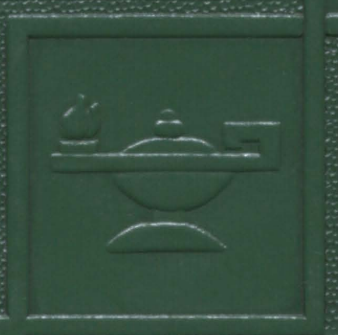
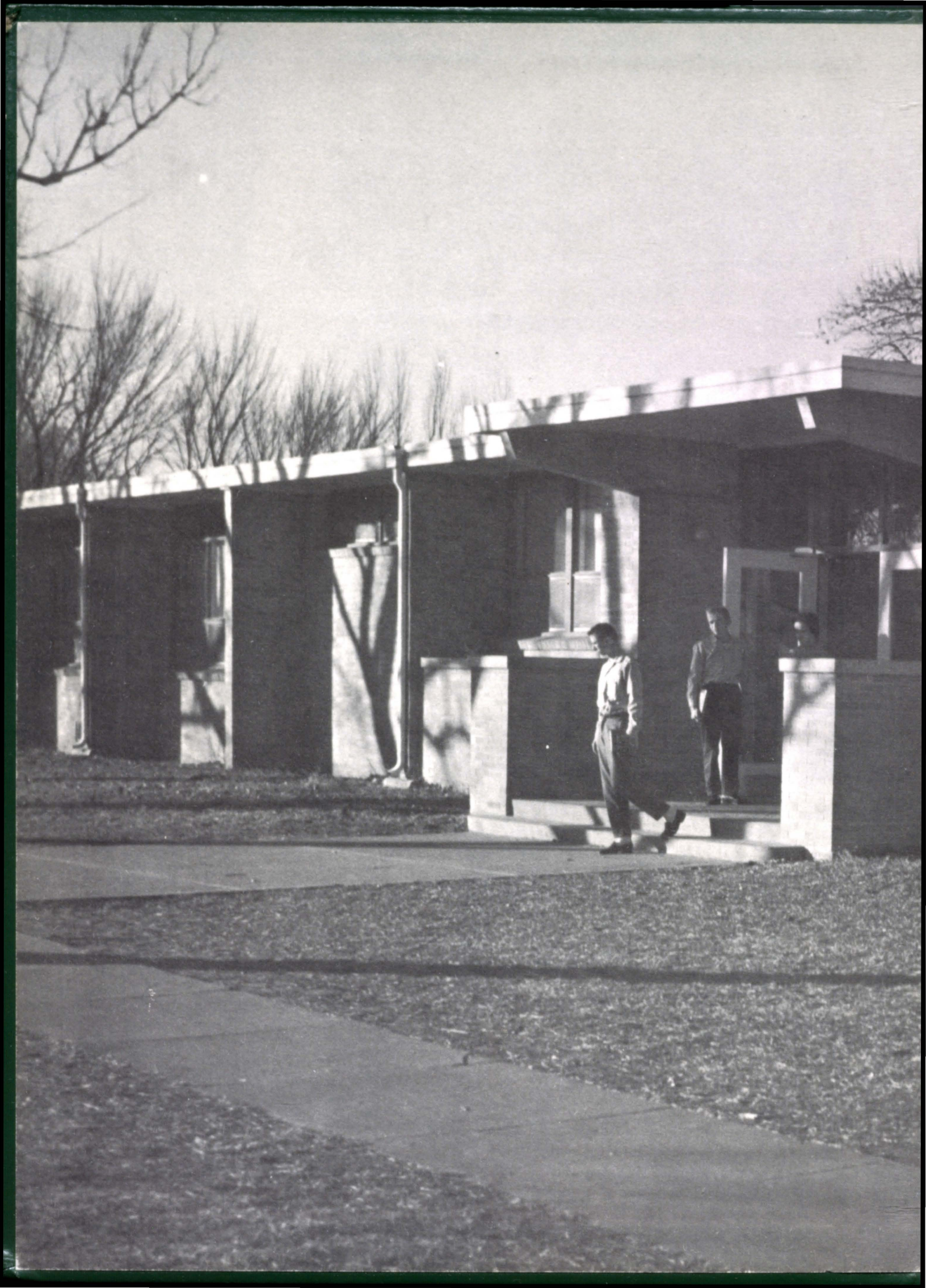


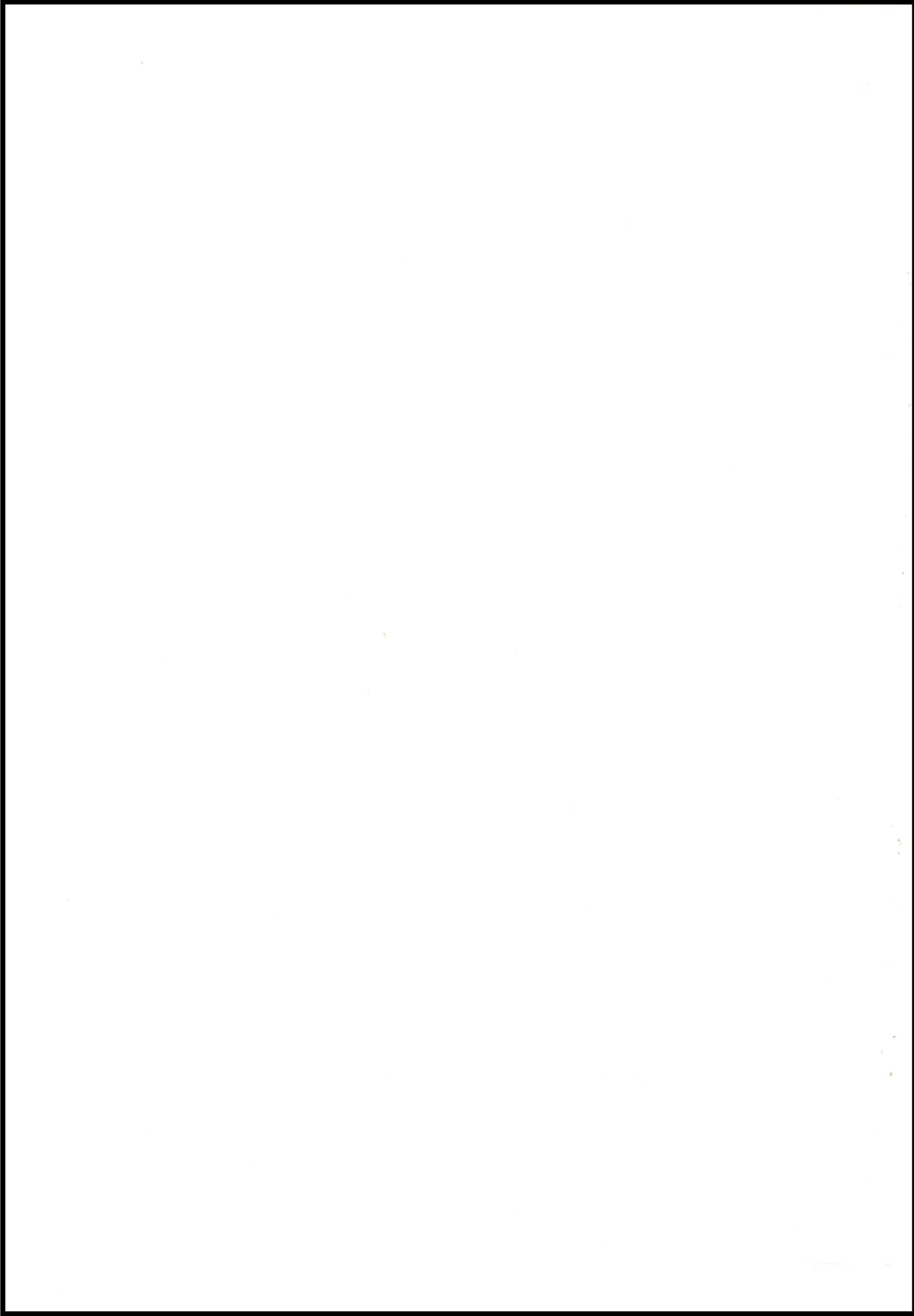
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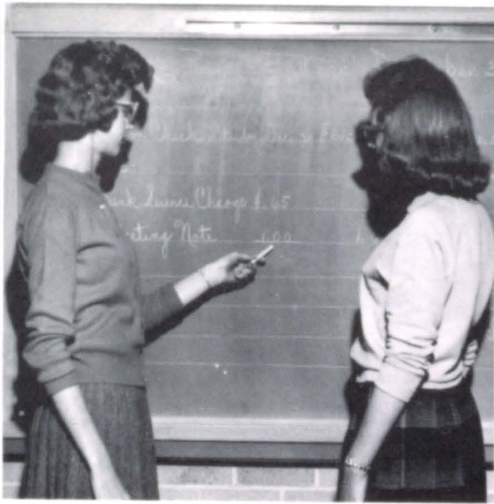
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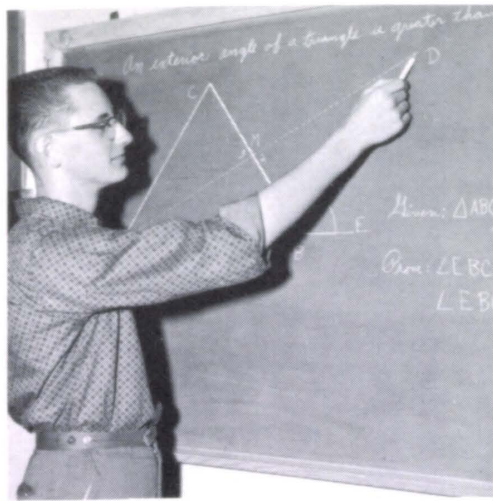
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Pictured on the back cover of this year's annual is the old section of St. Bonaventure High School. In this building many of the Class of 1961 began their elementary school days twelve years ago. The year 1949 is also significant as marking the first publication of the BONA VENTURE.

In this year's annual we have tried to capture some of the precious moments that all shall cherish in future years. For it is in these halls that we have spent the major part of our lives, "growing in wisdom, and age, and grace before God and men."

It is our hope that on this twelfth anniversary of the annual we have published a memorable yearbook, and that you--students, teachers, parents, friends--shall long treasure this volume of the BONA VENTURE.





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We, the Senior class of 1961,  
dedicate this our twelfth volume  
of the *Bona Ventura* to our parents  
and teachers in appreciation for  
their never-ending sacrifices  
to make possible these four  
years of Catholic high school  
education. We are grateful  
for your trust, your loyal support  
in our time of need, and your

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Now as we prepare to  
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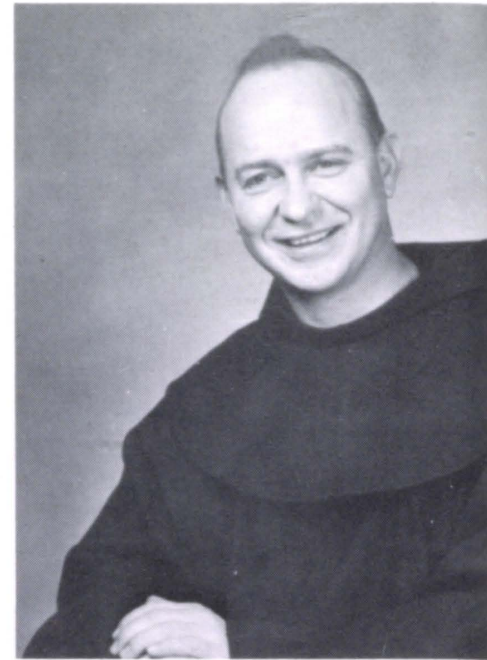
# SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKS

The eye of the graduate is on the future. As a million thoughts and emotions crowd into the mind of each young man and young lady, the realization comes suddenly that this step somehow or other brings the end of a road. What does it mean? What happens now? Where do I go from here and why?

