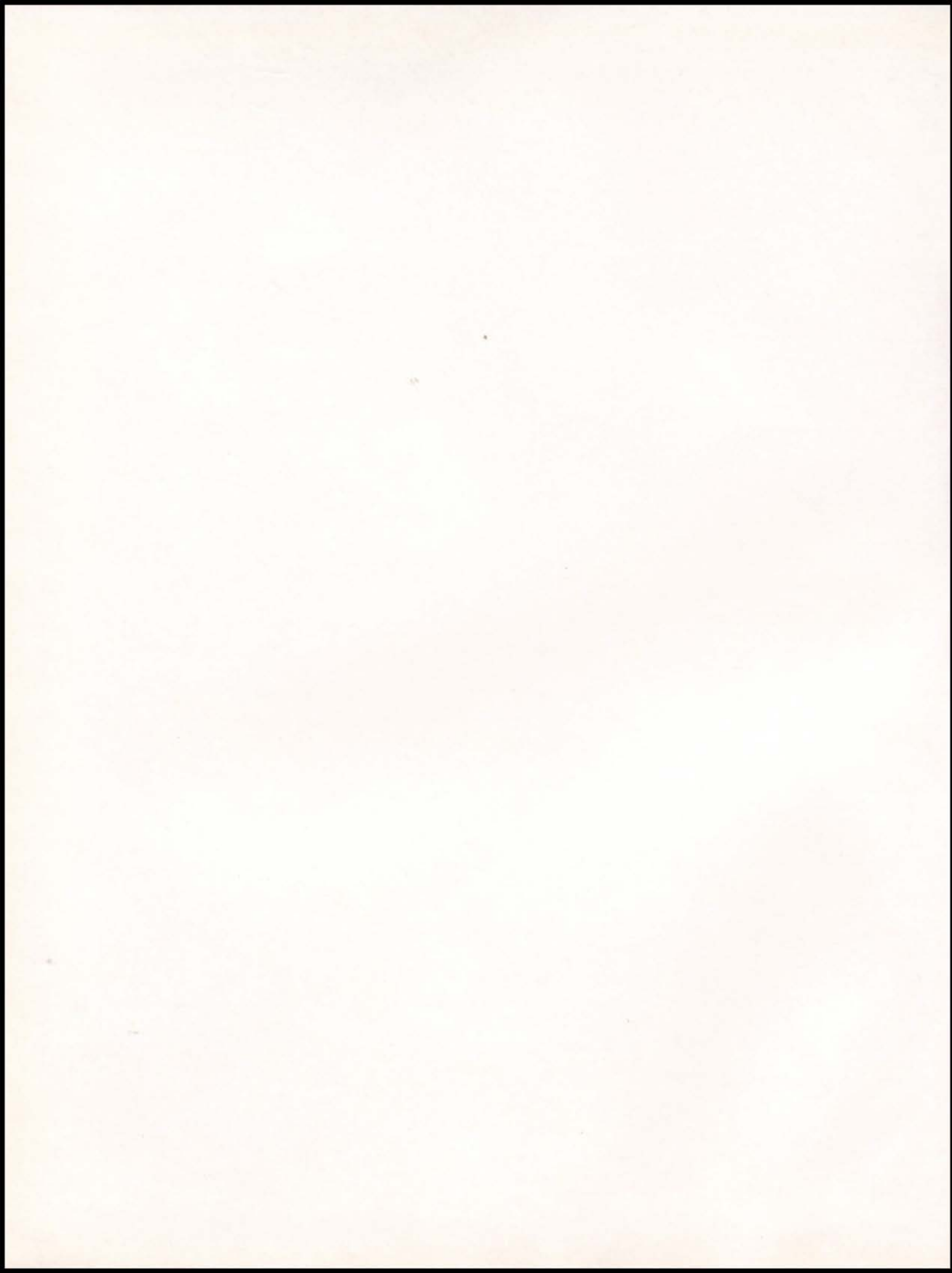




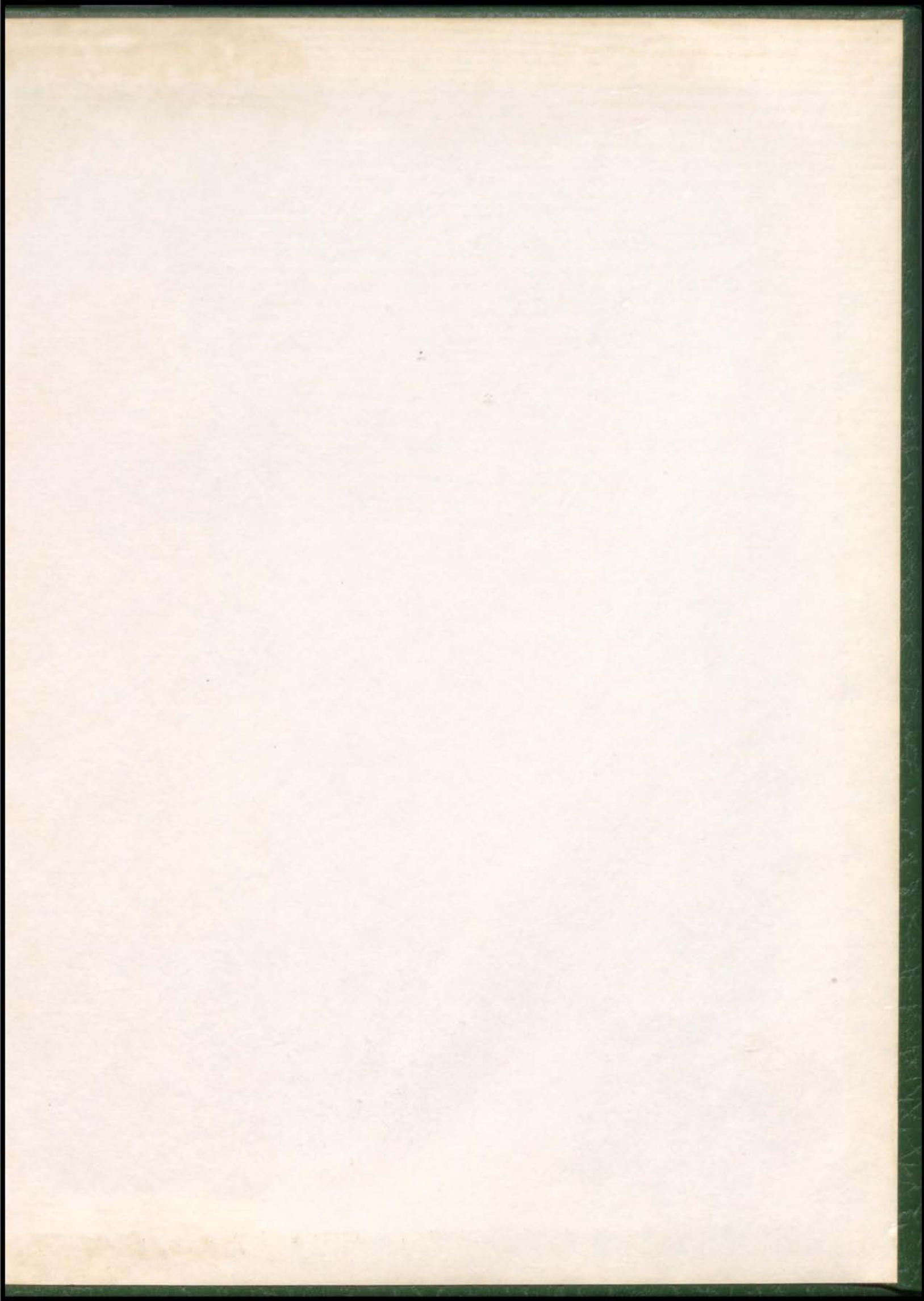


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