

GOD BLESS AMERICA

1976

If my people, which are
called by my name, shall
humble themselves, and
pray, and seek my face,
and turn from their wicked
ways; then will I hear
from heaven, and will
forgive their sin, and will
heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14

Write this in a book
as a memorial.
Ezekiel 17:14

THE VENNARD VISION

Vennard College
University Park, Iowa

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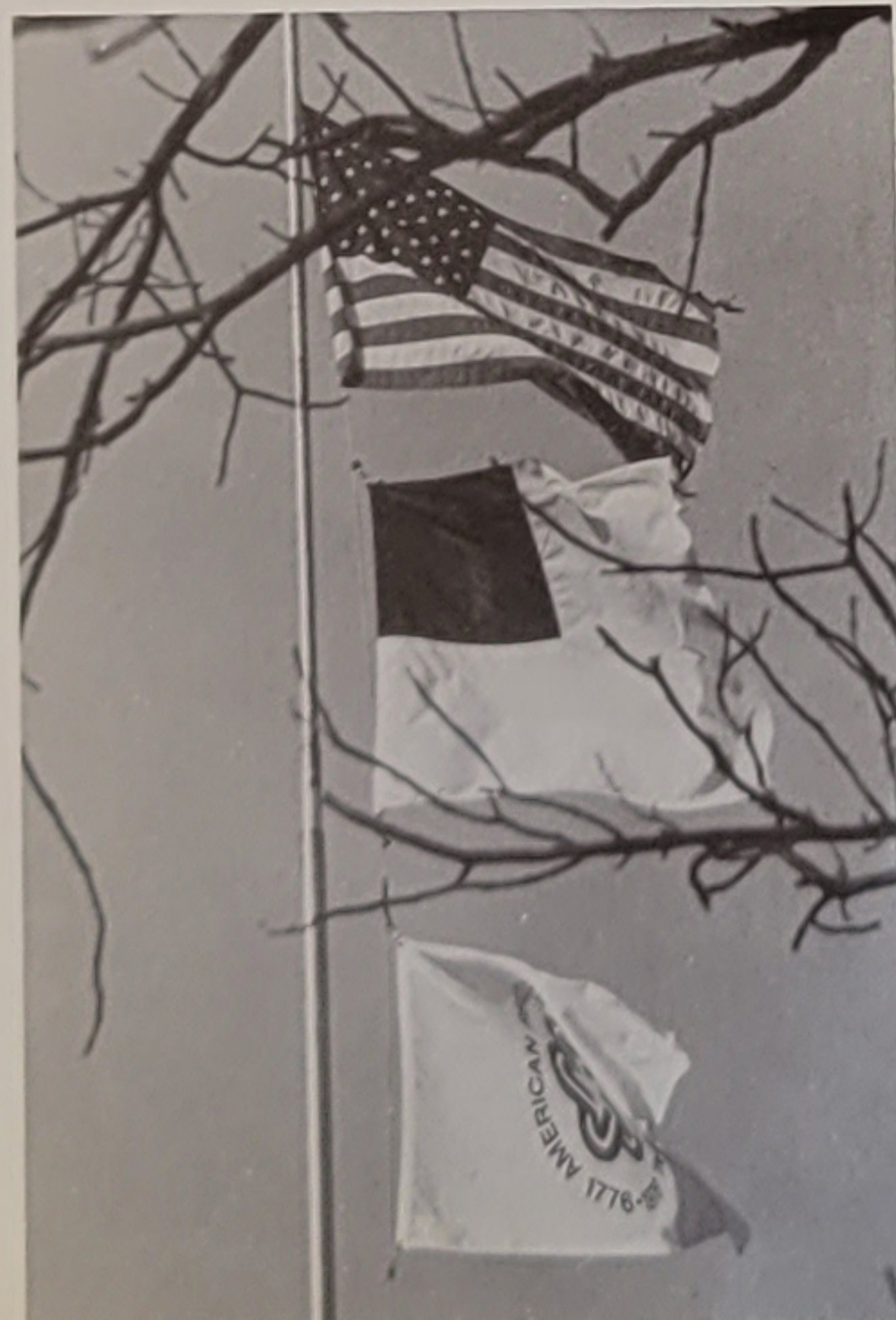
TRY TO REMEMBER



1976 is quite a challenge for any Vennard yearbook staff. It is the year of our country's 200th birthday, the school's 25th anniversary, and, in addition, a host of special events and people.

In order to adequately present these occasions, we as the annual staff have attempted to design the format of the 1976 annual to bring back the nostalgia of the by-gone days in our country, school, and personal lives.

Each one of us has a God-given heritage in our family, churches, friends, and now, college life.



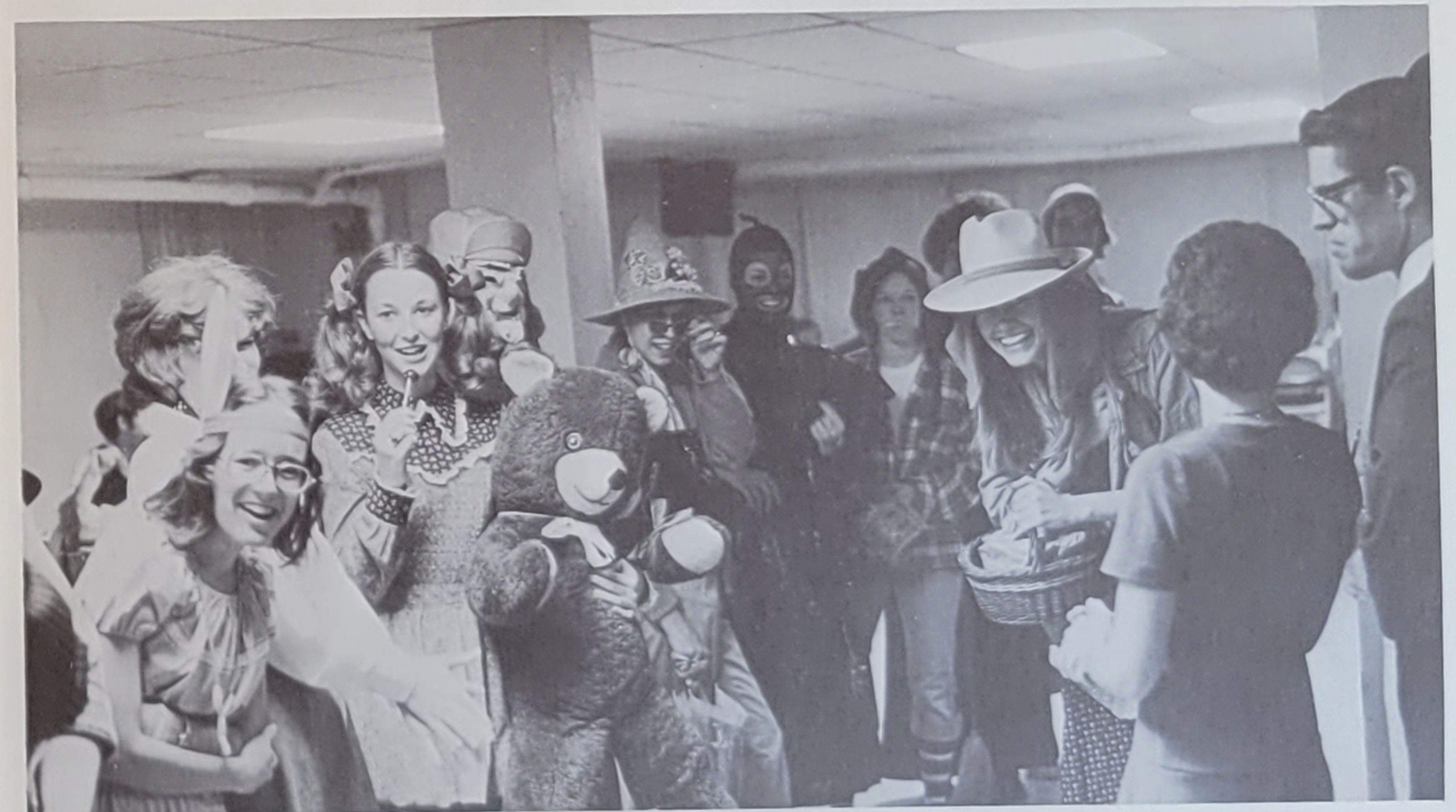
BELOW: Students at Vennard represent a variety of personalities and backgrounds.



Any experiences we have had, any trials or problems we have gone through, and any blessings we have received have come by permission of our Father and have taught us and formed our unique personalities.

Take a few moments and meditate on the goodness of God concerning our country, college, and your own heritage. In years to come, many more memories and nostalgic thoughts will be added to these that will be presented here. Follow God's perfect plan, and they will all be good memories.

BELOW: What memory in the future could top the Halloween party?



VENNARD CHANGES



Chicago Evangelistic Institute, now Vennard College, made the big move from Chicago to University Park, Iowa, in 1951. Since that momentous day, all the miracles that preceded and followed the move are evident in Vennard's physical, spiritual, and academic changes.



STANDARDS REMAIN



Although Vennard has changed in many ways, she has always maintained her standards of Christian conduct and rules of training. As a holiness institution, Vennard seriously prepares young men and women for the Lord's work.

TOP LEFT: Family style meals have always been a Vennard specialty. TOP RIGHT: See the back of the cover for location of this welcome station. LEFT: The note on the back of this print states that these students are not Vennardians; Bobby sox were not permitted.





VENNARD IMPROVES

Vennard is forever striving to keep up with the demands of her students in providing adequate housing and study space.

She seems forever trying to improve; not only in physical appearance and space, but in spiritual and academic experience opportunities as well.



The work of our hands

1. The beginning: Jessop-Bruner Library — 1974
2. Married Student Housing — 1972
3. Men's Dorm — 1974
4. President's Office — 1968
5. Lounge, Fogle Hall — 1974
6. New Scoreboard — 1975
7. Word Processing Center — 1975
8. Men's Dorm — 1969
9. Kiddie Kollege — 1968
10. New Boiler, Heating Plant — 1975
11. Finished: Jessop-Bruner Library — 1975



OPPOSITE PAGE TOP: The foundation of the library was started in 1974. OPPOSITE PAGE BOTTOM: This is the framework of the married student housing unit. TOP LEFT: Dr. Harris has broken ground for three new buildings since his presidency. TOP RIGHT: Constant care is taken of Vennard's older buildings. LEFT: Students will remember their part in VC's history on library moving day in February of 1975.

THE **C**AMPUS OF **Y**ESTERYEAR





MEN'S **D**ORM



WOMEN'S **D**ORM



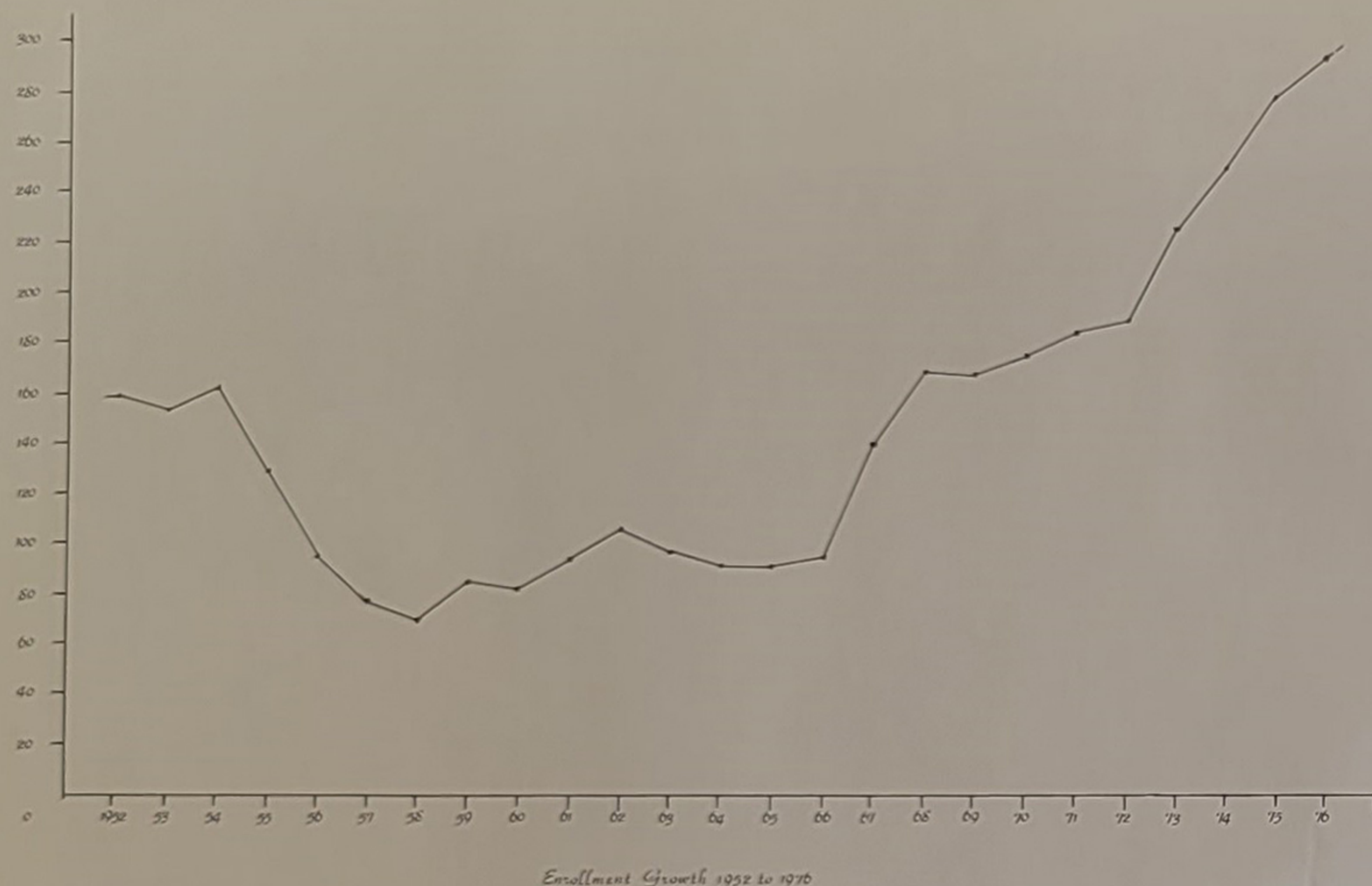


MUSIC **B**UILDING



GYMNASIUM





The largest graduating class was 44, the lowest 3, and the average 20.

On July 30, 1951, Chicago Evangelistic Institute completed the move from Central Avenue in Chicago to University Park and took possession of the campus formerly occupied by Kletzing and John Fletcher Colleges and Central Holiness University.

Nearly one year later, during the term of Dr. H. M. Couchenour, a fire broke out in the heating plant, destroying three boilers, a flue, two walls, and the ceiling, valued at \$10,000. Thanks to its isolated position no other buildings were destroyed, but this was the first of many trials which were to test C.E.I.'s faith.

Through these early years, Dr. Couchenour's outspoken personality and his tenacious belief that God would honor prayer kept the school alive by scheduling nights of prayer for both students and faculty and then leading them himself.

It was during this time that enrollment at C.E.I. went from 160 to 69 through no fault of the administration, for the school offered courses in Bible, Speech, Religious Education, and Sacred Music, plus an extended five-year course in Theology. And it was Iowa's only accredited Bible College. It would not be until 1958 that enrollment would start to climb, yet people continued to pray.

In 1953 the campus was improved, the biggest and most expensive project being the heating plant previously destroyed. It was rebuilt, and it would be 11 years before any other major renovations of the plant would take place.

Renovations of the Kletzing-McLaughlin Memorial Building, the girl's dorm, and the Fine Arts Building also took place that year. The first two buildings were reroofed and rooms in the Fine Arts Building

were redecorated and new ceilings were installed.

In 1957 two deputation teams went out with Academic Dean Merne Harris. They were the Evangelists, the school's official team since 1952 and a fine male quartet, and the King's Trumpeteers, a female trumpet trio.

The fall of 1958 brought what was considered one of the first major answers to prayer as enrollment started a gradual rise. This year also saw the end of Dr. Couchenour's presidency, as he resigned. Dr. John Sutherland Logan took office in June, 1958.

Dr. Couchenour had piloted the school from 1951-58 through what were probably its darkest years. He served the school well, even though he often had to be away from the campus. He was also one of the greatest prayer warriors the school had seen.

As Dr. Logan began his tenure as President, the school made a decision to change its name from Chicago Evangelistic Institute, associated with the old location, to Vennard College, in honor of the school's founder Dr. Iva Durham Vennard. The change took place in 1959. Also in '59 three classes decided to sponsor a \$10,000 project to provide the library with a vinyl tile floor.

In 1964, due to the efforts of Mrs. Marvin Asfahl a \$7,000 organ was installed in the chapel. The Dining Hall was redecorated by student efforts, and valuable maintenance equipment was contributed to the school. The major change, however, once again concerned the heating plant, as it was converted from coal to gas.

The school at this time offered Bible, Missions, Theology, Social Service, Practical Theology, Church Music, Christian Education, and General Education.

1967 proved to be another year of trial for Vennard as Dr. Logan stepped down to pursue a career of evangelism. His term was highlighted by a climb in enrollment, partially due to the numerous gospel teams that went out during his presidency, such as the Evangelists, Chamber Singers, the Evangelaires and others.

Other highlights of his tenure were his keen interest in people and traditions. He showed to faculty-staff

and students a compassion rarely seen in men. And, as noted in a tribute paid to him in *THE DOVE AND TRIANGLE*, "Dr. Logan seemingly cathedraled God into the atmosphere of worship."

1967 was also the year Vennard embarked on the "Decisive Decade," a ten-year plan for building and improving the campus so that students could work with the best facilities available.

The months preceding October of 1968 saw refurbishing of the President's home, painting of every college owned residence, remodeling of one home to accommodate three families, and a new floor, ceiling, and lighting in the printing office.

The first year of the "Decisive Decade," which officially started in 1968, saw the completion of a new President's office and the first totally new building—Kiddie Kollege. Next in line would be remodeling of the men's dorm, begun in 1969 and finished in 1974.

Christlife Singers, formerly Extensions, came into being in 1970. This group, whose name changed in 1973, is the school's official deputation team. This has been the gospel team most closely associated with Vennard, although in the summer of '75 a second deputation team known as Melody of Love also had an effective ministry in the east.

Academics by this time had been stabilized so that only one major is now offered—Bible. Yet one can choose from seven minor fields.

Dr. Merne A. Harris, Vennard's third president since C.E.I.'s move in 1951, is an efficient organizer who was inaugurated in 1968. He is also an able teacher, preacher, and writer, as was Dr. Harry Jessop of C.E.I. Dr. Harris has written two works and is writing a book at this time.

Highlighting his tenure thus far has been the renovation of the men's dormitory, completed in 1975, preceded by the refurbishing of the President's office in 1968. He also witnessed the completion of married student housing in 1972, the library in 1975, refurbishing of the women's dorm lounge in 1974, the completion of the new Word Processing Center in 1975, and, as previously mentioned, Kiddie Kollege, which opened in 1968.

Like Presidents Couchenour and Logan, Dr. Harris also had the problem of the heating plant to contend with. 1975 saw a new boiler installed at a cost of \$15,000.

With what has been done through Presidents Couchenour, Logan, and now Dr. Harris, Vennard has truly been blessed with able leaders, not only in the physical realm, but in the spiritual realm. And the college will continue to grow and prosper as God leads.

BICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL

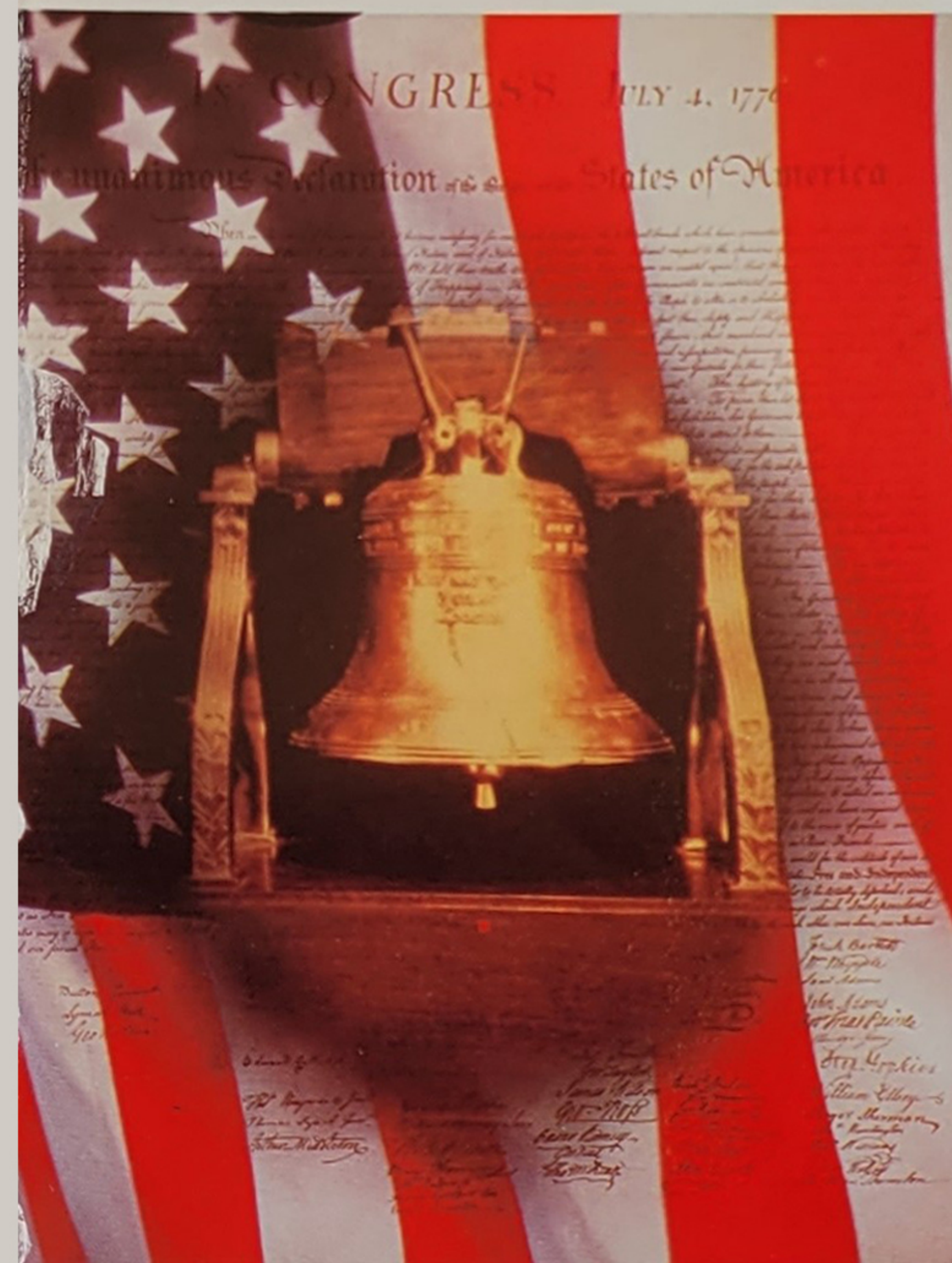
Keeping with the Bicentennial theme, Vennard College took a look at the ramifications of Watergate upon our system of Government as established over 200 years ago.

Dr. Harris led the "Separation of Powers" section and Miss Vicki Harper "The Right to Protest." Mr. Parker, the leader of "Limited Government" aroused the audiences' mind by presenting a take-off on "The Night Before Christmas" and by providing special music with the song "Super Spy is Coming to Town." Likewise, Mr. Friesen, leader of "Representative Government," provided an analogy between Bernstein and Woodward's ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN and children's stories by Dr. Seuss like CAT IN THE HAT.

Through these seminars, and the festival in the evening where costumes were donned of eras gone by, students gained new insights into the American political process as well as a realization that the country is only as strong as the people when they seek and follow God's guidance.



"I Am the Nation . . ."



I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodline of the world runs in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. I am the Nation.

I am 200 million people, living souls and the ghosts of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant, and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. When Freedom called, I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the Rock of Corregidor, and the Black steppes of Korea.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas, the granite hills of Vermont, the potato fields of Wisconsin. I am the coalfields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the Mid-west, The Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big! I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific, three million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than five million farms. I am forest, field, mountain, desert. I am quiet villages and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his breadloaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas, and hear the strains of Auld Lang Syne as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 169,000 schools and colleges, and 250,000 churches where my people worship God as they like best. I am a ballot dropping in a box, the roar of a crowd at the stadium, and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a congressman.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers and the Wright Brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Daniel Webster and Jonas Salk.