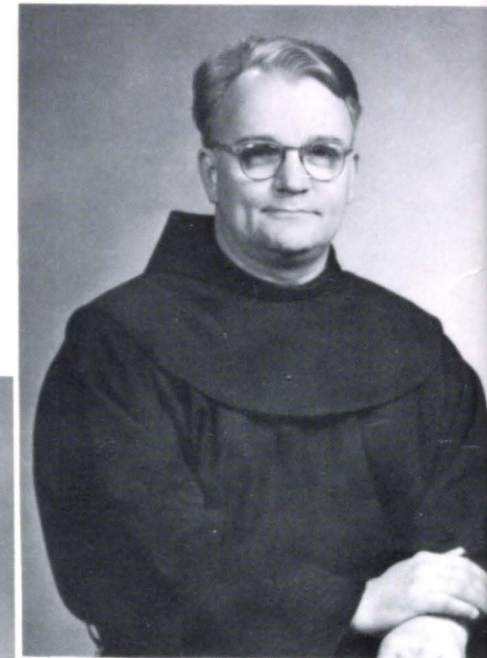
For the first time in life students seem to be facing a decision which they feel is all their own. The need to look ahead with a sense of personal responsibility is now very real. They become aware of their own likes and dislikes, their desires and fears, their hopes and dreams, their talents and natural gifts of God, and they must choose a course of action.

Whatever the choice will be, one thing is certain. They will be looking for happiness, because that is the way God made us. And there is no true happiness except in living our lives in accord with the laws of God. No matter what work we select for life, no matter what vocation or profession we determine upon, God must have the center place. To have everything in life and nothing when it is all over is tragic--but this need not be. We can enjoy the blessings and good things in life without putting God out of our lives. And the time for the High School Graduate to make that decision is NOW. To start out in the wrong direction and later retrace our steps is double the effort and double the loss.

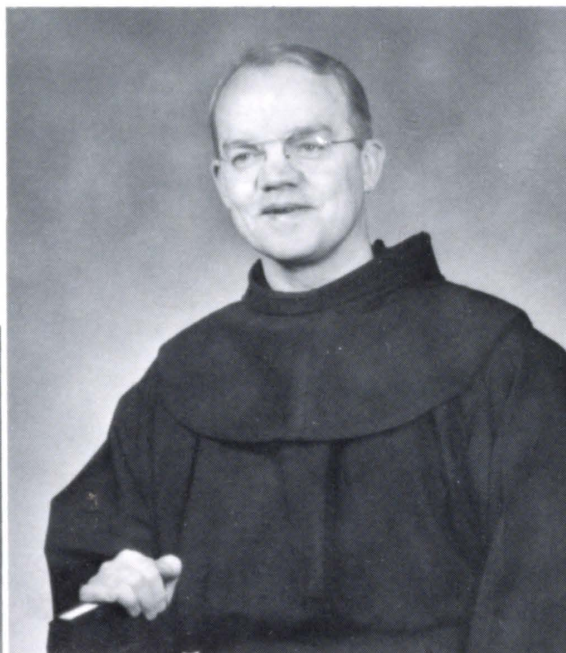
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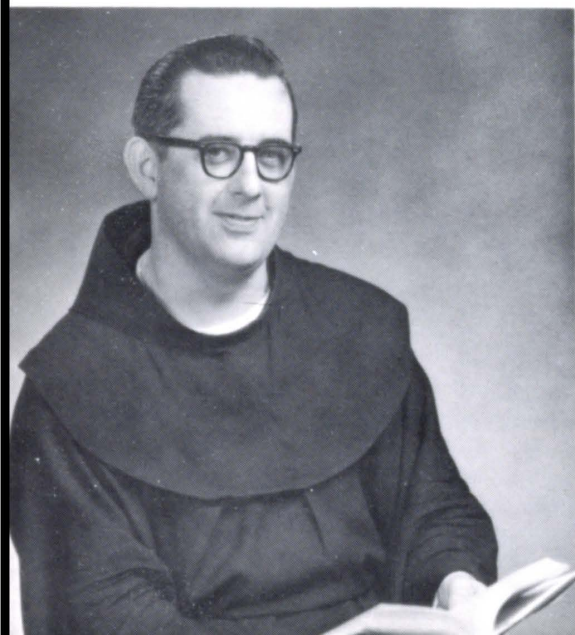


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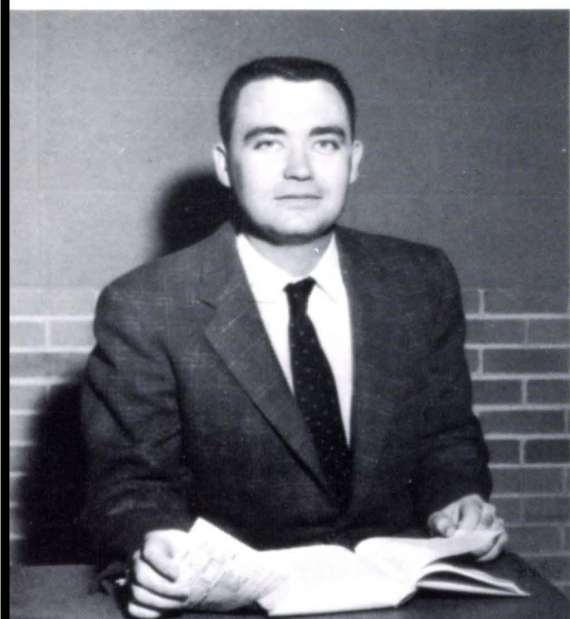
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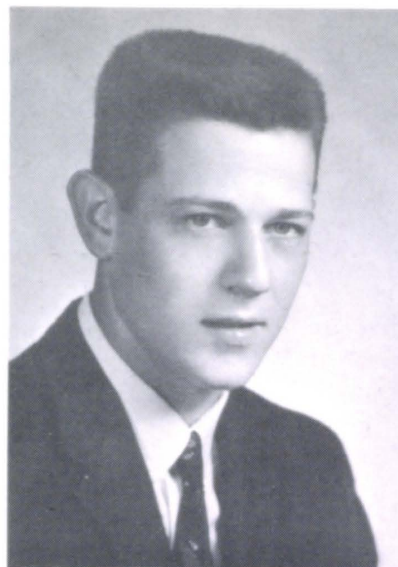


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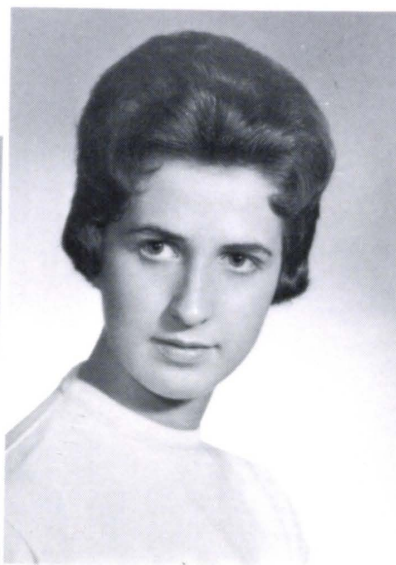
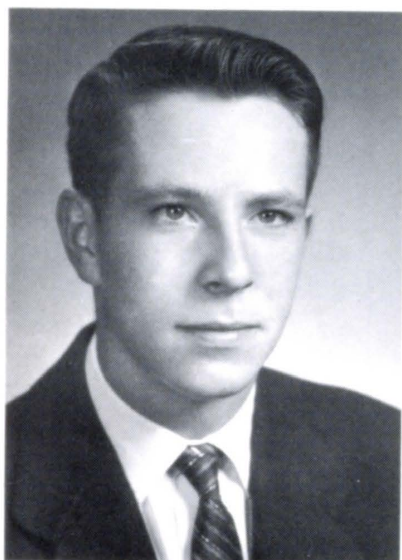
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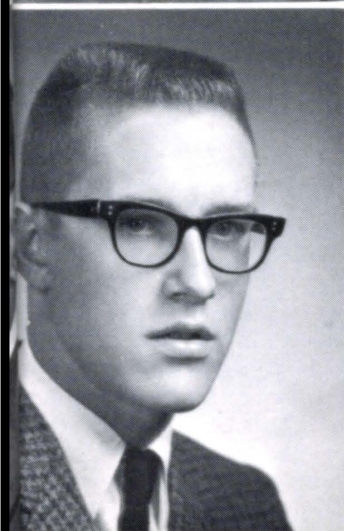
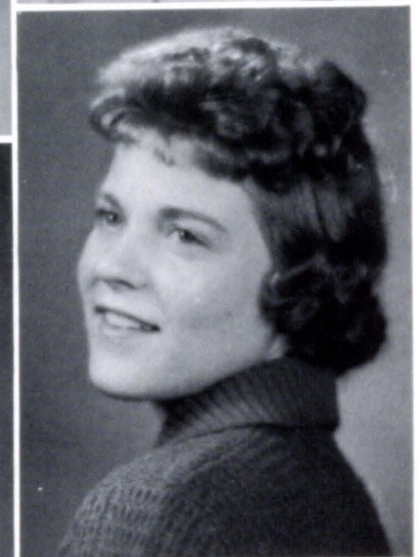
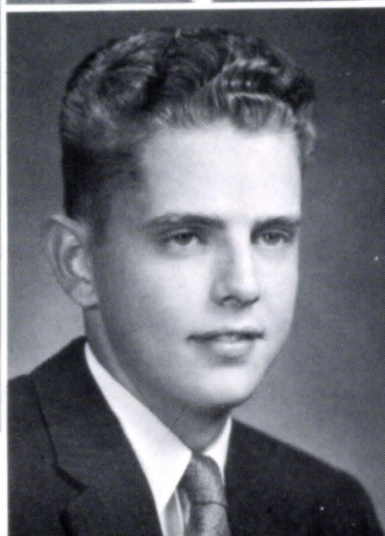
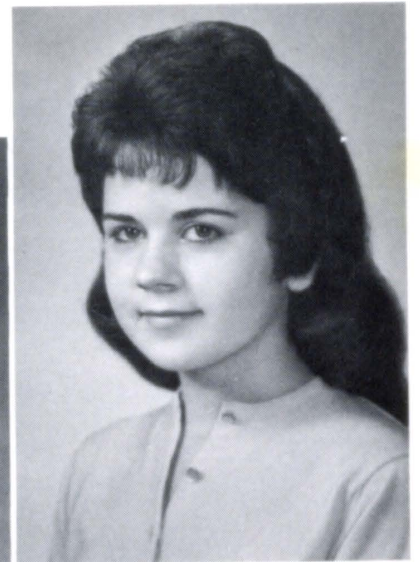
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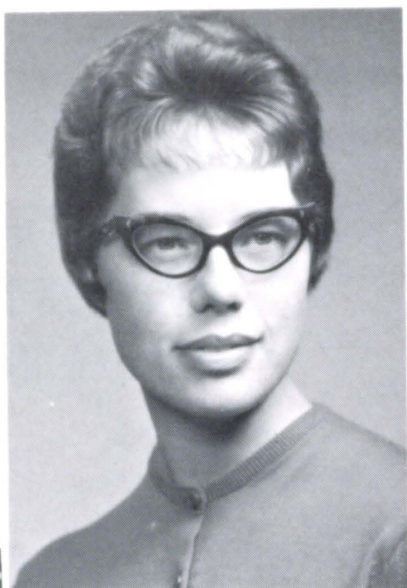
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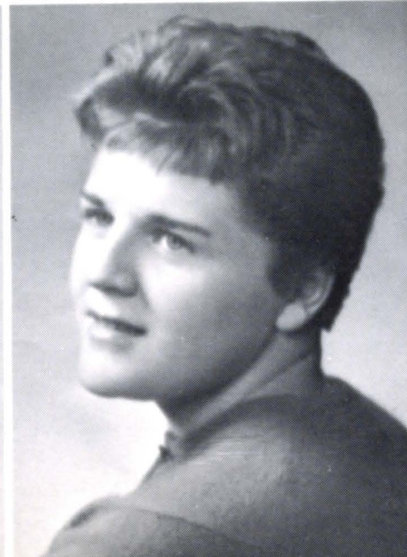
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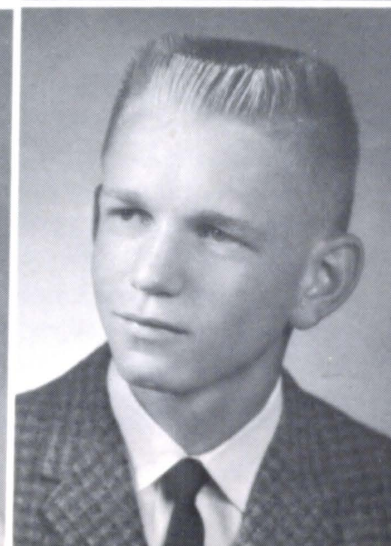
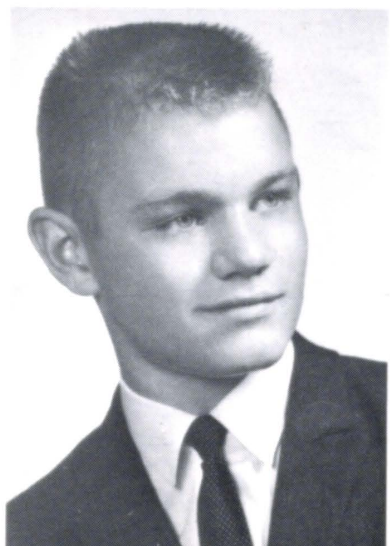
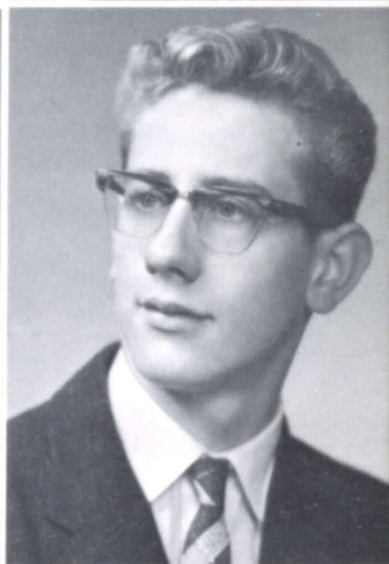


