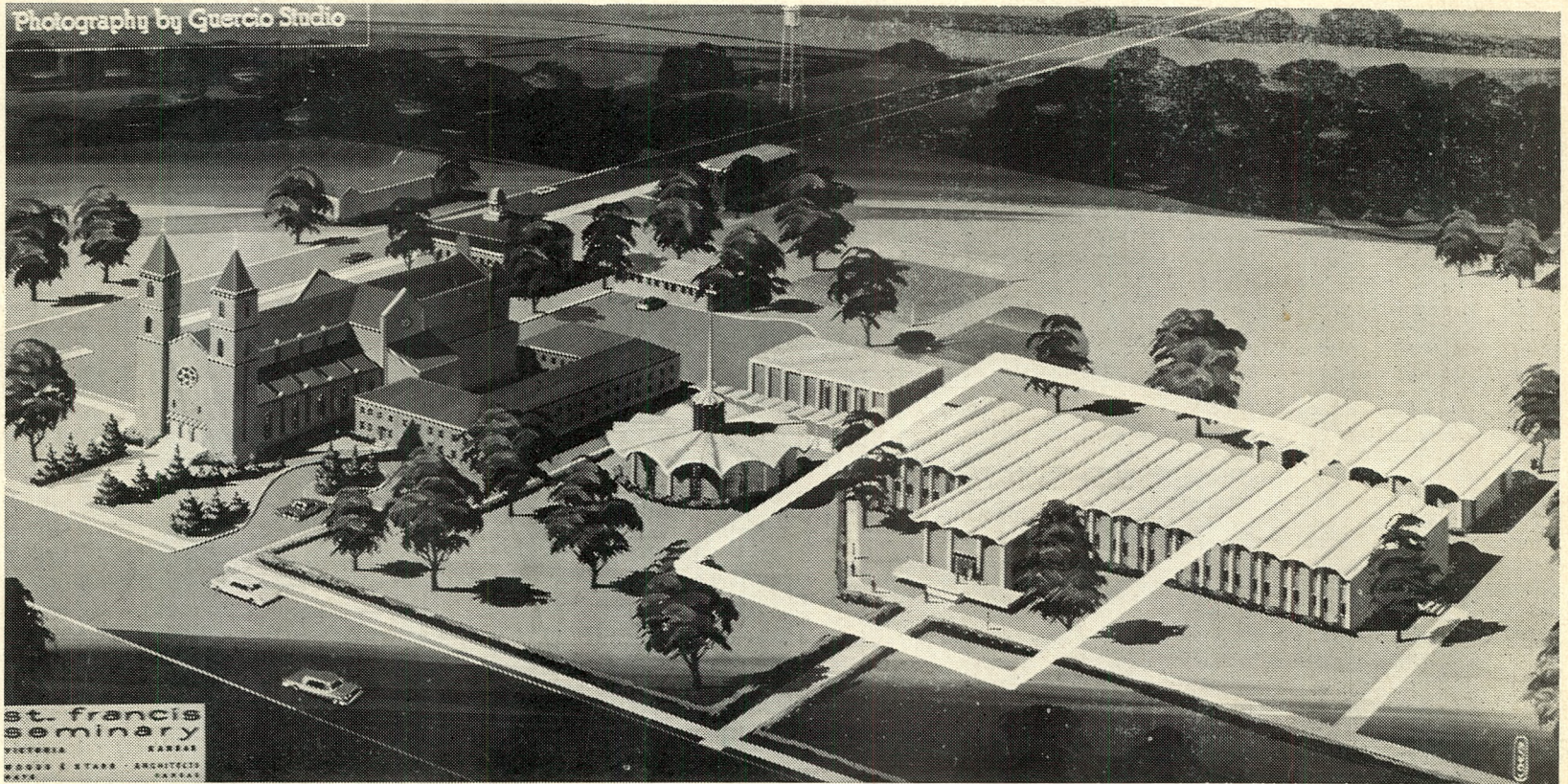


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Capuchin Fathers Build New St. Francis Seminary Main Building Under Construction

Father Christian Fey, O.F.M. Cap., Rector, officially launched the new St. Francis Seminary building program at the ground breaking ceremonies, Sunday afternoon, February 27. In the presence of local dignitaries from Victoria and Hays, the parents and relatives of the seminarians, and friends and benefactors of St. Francis Seminary, Father Christian blessed the ground and invoked God's blessing on the success of the project and His protection for the workers of the construction crew.