I am Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Walt Whitman and Tom Paine. I am Phillip Brooks, Billy Sunday and Bishop Quayle.

Yes, I am the Nation, and these are the things I am. I was conceived in Freedom and, God willing, in Freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage, and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world. This is my wish, my goal, and my prayer on this my birthday, two-hundred years after I was born.

Author Unknown

(Reprinted from the "Wisconsin Veteran")



Spirit of '76

Supplemental color pages prepared to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the United States of America in this bi-centennial year—1976.



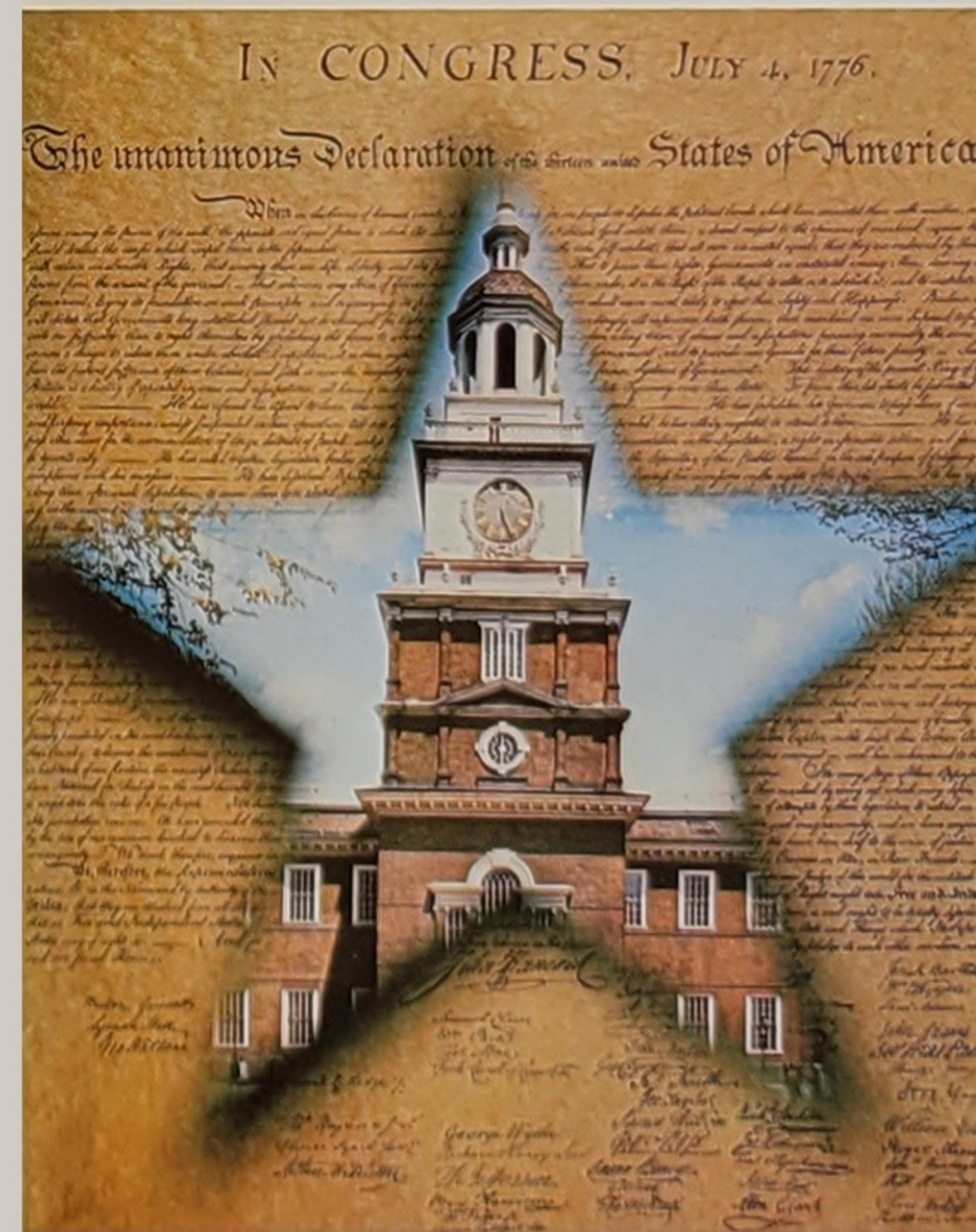
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- 1/ Call of the Minutemen prior to the historic Battle of Lexington.
- 2/ The Battle of Concord Bridge was the first battle of the war.
- 3/ Monument to the Minutemen which stands on the site of the Battle of Lexington, where "the shot heard round the world" was fired April 19, 1775.
- 4/ The signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.
- 5/ Independence Hall, Philadelphia, where the Continental Congress convened to decide a course of action.
- 6/ Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson working to revise Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence.





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*“Don’t Strike
the Colors.
... We Have
Just Begun
to Fight.”*

Capt. John Paul Jones



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*“These Are the Times
That Try Men’s Souls . . .”*

Thomas Paine

1/ Captain John Paul Jones unfurled the first *Stars and Stripes* over the ocean when the young nation’s banner, containing thirteen stars and thirteen stripes, was hoisted aboard the *Ranger*.
2/ From the deck of the captured British vessel *Serapis*, Capt. Jones and his crew watched as the American man-of-war, *Bonhomme Richard*, sank in victory, September 23, 1779. With the aid of friendly powers—namely France and Holland—and the leadership of commanders like Jones, the American fleet was able to effectively combat Britain’s naval supremacy in the colonies.

3/ General John Stark led the colonial forces to victory at Bennington on August 11, 1777. The victory, along with an American triumph at Saratoga on October 12 of that year brought France to the colonies’ aid as an ally and was the turning point of the war.

4/ Outside of occupied Boston, colonial patriots organized themselves into a volunteer militia known as the *Minutemen*. On the eve of April 18, 1775, British troops numbering more than 800 were dispatched from Boston to seize colonial munitions stored at Concord. Forewarned, Paul Revere and others spread the alarm and the Redcoats were met by a determined band of Minutemen at Lexington. It was here that the famous “shot heard round the world” was fired. It is not known which side fired the first shot of that battle which marked the opening of outright hostilities and led to open war.

5/ The surrender of British troops under the command of General Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19, 1781, brought an end to all-out fighting. A few scattered skirmishes continued for over a year. However, complications of negotiation with England delayed the signing of a peace treaty for nearly two years. General George Washington, commander of colonial forces, accepted the British surrender at Yorktown and later presented the captured British flags to the Congress.

“Stand Your Ground . . . If They Mean to Have a War, Let It Begin Here.”

Capt. John Parker

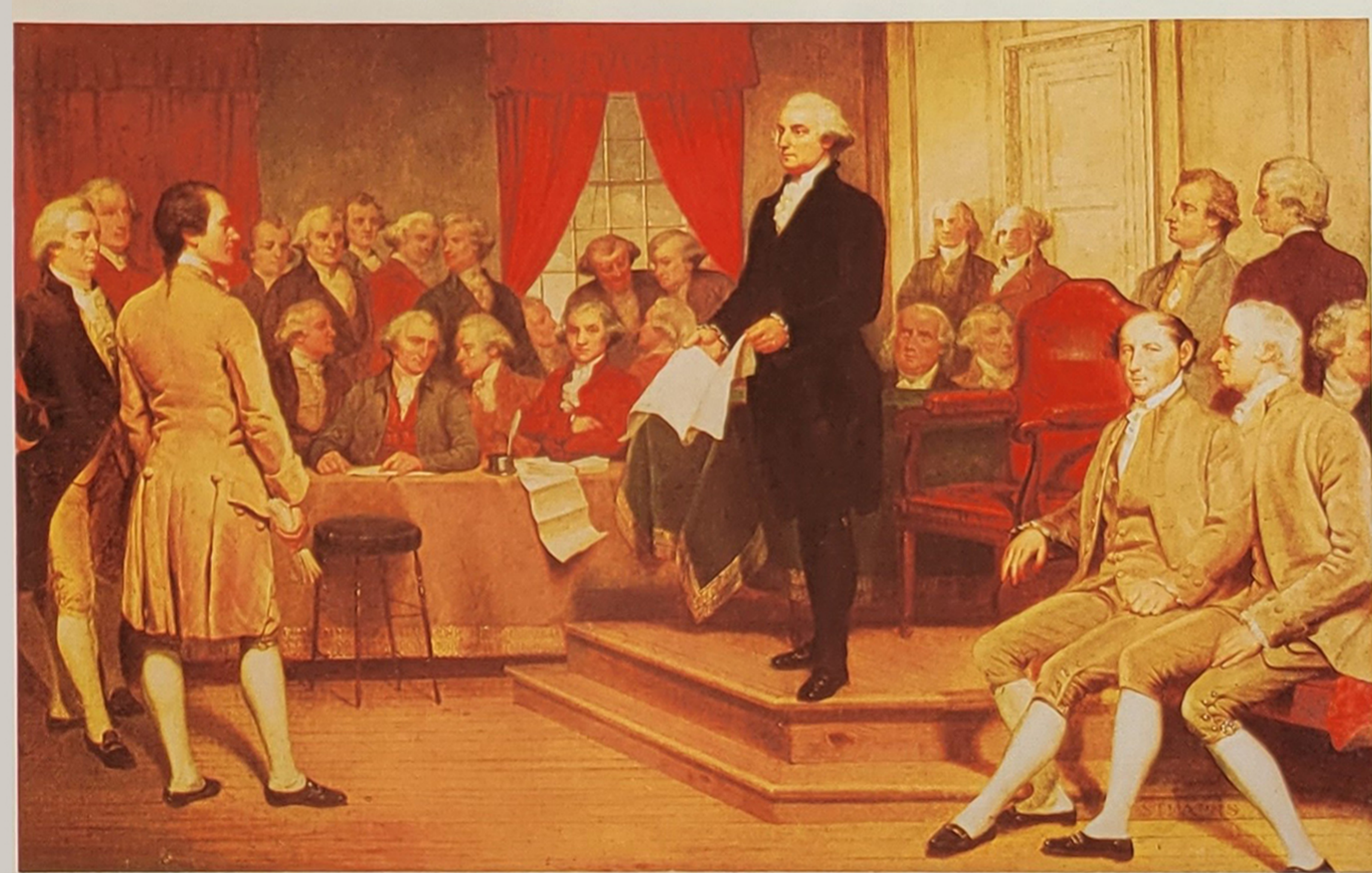
1/ Capt. John Parker uttered those words as the colonial militia under his command prepared to meet the British troops at Lexington. Those words and the painting—*Spirit of '76*—exemplify the dedication and determination of the American patriots in their fight for independence. The colonies had organized to express their grievances in an effort to resolve the differences within the framework of the Empire. Several of the colonial legislatures had instructed their delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia to oppose any move toward independence. The movement for independence was gaining strength and following the publication of Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, which argued for colonial sovereignty, a resolution was adopted and a committee of five appointed to draft a declaration of independence. 2/ General Washington, who had been appointed commander-in-chief of American forces by the Second Continental Congress, was a brilliant military strategist. It was his decision to take his Continentals across the Delaware River on Christmas night which resulted in the first major colonial victory. That victory at Trenton over Hessian mercenaries gave the ragged army renewed vigor. Supported chiefly through the printing of Continental currency, the colonial army also went through the personal fortunes of many American patriots—among them Washington, Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee and John Adams. These fortunes were donated to the cause of liberty—a cause supported by about one-third of the American population which was near 2,000,000. Another one-third remained loyal to the English crown and the remainder were apathetic. Despite many defeats, the colonies managed to keep an army in the field as a symbol of American resistance, to guarantee a negotiated rather than dictated peace.



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“ . . . Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!”

Patrick Henry

3/ Following the victory at Yorktown, Washington refused the offer of his troops to become king and returned to Philadelphia to aid with the establishment of a permanent government for the new republic—a loose alliance of sovereign states held together by the Articles of Confederation. An envoy composed of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and John Jay was sent to negotiate with the British. It was not until 1783 that the peace agreement, known as the Treaty of Paris, was signed, guaranteeing the sovereignty of the United States of America. The Articles of Confederation, despite many weaknesses, served to unify the states until 1787 when a special convention was held at Independence Hall in Philadelphia to revise them. The meeting was attended by fifty-five of the most-prominent men of the day. Twenty-nine of the delegates representing a majority of the states met on May 25 and decided to draft an entirely new constitution rather than amend the Articles of Confederation. The meeting then became known as the Constitutional Convention.

4/ The men who assembled for the Constitutional Convention were an illustrious group with nearly every delegate a person of prominence in his home state. A large majority favored a strong central government. After four months of debate, on September 17, 1787, the new constitution was completed. In a little more than four months, six states had ratified the new constitution. Despite the good beginning, the fight for ratification was bitter and it was not until September 13, 1788, that the necessary two-thirds majority of the states had approved the document and Congress could call for states to choose their electors and congressmen. Several of the states had ratified the constitution with the provision that it would be amended. Thus, as one of its first official acts under the new constitution, the Congress added the first ten amendments known as the Bill of Rights. Washington was unanimously elected President and a new nation was launched on a course of democracy.



*“Give me your tired,
your poor,*

*Your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free,*

*The wretched refuse
of your teeming shore,*

*Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tossed to me,*

*I lift my lamp
beside the golden door.”*

Emma Lazarus

(From “The New Colossus”)



WOULD YOU SIGN THE CONSTITUTION ?

by Dr. Merne Harris

On the 11th of June in 1776, a committee of five was appointed to write a Declaration of Independence for the thirteen American Colonies. Twenty-four days later on July 4, 1776, the document had been written, revised and signed.

Could that happen today? Perhaps not in Indianapolis, Indiana, where a recent experiment suggests that Americans might consider the Declaration “a dangerous document indeed.” And a recent issue of CHRISTIAN LIFE suggests the Declaration is a long way from a shoo-in among evangelicals. Written today, the Declaration might be in trouble because of its terminology. The word “life” would be a problem to scientists; “liberty” would arouse liberals and conservatives alike; and “liberties” would probably divide us all. That’s before we even consider such contentious terms as “pursuit of happiness,” “certain unalienable rights” and, above all, “Creator.” So the Declaration might never get written.

Or it might not get signed. As John Adams put it in a letter to his wife, “We well know the document we have written these days will require toil and effort and treasure to maintain it.” And I don’t know that we are the kind of people who respond to the kinds of new frontiers Frederick Jackson Turner believed made us a great nation. It isn’t that there are no more frontiers; it’s just that our enthusiasm for them has waned if not disappeared.

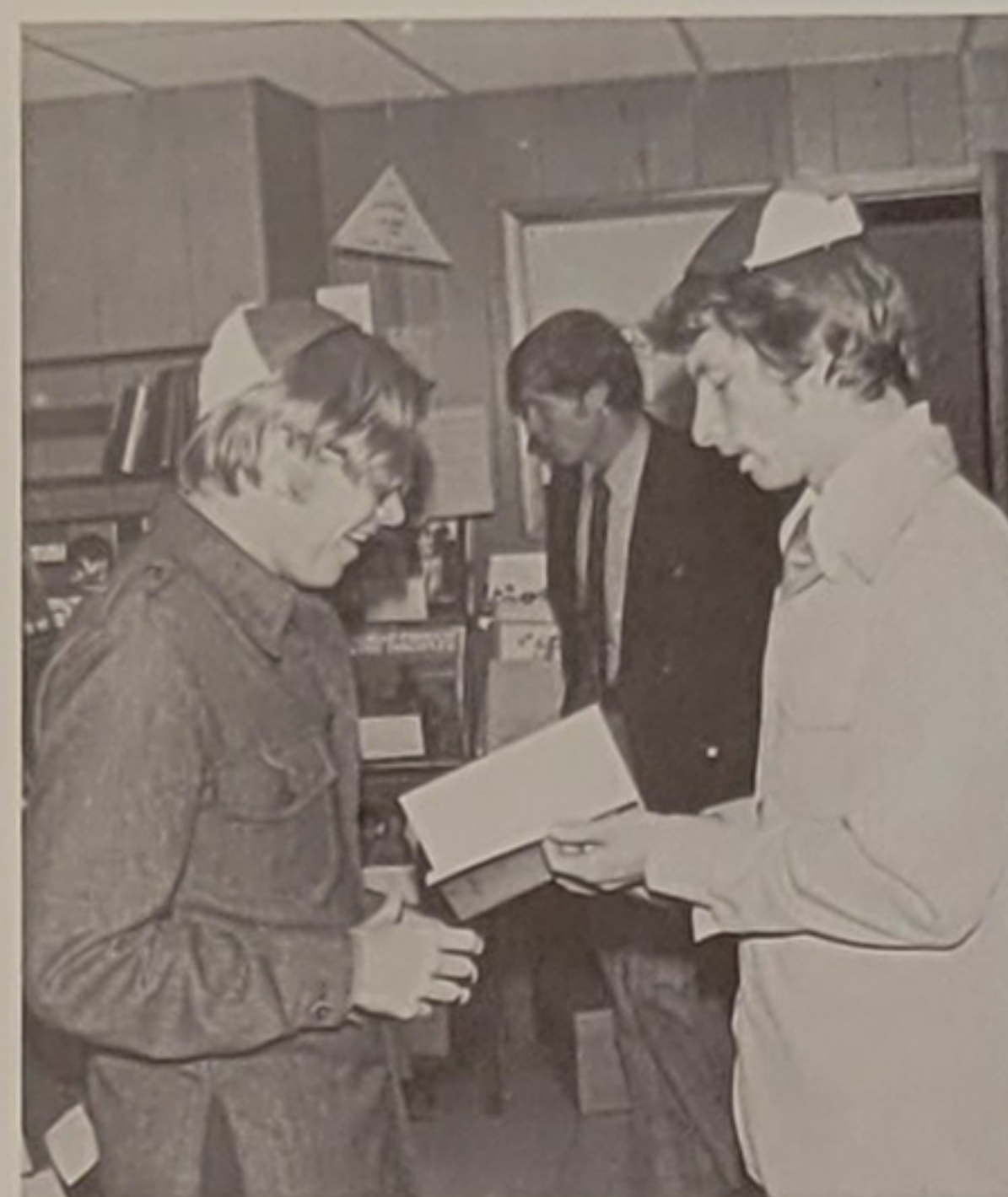
But even if the Declaration could get written and signed, would it be relevant?

If anything, the Declaration was an appeal to reason—the uniqueness of Thomas Paine’s pamphlet Common Sense. But today we seem to face our problems on the basis of how we feel rather than how we think.

Further, the Declaration was a testament to process—the belief that established procedures do bear fruit in terms of agreed-upon goals. But today we seem to face our challenges with impatience, twisting the system in ways which defy or distort its functionality.

Finally, the Declaration was the definition of a dream—a ray of hope for all men in all walks of life and in all aspects of life. But today we seem to face our goals as we would a nightmare; a happy experience that somehow got all out of perspective on its way to fulfillment.

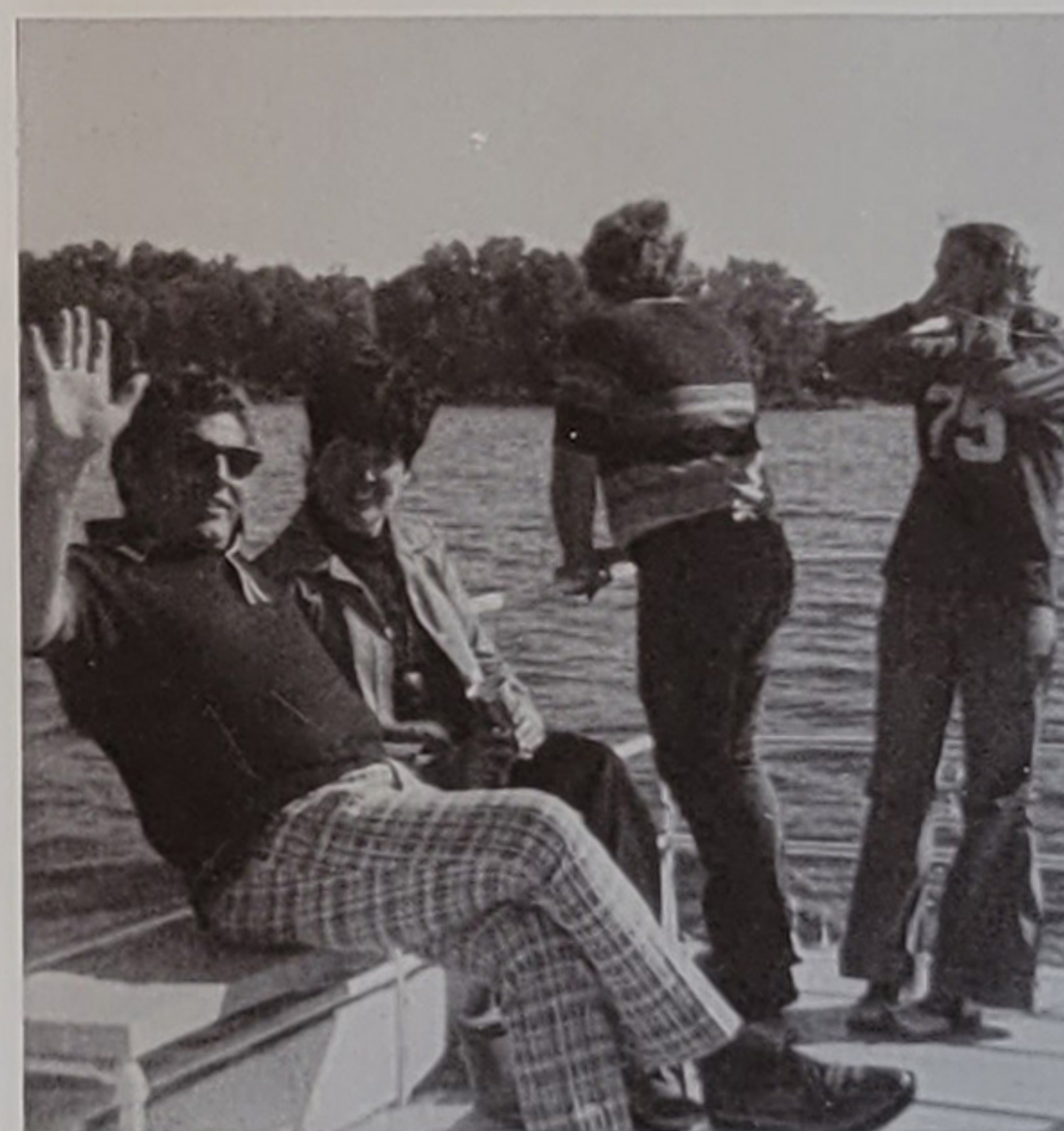
I honestly hope I am wrong in my analysis; that our people would sign the Declaration of Independence again—and again—and again—given the chance to do so. I know I would. But if I am right, and our Bicentennial is but the celebration of a demise, let this be said: We are grateful that we tried, consoled by the knowledge that it is better to have tried and failed than not to have tried at all. And let this monument be our nation’s greatest legacy: We gave to the world the greatest experience in democratic society it has ever known.



Registration—Sept. 1-2: While standing in long lines in the halls, students got acquainted, sang songs, and tried to decide where they were supposed to go next.

To initiate the new students, upperclassmen presented them with beanies in the school colors to be worn at all times. If a student was caught without his beanie on, he was at the mercy of the upperclassman who caught him.

All School Party—Sept. 2: Rick Reugg was M.C. for the student council who hosted the party for all students. The students were subjected to ice breakers, banana gulps, and "walk the plank." Students got to know each other in their true nature and felt the promise of a good year together.



The fourth floor men had to live out of cardboard boxes until the new wardrobes arrived adding the finishing touches to the newly remodeled fourth floor. These wardrobes were hoisted through the window.

Convocation—Sept. 8-12: Rev. Wilfred Fisher was the speaker for our fall convocations. He used illustrations such as "baptizing" chairs to prove his points. He also had a problem telling hymnals from Bibles! The Lord mightily used Rev. Fisher's ministry among us.



Twin Lakes Bible Camp offered us seniors food, fellowship, and "firing up" for our final year at Vennard. Dr. and Mrs. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson joined 25 of us in our retreat to beautiful Twin Lakes in northern Iowa.