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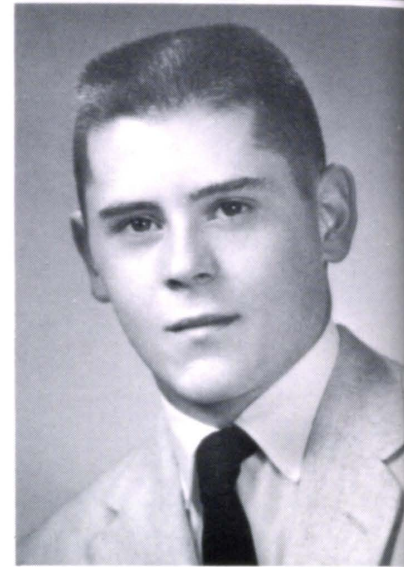
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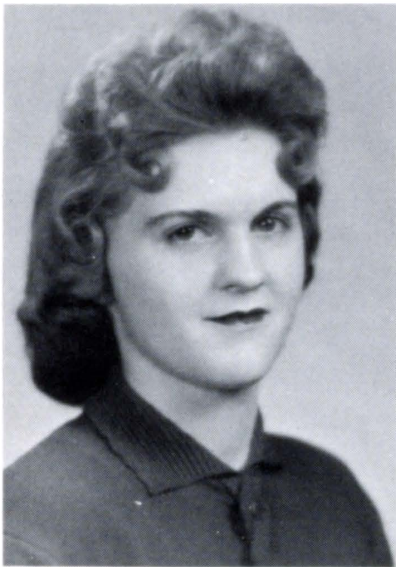
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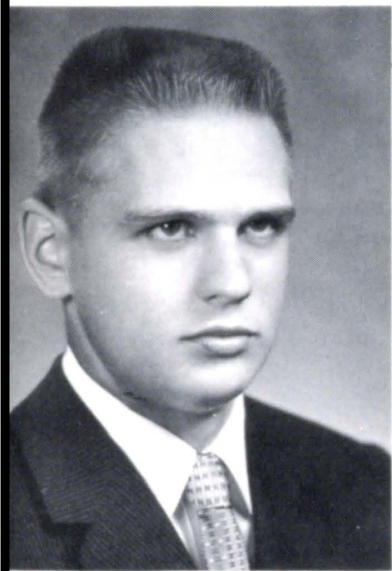
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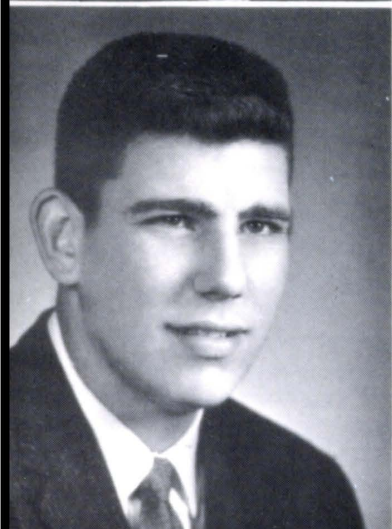
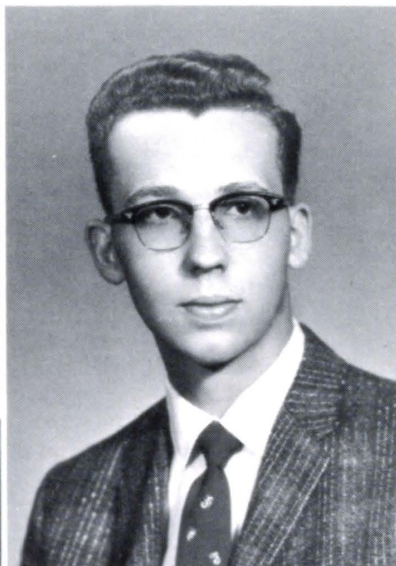
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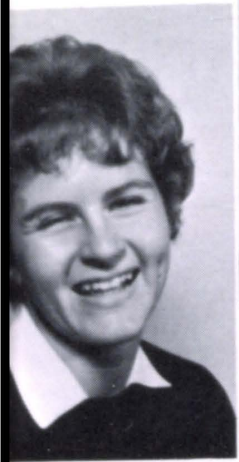


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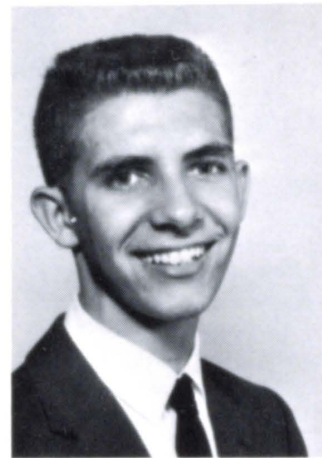
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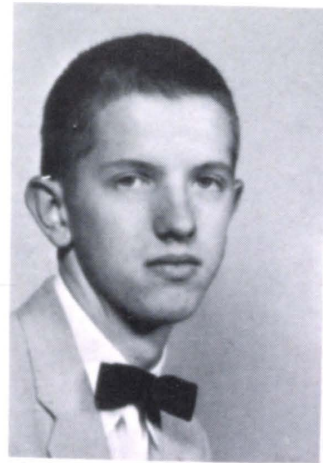
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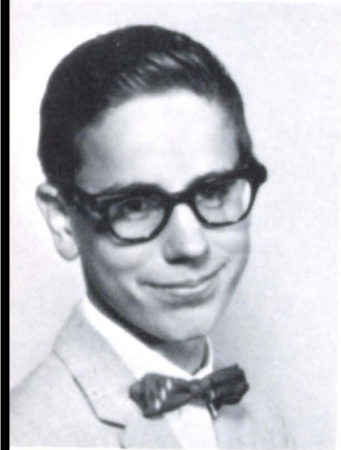
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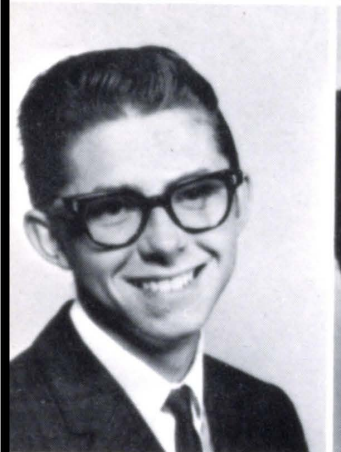
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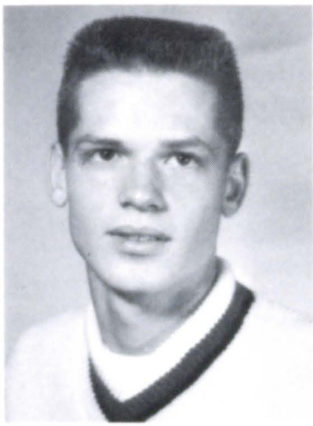
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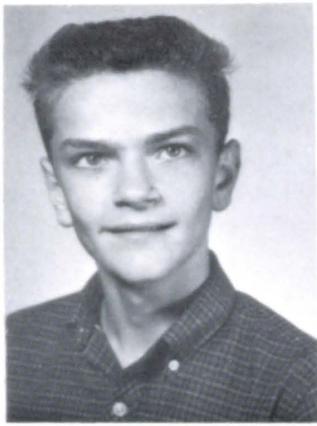
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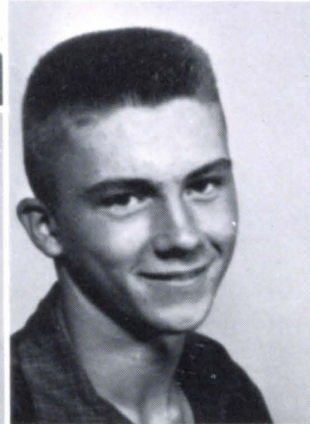
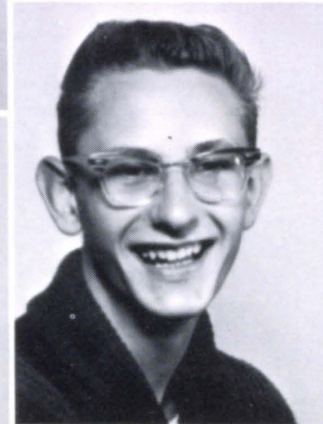
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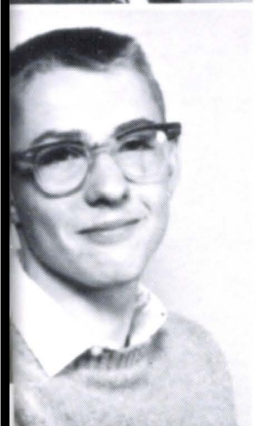
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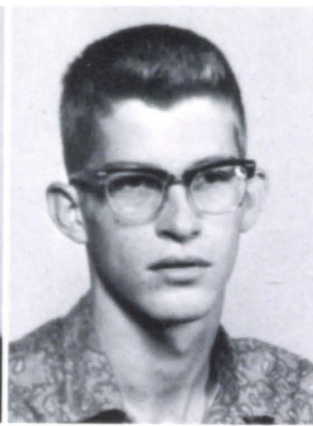
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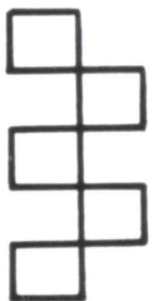
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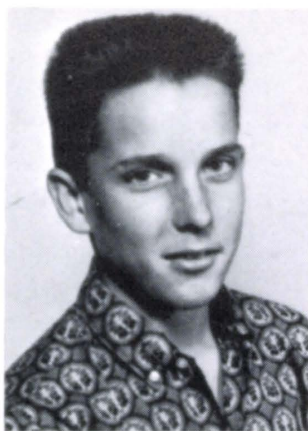
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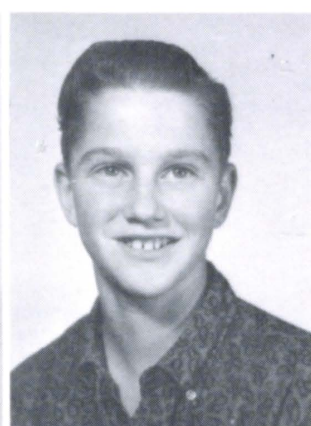