Woods and Starr Architects

The plans for the new seminary, designed by Woods and Starr Architects of Hays, were approved by the Very Reverend Father Giles Staab, O.F.M.Cap., Provincial of the St. Augustine Province of Capuchins, and his Consultors, the Very Reverend Alfred Carney, O.F.M.Cap., of Hays, the Very Reverend Thomas More Janecek, O.F.M.Cap., of Hays, the Very Reverend Mark Linenberger, O.F.M. Cap., of Atwood, and the Very Reverend Lawrence Wiest, O.F.M.Cap., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The J. R. Maska Construction Company of Hays received the general contract.

Ten Year Program

The new seminary project is planned for a ten year program. Four buildings will be erected: the main building comprising dormitory and classroom facilities, chapel, auditorium and gymnasium. The new seminary of brick and concrete construction will be situated south of the present St. Francis Seminary where the Capuchin Fathers have been engaged

in training candidates for the priesthood since 1948.

Main Building Under Construction

The main building of the new seminary (see blocked section of photo) to which an additional wing will later be added, is now under construction. Smooth progress has been made since construction was started last February. To date the steel-enforced concrete walls and pillars of the basement have been erected. The plans and contract call for completion of this portion of the new seminary by August of 1962.

To Accommodate 120 Students

The lack of space and overcrowded conditions prompted the Capuchin Fathers to initiate the building program. At present 60 young men are preparing themselves for the priesthood here at St. Francis. The new seminary project will house an estimated 120 students.

The building program is being financed by the Capuchin Friars of the St. Augustine Province together with the much-needed support of the generous friends and benefactors of St. Francis Seminary.

St. Francis Graduates Nine

On Sunday, May 21, 1961, nine young men will graduate from St. Francis Seminary, the largest class in the history of the school.

In the morning a High Mass will be offered in the seminary chapel by Father Christian Fey, Rector of the seminary.

Academic Exercises

The academic exercises will begin at 2:30 P.M. in St. Fidelis Church, Victoria. His Excellency, Bishop Frederick W. Freking, Bishop of Salina, will preside at the ceremonies, and present the graduates their diplomas. The commencement address will be delivered by the Very Reverend Father Giles Staab, Provincial of the St. Augustine Province of the Capuchin Fathers. The seminary choir under the direction of Father Francis will furnish the music for the occasion. Solemn Pontifical Benediction will bring to a close the afternoon ceremony.

Enter College

This fall the graduating class will enter college to continue their studies for the priesthood. Five of the graduates will attend St. Fidelis College, the Capuchin seminary in Herman, Pennsylvania. The others will enter colleges, to be determined by their respective bishops.

The faculty and the student body wish our graduates the best of blessings in their continued journey toward the priesthood. And we hope that with the help of God they will reach their goal successfully.

Student Publication Adopts New Look

The KANSISCAN, student publication of St. Francis Seminary, with this issue has launched out into the field of journalism. The name, KANSISCAN, is a combination of two names identifying the paper with the patron of the seminary and the state where it is located—Kansas and Franciscan.

11 Years of Progress

Eleven years have passed since the first issue of the KANSISCAN was published by the students of the seminary. The publication first appeared as a series of typewritten articles which were tacked to a large bulletin board. Later, for purposes of distribution, the students turned to the mimeograph machine. Working with stencil, stylus, and ink the seminarians "ran-off" the first printed copies of the KANSISCAN. The published copy appeared as a staple-bound magazine. Emphasis was placed on feature articles.

The main reason prompting the change of format is the hope of increasing the number of readers of the student publication. With this issue of the KANSISCAN, the staff and seminarians also hope to increase the number of friends of St. Francis Seminary.

Appreciation

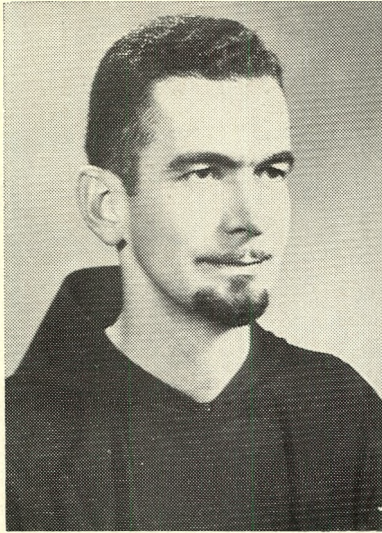
Father Simon Conrad, O.F.M.Cap.
Spiritual Director

Several years ago a publisher of a magazine asked celebrities all over the world what they really wanted most—what they would ask for if they could have anything they wanted.