It was a time for each one to reminisce and review their relationship with Christ, and a time when the commitments and calls of many were disclosed and strengthened. Also, the retreat became a time of closeness—not only with God, but with each other as we became bonded together in unity.

Senior Retreat will not be forgotten by the faculty members or seniors who attended. It will be one of the most precious memories of our years at Vennard.



Mrs. Harry Jessop gives Response.



On May 3, 1975, groundbreaking took place: on February 17, students moved 36,076 volumes; and on October 15, 1975, the new \$221,626 Jessop-Bruner Library was dedicated.

Dr. Merne Harris, our president, presided in the evening dedicational ceremonies and Dr. Hollis Abbott, member of the college Board of Trustees, offered the invocation.

Miss Fern Todd, college archivist, and Assistant Secretary to the Board, read the proclamation with responses from Mrs. Harry Jessop, widow of the second President of Vennard, and Julius Bruner, Chairman of the Development Committee and member of the Board.

Rev. Earle J. Stine, Sr., Vennard's first Director of Development, presided at the ritual of the dedication and his son, Dr. Earle J. Stine, Jr., M.D., Chairman of the Board was joined by Dr. Harris for the presentation of the building. The ceremonies were closed with the benediction of Chester Lum, President of the student body.

The library, completed in the spring of the year, has stack space for 45,000 volumes, a Retrieval Center furnished with modern electronic equipment, and also the Hallman Research Center containing rare books.



Mr. Julius C. Bruner, Chairman of the Development Committee and Member of Vennard College Board of Trustees gives response.



Dearly beloved, it is right and proper that buildings erected for such service in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ should be formally and devoutly set apart for their special uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled. And, as the dedication of this building is vain without the solemn consecration of those whose gifts and labors it represents, let us now give ourselves anew to the service of God: our souls, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ; our bodies, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and our labors and business, that they may be according to God's holy will, and that their fruit may tend to the glory of his name and the advancement of his kingdom.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this building to the holy ministry of education.



October brought the World Gospel Mission Convention on the Vennard campus with Mr. Richard Brunk, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Selden, Miss Sherry Stanley, Mr. Marv Asfahl, and others.



Men's Dorm Night presented the men with Mrs. Parker's spaghetti and an evening at the YMCA.

Creativity had its fling at Open House with pumpkins and room decorating. Prizes were given to the cleanest and most creative rooms and to the most original pumpkins entered into the contest. (Three were entered!)

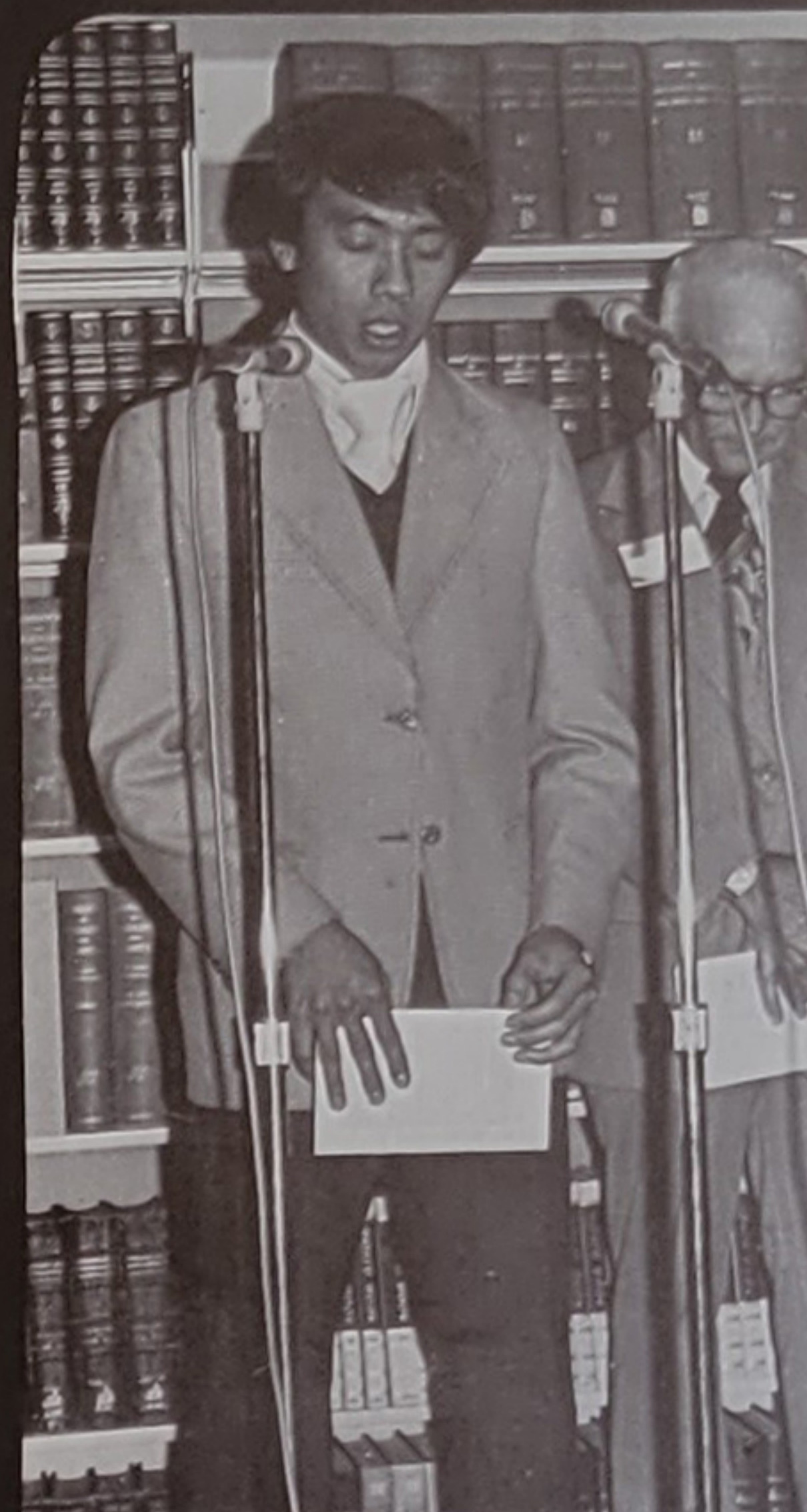
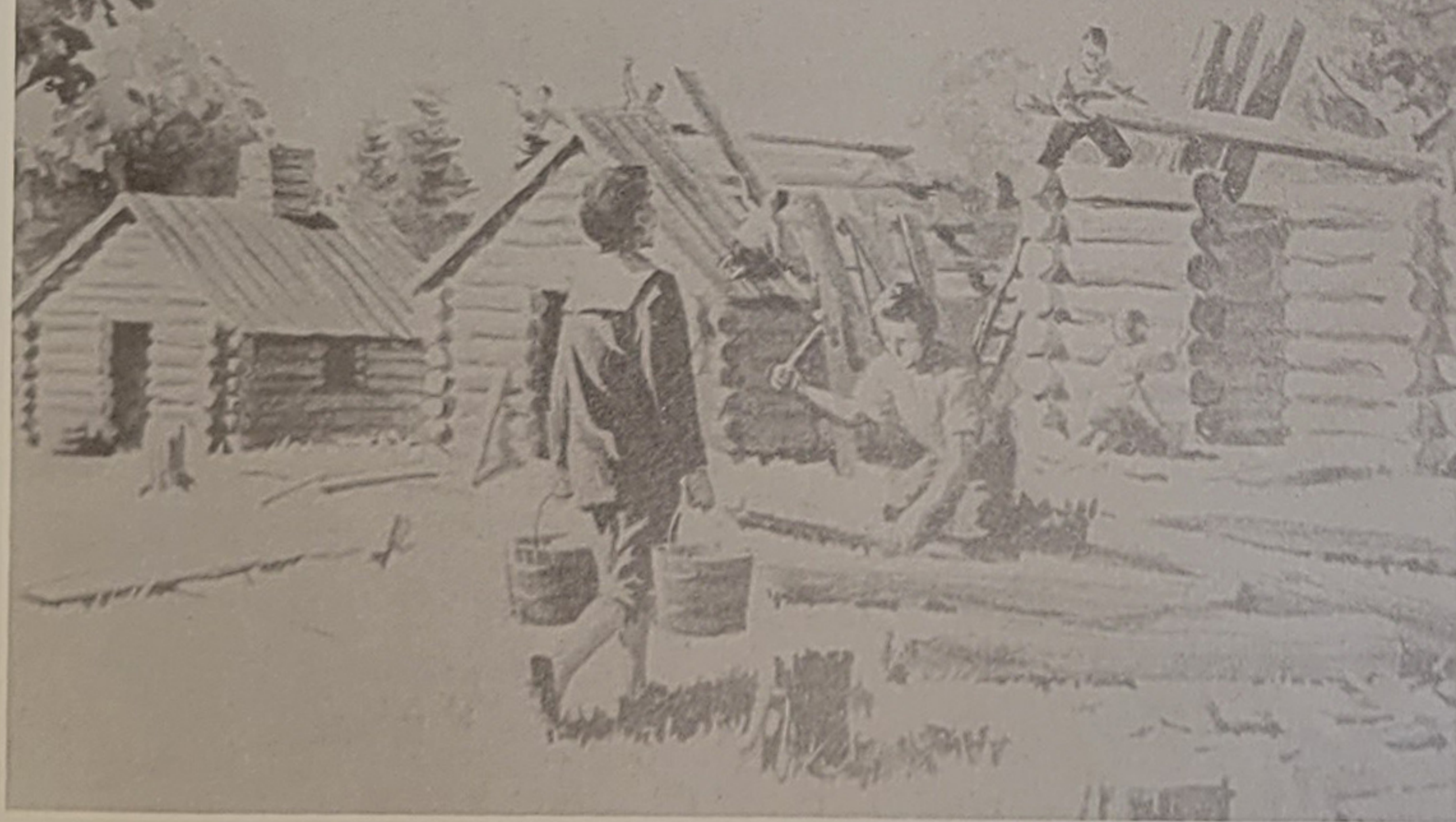


The Road You Take

Clara Smith Reber

May the road you take along life's way
Lead onward, upward, every day;
When you reach crossroads, like Pilgrims of old,
May you have vision to see, to behold
The road which leads to the evening star . . .
The road which leads to horizons afar.

*May you find courage when the day is long,
And in your heart may there be a song;
May you have faith to carry you through;
"To thine own self, may you ever be true;"
May you find joy in lifting the load
Others are carrying along life's road.*



Involvement in the organizations of our college offers areas of growth not found in many other experiences of college life. It offers the opportunity for involvement, responsibility, and working with others. It allows the challenge of accomplishment and achievement. It gives the satisfaction of helping others bear the load of responsibility and of devotion to a purpose unique to that organization and to the ministry it holds here on the campus for the school and student body.

ORGANIZATIONS

RIGHT: President Chester Lum. CENTER: Officers are: Barb Berry, Debbie Mummie, Chester Lum, Rick Ruegg, and Ken Brakefield. BELOW: Easter Seals Chapel.

STUDENT COUNCIL



Student Council president, Chester Lum has innovated various programs to give students opportunity to express their opinions.

A Student Council office has been opened; representatives have been allowed at the Campus Life meetings which govern the social life of the students; and Thursday evening programs on KVCR with host Lum has provided opportunity for students to call in and discuss topics of interest. Board members have been interviewed by Student Council members, and a school newspaper has been sponsored by Student Council.



A problem has arisen this year concerning the money raised last year for reroofing the gym. Plans have been changed, and now there is a problem as to what should be done with the money. Discussion has been made concerning the provision of a tennis court and of renovating mini-putt.

On of the more unique activities was that of the Easter Seals Chapel where students addressed over 5,000 envelopes.



MISSIONARY PRAYER LEAGUE

Students and faculty are pledging over \$6,400 this year for the budget of Missionary Prayer League. After deducting \$3,700 for the missionary budget, \$2,700 is left for special missionary projects to be chosen by the student body.

February 25 and 26 dated the MPL Convention featuring Wayne Kenyon of Oriental Missionary Society, and Arthur Gualtieri of World Evangelism Crusade.

Average attendance for Tuesday morning prayer meetings is ten above that of last year. MPL has remained faithful for many years in prayer support for CEI-Vennard missionaries around the world.



TOP LEFT: MPL officers: Jan Fischer, Dave Cramer, Sharon McCormick, Jack Steele, Mr. Dean Strong, Bill Cline, Dee Ann Cox. ABOVE: Mr. Wayne Kenyon takes a break from one of his basketball games during the Missionary Convention. LEFT: Prayer meetings in MPL are very well organized.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION



The Ministerial Association is comprised of those interested in promoting the importance of the pastoral ministry. We meet on a weekly basis for prayer and fellowship over the breakfast table and in informative sessions with special resource speakers.

We, as a ministerial group, are committed to the task of effectively relating the Gospel in these difficult times. It is our desire that the high calling of pastoral ministries be given sufficient emphasis. To this end, we seek to provide an informal atmosphere of fellowship and mutual concern.

TOP, Ministerial Association officers-Ken Swearingen, Ike Cowell, and Steve Rhoades. RIGHT, The Student Center (Arc) is a congregating place for ministerial members in the morning hours.



KVCR RADIO

Inspirational programming particularly for the Vennard students is provided by KVCR, Vennard College Radio. "To move men's hearts closer to God" is our goal; and that goal is accomplished when someone says, "That song sure gave me a lift," or "That poem or prayer really spoke to my heart the other night."

Technical difficulties and the absence of a qualified advisor second semester obstructed the ministry of KVCR; nevertheless, KVCR still ministers to spiritual needs with Gospel music, and provides "on the job training" and experience for all students interested in the ministry of Christian radio.



TOP, at the board is Amy Stroup, this year's KVCR manager. ABOVE, KVCR staff- FRONT, Lori Foell and Louie Diehl. CENTER, Larry Light, Chester Lum, Amy Stroup, and Lois Wyatt. BACK, Don Moss and Rob Bacon.

VISION



The year 1976 presented a three-fold challenge to the staff of the Vision as they endeavored to (1) honor their Lord by producing a meaningful and useful annual, (2) recognize their country's 200th birthday, and (3) celebrate Vennard's 25th anniversary on the campus in University Park, Iowa.

Editor June Selden placed Alan Sherwood in charge of her photography staff at the first of the year, while Alice Kendall took charge of the graphic art department. Together with a devoted staff who sacrificed study time, they sold over \$1,000 in advertisements and proceeded to tackle the ministry set before them under the encouragement of their advisor, Mrs. Bennett.



TOP: Head Photographer Alan Sherwood and Editor June Selden determine how to crop a picture. ABOVE: from left to right, part of the Vision staff: Mrs. Norma Bennett, advisor; Paul Kellogg, photographer; Alvin Wagner, reporter; and Gail Peltó, faculty and staff divisional head.

THE WORD



TOP: Preparing the rough draft of THE WORD are Don Moss and Rita Larsen. ABOVE: members of the staff, BACK ROW: Don Moss, Editor; Vicki Harper, advisor; Gwen Rhoades. FRONT ROW: Gary Ziken, June Selden, Rita Larsen, and Chris Robarge.

Vennard's newspaper, THE WORD, was started on February 6, 1976. Don Moss, the new editor, initiated it this year for providing an "inlet for student concerns and an outlet for school activities." The different types of articles included are features, editorials, and news. Editorship for THE WORD affords Moss credit in Communications as an independent study.

The members of the staff are Don Moss, editor; Vicki Harper, advisor; Gary Zikan, sports; Chris Robarge, music department; Jack Steele, MPL; Amy Stroup KVCR; Gwen Rhoades, reporter; and Rita Larsen, typist.

BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS



Basketball cheerleading became a girl's sport with practice four nights a week and participation at all home and away games.

Bake sales and a car wash helped pay for the uniforms and the pom poms which left confetti on the floor after every performance. Formations such as "Spirit Go" and "Get- 'em" and stack-ups such as "Tuff Stuff" helped keep the spirit alive and provided encouragement for the Vega team.



TOP: Basketball cheerleaders, left to right are Colleen Warner, Cathy Hiatt, Shirley Miller, Bev Stahley, and Sandy Harris. LEFT: Shirley Miller desperately hopes for a Vega victory. ABOVE: Cheerleaders give fans a colorful half-time performance.



MUSIC CULTURE

The Music Culture Committee sponsors church seminars as well as Senior recitals. The major task, however, is to expose the students to a wide field of musical talents by inviting guest musicians to the campus.

This year the guest was Maryanne Gortner from Indiana, shown to the LEFT. Gortner is 16 years old and has been playing the harp since she was in the third grade.



SOCCER CHEERLEADERS



Soccer cheerleaders put a lot of effort and self-sacrifice into their performance. They bought their own uniforms, spent hours practicing, and hosted a party for the soccer team.

Disappointments in the soccer team affected their cheerleaders. Team and cheerleaders prepared for a new season second semester, but obstacles stifled both's performance.

Soccer cheerleaders ABOVE: left to right: Lynda Slaight, Kathy Olson, Brynda Zimmerman, Darla Diehl, and Cindy Thurman.



Mrs. Ione Stine

On May 31, 1973, I was given the indictment that my life here on earth would soon be ended, that is, that the results of the operation on that date showed cancer in 14 of the 16 glands tested.

Friends everywhere were praying; and as I lay on the hospital bed, I felt as if God had already folded a blanket of His love about me and filled the room with His loving presence.

Two months after my first surgery, the Lord gave me the verse in Deut., "I am the Lord that healeth thee," and in Jer. 30:17, "I will restore thee of thy wounds." He allowed me to work full time for months afterwards . . .

Miss Thompson suffered, but rejoiced in the Lord. One day she said smiling, "I'm ready to go. I'm peaceful, and it's because of Jesus. I want Him to take me soon." And so it was, on Dec. 17, 1975. We look forward to the day when we shall see her again and be forever with the Lord.

IN MEMORY

Mrs. Stine's love, concern, and vigorous spirit was constantly taking a practical turn and finding creative expression. She supplied blankets to cold dormitory rooms, covered bare spots with trees, and furnished the meat for many special dinners. She guided her Sunday School class as a teacher in knowing God's Word.

God was indeed her Friend, someone she could talk with in intimate terms, as she testified to in a testimony the night of her death.

The international students especially could count on her help with their struggle to get the English language. And lots of sermons could be tucked into all sorts of situations, for like her husband, she really was a skilled preacher.

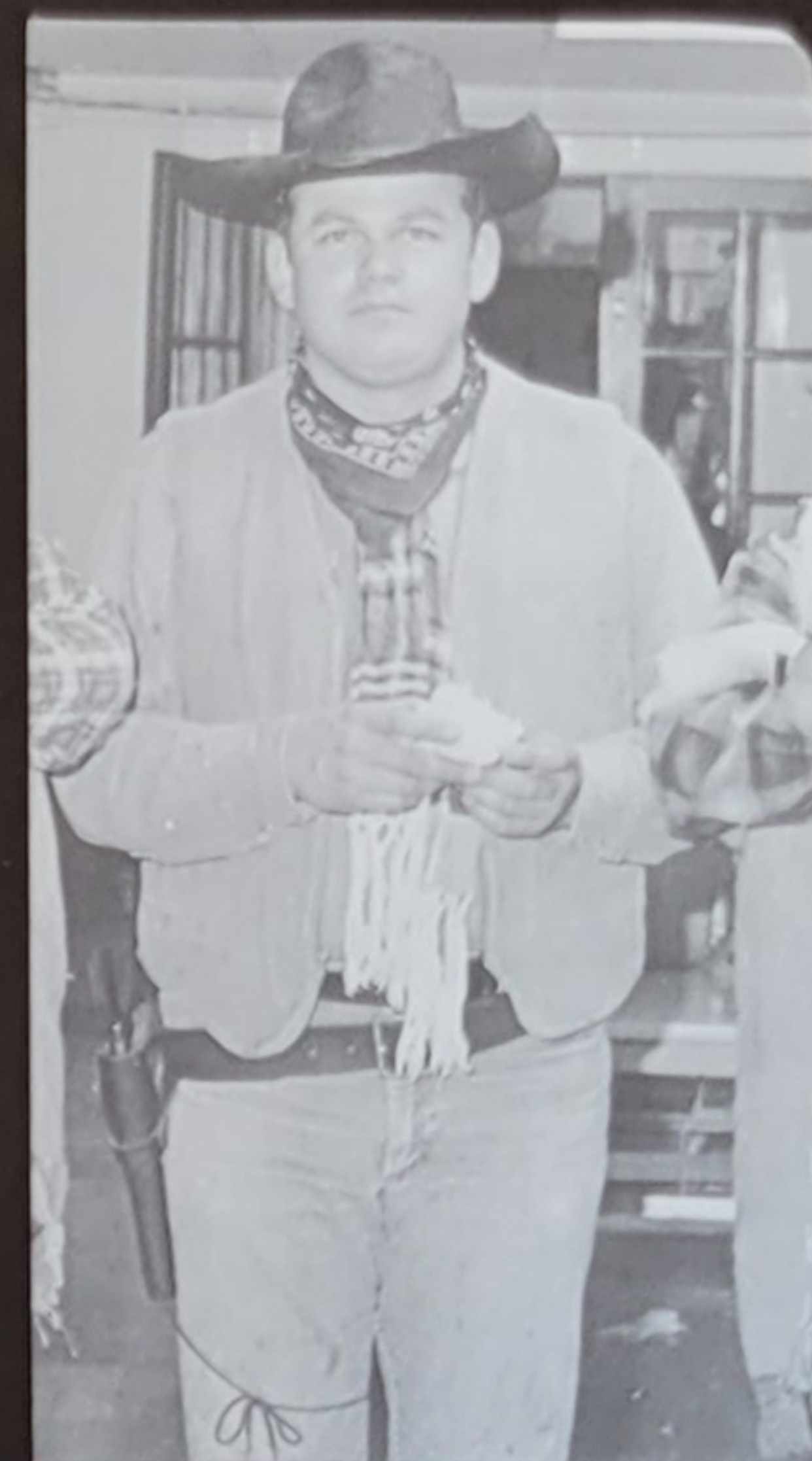
All of us who benefitted from her life are now rejoicing that she is sharing the rich reward of God's presence.



Miss. Arvo Thompson



One of the best sources of memories is in the hearts and minds of our faculty and staff members. These people hold tender memories from the birth of VC to the present 25th year of the struggles, victories, joys and sorrows of Venard. Respect is due to these dedicated people for the love they hold for the history and purpose of the school.



FACULTY = STAFF

The President's favorite winter sport is golf. ➡

Our very own Boy Scout leader, Mr. Key, mends his fastest flying airplane. ⬇



⬆ Even after extensive heart surgery and long illness, Dean Lindsey states with fervor, "This is the day the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!"



⬆ Mr. Ames prepares a plot for his sons' favorite-cauliflower.



DR. MERNE HARRIS- President, Intro. to Counseling, Apoc. Lit.
LEROY LINDSEY- V. Pres., Academic Affairs, Tech. of Counseling
ROBERT KEY- Director of Development, Admissions, and Alumni
LARWENCE AMES- Business Manager

BOARD APPROVES FOOD SERVICE BUILDING PLANS

➡ Dr. Abbott relaxes during a lull in the conversation.

Julius Bruner and Dr. Ivan Howard ⬇



Plans for a new Food Service Building were approved by the 1975-76 Board of Trustees in their October 15-16 meeting. This building will accommodate the food service, student center, health service, bookstore and provide housing for about 30 single women.

The Board of Trustees also authorized a series of special studies designed to enlarge the scope of Vennard's curriculum. Research will be conducted as to the feasibility of a program of study for Youth Ministries, an extension campus on the campus of Mexico City Bible Institute, overseas teaching opportunities for the faculty and internship experiences in inner city and urban ministries.

In further action, the Board recommended that the college employ a chaplain to head the social and spiritual life program of the school, a responsibility currently held by the Campus Life Committee.



Members of the Board of Trustees: Hollis Abbott, Morton Dorsey, Ivan Howard, F. E. Lyon, Earle J. Stine, Jr., Dale Ward, Leslie Balk, Jesse Black, H. M. Couchenour, John Keith, LeRoy McCurdy, Max Morgan, Ralph A. Vanderwood, Norman Zimmerman, Burnis Bushong, Paul Conklin, Harold Cram, Earl Erb, George Luce, H. T. Rasche, Mildred Welch, Julius Bruner, Jack Wease, and Ex Officio William Gould.