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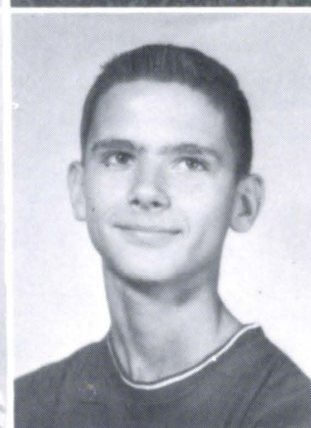


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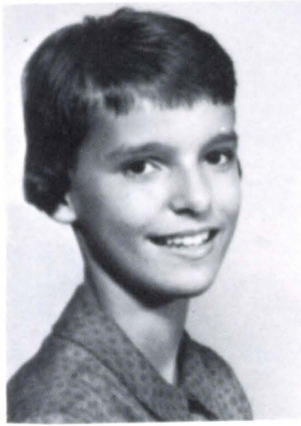
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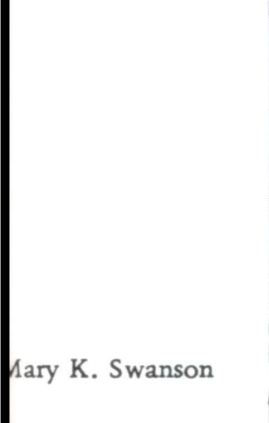


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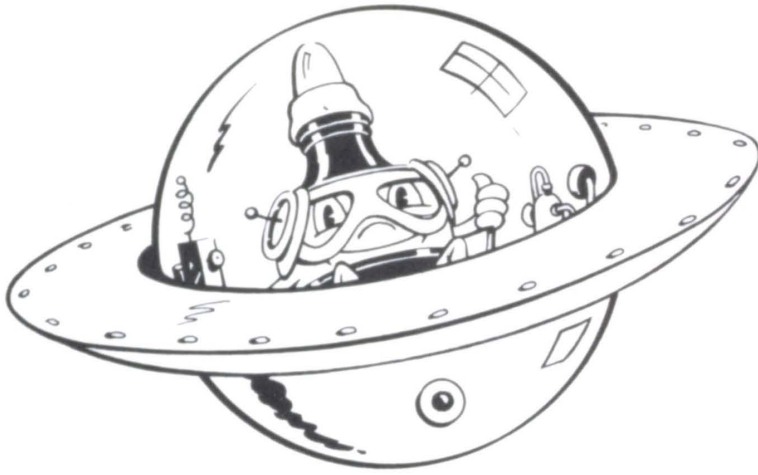
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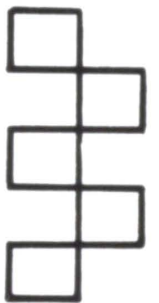
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# MYSTICAL ROSE SODALITY

Charles Pfaff, Marilyn Kaus (SEATED), Frances Luetkenhaus, and Robert McCarty are the Mystical Rose leaders for the '60-'61 school term. Sodality Director, Father Quintin Fullam, confers with the new sodality officers on the arrangement of the year's activities.



## OFFICERS

Prefect  
Robert McCarty

Vice-Prefect  
Marilyn Kaus

Secretary  
Frances Luetkenhaus

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MARIAN COMMITTEE members for the Mystical Rose unit are Betty Obal, Carolyn Pieters, Chairman Jean Meysenburg, Barbara Shonka, and Lois Skorupa.

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Members of the EUCHARISTIC COMMITTEE, which encourages frequent reception of the Most Blessed Sacrament, are Connie Moersen, Roxine Haller, Chairman Connie Ebel, Genevieve Ebel, and Carolyn Grady.



Chairman Brian Hughes discusses social activities with Larry Eckholt, Jim Mimick, and Charles Gregorius, members of the SOCIAL LIFE COMMITTEE.



One of the most pleasant and rewarding privileges of a sodalist is belonging to the Knights and Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament. It is their honor to kneel each week in adoration of Jesus in the Tabernacle. Pictured at left are three HANDMAIDS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Ann Herrod, Linda German, and LaVonne Hadcock sign their names on the adoration schedule. Membership in the Knights and Handmaids organization is completely voluntary. The sodalist wishing to be a member will be raised to a Knight or Handmaid upon completing twenty-six half-hours of adoration. The spiritual rewards are invaluable. Moments spent in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament are precious in the sight of God, Who delights in the answer of His Children to the call, "Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

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Sodalists from all corners of the United States attended the National Rocky Mountain Youth Congress at Colorado Springs. Included in this group were 23 members of the Mystical Rose Sodality of St. Bonaventure.



## YOUTH CONGRESS KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

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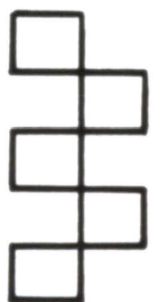
KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR are FIRST ROW: B. Micek, L. Ryan, R. Mimick, D. Augustine, B. Tooley, P. Wiese, L. Krings, E. Tworek. SECOND ROW: J. Swirczek, R. Paprocki, D. Backes, E. Pieters, B. Cadwallader, R. Braun, D. Kudron, J. Augustine, T. Romanek. THIRD ROW: C. Gregorius, E. Paprocki, D. Herrod, E. Tworek, J. Albright, R. Novotny, F. Fowler, L. Dubas, F. Adamy, D. Nosal, G. Soulliere. FOURTH ROW: T. Byrnes, B. Shonka, L. Liss, B. Backes, E. German, E. Siemek, L. Eckholt, C. Pfaff, J. Jasper, A. Krzycki, F. Warholoski, J. Keuter.

# ACTIVITIES



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# STUDENT COUNCIL

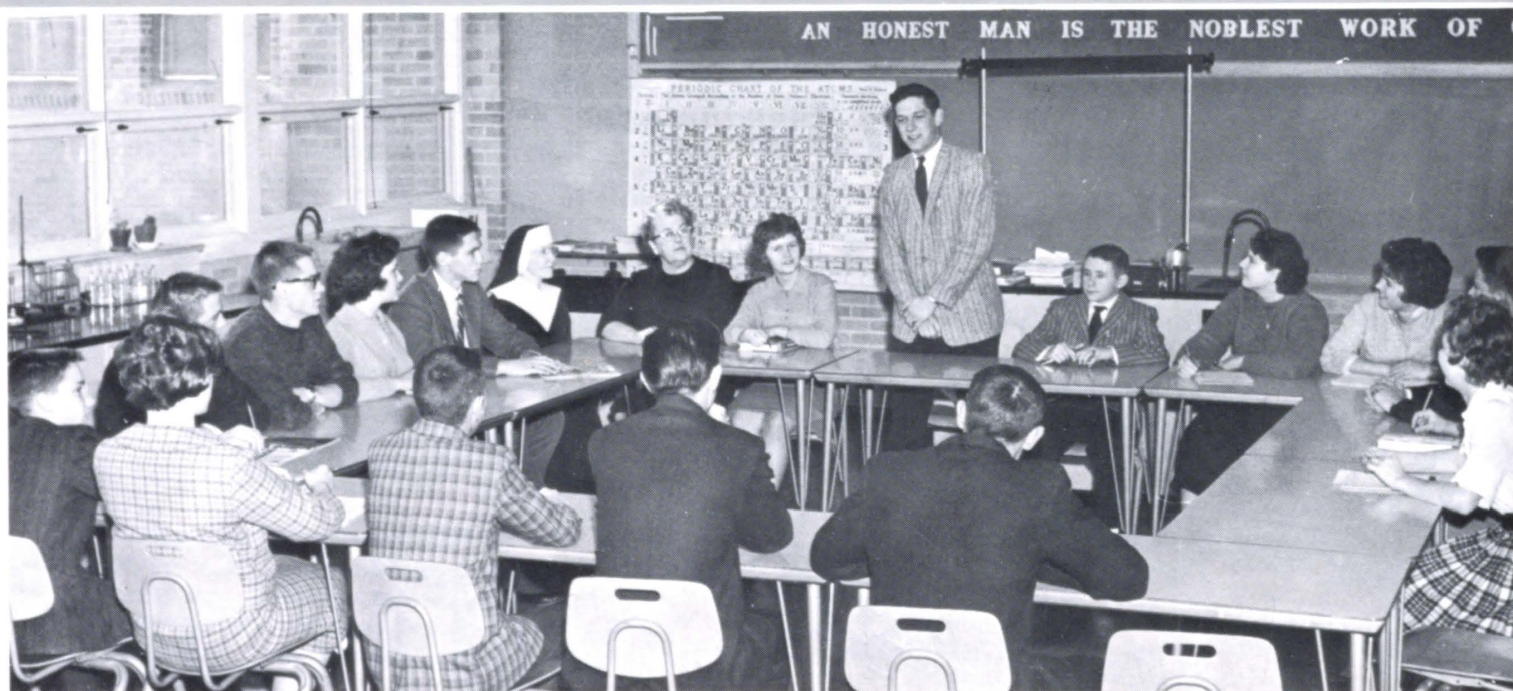
Student Council Moderator Sister M. Rayneria discusses plans for student government with Secretary-Treasurer Dorothy Minette, President Edward Siemek, and Vice-President Robert McCarty.