One well-known architect wanted a garden, and a very small greenhouse. A famous writer said, "Give me health and I'll take care of the rest." A wealthy society woman wanted a young zebra. Another, a little Vermont farm with a brook, an apple orchard, and an old house furnished with all old things. A prominent lawyer desired most to have an uninterrupted day at his house in the country, with his grandchildren. Another wished for the ability to hear the language of animals. One of the most loved and respected of the celebrities, when asked what he desired above all else, replied: "I would ask that I be given an even greater ability to appreciate all that I now have."

Surely, this last person with a real sense of values echoes the thought of every good seminarian. The seminarian has been singled out by God with the choicest gift of a priestly vocation. He knows that he shares the secrets of the King and, if God so wills, may one day ascend the altar to impersonate Christ and share His powers. If asked what he wants above all else, the grateful seminarian may rightly answer: "I pray that I be given an even greater ability to appreciate all that I now have."

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, teaches this art of appreciation, this virtue of gratitude. She sang her song of appreciation in the Magnificat: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid; for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; because He who is mighty has



done great things for me, and holy is His name..." Mary was grateful even before Jesus was born; her appreciation anticipated the dignity of divine motherhood.

The young seminarian, in the Maytime of life and with Mary as inspiration, can learn to anticipate the dignity of being "another Christ" by being grateful for his priestly vocation in advance. He seeks to preserve his vocation through an ever-increasing appreciation of it now, knowing that He who is mighty has already done great things for him. He prays for an even greater appreciation of all that he now has.

Sing your song of thanksgiving, for you are now another grace-filled year closer to the priesthood. What to think, what to say, what to do may be found in the rite of ordination when the Bishop says: "Dearly beloved sons, you are now about to be consecrated to the office of the priesthood, endeavor to receive it worthily, and when you have received it, to fulfill its duties blamelessly." Receive it worthily; fulfill its duties blamelessly; this is the score of your personal Magnificat.

Seminarians To Witness Ordination Of Three Alumni

On Saturday morning, May 20, 1961, at 10 o'clock, Bishop Frederick W. Freking of Salina will ordain three alumni of St. Francis Seminary to the priesthood. The Capuchin ordinands, Frater Matthew Gross, Frater Duane Haselhorst, and Frater Harvey Dinkel, were members of the second graduating class of St. Francis Seminary.

Assisting the bishop at the ordination will be Father Alfred Carney, O.F.M.Cap., and Father Kenan Crowley, O.F.M.Cap. Father Albert Heier and Father Thomas Aquinas Dutkiewicz, O.F.M.Cap., will act as masters of ceremony. Members of the senior class of St. Francis Seminary will serve the Mass.

Fraters Matthew, Duane and Harvey began their studies for the priesthood at St. Francis Seminary in 1949. After graduating in 1953 they entered St. Fidelis College and Seminary in Herman, Pa. The ordinands interrupted their college course in 1955 to enter the Capuchin Novitiate at Annapolis, Md., and a year later made their profession in the Capuchin Order. After completing their college work

they received the Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Fidelis College. For the last three years they have been studying theology at Capuchin College in Washington, D.C. Following their ordination they will return to Washington to complete their course in theology, and in the following year, they will go to the Pastoral School at St. Augustine's in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Father Matthew, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albines Gross of Hays, will offer his first Solemn Mass Sunday afternoon, May 21, at 4 o'clock, in St. Joseph's church in Hays. Father Harvey, the son of Mr. Frank Dinkel of Victoria, will celebrate his First Solemn Mass in St. Fidelis church, Victoria, Monday morning, May 22, at 10 a.m. Our Lady, Help of Christians church. Antonino, will witness the First Solemn Mass of Father Duane Haselhorst, son of Mrs. Minnie Haselhorst of Antonino, on Sunday morning, May 21 at 10 o'clock.

We at St. Francis Seminary are proud of our alumni and wish Fathers Matthew, Duane, and Harvey God's blessings and many fruitful years in the priesthood.

Father Rector Develops New Skills

by Randolph Brull

Father Rector's reputation as a handyman is a by-word here at the seminary. But of late, he has been using his abilities in the woodworking field in another way besides repairing broken desks, doors, and drains. He has turned his talents to veneer work, or more specifically to marquetry, (defined in Webster's as: "Inlaid work, as in furniture; work inlaid with wood, ivory, etc.")