DEAN OF WOMEN MARRIES

"Mom" TerAvest was married last June. She left Vennard at Christmas time to join her husband in Allegan, Michigan. We miss Mom's love for the simple things of life, her special concern for each one of us, and her enthusiastic Christian witness.



Rabbits don't live in trees, Mr. Parker.

BETTY TER AVEST- Dean of Women and dining room hostess.

JOHN PARKER- Dean of Men, Coach, PE instructor, Psychology



Mr. Anderson shows his son, Matthew, the delicate procedure of raking the garden.

What kind of social phenomenon would cause this? Mr. Bennett.



HERB ANDERSON- Director Christian Service, Chairman Communicative Arts, Vocal, Orchestration, Instrumental, Public Speaking.



GORDON BENNETT- Chairman General Education; Intro. to Sociology; Philosophy and Principles of Teaching; Pentateuch; Marriage and Family; Sociology of Religion; Curriculum, Organization, and Administration; Social Problems, Educational Psychology.



NORMA BENNETT-Freshman English, Yearbook Advisor.

NOT PICTURED: MARY BELLUS- Piano, Music in Christian Education, Piano Class, Piano Pedagogy.



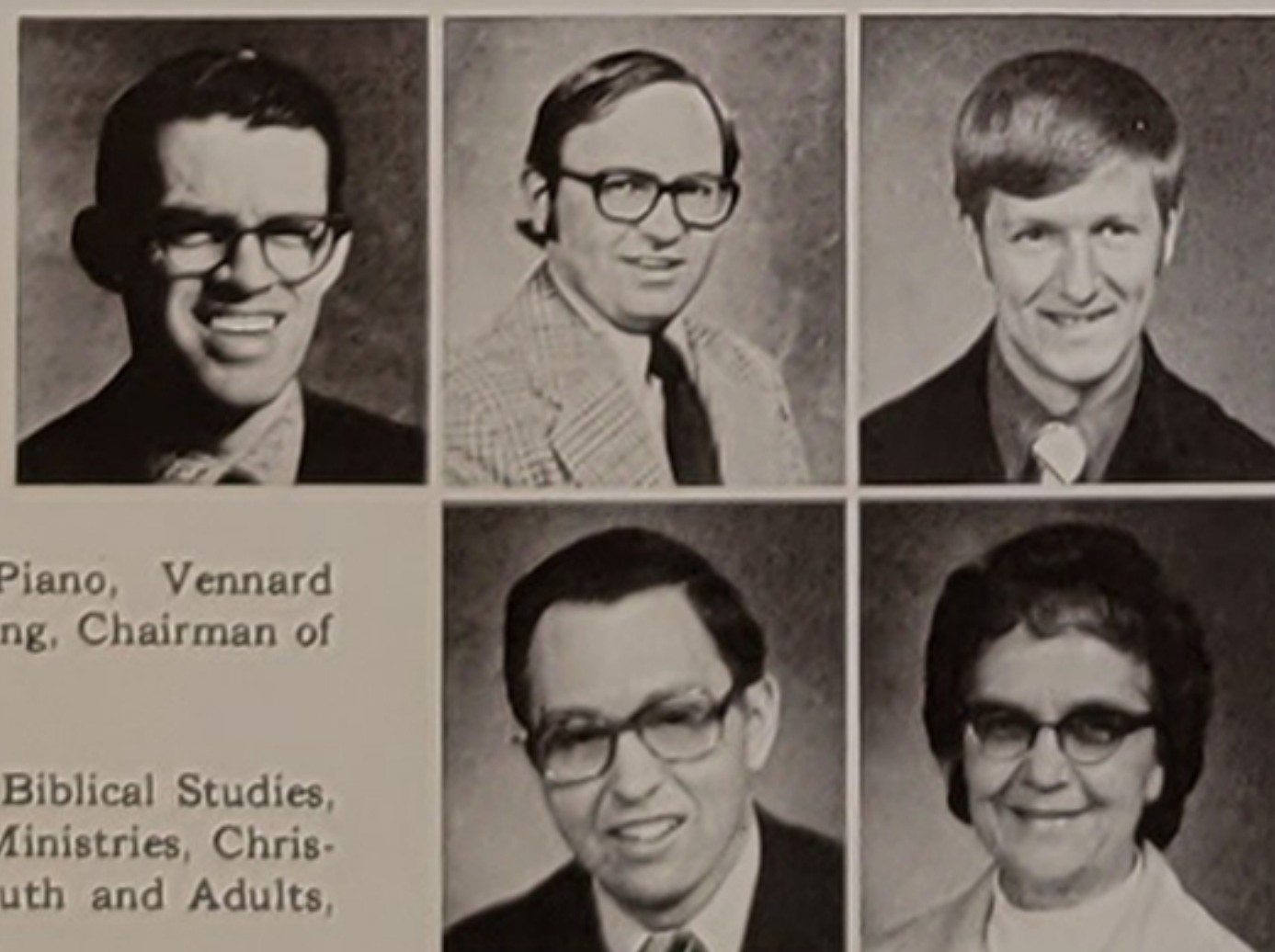
Victor Friesen and his dad are ready for the pros.



KENNETH FRIESEN: Acts, General and Pastoral Epistles, Gospels, Prison Epistles, Bible Study Methods, History of Hebrew Nations.

ROBERT HENNING: Greek I, Intro. to Philosophy, World History, Bible as Literature, American Church History, Ethics, History of the Holiness Movement.

DAVID JOHNSON: Hebrew Prophets, Homiletics, Intro. to Theology, Public and Personal Evangelism.



RICHARD KLEIN: Vocal, Piano, Vennard Choir, Intro. to Music, Conducting, Chairman of Music Department.

NEVA MILLER: Chairman of Biblical Studies, Chairman of Christian Service Ministries, Christian Education of Children, Youth and Adults, Corinthians, Greek II, Hebrews.

NOT PICTURED: DOUG SMILEY: Radio Productions; SUE HARRIS: Pres. K. Kollege



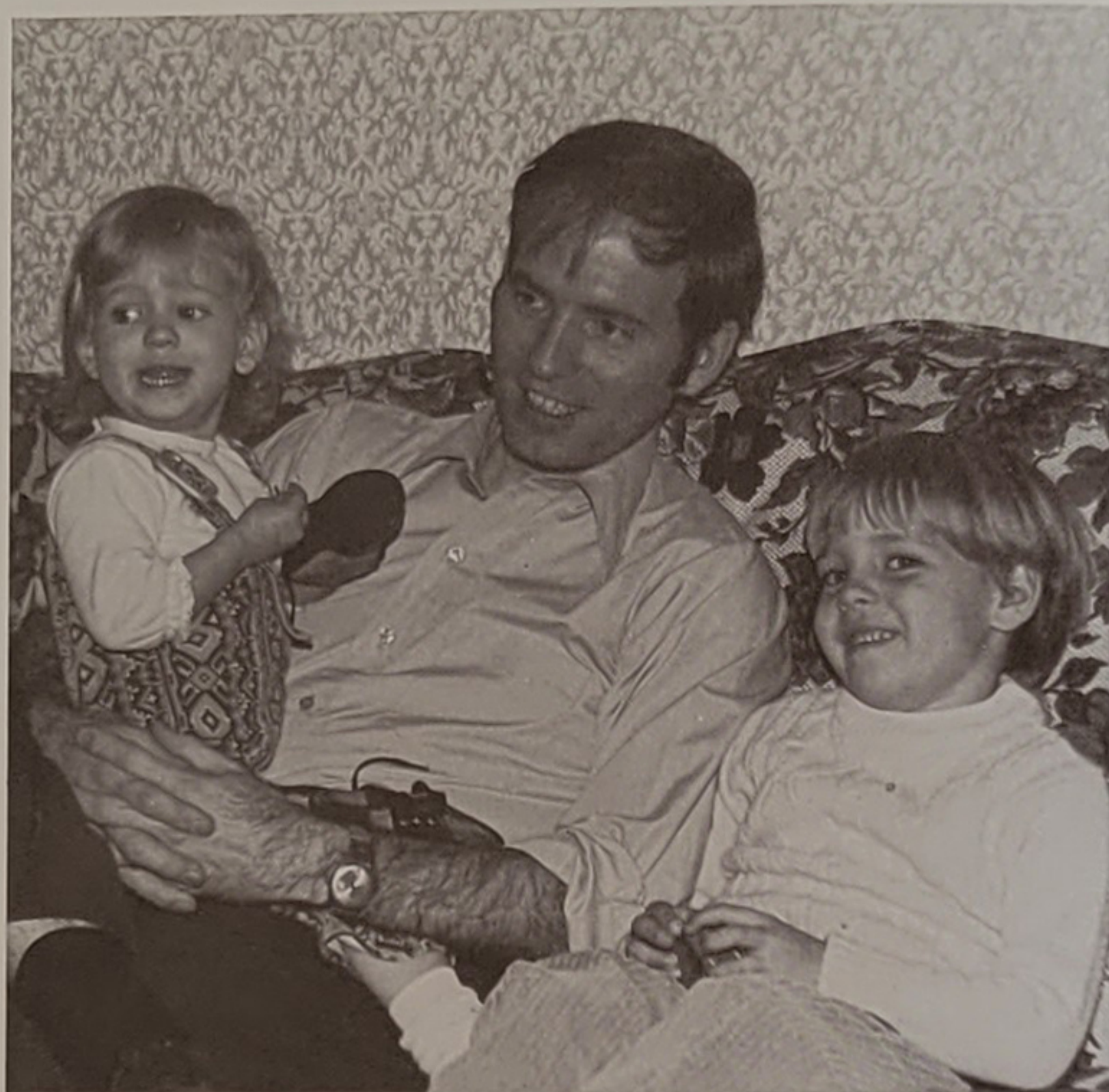
All those extensive trips around the world must have gotten to Mrs. Miller.

Lumberjack, Mr. Klein.



Mr. Johnson is building his own house here in University Park.





Joy and Matthew Zimmer entertain their daddy after a day at Kiddie Kollege.

RALPH SPRUNK: Chairman of Theological Studies, Theology of John Wesley, Systematic Theology I and II, John, Doctrine of Holiness, Romans, Contemporary Theology.

DEAN STRONG: Intro. to Missions, Intro. to Anthropology, Missionary Principles and Practices, Historical Survey of Missions, Missionary Internship.

JACKIE THOMSON: Vocal, Voice Class, Music Theory I and II, Sight Singing and Ear Training, Vocal Pedagogy.



IRENE WEITERT: Field Evangelist.

CONRAD WHITE: Counselor, Basic Communications.



JUANITA YOUNG: History of Music, Survey of Church Music, Hymnology, Church Music Administration, Vocal, Piano, Music in the Church.

NOT PICTURED: **EARL STINE:** Counselor; **JAMES ZIMMER:** Preschool Director of Kiddie Kollege, Practice Teaching. **CYNTHIA ZIMMERMAN:** Piano, Music Theory III.



Mr. Stine is off to the races in his hot car.

Speaking on the radiance of the Christian life is Miss Weitert.

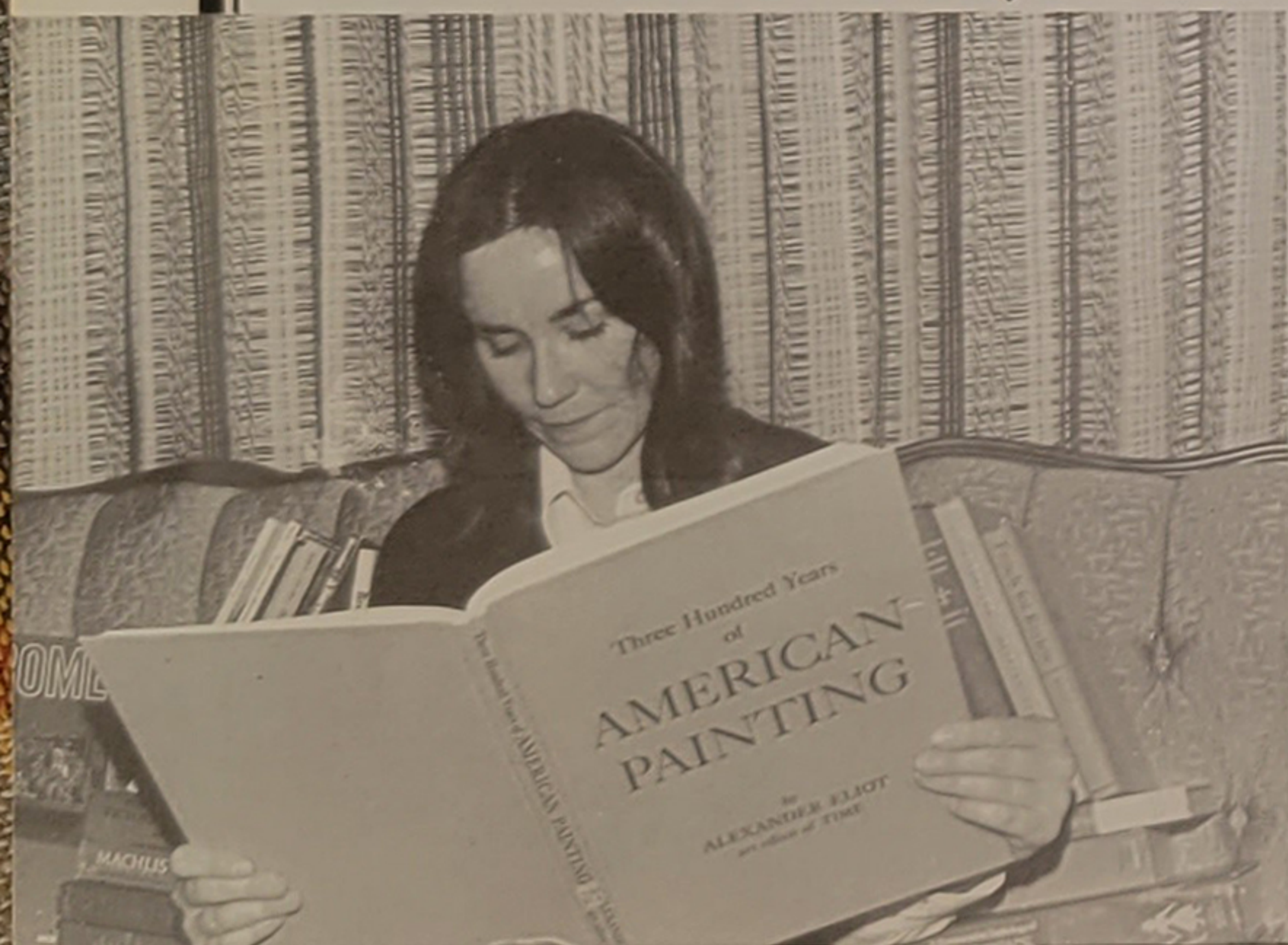


Mr. Strong does his after-school chores.



Mrs. Parker is an industrious seamstress in her spare time.

Miss Harper must be researching for the Bicentennial committee. She wouldn't do this in her spare time . . . would she?



Christine Henning and Miss Bielefeld are amused by the Gingerbread Man.



"Hurry up Mom, it's your turn!" Mrs. Anderson



JUDY ATHERTON: Secretary in Business Office.

MARTHA BIELEFELD: Secretary to President.

JANE FRIESEN: Registrar

VICKI HARPER: Executive Secretary to Development Office.

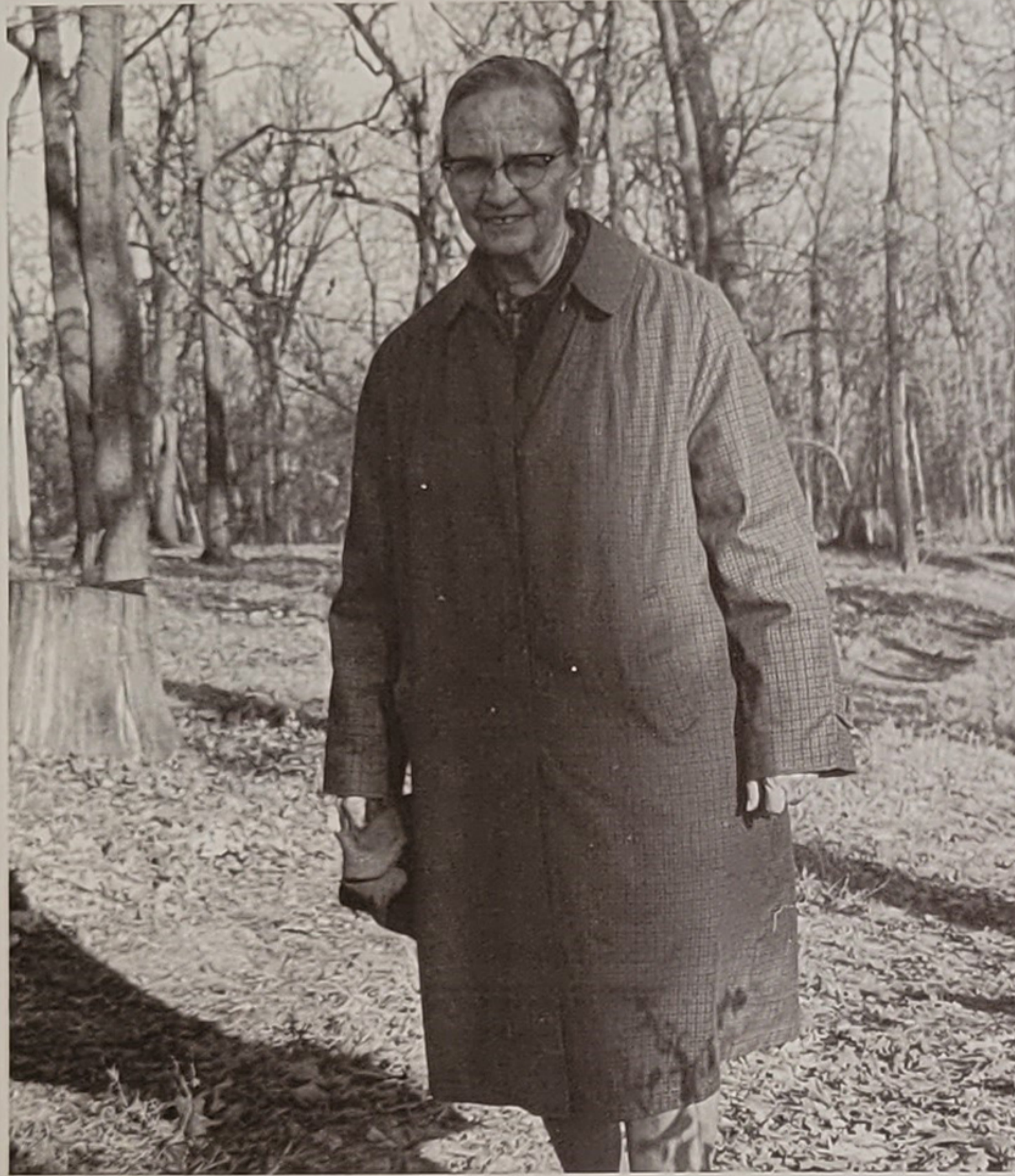
CHARLENE PARKER: Secretary to Christian Service

EILEEN ROSSMAN: Word Processor

JANELL SWEARINGEN: Executive Secretary to Business Office.

NOT PICTURED: YVONNE ANDERSON: Secretary of Campus Life; RUTH HACKETT: Secretary to Academic Dean.

Miss Collins- on a tramp for the Lord.



FERN TODD- Archivist
ALICE COLLINS- Head Librarian



LOIS KLEIN- Library Assistant
JIM HOLLIS- Assistant Librarian

OUR BOOK PEOPLE



Miss Todd displays her miniature collection.

Hmmm . . . this piece has got to go somewhere?!
Mrs. Ames



ANN AMES- Bookstore Manager

MURL STILL- Printing



LILA FAUST- Bookkeeper
JUNE HUHN- Bookkeeper

ELLA MAE SMITH- Comptroller
VERA SPRUNK- Cashier

DOMENIAL TASKS ARE VITAL

JOYCE JOHNSON: Nurse



ALLEN HUHN: Special Projects Supervisor, Maintenance.



It looks like Mr. Huhn's workers, more commonly known as Huhn's Goons, have vacated the premises.



Our nurse, Mrs. Johnson, knows more than one use for the needle!



CORONET REVAMPS FOOD SERVICE



MIRIAM HEILMAN: Coronet Food Service Manager.



HELEN PFOUTZ

BEVERLY REED

ROSE MARIE STUMP

Coronet, a Christian catering service, has brought many changes to Vennard's food service. A milk machine was installed to provide cold milk at any time during the meal. Also, the coke machine and salad bar were new additions to the meals.

Coronet also provided some services which Vennard had seldom seen. "Monotony Breakers" such as ice cream bashes, buffet meals, watermelon feeds, and picnics were welcome "routine changers."

Along with all of the other changes, the cooks are now employed by Coronet and not the college. Student opinion varies as to whether the change was a good one, but as usual, mother's cooking is best no matter how far away from home you go.

Coronet is striving to provide students with friendly service and a Christian atmosphere. The cooks and students are encouraged by the witness this company has for the Lord on our campus and on many others.



Is Miss Heilman making a tablecloth for head table.



This year's Christmas musicale was a presentation of the three phases of a Christian's outlook on life. It began with the past Old Testament history, proceeded to the present of today's modern world, then moved on into the future and the expectancy of life with our Lord.

Vennard's choir started the program accompanied by a string quartet on one of their numbers. Christlife finished with part of their musical repertoire climaxing the remembrance of our Lord's birth.



"The Messiah" was performed by a mixture of students, faculty, staff, and outsiders. This was a very moving preamble to the Christmas season.



A party for needy children helped students experience the real spirit of giving. Students acted out "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Here is shown the "Twelve drummers drumming."

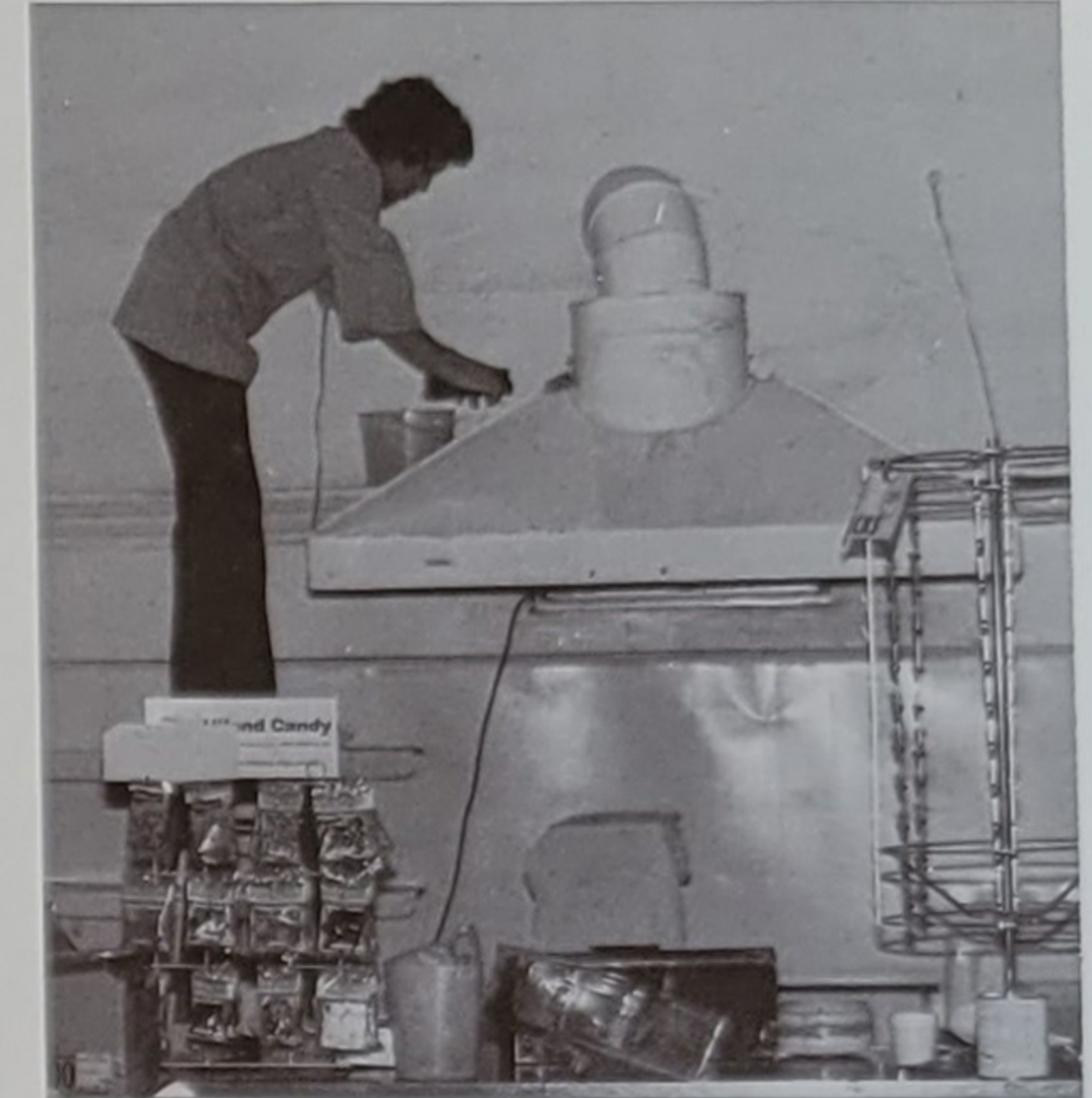


Valentine's Day brought out in Vennard students their ability to decorate, sculpture cupids, and have fun.