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Representatives in the Student Council from the home rooms are Ed Pieters (R6), Tom Byrnes (R1), Roxine Haller (N1), Marcella Jarecki (N3), Barbara Mrzlak (R8), Ann Maguire (R3), and Dorothy Minette (N5). Not pictured is Brian Hughes (N4).

Pictured below is a Student Council meeting in session with Ed Siemek addressing the organization.





MINDS ARE CONQUERED NOT BY ARMS BUT BY GREAT

The president of each class and the head of each major organization in the high school are also represented in the Student Council. Members on this picture are Roxine Haller, Joe Augustine, Ronald Bernt, Norman Wemhoff, Betty Obal, Bill Backes, Jim Borer, Jean Markhofer, and Calvin Corcoran.



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With folded arms, cafeteria monitors Jim Albright, Paul Corcoran, Jerome Gaver, and Robert Storz maintain discipline during the lunch hour. This is one of the many forms of service through student government.

Taking charge of the reception desk and monitoring the corridors are other duties of the Student Council. Pictured below is a group of senior and junior monitors.



# HONOR SOCIETY



Sister M. Edwina, Honor Society moderator, shows a schedule of activities to be worked out by her officers. They are Vice-President, Jean Markhofer, President Calvin Corcoran, Secretary Jeraldine Harris, and Treasurer Jean Meysenburg.

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Grouped around their president, Calvin Corcoran, senior members read an article on National Honor Society programs. The group consists of Betty Obal, Leo Laska, Jeraldine Harris, Jean Markhofer, Ed Siemek, and Jean Meysenburg.





CAREER WEEK is one of the school's most beneficial projects in vocational guidance. Seated with Sister Rayneria, Honor Society members work with her on the 1961 Career Week plans. On the committee are Calvin Corcoran, Kathy Stone, Brian Hughes, Jean Meysenburg, David Kopetzky, and Jeraldine Harris. In addition to this program the Honor Society also sponsors the spring and fall achievement tests, the March of Dimes drive, and the annual "Harvest Moon" dance.



**PROBATIONARY MEMBERS**

- James Albright
- Paul Corcoran
- Judy Coufal
- David Kopetzky
- Brian Hughes
- Jane Gregorius
- Loretta Rupprecht
- Dorothy Minette
- Connie Ebel
- Marcia Morgan
- Maxine Mrzlak
- Kathy Stone
- Carolyn Pieters (not pictured).

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## BAND OFFICERS

Vice-President Kathryn Jaworski, President James Mimick, and Secretary Kathleen Stone.

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## ST. BONAVENTURE

STANDING: J. Reuss, H. Cockson, J. Thraen, C. Corcoran. SEATED: C. Shemek, R. Kafka, A. Herrod, J. Reilly, K. Jaworski, J. Mimick, K. Kuta, M. Hughes, C. Fix, W. Higgins, K. Stone, P. Higgins, J. Badstieber, P. Hembd, J. Feilmeier.



Pictured at right is the St. Bonaventure band as it marched onto the football field for the 1960 homecoming ceremonies.



## JUNIOR-SENIOR BAND

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STANDING: R. Braun, M. Haney, D. Moss, G. Ebel, T. Romanek, J. Albright, F. Fowler, Sister M. Winifred.  
SEATED: K. Kearns, L. Brewer, P. Corcoran, K. Mares, M. Strong, J. Slovenski, M. Rathbun, M. Meysenburg, S. Reilly, C. Gregorius, J. Albright, J. Coufal, J. Wolpert, C. Stone, B. Mrzlak, L. Eckholt.





SOPRANO II and ALTO SECTIONS--FIRST ROW: L. Hadcock, R. Egger, M. Rossie, M. Jarecki, S. Schaefer, K. McAuliff, J. Soulliere, M. Heimann, B. Nosal, M. Mrzlak, J. Conrad, N. Kaus, C. Moersen, M. Kuta. SECOND ROW: Sister M. Winifred, J. Mimick, M. Hughes, J. Michaelson, J. Feilmeier, J. Gregorius, S. Kosch, M. Morgan, D. Minette, J. Harris, B. Obal, B. Boesch, L. Skorupa. THIRD ROW: E. Mueller, D. Dvorak, M. Wilhelm, M. K. Swanson, J. Coufal, D. Bothe, C. Theewen, C. Pieters, J. Markhofer, J. Cregar, J. Brooks, M. Messersmith, K. Mimick, P. Liss.

## CHORUS AD TRIPLE TRIO

SOPRANO II  
Kathy Mimick  
Jean Markhofer  
Judy Feilmeier

SOPRANO I  
Connie Blahak  
Connie Ebel  
Jean Meysenburg

ALTO  
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## CHORUS AND CHOIR



FIRST ROW: B. Obal, J. Feilmeier, C. Moersen, N. Kaus, S. Reilly, M. Zabawa, R. Egger, M. Morgan, S. Kosch, J. Gregorius, J. Meysenburg. SECOND ROW: D. Minette, J. Coufal, M. Bothe, K. Stone, C. Theewen, J. Markhofer, E. Rediger, C. Ebel, R. Haller, M. Rupprecht, K. Mares.

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FIRST ROW: B. Brooks, J. Meysenburg, J. Fielmeier, M. Mrzlak. SECOND ROW: R. Moritz, M. Heimann, C. Shemek, C. Ebel, C. Moersen, J. Gregorius, P. Donnelly. THIRD ROW: R. Haller, F. Luetkenhaus, L. Rupprecht, D. Roddy, A. Kosiba, V. Swirczek, V. Swolek, S. Bruckner, P. Kosinski, M. Jarecki. FOURTH ROW: C. Zerr, M. Kaus, S. Kosch, K. Jaworski, K. Mimick, J. Coufal, M. Morgan, D. Minette, J. Markhofer, J. Harris, M. J. Dischner. FIFTH ROW: C. Pieters, Y. Mimick, D. Bothe, J. Ramaekers, C. Wachholtz, K. Stone, J. Cregar, P. Hilger, M. Messersmith, J. Brooks.



Bonnies Pep Club officers are Secretary Marlise Heimann, President Betty Obal, Vice-President Kathy Jaworski, and Treasurer Jane Gregorius.

Boosting the morale of the reserve squad are reserve cheerleaders Barbara Nosal, Kathy Mares, Dorothy Kroenke, Kathy Kearns, and Marilyn Kuta.

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# BONNIES PEP CLUBS

Bonnies Pep Club represents one of the most enthusiastic phases of Saint Bon's school spirit. Proof of this is the outstanding attendance this year at the many out-of-town games and the hoarse voices that were little more than whispers for days after a game. Pep, purpose, and performance have helped to make the Bonnies one of the best cheering sections the school has ever had. Five willing and capable varsity cheerleaders used their enthusiasm and energy in leading the Bonnies fans. They are Maxine Mrzlak, Judy Feilmeier, Bonnie Brooks, Betty Obal, and Jean Meysenburg. The junior cheerleaders also are to be congratulated for a job well done.



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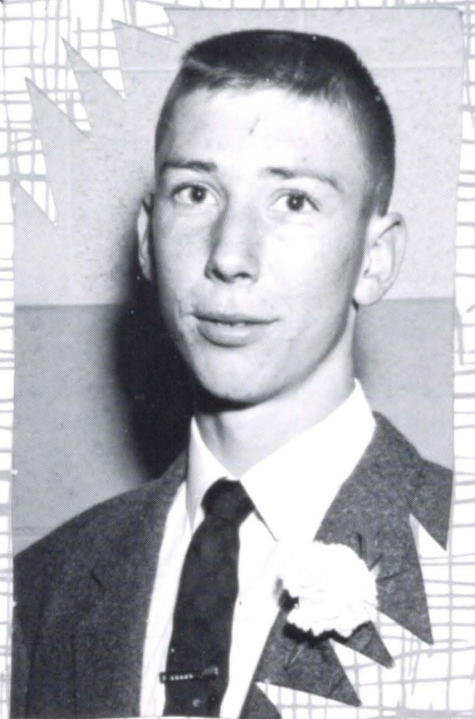
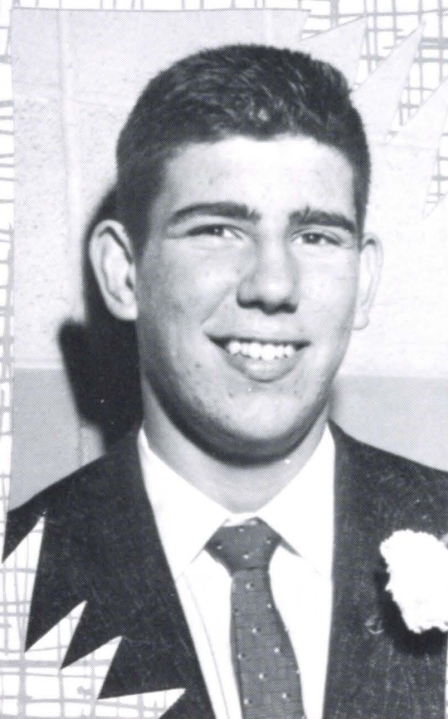
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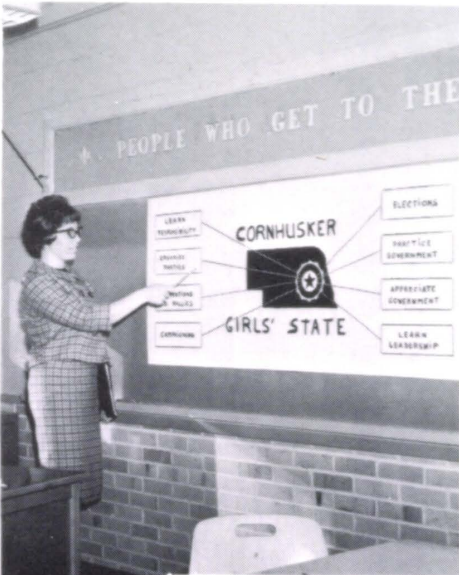
# GIRL STATER

Jean Markhofer, representative at Cornhusker Girls' State for 1960, demonstrates phases of politics and government open to the girls attending for the purpose of acquiring a better understanding of the functions of Nebraska state government.

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# COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Voters file in and out of the voting booths to cast ballots for the student body's choices for County Government officials.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS, STANDING are Ronald Bernt, Robert McCarty, Jerome Gaver, John Kuntz, Charles Stone, Betty Obal, Roxine Haller, Connie Ebel, Charles Pfaff, Larry Hanke, Jerome Michaelson, and Robert Storz. SEATED are Marlise Heimann, Jeraldine Harris, Judy Feilmeier, Jean Meysenburg, Larry Odgaard, and Calvin Corcoran.



# CONSTITUTION AND OPTIMISM

Young citizens looking forward to leadership in the world obtain valuable information and experience through the NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST--OUR CONSTITUTION. Pictured below are David Sleddens, first place winner Kathy Stone, runner-up Dorothy Minette, and Jane Gregorius.



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Looking up in an attitude of "optimism" are the 1961 OPTIMIST ORATORICAL contestants. In the front row are Bill Tooley, Peter Theisinger, Charles Gregorius, and Frank Dush. In the back row are Frank Fowler, Eugene Tworek, Jim Borer, Eugene German, Lawrence Eckholt, and Daniel Herrod.





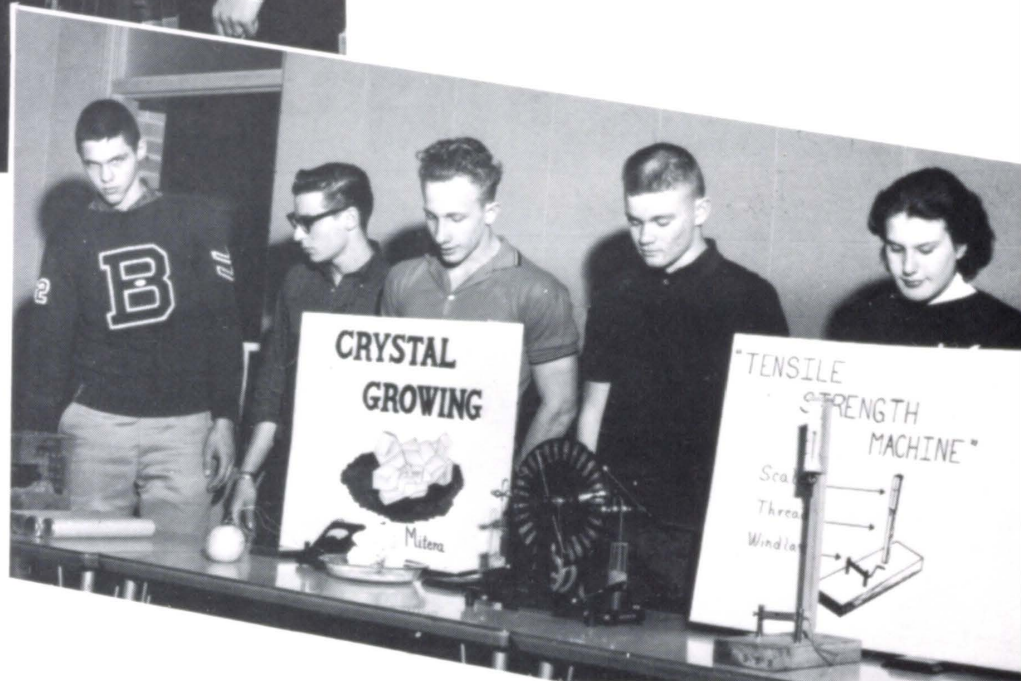
# JETS CLUB

Viewing their official charter as a chapter of the Junior Engineering Technical Society are the Columbus JETS officers and Sister M. Edwina, St. Bonaventure High School sponsor. The officers are President Ronald Bernt, Treasurer Herb Peterson, Secretary Jane Gregorius, and Vice-President Calvin Corcoran.



# SCIENCE FAIR

JETS members display the projects they demonstrated at the annual science fair held on February 26, 1961. The exhibits are individual or group constructions under the guidance of the JETS sponsors. JETS members are to be congratulated for their initiative and effort, which are apparent in these accomplishments.



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St. Bonaventure's 1961 winner of the NEBRASKA FRESHMAN REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP is Jean Markhofer.

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## YOUTH FORUM PANELS ON AMERICANISM

### SENIOR PANELISTS

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Marcella Jarecki  
Jean Markhofer  
Leo Laska  
Connie Ebel  
Calvin Corcoran



### JUNIOR PANELISTS

David Sleddens  
David Kopetzky  
Kathy Stone  
Dorothy Minette  
Jim Mimick  
Brian Hughes  
Jane Gregorius





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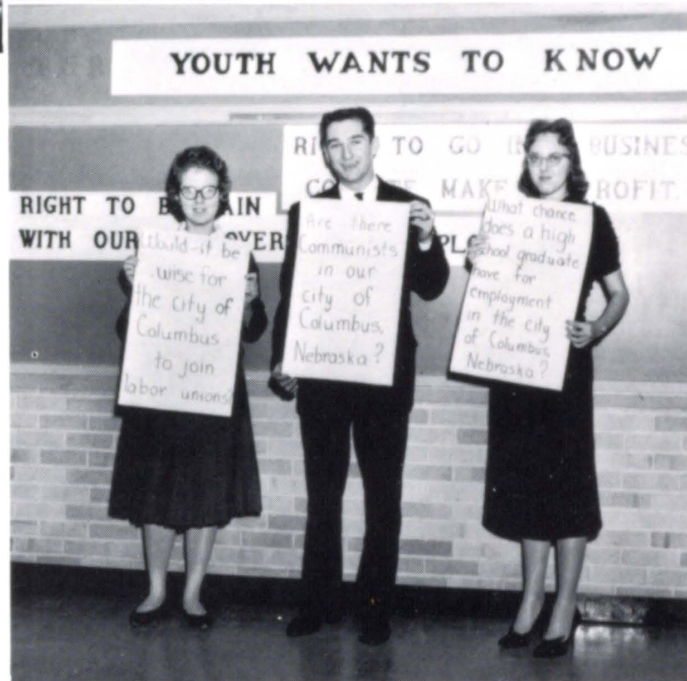


**FRESHMAN PANELISTS**

Kathy Kearns  
 David Kudron  
 Mary Lu Rossie  
 Charles Gregorius  
 Frank Fowler  
 Rita Egger  
 Edward Pieters

Sharon Schaefer, Richard Kuta, and Virginia Swolek give us examples of the questions that the seniors pose to businessmen on the annual "Youth Wants to Know" panel.

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Between scene rehearsals, members of the junior cast study to "speak the speech" as only the practiced player can. In front are Kathleen Stone and James Mimick. Behind them are Sheila Kosch, Maxine Mrzlak, Mark Kudron, and James Albright.

## "EVERYTHING HAPPENS TO US"

This year's junior class play received rave notices from both the faculty and the audience. The comedy centers around the Ross family, whose oldest son Rhett dashes to New York to marry a millionaire's daughter. The rest of the family attempts to decorate the new house so that the wealthy daughter, Barbara Bennet, can live "in a manner to which she has been accustomed." Mrs. Ross hires a maid, Esther Todd, and begins the redecorating industriously; while her sons Ronald and Jay play practical jokes with girl friends Martha and Gloria. The foursome generally slows down the whole process. Appearances by Charlie Duncan and his never-fail burglar alarm, Ike Hicks of the local telephone company, Iva Sorrell with her holding-out insurance company, and Josephine Cartwright whose asthma attacks keep everyone jumping, add to the confusion and humor. Mr. Ross embarrasses his wife and sons with his experiments for making hog food from garbage. In the midst of the chaos Rhett calls from New York. The millionaire refuses consent; the marriage is off; Barbara has left town. In misery Rhett returns home only to find that Esther Todd is his beloved Barbara Bennet. They marry, and she fits perfectly into the middle-class family.

### CAST

JOHN ARTHUR ROSS . . . . . Mark Kudron  
 KITTY ROSS . . . . . Dorothy Minette  
 RHETT ROSS . . . . . Brian Hughes  
 RONALD ROSS . . . . . James Mimick  
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"Now I'll grab hold of you, Rhett, and we'll all pull together. Ready?" shouts Gloria as Jay cries, "Help! You're breakin' my foot! It's stuck!"





"The Conways allers fight the Hawkins," protest DON. "They're feudin'!" cries ROBIN.

## "THE THREAD THAT RUNS SO TRUE"

In the air are the words and music of "The needle's eye that does supply the thread that runs so true." It is 1925 at Lonesome Valley Rural Schoolhouse in the Kentucky Mountains. St. Bons seniors sit barefooted, in makeshift desks, clad for the hills of Kentucky. They play the play: JESSE STUART, a young teacher, finds himself faced with an uncooperative school board, headed by John Conway; two school bullies, GUY HAWKINS and OVA SALYERS; and an attraction for a beautiful student, NAOMI DEANE NORRIS. After seven months of hard work and much opposition, the young teacher sees some hope of success when his Lonesome Valley students defeat Lansburgh school in a scholastic contest. JESSE overcomes the school board, educates the bullies, and wins the love of his beautiful country girl. The cast: JESSE STUART Robert Storz, JOHN CONWAY Larry Odgaard, DON CONWAY Robert Liebig, BERTHA CONWAY Phyllis Liss, VAIDA CONWAY Madonna Bothe, BURT EASTHAM Leo Laska, BILL COFFEE Eugene Jones, NAOMI DEANE NORRIS Mary Messersmith, GUY HAWKINS Jerome Michaelson, BUDGE WATERS Larry Hanke, BILLY LEONARD Robert McCarty, SNOOKIE BAYLOR Donald Nosal, OVA SALYERS Bill Backes, PETER SNAGGERS Charles Pfaff, ROBIN BAYLOR Marcella Jarecki, SALLY WALDEN Judy Feilmeier, XENIA POTTERS Roxine Haller, LEONORA MADDUX Janice Brooks, JENNY JARVIS Jean Meysenburg, MINNIE FROME Marlise Heimann, EDITH HANKS Jeraldine Harris, GRANDMA BINION Jean Markhofer, AUNTE EFFIE BATSON Connie Ebel, UNCLE AMOS BATSON Richard Kuta, MRS. WOODS Marilyn Kaus, EVA Judith Cregar, CELESTE Mary Jane Dischner, ELEANOR Gwendolyn Hilger.

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As JENNY stumbles for the correct answer, SALLY whispers, "She's got her shoes on. She can't do it with her shoes on!"



The THIRD ANNUAL MOCK UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE on October 27, 1960, included representatives from ten member nations. In the above picture, Philippine Delegate Jim Mitera addresses his remarks to the delegation from the U.S.S.R., which is seated at the far right.



Representing Austria at Duchesne College for the 1960 Mock United Nations Assembly were Carolyn Pieters, Roxine Haller, Dorothy Minette, Jean Markhofer, Jane Gregorius, Kathleen Stone, Sharon Schaefer, and Connie Ebel.

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# ALL-STATE FINE ARTS



Judy Coufal and Kathy Stone attended the All-State Fine Arts Convention held at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, June 1960.

## DEMOCRACY



Sister Rayneria is pictured commending Dorothy Minette, winner of the "Voice of Democracy" contest, and runner-up Kathy Stone.

## CREIGHTON PREP

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Posing for the camera after a full day at the Creighton Prep Oratorical Contest are Peter Theisinger, Gary Mielak, Kathy Micek, Kathy Stone, Adrienne Odgaard, Larry Eckholt, Steve Preister, Jean Markhofer, Jane Gregorius, David Kopetzky, Betty Obal, Maxine Mrzлак, Connie Ebel, Roxine Haller, Jean Meysenburg, and Jim Mimick.