Cupids and hearts were sculptured from dough provided by Coronet Food Service. The dough was then baked and displayed.

Winter Convocation speaker, Dr. Victor Hamilton, enjoys a meal with students.



Students worked hard one Saturday in the Student Center to give it a new image. They even added a new name—The Arc (Academic Recreation Center).

LEFT: MPL Convention—February 25-26: Special speakers were Arthur Gualtieri (left), and Wayne Kenyon. See page 33.

Bicentennial Day—March 12: Students participated in morning discussion groups, an evening festival of costumes, singing and special presentations. See page 16.



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
all ye lands. Serve the Lord with
gladness: come before His presence
with singing. Psalms 100:1-2

I am a promise.
I am a possibility.
I am a promise
With a capital P.
I am a great big bundle
Of potentiality.

And I am learnin'
To hear God's voice,
And I am tryin'
To make the right choice
'Cause I'm a promise to be
Anything God wants
me to be.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

CHRISTLIFE '75

Christlife '75 traveled over 15,000 miles during a 10-week tour in the summer of 1975. The group sang in 15 different states, from as far east as Georgia, to the western coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. The highlights of the trip were Red Rock Camp in Paynesville, Minnesota; Taylor County Camp, Butler, Georgia; Golden Valley Camp, Stockton, California; and Jennings Lodge Camp in Portland, Oregon.

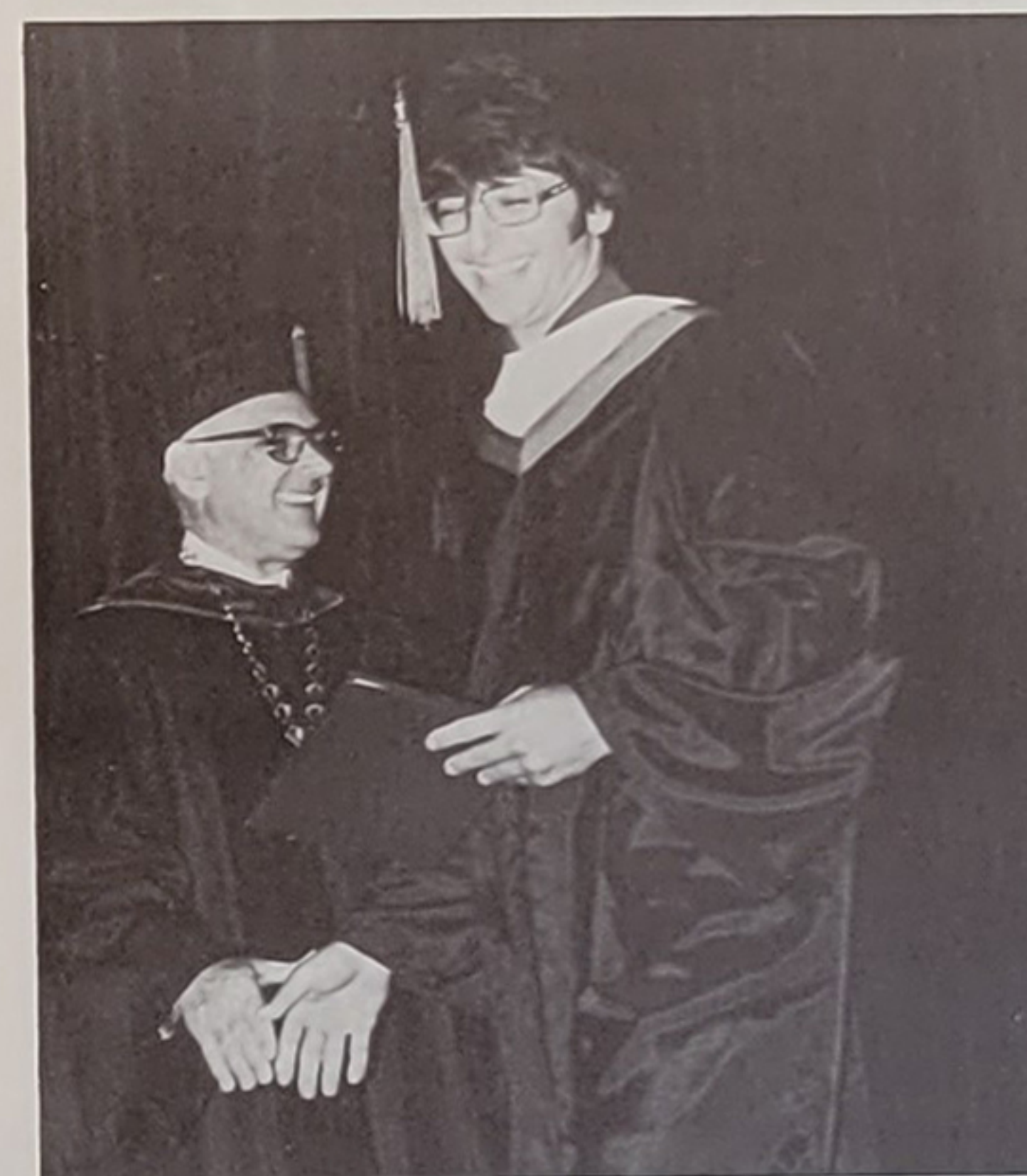
TOP RIGHT: Christlife '75 singers, FRONT, Lily Ortiz. MIDDLE ROW, Wyatt Smith, Larry Light, and Karen Kleman. BACK ROW, Cherylyn Wright, John Olson, Debbie Swanson, and Gary Beecher. BELOW: Wyatt sings a tenor solo. BOTTOM RIGHT: Christlife—singing on the square.



CHRISTLIFE '76

The structure of our program as well as our repertoire, has changed in accordance to honoring our country's Bicentennial, and our hooped skirts and ruffled shirts add to the atmosphere. The program begins with a patriotic package reflecting back on the price that was paid for America's freedom. At intermission, the group changes into a second outfit and returns with a second package of songs and testimonies to minister to hearts spiritually.

A special emphasis is put on our nation's birthday, but our main goal is to be an instrument in God's hand to reach men's souls.



TOP: Christlife members on the ground, Steve Rhoades, Debbie Mumme, Renee Degenkolb, and Rick Ruegg. STANDING, Lorna Trosen, Wyatt Smith, Sandy Harris, and Howard Ledford. ABOVE: Trucel?



LOVEJOY

Bernard Puetz was the Lovejoy leader who brought us together for Thursday morning prayer and share times with our prayer supporters Sheryl Jane and Kermit Tuning.

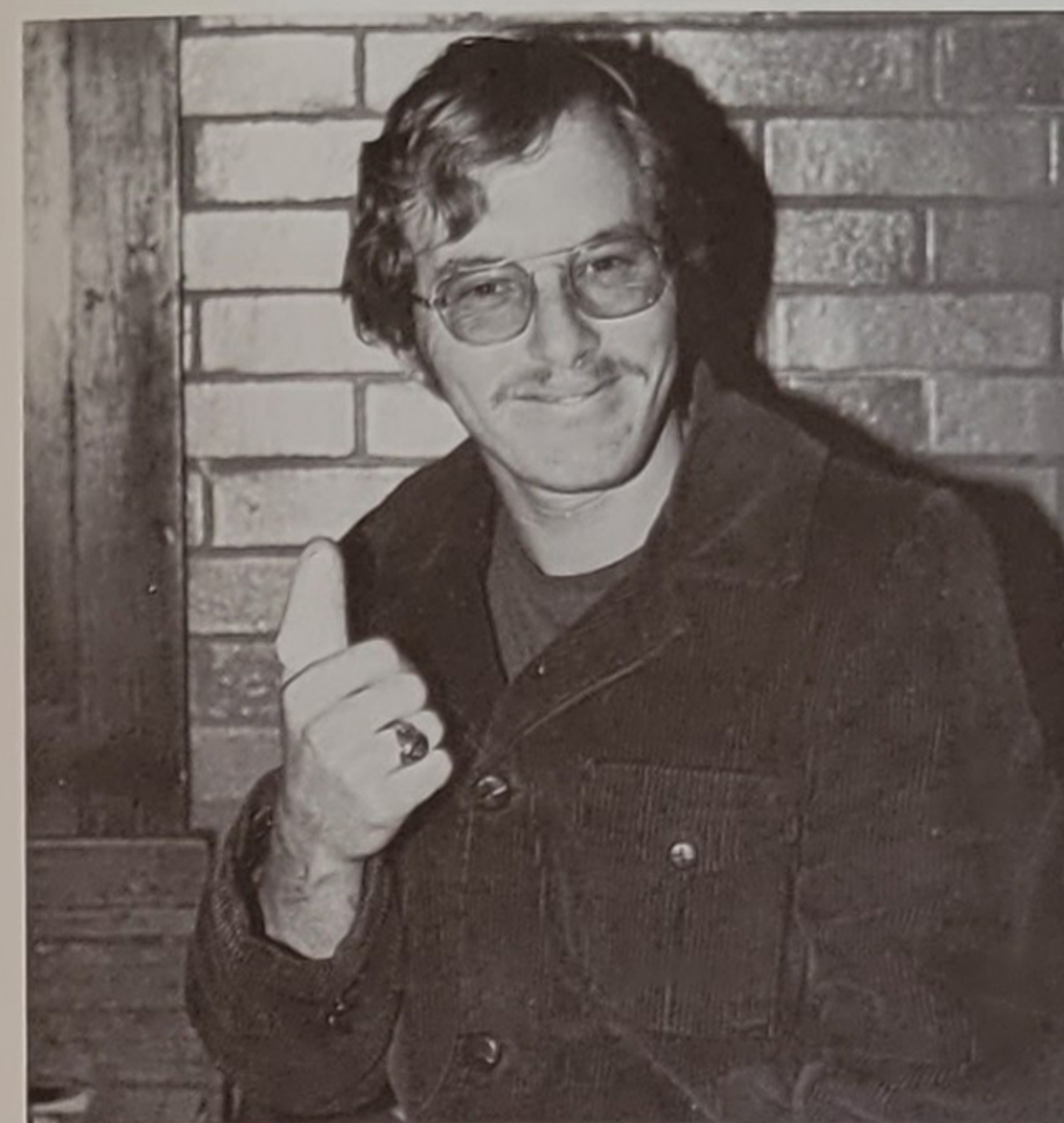
Mr. Richard Klein held the reigns as musical director and led us through about three hours of practice a week.

We ministered in several churches, nursing homes, and ended the year at the New Life Drive-in Church.



TOP: Lovejoy members left to right are, Mike Esmay, Mary Kirkpatrick, Tim Bauer, Tom Winger, Donna Cope, Glenda Cantrell, Alan Sherwood, and Randy Penhorwood.

PRESSING ON



Pressing On is composed of fifteen young people who decided that they wanted to sing together.

In mid-November, Tom Thurman stepped in as leader, and Karen Klemen became the music director in mid-December.

After mid-January, we averaged three weekends per month. We traveled approximately 4,000 miles including two trips to Minnesota.

Our goal and name come from Philipians 3:14-15.

LEFT: Alvin stuck in his thumb and pulled out... BELOW: Pressing On team members left to right are, girls, Dorothy Kusch, Cathy Hiatt, Pam Graham, Connie Strong, and Nancy Sweeny; guys, Lee Lanz, Alvin Toenes, Terry Penn, Don Hotz.



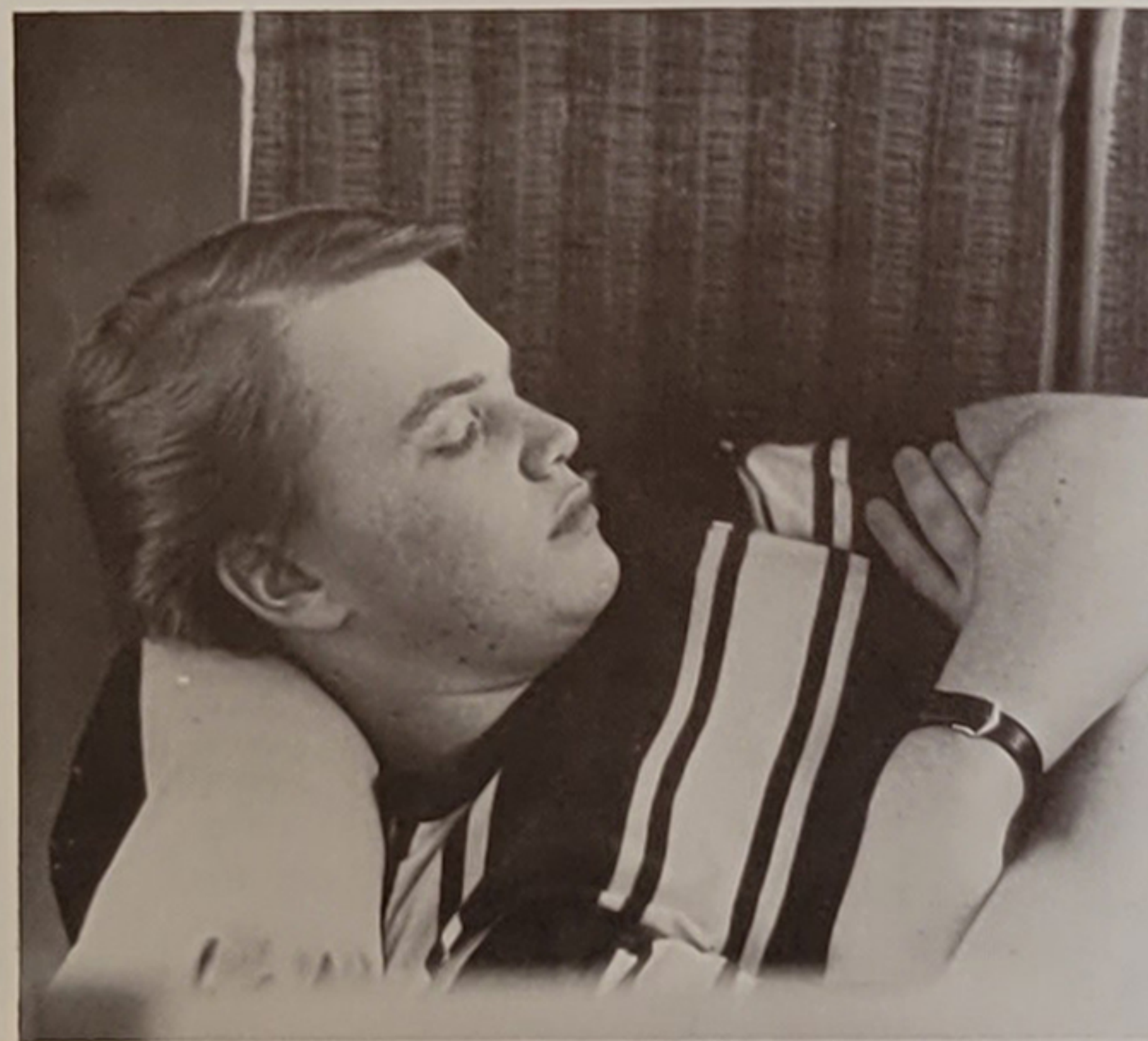


INNER WITNESS

We always had informal practices in Mark and Kay Stevenson's living room. We worked hard to prepare for our outreach, but we also had special times of prayer and sharing. We were a "unit."

Mark was our spiritual guide, and the Lord used him in many ways. Kay was our music director, counselor, and "mom." She chose our music and made it meaningful to us.

TOP: Singers in Inner Witness are; FRONT ROW, John Moyer and Mark Doll. MIDDLE ROW, Sally Olson, Bev Stahly, Anita Fetter, and Chris Robarge. BACK ROW, Jeff Norling, Terra Adams, and Mort Stephens. RIGHT: Jeff takes a nap on a choir tour.



DAMASCUS ROAD

Like Paul's experience on the Damascus Road, we have had an experience in Christ and want to spread His gospel to the people we meet. First semester we travelled approximately 2,600 miles and had about ten assignments.

Besides a singing ministry, our group offers a ministry in preaching, chalk talks and felt talks. We have planned seminars and party games. We have a lot of fun as a team and thank the school and our God for the opportunity of sharing what God has done for us.

TOP: Members of the Damascus Road are; guys FRONT TO BACK, Mark Hecht, Wade Fradenburgh, and Rob Bacon. Girls, Bonnie Johnston, Becky Hecht, Lynn Olson, Shirley Trosen, and Cindy Thurman. BELOW: Wanda Gass, another member of the singing group, showed up this way for her picture.



MASTER'S TOUCH

The girl's trio, Master's Touch, actually included four singers, two of which were pianists. This allowed for flexibility in programming.

Lance O'Brien served as pastor.

Master's Touch travelled to Canbey, Iowa and Moline, Illinois and sang in a variety of chapel services.



TOP: Master's Touch singers, FRONT, Prudy Salzer, Carol Cox, and Shirley Miller. BEHIND them is Colleen Ortmann. RIGHT: Carol and Colleen chat on their way back from chapel.



BELOW: Choir members in the FRONT ROW, left to right, Jim Smith, Lily Ortiz, Calvin Long, Dorothy Kusch, Rich Mitchell, and Glenda Cantrell. MIDDLE ROW, Chris Robarge, Michael Esmay, Pat McDonald, Jeff Norling, Colleen Ortmann, Timothy Bauer, Karen Kleman. BACK ROW, Mark Doll, Terra Adams, Mort Stephens, Bev Stahly, Alan Sherwood, Shirley Miller, Jim Tooley, and Donna Cope. NOT PICTURED: Linette Olson.



CHOIR

by Mike Esmay

The twenty-two voice choir under the direction of Mr. Richard Klein sought to present a spiritual ministry in song. Throughout the year they ministered in many of Dr. Harris' Wednesday morning chapels and also presented a stirring Christmas musical.

The choir had the opportunity to tour in four states during spring break and presented a program entitled "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" with the theme of our heritage and future horizons to commemorate the 200 years of our nation.

SOUL PURPOSE

Soul Purpose Drama Team has had many ups and downs this year. Sickness slowed down the production of "Alabaster and Spikenard," forcing Beth Fry, director, to memorize the lead part in just one week. But we were able to present the play for the student body for Thanksgiving Vespers as scheduled.

"Alabaster and Spikenard," adapted from the book by the same name, portrayed the life of Mrs. Iva Durham Vennard, founder of Vennard. The drama team was asked to perform this play in accordance with the Bicentennial activities and in recognition of the school's 25th Anniversary.

Because of the nature of this play, it was decided it would be too difficult to perform on tour. Consequently, the annual Spring Tour was cancelled.

Special thanks are in order to Mrs. Diane Kushman for her helpful advice, and to all the team members who offered encouragement and dedication.



TOP: The Drama Team, left to right, Rich Harter, Brynda Zimmerman, Terry Mortimer, Debbie Halford, Gary Zikan, Beth Fry, and Leon McClimans. ABOVE: Beth and Wayne Boettcher are shown here in a scene from "Alabaster and Spikenard."

PUPPET PEOPLE

The Puppet People led an exciting year as two new puppets, a duck and a Black girl named Liza joined the puppet team.

A second drop was added to form a second stage level.

Rick Ruegg and Jean Clough led the large puppet people crew first semester, and second semester, Larry Light stepped in as M.C.

A series of special occasions including Christmas and Youth Conference featured the Puppet People. They especially enjoyed ministering to the men at Olive Branch Mission on Madison Avenue in the slums of Chicago.



TOP: Jean Clough and Becky Butterfield help lead "Love is the Flag Flown From the Castle of My Heart." LEFT: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego sing at a Youth Conference performance.

JAIL TEAM

The jail team met and ministered to prisoners every Sunday afternoon. They usually went by twos and shared their testimonies and the plan of salvation.