Mary Messersmith and  
Bob McCarty



QUEEN  
Connie Ebel  
  
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# SPORTS



**FOOTBALL**

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FIRST ROW: T. Byrnes, D. Sleddens, J. Mitera, N. Wemhoff, G. Soulliere, L. Odgaard, T. Obal, M. Demko, C. Pfaff. SECOND ROW: B. Micek, L. Hanke, D. Kopetzky, B. Shonka, B. Backes, T. Starostka, J. Micek, D. Nosal, D. Herrod. THIRD ROW: Coach Brock, E. Siemek, M. Costello, J. Koziol, J. Borer, J. Torczon, E. German, D. Novotny, D. Ritter, Fr. Timothy, Coach Soulliere.

## VARSITY GRID SQUAD

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Pictured immediately below is the first string defensive line of Shamrocks. At the bottom of the page, sophomore quarterback Jim Micek takes time in the huddle to plan strategy with the Irish invader squad.





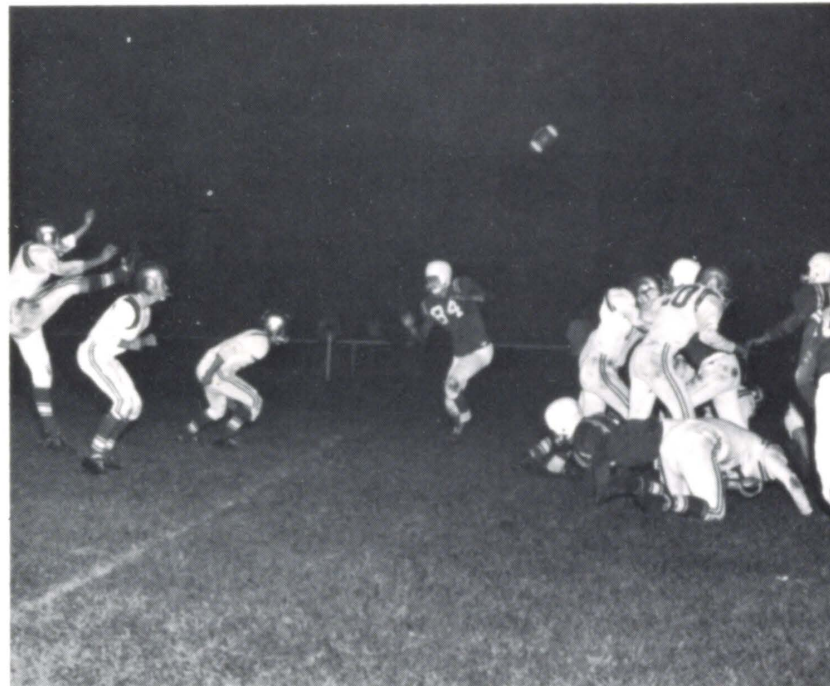
FIRST ROW: P. Foust, D. Augustine, R. Schuster, D. Kudron, D. Backes, E. Pieters, J. Swirczek, T. Rathbun, B. Bierman. SECOND ROW: Coach McArdle, J. Pensick, R. Warholoski, J. Pensick, L. Liss, R. Eute-neuer, G. Rosno, T. Kretz, F. Fowler, D. Nansel, Fr. Timothy.

### SEASON'S RECORD

OPPONENT		ST. BON'S
West Point Guardian Angel . . .	7	7
Hastings St. Cecilia . . . . .	6	14
Seward Concordia . . . . .	20	19
Omaha Cathedral . . . . .	25	6
Omaha Pius X . . . . .	44	12
O'Neil . . . . .	19	0
David City St. Marys . . . . .	50	0
Omaha Holy Name . . . . .	13	7
Omaha Bishop Ryan . . . . .	38	13
Grand Island Catholic . . . . .	32	7

## RESERVE TEAM

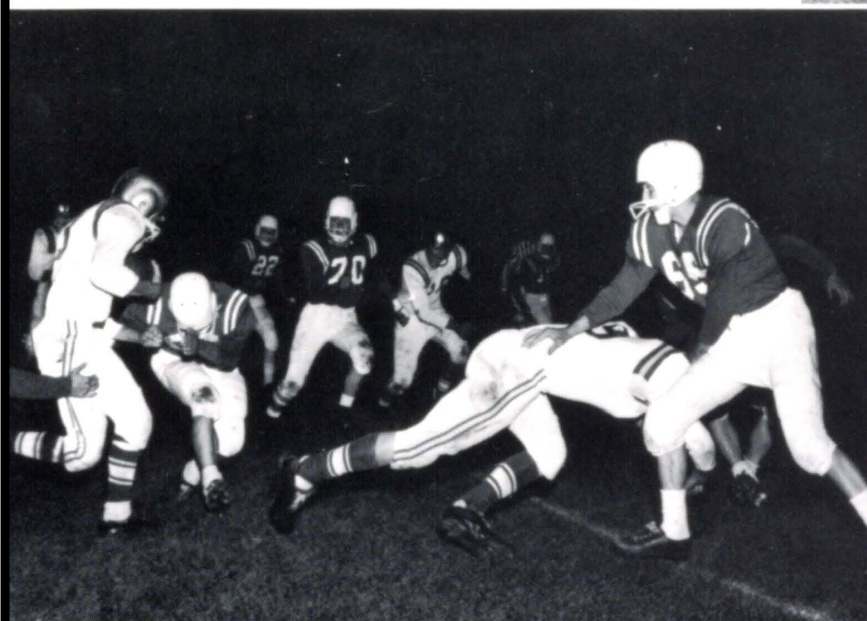
The pigskin soars high as the Irish successfully get away a fourth-down punt.



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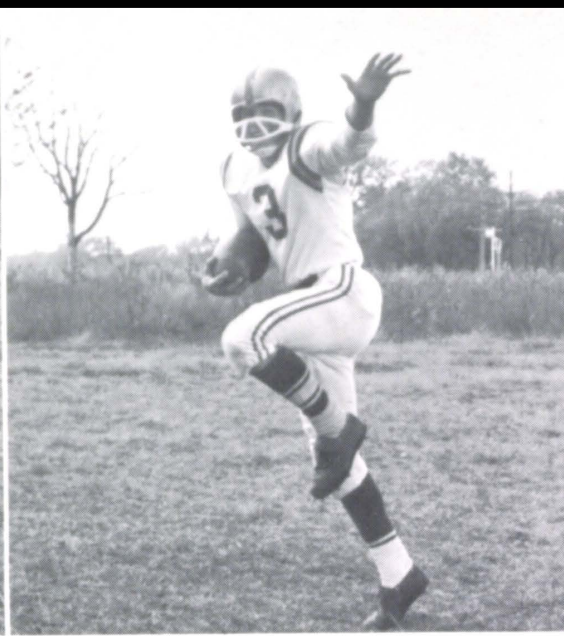
Running interference for his teammate, Ed Siemek blocks a potential tackler.

At lower right, Bill Backes grinds teeth and grinds his way into a circle of waiting arms and determined opponents.





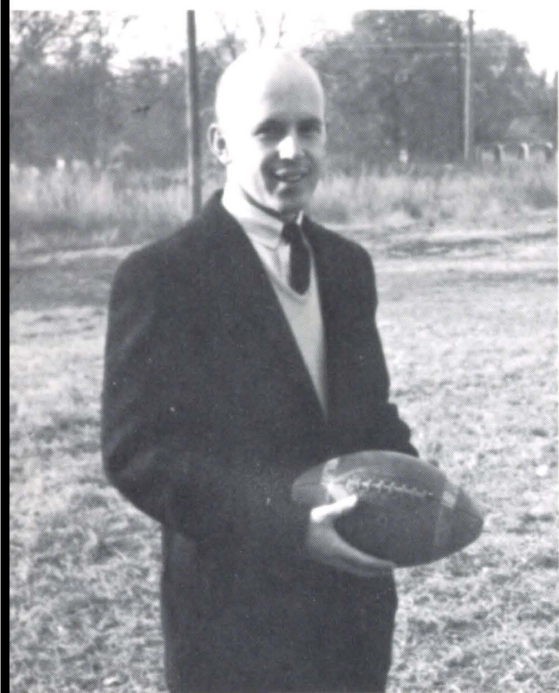
Dennis Ritter  
CO-CAPTAIN



Bill Backes  
CAPTAIN



Gary Soulliere



Coach Dean Soulliere

## SENIOR GRID LETTERMEN



Ed Siemek

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Larry Odgaard



Larry Hanke



Don Nosal





## "B" CLUB

FIRST ROW: Student-manager Peter Theisinger, Vice-President Bill Backes, President Dennis Ritter, Secretary Ted Starostka, Treasurer Jerry Keuter. SECOND ROW: Don Nosal, Jim Micek, Larry Odgaard, Norman Wemhoff, Bill Shonka, Dave Kopetzky, Tom Kretz, Gary Soulliere. THIRD ROW: Larry Hanke, Tom Byrnes, Ed Siemek, Jim Koziol, Jim Borer, John Torczon, Dick Novotny, Eugene German, Mike Costello, Jim Mitera.

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## SHAMROCK VARSITY

Dave Kopetzky, Bill Backes, Jerry Keuter, Dennis Ritter, Jim Borer, Brian Hughes, John Torczon, Ed Siemek, Ted Starostka, Gary Soulliere, Coach McArdle.





Coach Soulliere, Ed Pieters, Jim Micek, Dick Foltz, Tom Byrnes, Gerald Schmit, Eugene German, Mike Costello, Mike Demko, Bill Shonka, Tom Kretz, Dan Herrod, Fr. Timothy.

## RESERVE TEAM

## VARSITY RECORD

OPPONENT	ST. BON'S	OPPONENT	ST. BON'S
Schuyler . . . . .	54 . . . . . 66	North Bend . . . . .	60 . . . . . 58
Madison . . . . .	55 . . . . . 59	St. Joseph Omaha . . . . .	78 . . . . . 55
Blair . . . . .	57 . . . . . 33	Stanton . . . . .	72 . . . . . 46
Spalding Academy . . . . .	50 . . . . . 46	Cathedral Omaha . . . . .	52 . . . . . 49
Sacred Heart Omaha . . . . .	53 . . . . . 64	Central Catholic Grand Island . . . . .	41 . . . . . 49
Holy Name Omaha . . . . .	45 . . . . . 51	Guardian Angel West Point . . . . .	70 . . . . . 61
Holy Trinity Hartington . . . . .	51 . . . . . 61	Bishop Ryan Omaha . . . . .	64 . . . . . 58
Bishop Bergan Fremont . . . . .	58 . . . . . 34	North Bend . . . . .	55 . . . . . 60
St. Mary's David City . . . . .	72 . . . . . 42	Bishop Bergan Fremont . . . . .	66 . . . . . 54



Bill Tooley, Dave Kudron, Joe Swirczek, Frank Fowler, Bob Crisp, Joe Pensick, Fred Warholoski, Dave Backes, Bob Bierman, Larry Ryan.