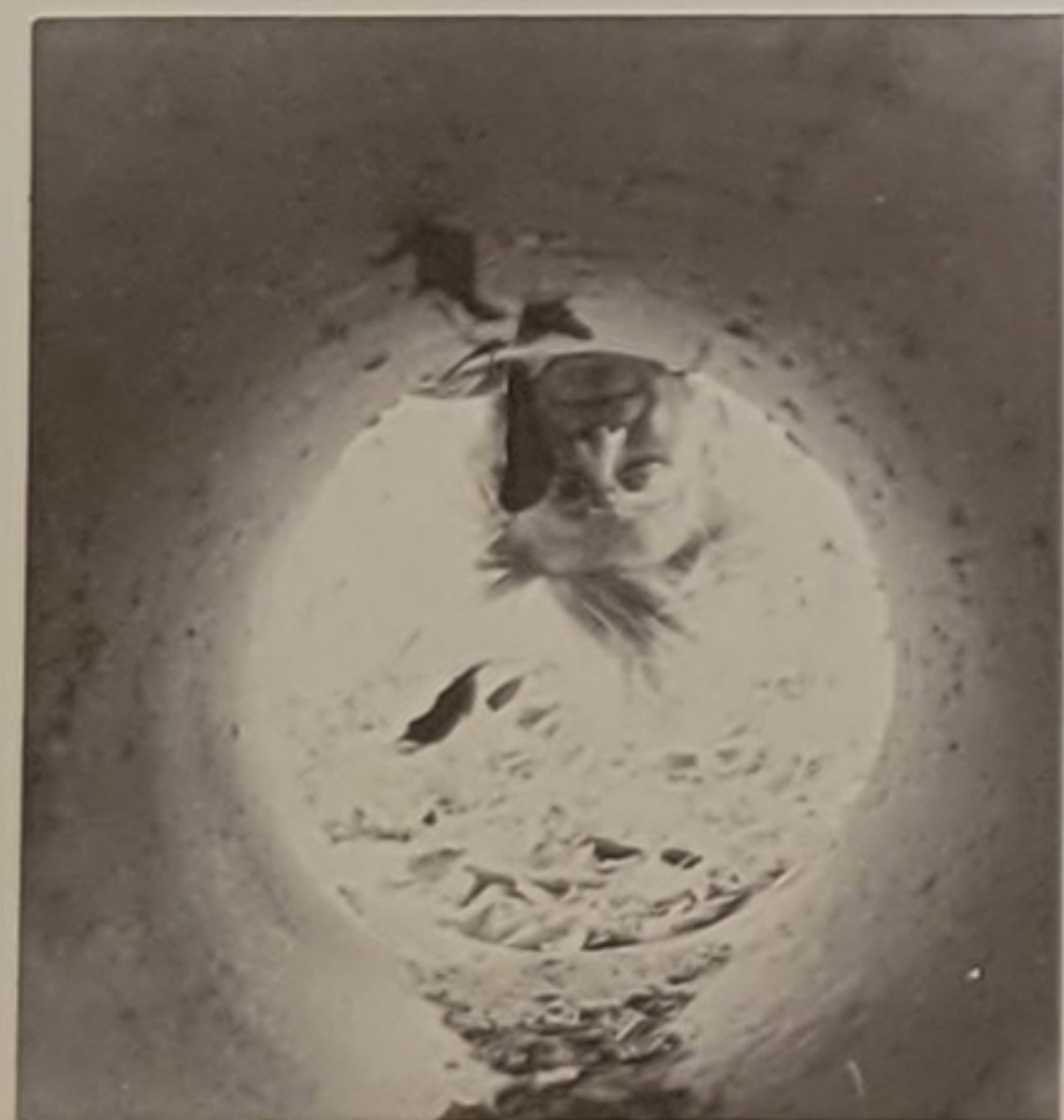
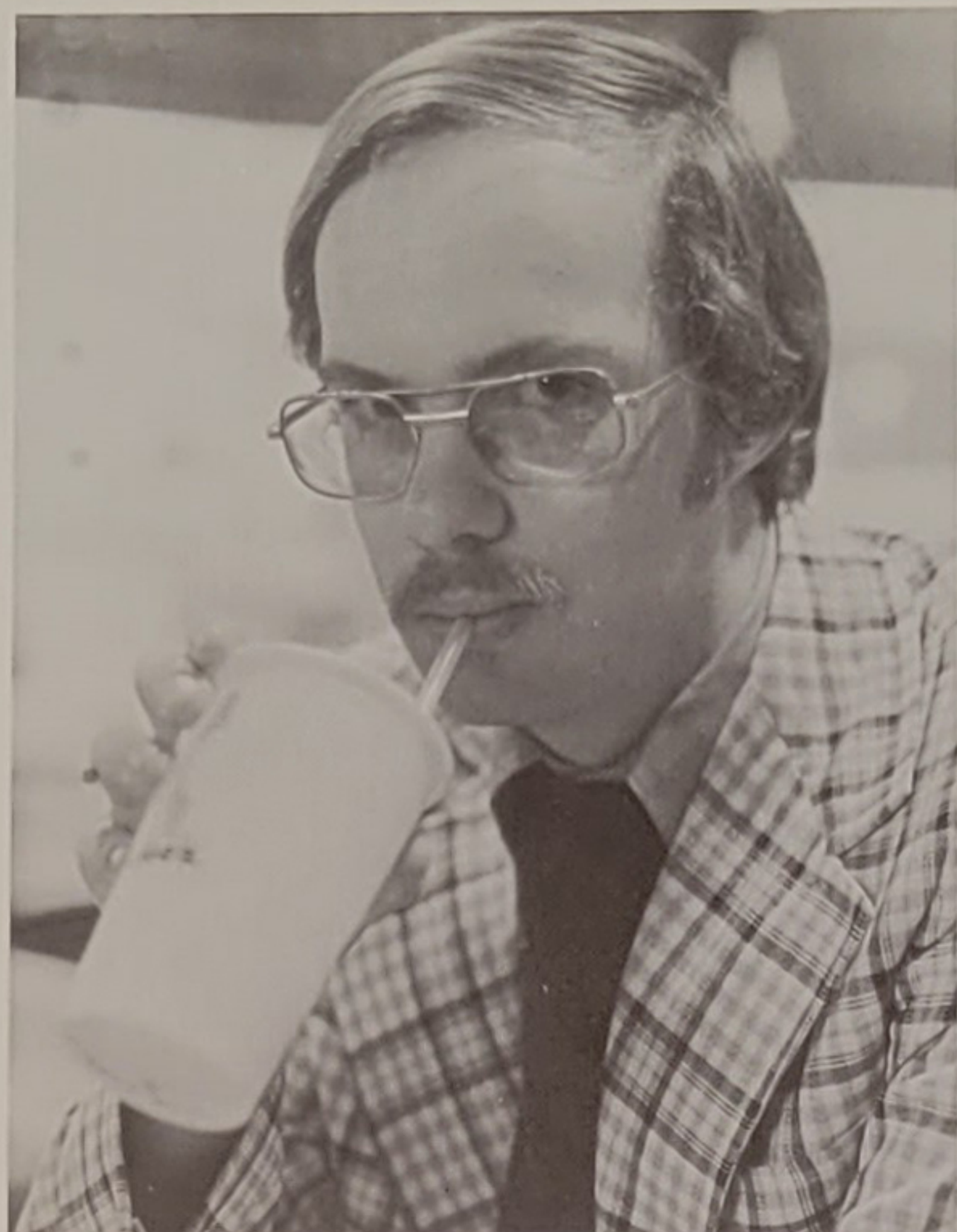
One prisoner had been saved independently of their ministry, and it was a joy for them to share with him. Another prisoner returned to the Lord. The team claimed the promise of Psalms 126:6 that their witness and literature will bear fruit for the Lord.



TOP: Jail Team members, left to right, Dennis Norling, Dan Nork, Jorja Beattie, and Bill Cline. ABOVE: Bill escorts Rich Harter and Tom Winger.



TOP: On your mark, get set, go! LEFT: How do you spell Neb-u-cud... ABOVE: Judi lets them know who the senior is.

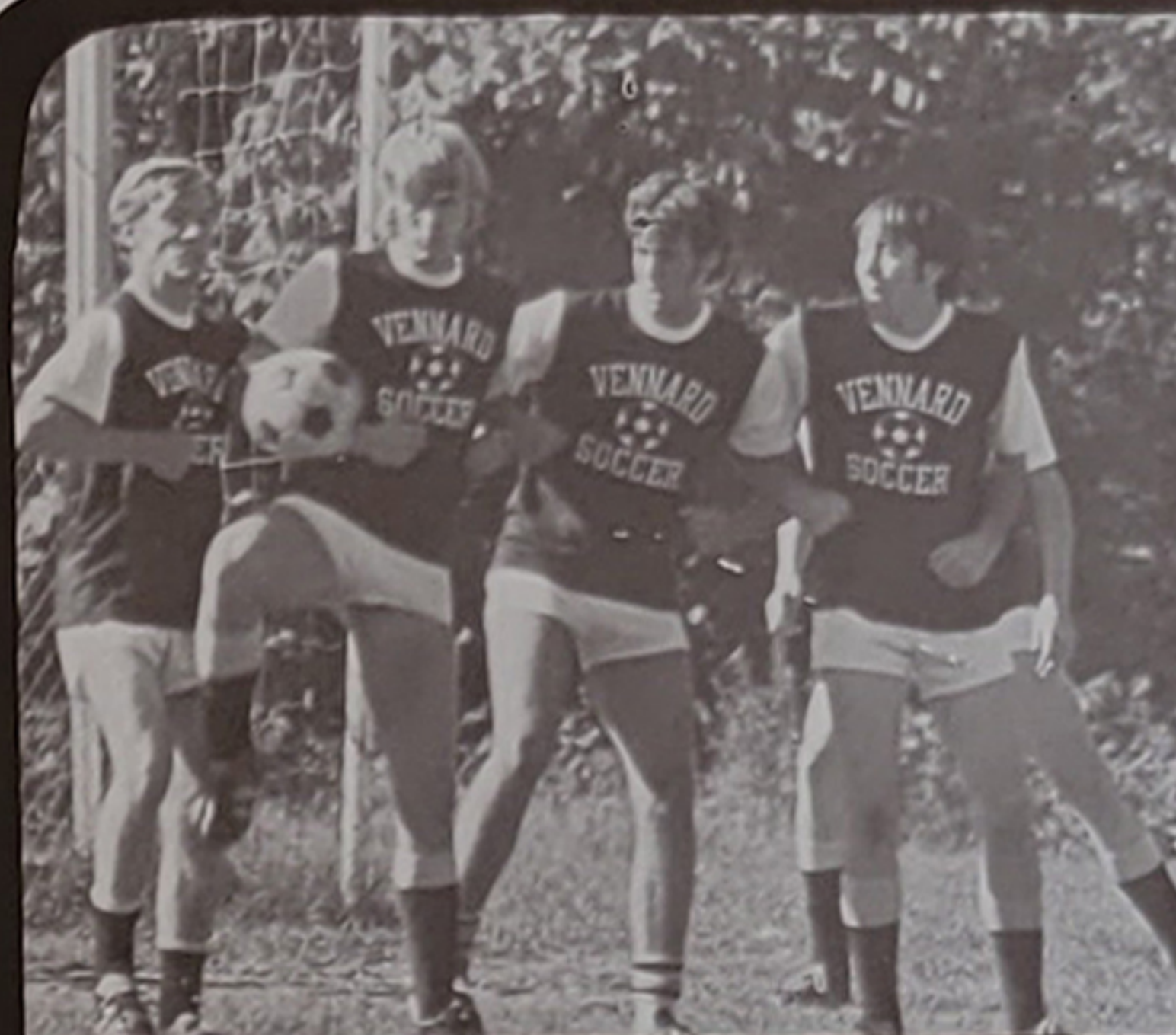


TOP: Look Ma, no handrails! TOP RIGHT: The cutest boy I ever saw, Was sippin' cider... ABOVE: Can you see the end? RIGHT: Lorna gets involved in Student Project.

TOP LEFT: Jane Hill pauses to glance out at the beautiful day. TOP RIGHT: Home is where you make it, huh Tom? ABOVE: Pat tries to study on choir tour. BOTTOM RIGHT: Next year you get to stay in the dorm!



Sports at Vennard have always been more than just seeing how many games could be won. Sports have given the college another outreach into an area of the world that only a player, a fan, or a coach could reach. As we reflect back on the past year, we realize that it was good to win and tough to lose, that it was fun to compete, and that it was satisfying just to be a part of it all. But the question we must all answer is, "Did we witness for Christ—as a player? as a fan? as the coach?" After all, that's what it is all about.



I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love is appearing. II Timothy 4:7,8.



SPORTS

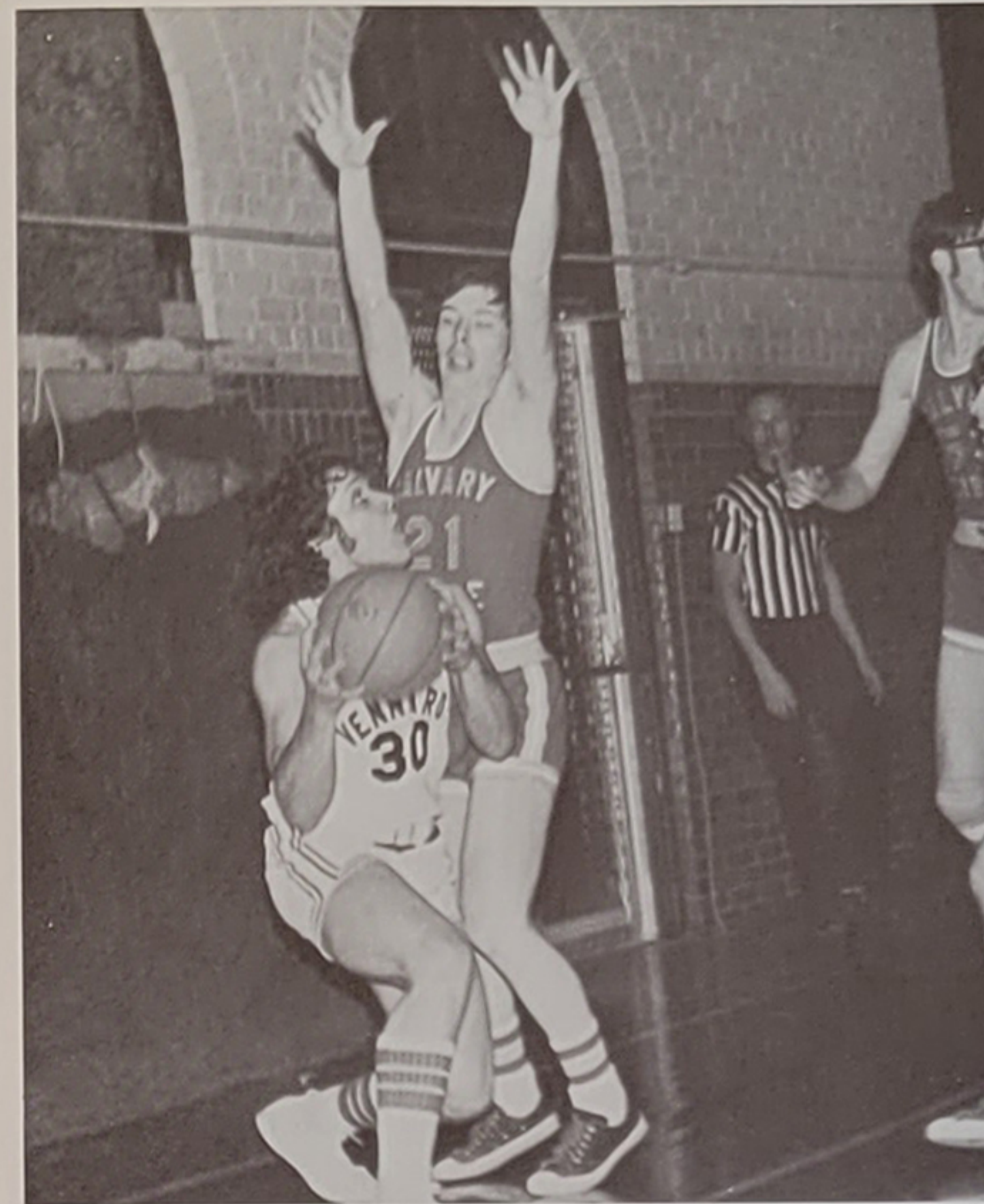
BASKETBALL



The Vegas. FRONT ROW, left to right: Mark Cooper, Brad Penn, Don Sanders, Randy Penhorwood, Al Toenes, and Norman Lum. BACK ROW: Ken Brakefield, Don Hotz, Don Moss, Jeff Israel, Dave McBride, and Gary Downard.

The Vennard Vegas enjoyed their best season in three years as they compiled a 9-11 record. This was a much more experienced and mature club than its record indicated. The only things that marred their season was a late season swoon that saw them lose their last six games. Coach John Parker was well pleased with the development of several key players: Jeff Israel, a freshman, developed to a truly top-flite forward in the course of the season; Gary Downard anchored an excellent defense; Brad Penn was again the team captain, while Ken Brakefield was his consistent self. Things are looking up for the Vegas next season as they lose only one starter off the squad, and another year of experience will be added.

Coach, one more time and I'll . . .

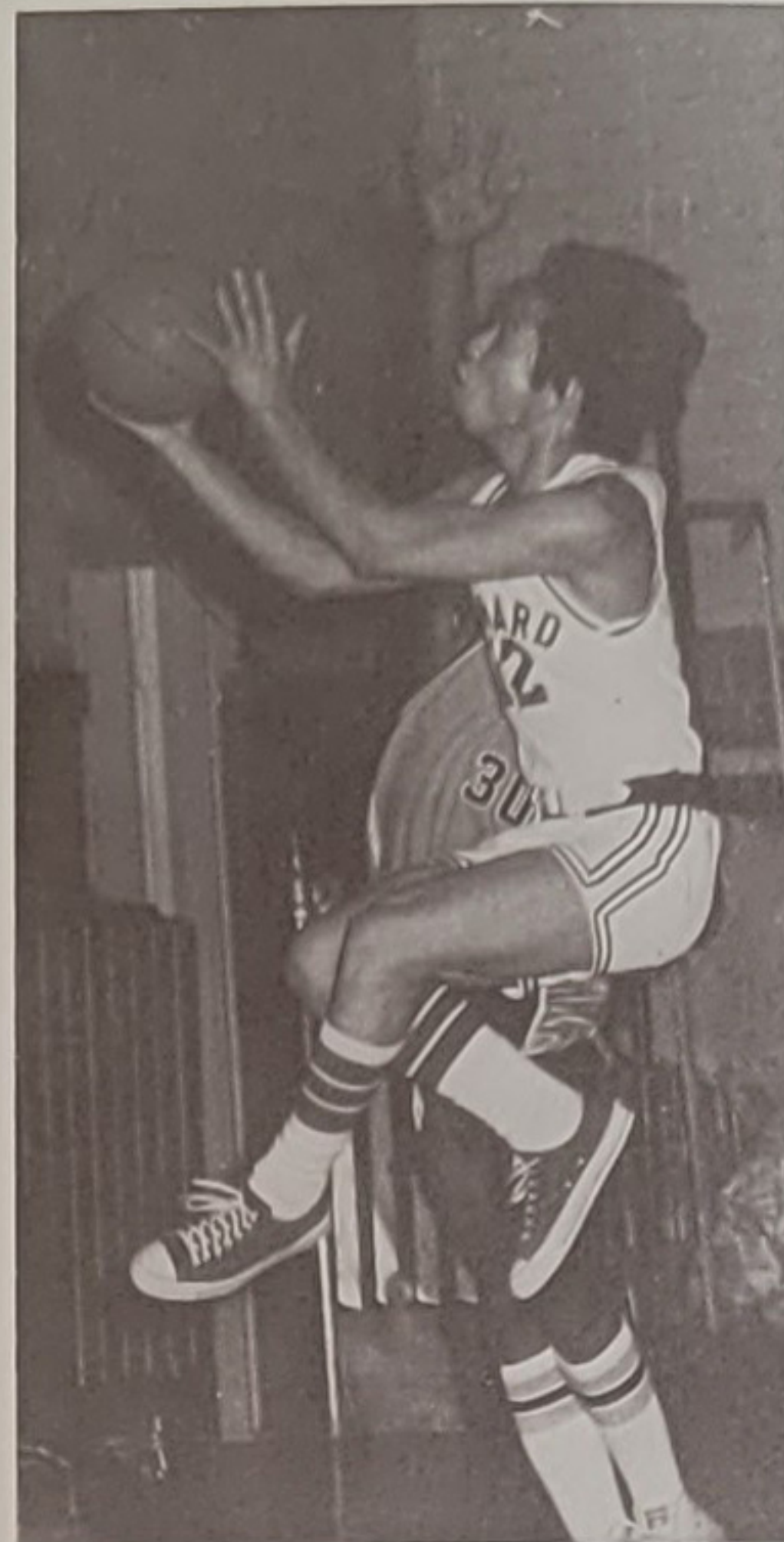


LEFT: Gary shoots under pressure. BELOW: Life in the locker room.



Jeff gets the outlet pass to Brad.

JV BASKETBALL



ABOVE, LEFT: Dave McBride putting on the move down court. ABOVE RIGHT: Norm (Norman Lum) tries for a layup. RIGHT: Action under the J.V. basket.



SOCCKER



Before the season started, promise was great, hopes were high in the soccer team because of a second place finish of 7-1 the previous spring. However, the Tornados slumped to a 2-6 mark in the Central Iowa Soccer League.

Part of this was due to the loss of nine players from the year before, but the main reasons were the lack of morale and the switch from team to club which was in violation with Vennard's concept of sports and the administration said, "No," to the use of the field and to the club as a college sport. Thus the team has disbanded leaving Vennard without soccer.



TOP: Paul Kellogg passes to Steve Robbins. ABOVE: The Tornados congratulate their conquerors.

CROSS COUNTRY



This year was the second year of existence for our cross country team, and while they did not win any of their dual meets, the team did accomplish two important goals: to give more of the men a chance to participate in an athletic program, and to get the basketball team in shape, since they were the majority of the competition.

TOP: We start the race with Penn. RIGHT: Gary Beecher on the course.



INTERMURALS



By far, this 75-76 intermural season was the best in every conceivable fashion. It started in September with the Second Annual J.S. Logan Open golf tournament won by a junior, Kerry Lake. The freshmen followed with victories in five team sports: football, men's basketball, and women's volleyball, softball, and basketball. The sophomores were victorious in men's volleyball and in another individual championship where Ike (Willie) Cowell won the "21" basketball shooting match. To date, the freshmen lead in the class point total with the sophomores second, juniors third, and the seniors fourth. Softball and the Second Annual Kletzing Memorial golf tournament are among the events left on the busy athletic schedule.



TOP: Is this the flag? ABOVE: Terry Israel makes a leap to catch the Alabama Kid (Alvin Toenes).



YOU'RE SOMEONE SPECIAL YOUTH CONFERENCE '76



by Dodie Anderson

Mention of Rev. Jay Selden from World Gospel Mission, Rev. Gary A. Henecke from Oskalousa Church of the Nazarene, and our own Mrs. Neva Miller bring memories of great times of sharing during the workshops of this year's Youth Conference.

Puppets and Christlife Singers combined their talents in a special performance affording a unique time of sharing and laughter. The faculty-staff skit was filled with revelation: teachers CAN BE humorous! Those who attended enjoyed challenging times such as the greased pig contest, the mud pit, and the fun night of student entertainment.



A special thanks goes to Mark and Kay Stevenson, Youth Conference directors, and their committee for a notable weekend.

EASTER SUNRISE

The Sophomore class, under the direction of June Selden and Alan Sherwood and under the help of president Ike Cowell, advisor Mr. Jim Zimmer, and music directors Prudy Salzer and Wyatt Smith, presented the early morning sunrise service.

The theme of the musical program, introduced by a skit, was entitled "Reality of a Relationship through the Resurrection."



THE BASKETBALL GAME THAT LASTED 59 HOURS

by Cindy Gunther

Ten students, in attempt to break the 60-hour world record in a basketball marathon, held April 29 to May 1, succeeded in reaching their goal of raising \$1,300 to reunite Nathaniel Korir, an international student from Kenya, East Africa, with his wife Rebecca.



Statewide press coverage was given by KBOE radio, United Press International, WHO T.V., and various newspapers.



There was a blue team, consisting of Jeff Israel, Don Moss, Brad Penn, Don Sanders and Gary Zikan; and a white team which had Gary Downard, Bob Smith, Mark Doll, Norman Lum, and Dave McBride playing. With no physical preparation, these enthusiastic players participated in this test of endurance, playing basketball for 59 consecutive hours with a ten-minute break at the end of every hour.

During their ten minute breaks, the players either ate or drank high protein snacks such as V-8 juice, raisins, instant breakfast, eggs, and Gator Aid with the help of Coronet Food Service supplying them. Their other alternative was to rest themselves and take it easy while volunteering students massaged their aching muscles and tired bones.

By Saturday morning, May 1, Don Moss had lost conception of where he was and said that he was making field goal attempts for a football team. Norman Lum was supposedly playing soccer and looking for the goalie. Don Sanders was searching for the cottage cheese in a grocery store. By the 60th hour, exhaustion claimed two of the players and rather than having anything worse happen to them, the game ended with 4,178 points for the white team, and 4,172 points for the blue. Although their goal was cut short by four hours and the world record by one hour, their original purpose of raising money for Nathaniel was reached. As one player, Bob Smith, put it, "I would rather have a friend than a world record."

The money for Nathaniel was raised by pledges made by students, faculty, staff, and the local community. God was truly present throughout the event.





We have this goat (Nanny, you say?) no, her name is Blossom. She has a "kid" named Bobby who was never staked out. He stuck close to Mommy's side except when he was either frolicking and romping, or deciding to play "King of the Mountain". He would get a running start and leap atop the roof of their adobe and commence to bleat at the top of his little lungs. Whenever someone went out to see Blossom or Bobby or even just to water and feed them. Blossom would be nonchalantly munching fresh green grass, while King Bobby, atop his mountain, waited to pounce upon his would-be revolutionists (out to overtake the king and his mountain). When the victim finally recovered from the shock and "agony of defeat", he couldn't help but roll with laughter at this silly, little mischief-maker and his possessive mother. I'll never forget the many memorable moments shared with this comical team of sportsters. (by Cindy Gunther)



Have you stopped to notice the many diversified personalities among our student body? Our growing-up experiences cause various degrees of nostalgia, but each has had a part in shaping our personalities, talents, and life philosophy. How exciting people are because of this assortment of heritages.



UNDERCLASS ALBUM

FRESHMEN



Linda Slaight and Colleen Ortmann take a stroll after classes. BELOW: Rob Bacon displays his initiation beanie.



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Colleen enjoys the yearbook workshop in Ankeny, Iowa.



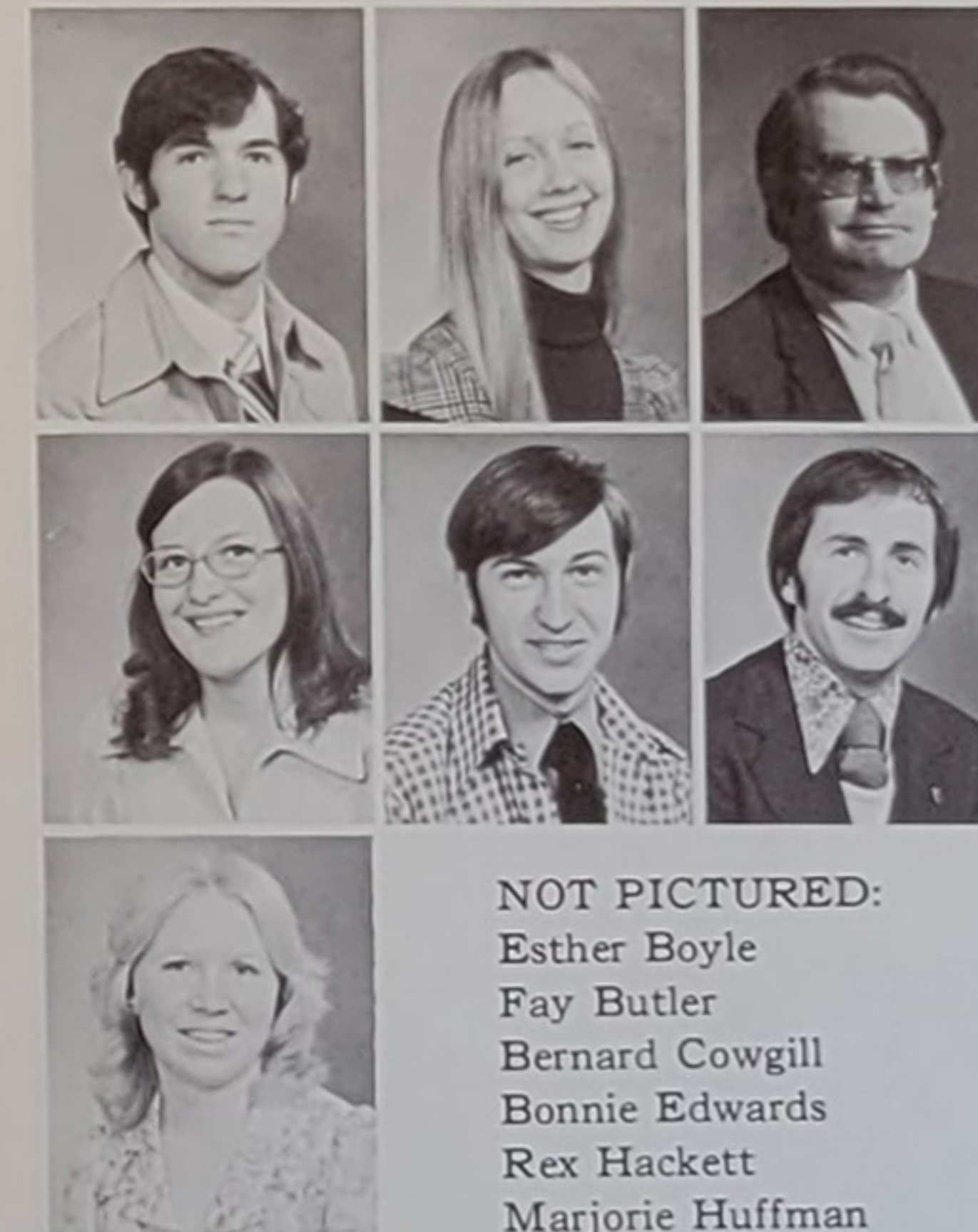
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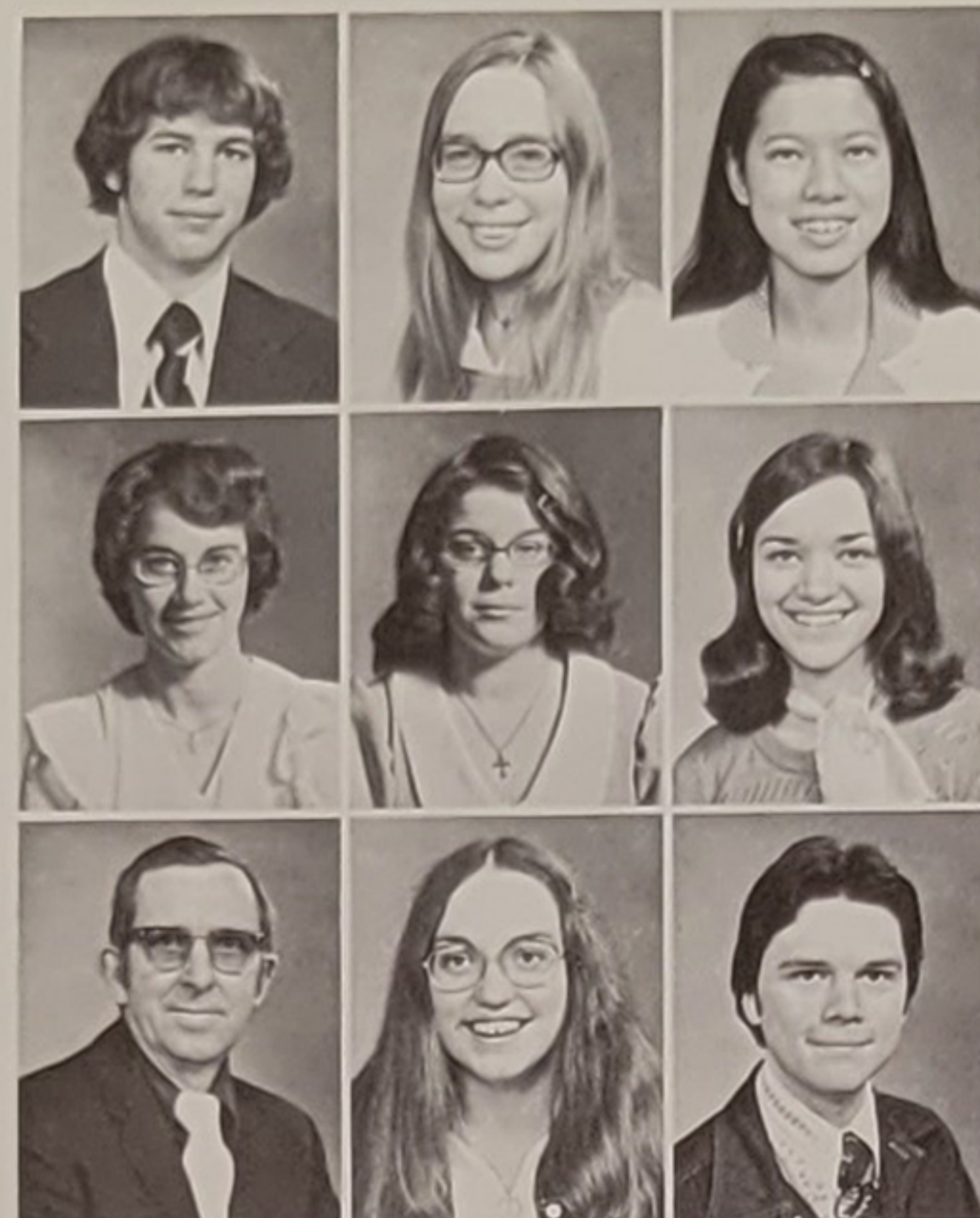


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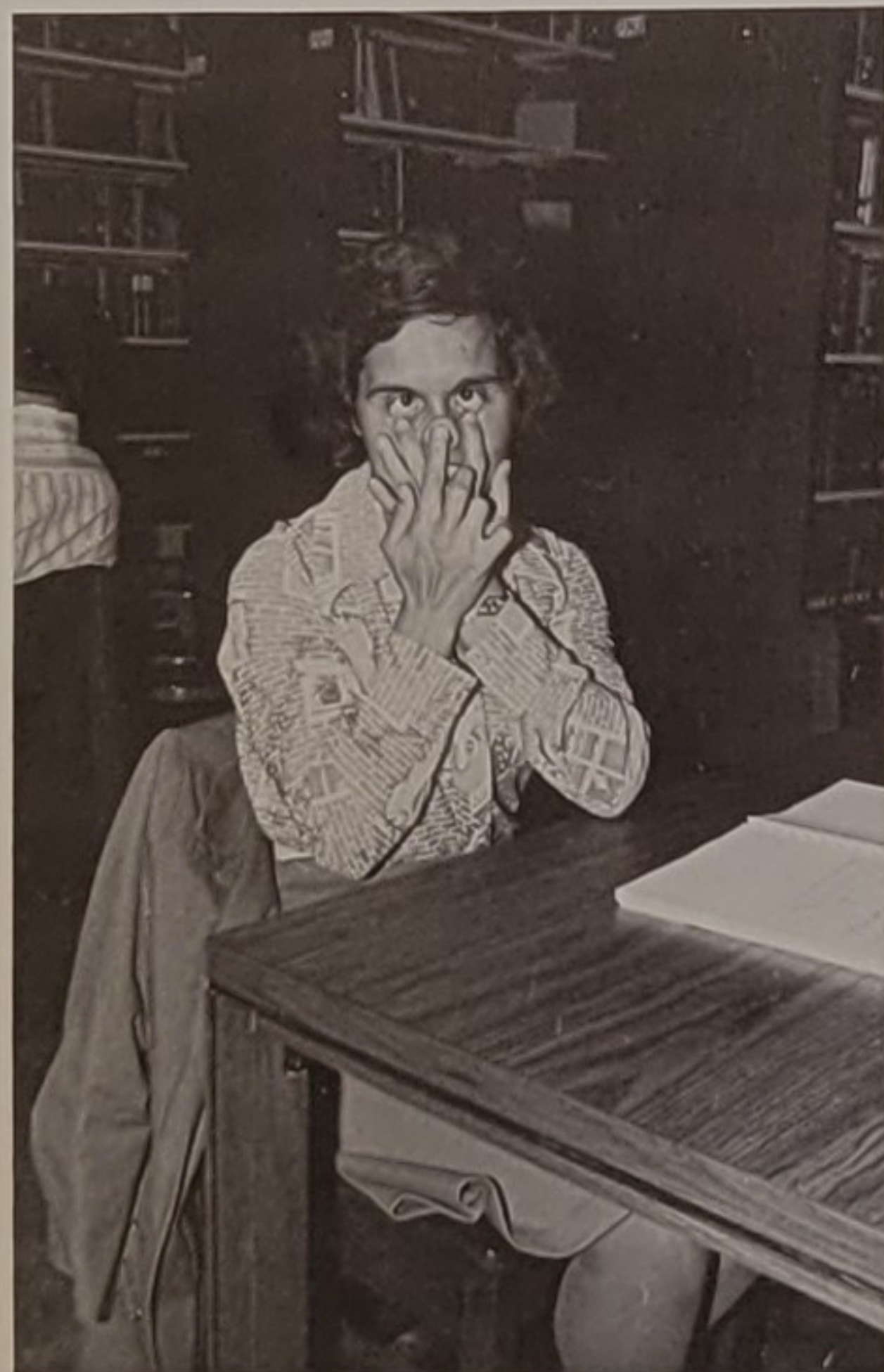


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Daryl and Bonnie Johnston at a married student's gathering.



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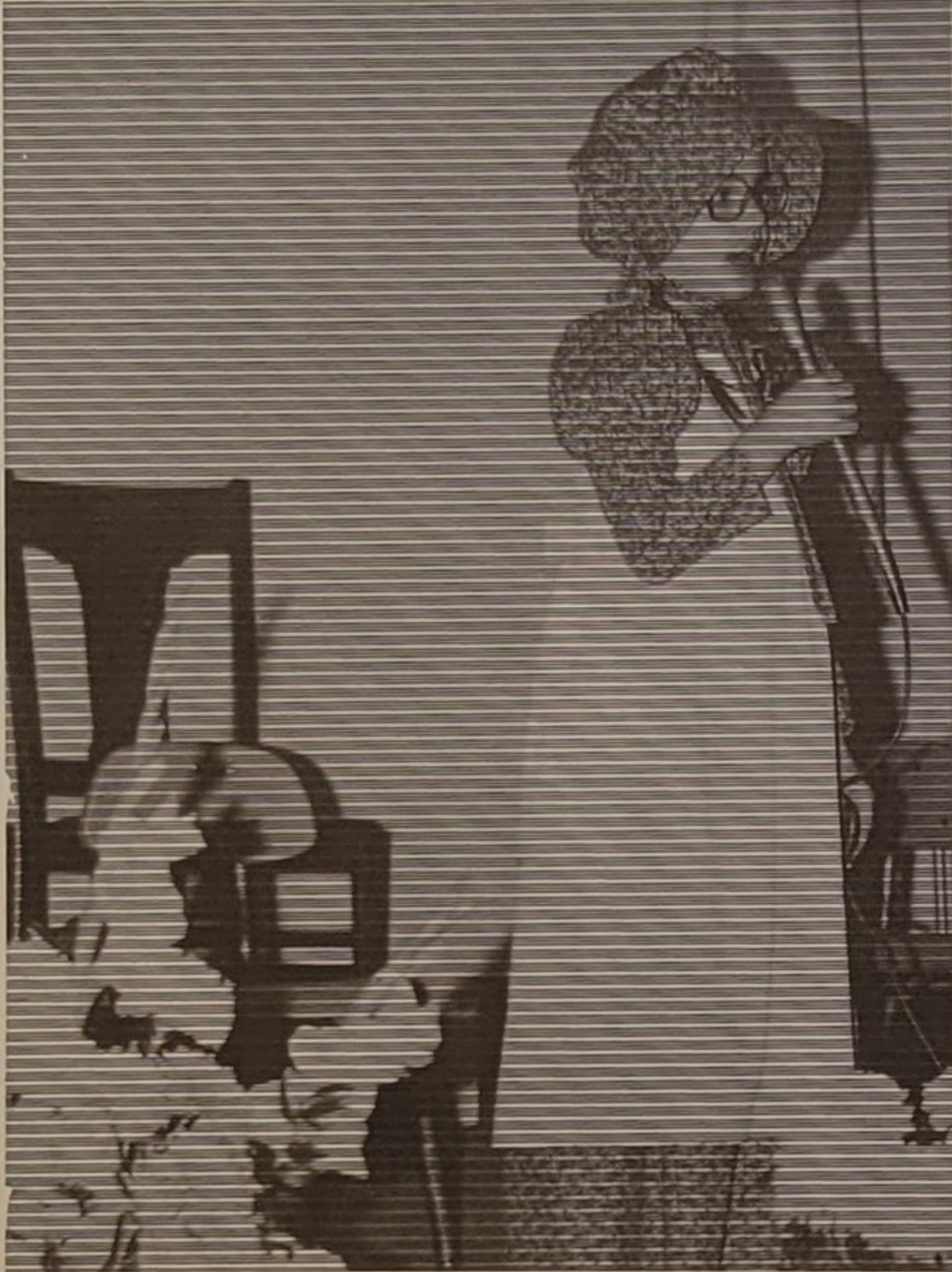


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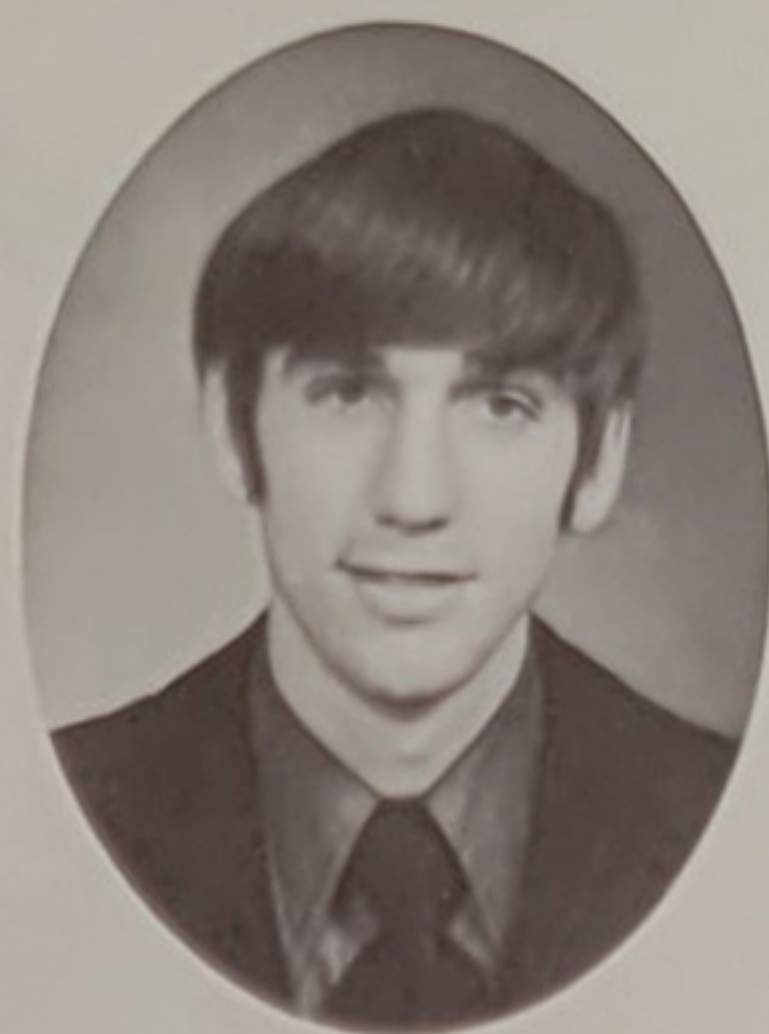
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Students that have spent any length of time at Vennard have added hoards of memories to their lives. Friends made here will be life long. Lessons learned will be embedded. Spiritual experiences will be lasting. Experiences of working together, dorm life, praying together, singing together, and living together will be most precious in days to come.

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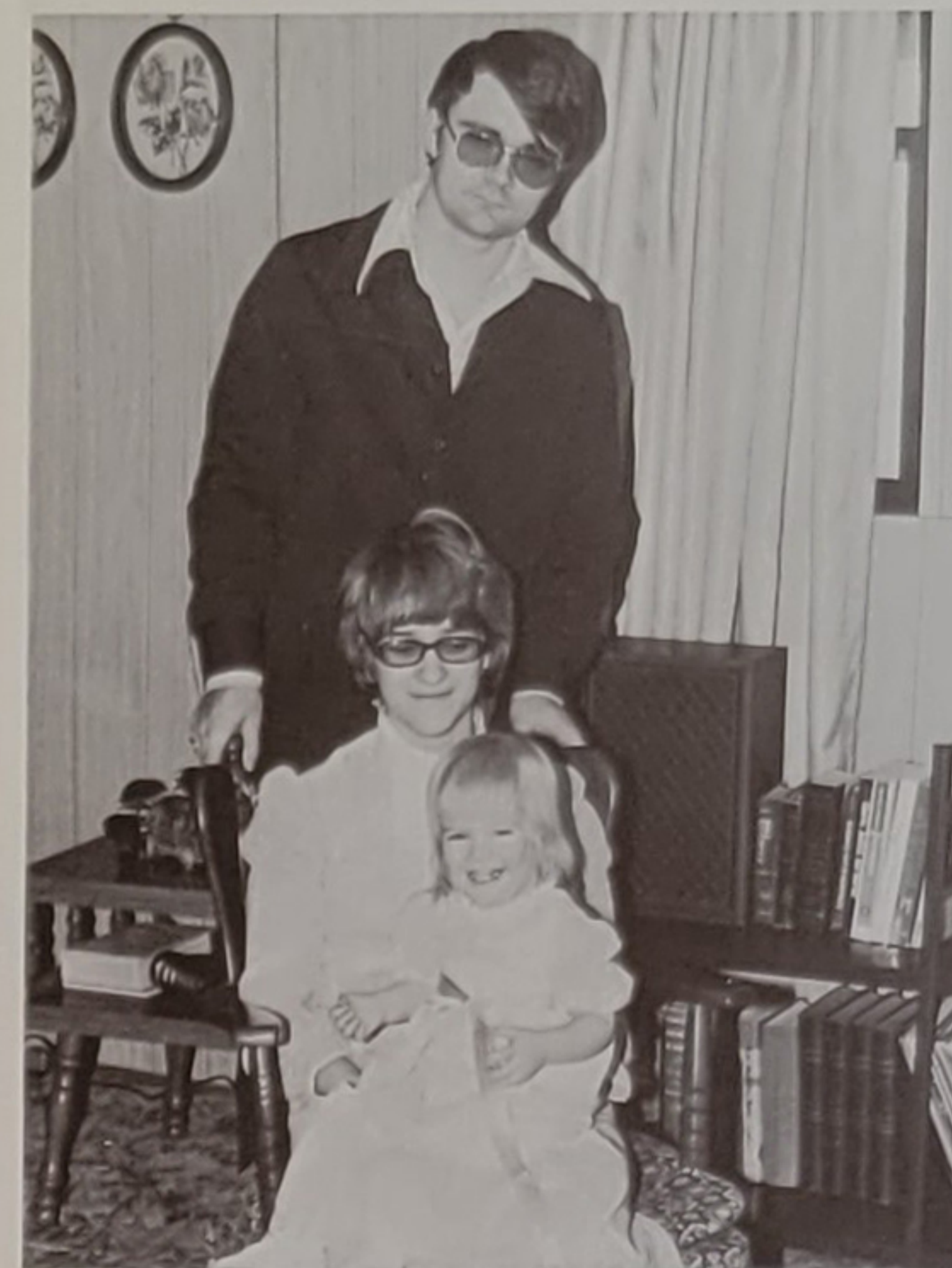
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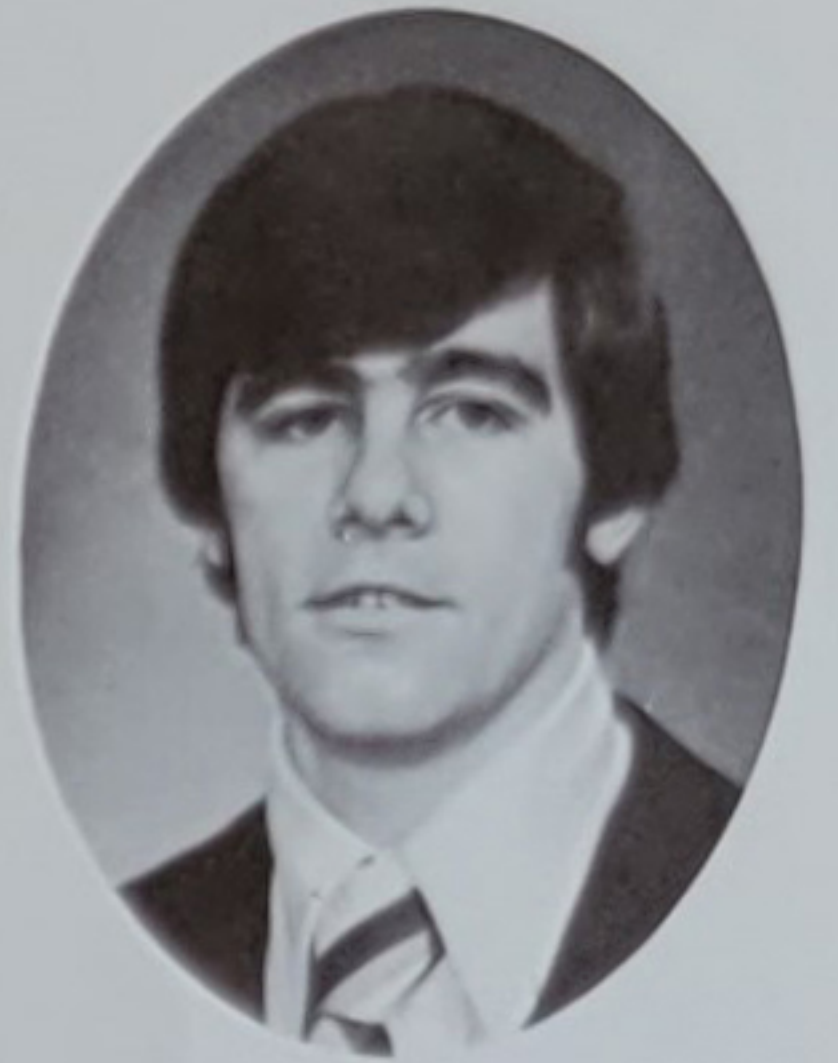
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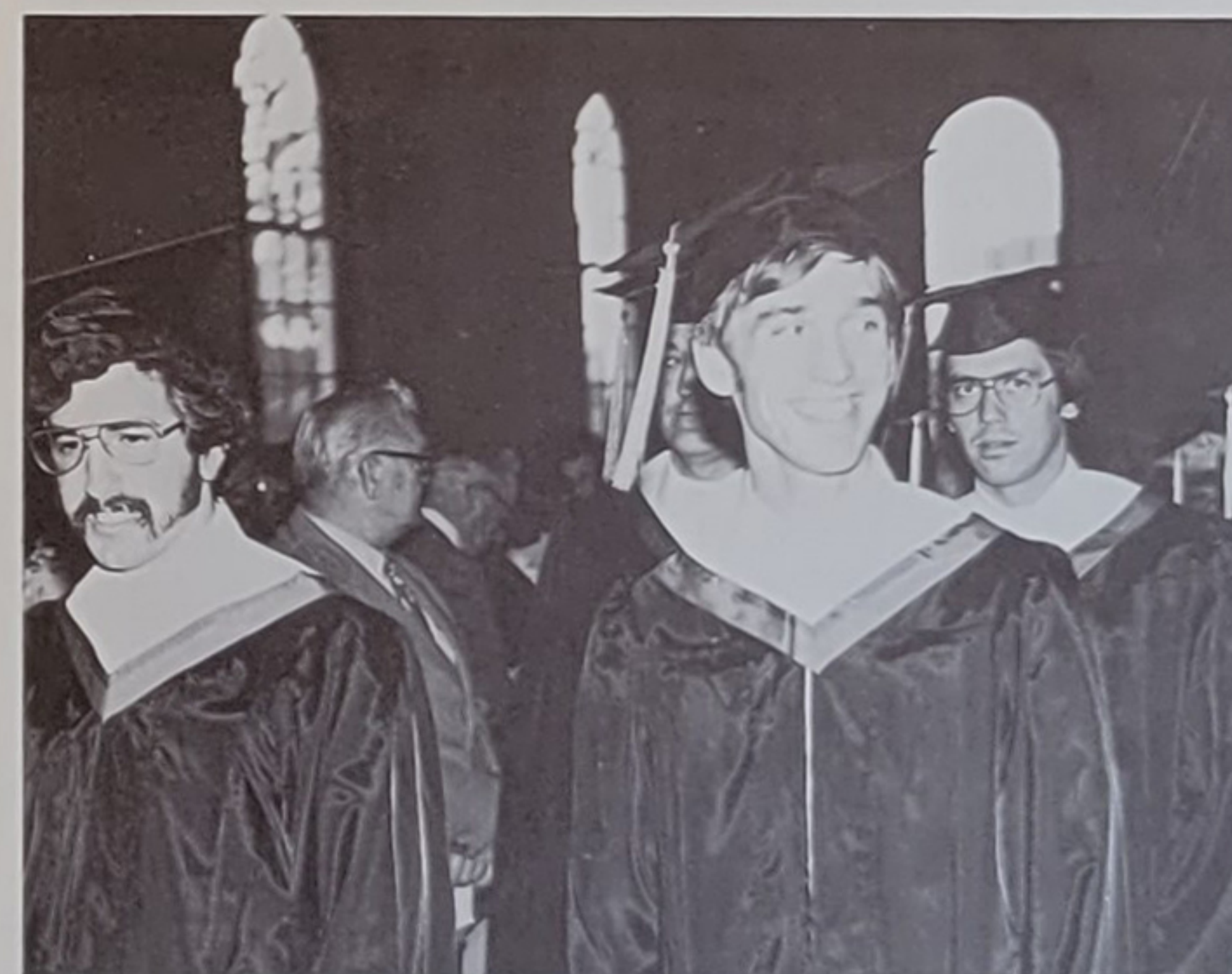
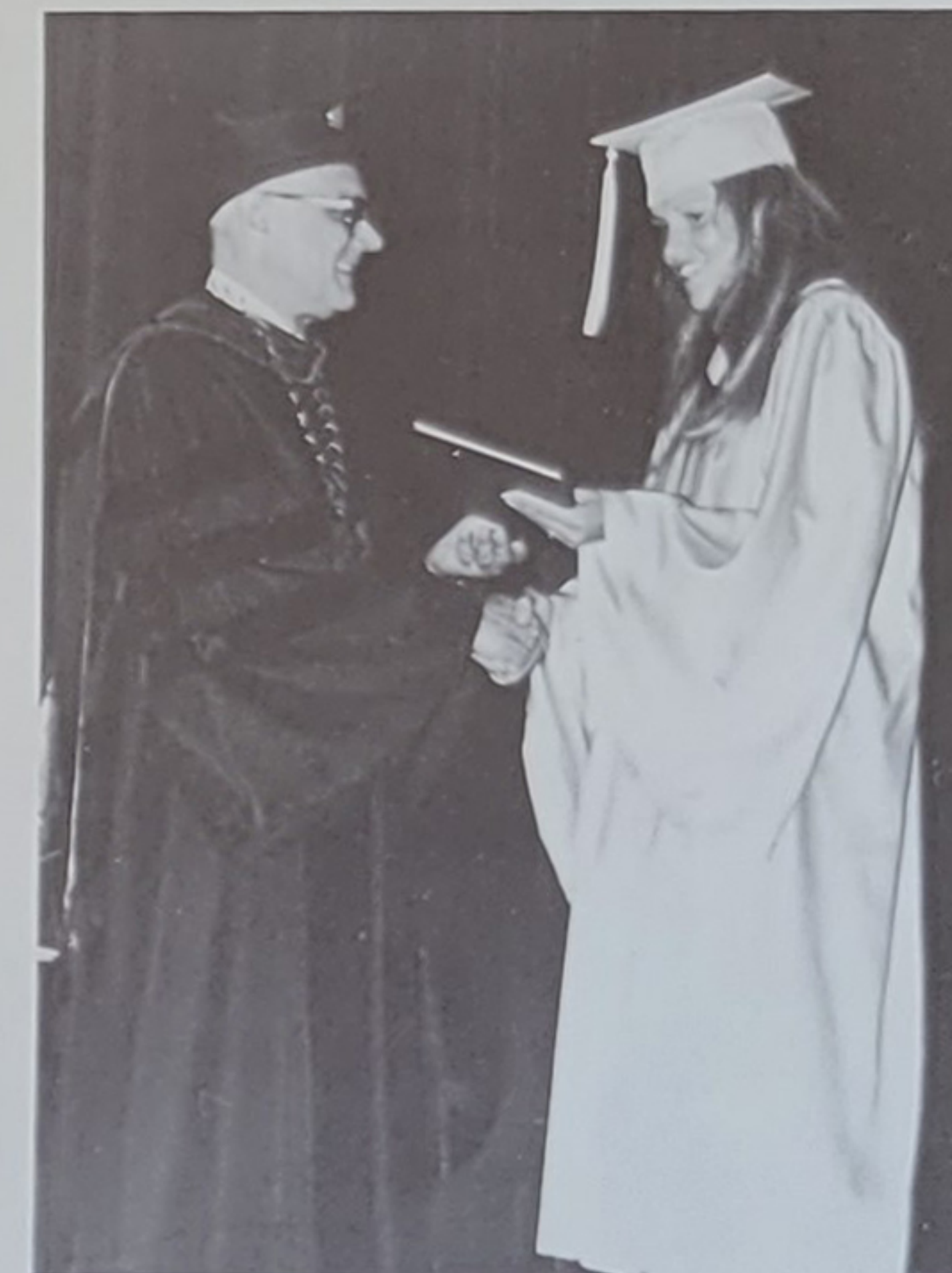
RIGHT: Seniors decorate for their Senior Worship Service. BELOW: Receptions are a good time of sharing. BOTTOM LEFT: Kay Stevenson gives her witness to the Vennard family. BOTTOM RIGHT: Dr. Harris gives seniors their Dove and Triangle pins.