## FRESHMAN TEAM

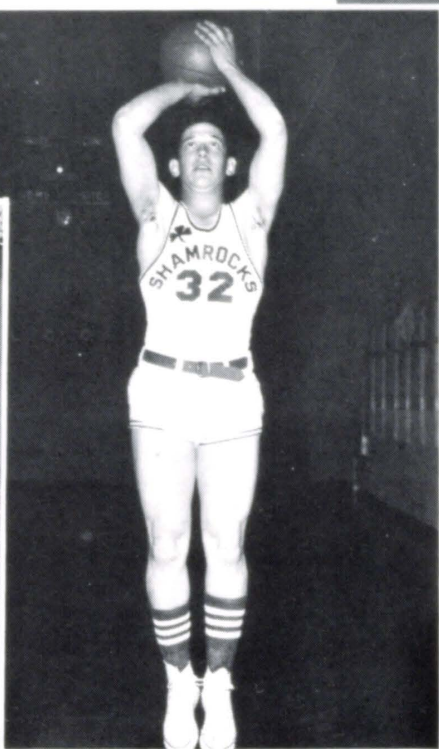
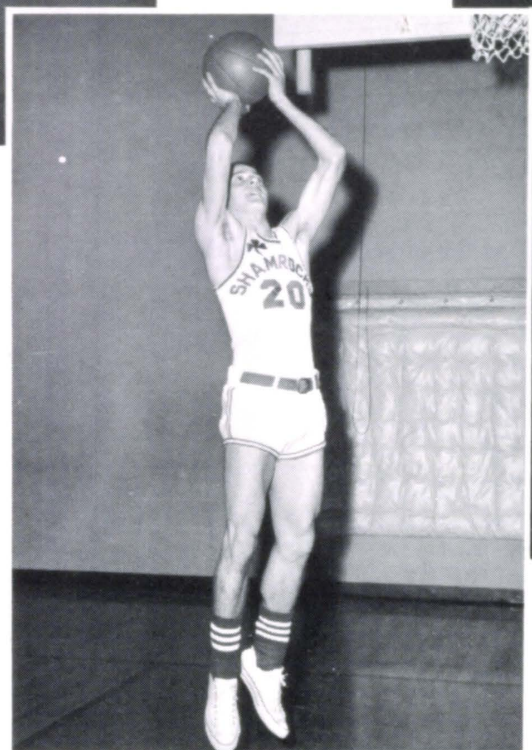
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# SENIOR CAGERS

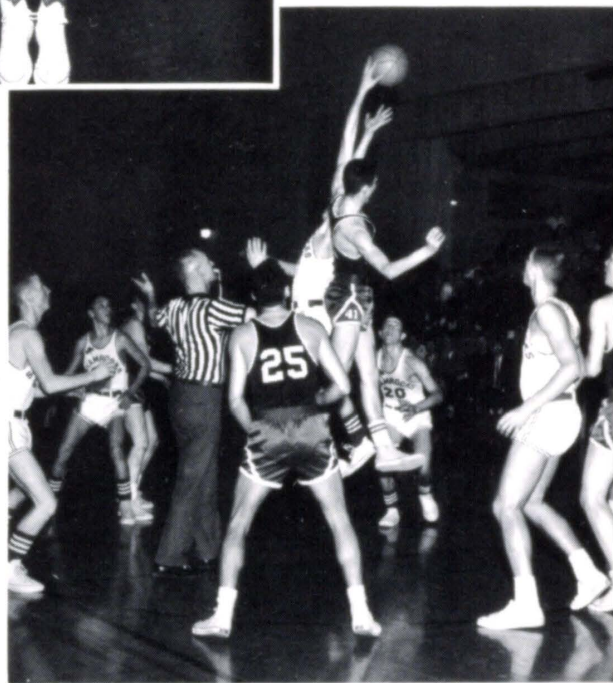
Gary Soulliere

Dennis Ritter

Ed Siemek

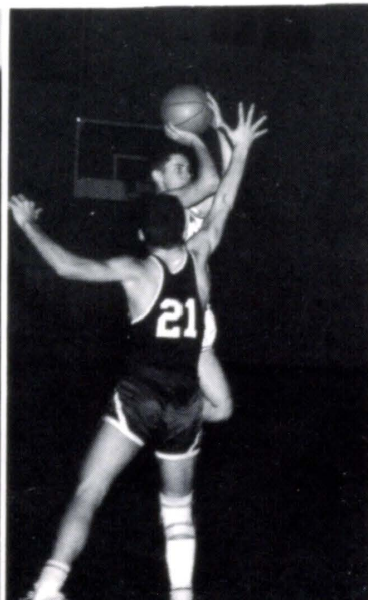


Bill Backes



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BONNIES "5" IN ACTION





## VARSITY TRACK SQUAD

SEATED: Gerald Schmit, David Kopetzky, Daniel Herrod, Norman Wemhoff, Bill Shonka, Ted Starostka. STANDING: Bill Backes, Jim Borer, John Torczon, Brian Hughes, Richard Novotny, Eugene German, Michael Costello, Coach Dean Soulliere.

### SCHEDULE

York St. Joseph	March 27
David City-Concordia-St. Bonaventure	April 4
Columbus Invitational	April 8
St. Bonaventure Invitational	April 12
Schuyler	April 26
Fullerton-Albion-St. Bonaventure	May 5
Bergan K of C	May 6
District Track Meet	May 13



880 RELAY TEAM

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# 1961 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Bill Backes, senior athlete, played a brand of ball this year that won the approval and respect of faculty members and coaches. As a result they voted him the "Athlete of the Year" award. In football this year, Bill carried the ball for 1,080 yards and scored ten touchdowns for a total of 60 points. In basketball he was the leading scorer with a total of 285 points. Bill's academic efforts have been sufficient to place him on the scholastic honor roll as a first-semester senior. He is the 1961 president of the senior class. Bill is a fine athlete with a fine personality and has won the respect of his teammates on and off the field.



William (Bill) Backes



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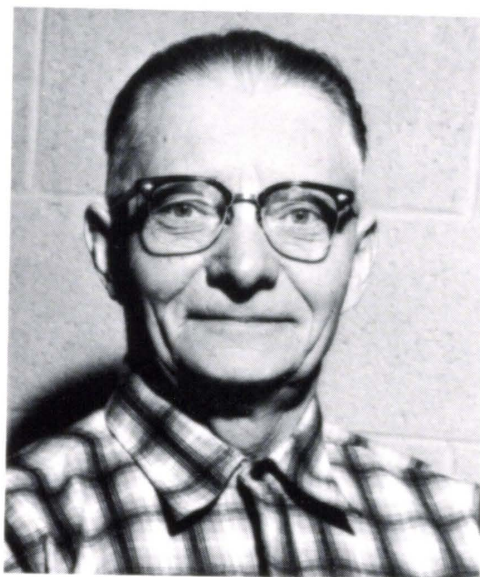


Mrs. Theresa Baumert, Mrs. Fred Pfeifer, Mrs. Raymond Sokol, Mrs. Martin Speicher, Mrs. C. C. Fletcher, Mrs. Leo Shefcyk, Mrs. Josephine Sliva, Miss Valeria Triba.

## CAFETERIAL & CUSTODIAL STAFF



Mr. Roman Diederich



Mr. Paul Iwanski

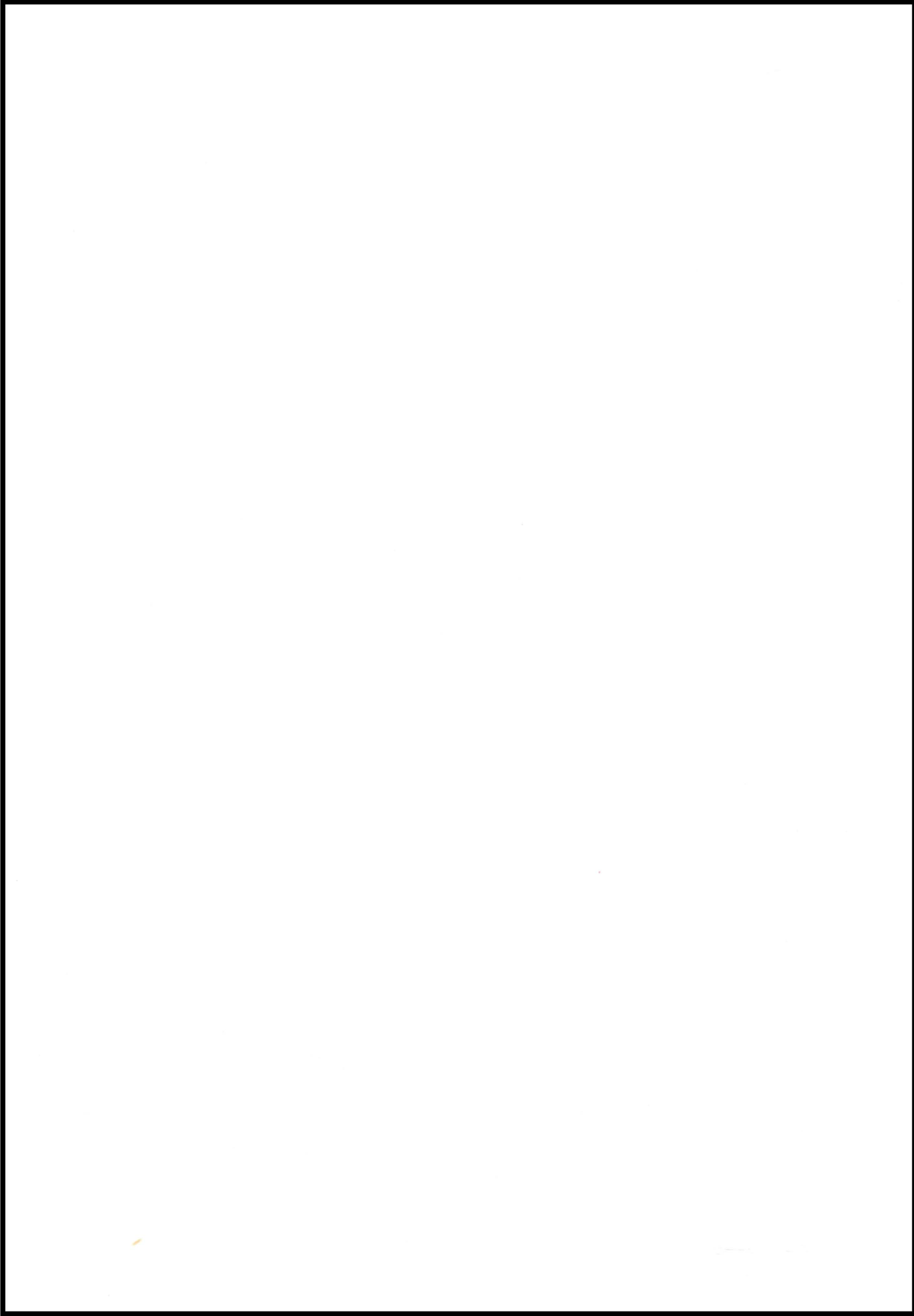


Mr. John Blahak

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# FAMILIAR SCENES . . .



St. Bonaventure Church, the rectory, the parking lot, the students' cars . . . each has its own significance and calls forth memories.

A familiar person around the high school this year is Mrs. Walter Keating. She is pictured leaving the gym after her work as physical education attendant.

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The office holds a world of memories for almost every student, for some more than others. It is the point of entrance and departure in our high school career.



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Y-Knot Drive In

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