Smiles, tears, hopes and happiness. Graduation was a montage of memories for 20 seniors and 8 Associate in Arts students of the Bicentennial class as they received their diplomas on that stormy Saturday morning.

Commencement speaker Dr. C. Philip Hinerman, of Minneapolis, challenged the class from Exodus 32, suggesting three steps to avoid the worship of the golden calf—conscious choice, total surrender, and life-long service. Christlife and A Cappella Choir both sang stirring patriotic numbers.

Seniors marched out as alumni to the never trite "Lead On, Oh King Eternal." Through "days of preparation" God granted grace to choose, to surrender, and now, to serve.



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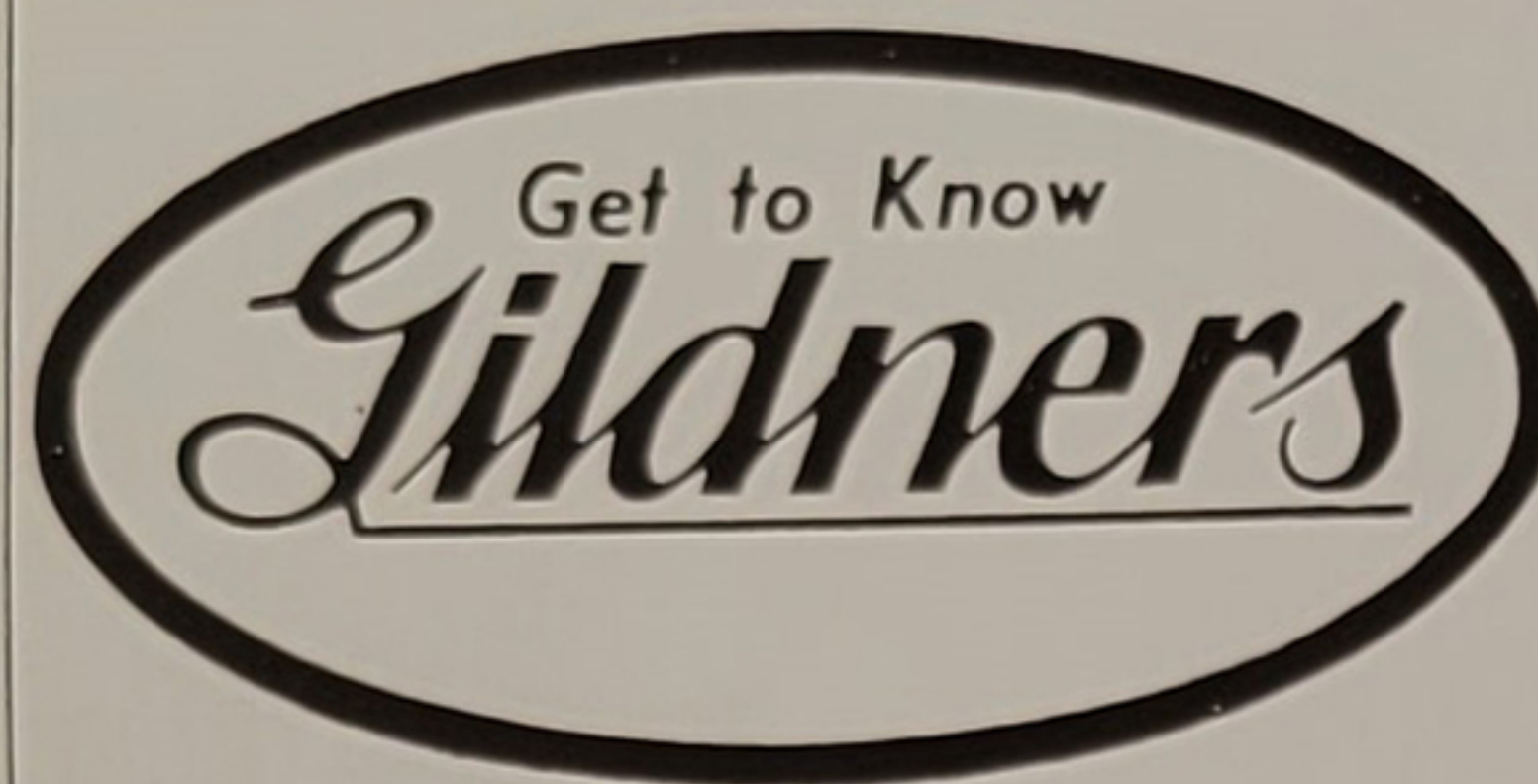
TOP: Judi Adkins. CENTER: Seniors meet their guests. ABOVE: Dee Barclay receives her diploma. LEFT: A joyous day for the Seniors.



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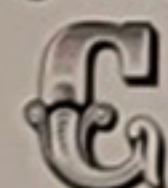
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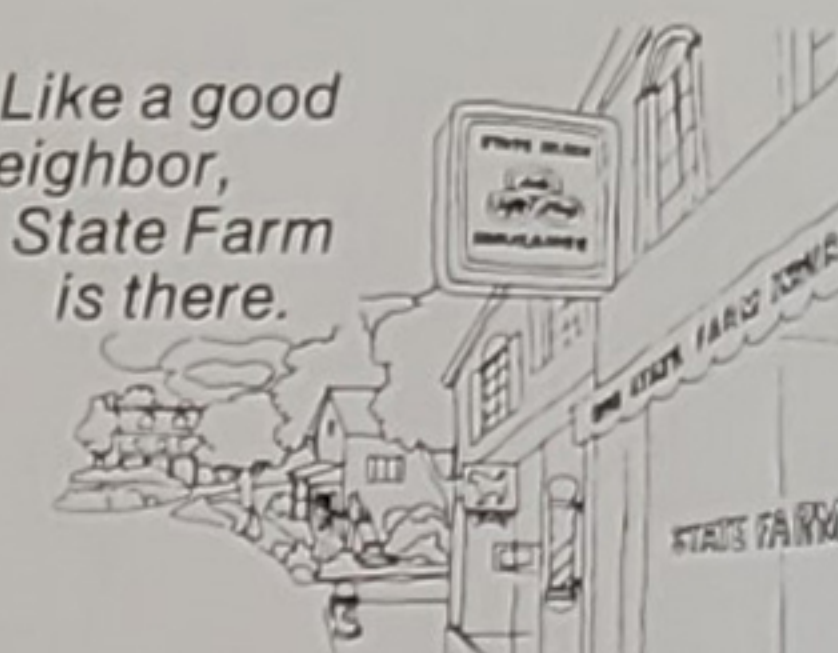
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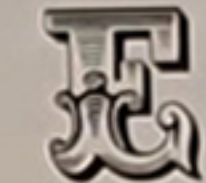
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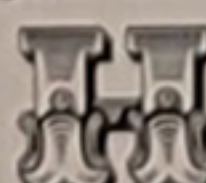
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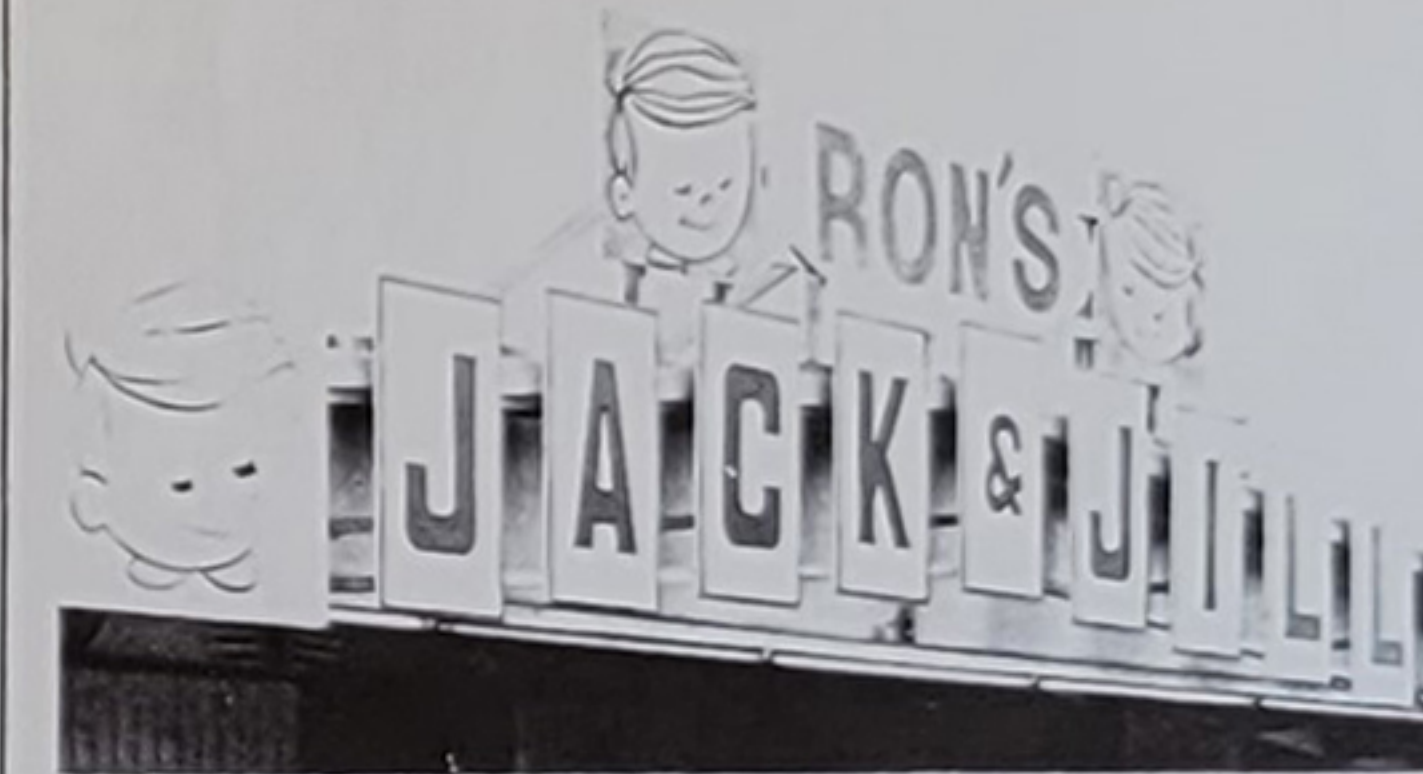
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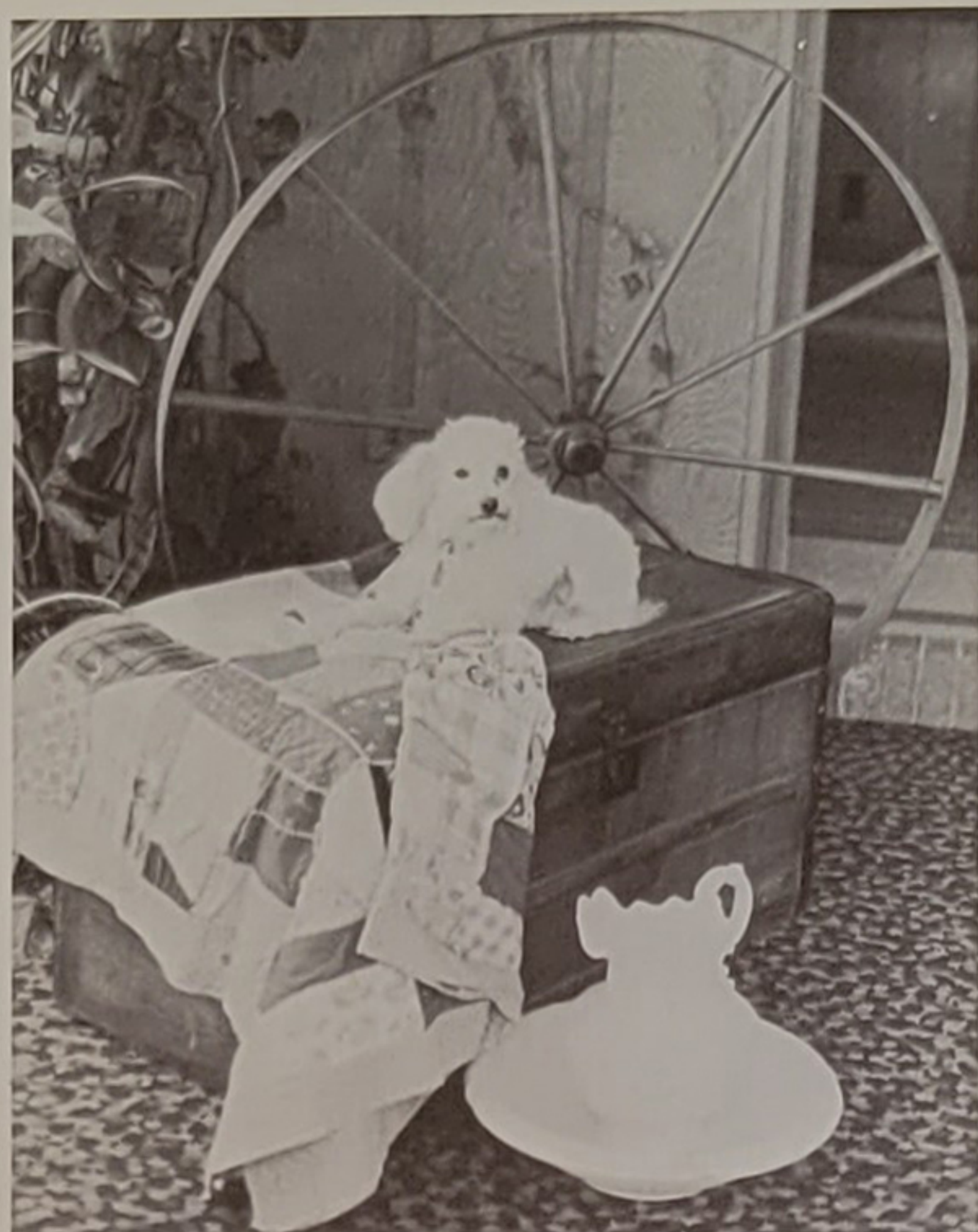
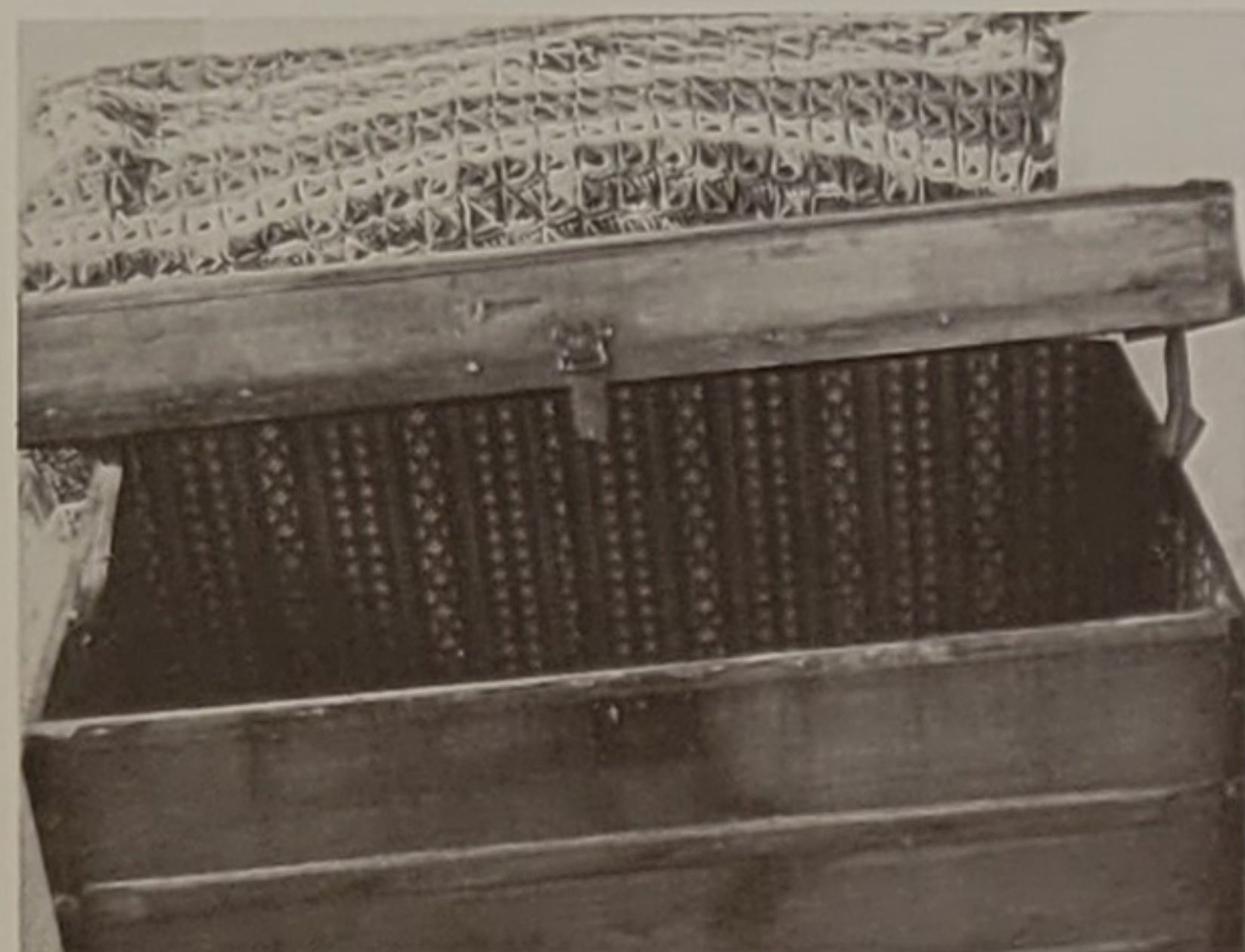
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