His tools are an ancient jig saw and an old book press, both of which should have gone out with the square wheel. But Father is not discouraged by these handicaps. With a large supply of veneer given him by one of his friends, he has turned out some fine pictures.

Using a pattern or template, he cuts his different shades of veneer into shapes that will later fit together to form a complete picture, something like a jigsaw puzzle. (Some of the pieces he cuts out are smaller than a thumbnail.) Taking his pieces then, he glues them to a piece of plywood, applying pressure with the old book press.

After the glue is dry, since the pieces don't join perfectly, he fills in the cracks with a special wood filler, lets it dry, then begins the process of sanding. This in itself requires delicate handling as some of the woods he uses for the different shades are hard and some soft. He must be careful not to sand through the softwoods and still get the hardwoods smooth.

Next he applies a coat of clear varnish and lets the masterpiece dry. He brings it up to his room, shows it to the seminarians, tells them what is wrong with it, what color wood he should have used etc., and the next day is down in the workshop again working on another one.

Father Christian's collection of mosaics in wood includes a picture of St. Francis and a Madonna and Child, among others, and he is currently working on a series of seven, the joys of the Blessed Virgin.

His work has steadily improved so that now his finished products are a real pleasure to look at. Whenever his work is praised, Father Christian jokingly speculates on the idea of making them for profit, and using the money to pay for the new seminary.

Campus Chatter

Rector's Day

On Monday, March 20, the students of St. Francis Seminary celebrated their first Rector's Day. The students enjoyed a free day, followed by an evening of entertainment, prepared and presented especially for the Rector, Father Christian. The freshman class staged a comedy western, "Bad Day at Bleak Creek." The seminary choir also entertained the rector with an especially arranged medley of songs. The evening's entertainment was followed by refreshments.

Choral Program

For the benefit of parents, relatives, and friends, the seminary choir presented a musical arrangement of nine songs on visiting day, Sunday afternoon, April 9. The four-voice choir delighted the audience and the program was a success.

C.Y.O. Rally

The junior and senior classes of the seminary attended the annual C.Y.O. Rally at Salina, Kansas, on Monday, May 1. During the Solemn Mass, which initiated the rally, the seminary choir sang the propers. Following the rally, the seminarians toured historic Fort Riley and the Eisenhower Memorial at Abilene.

Recollection Day

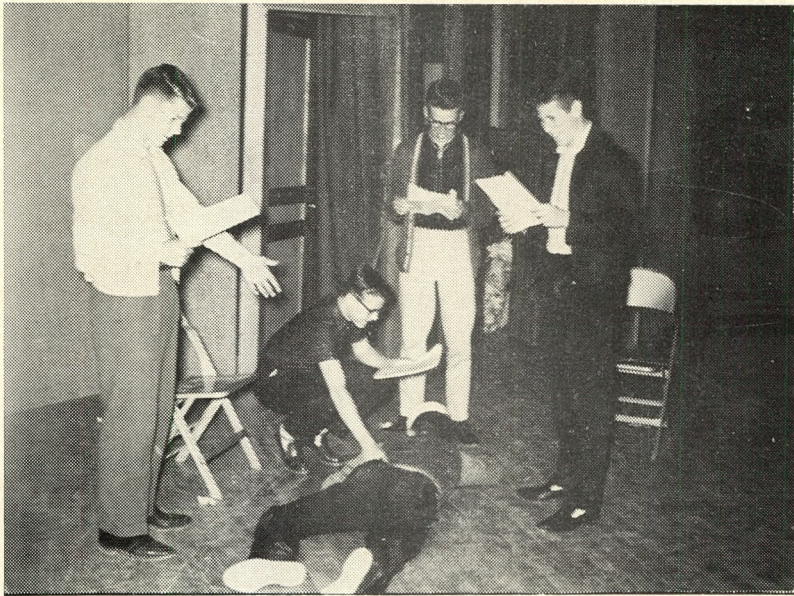
Father Canice Froehlich, O.F.M. Cap., of St. Joseph Military Academy, Hays, conducted the last recollection day of this year for the students on evening of May 5 and morning of May 6.

In Sympathy

The faculty and students of the Seminary extend their sympathy to Fr. Christian Fey at the loss of his father, who passed away Saturday, May 13. May he rest in peace.



To be ordained Saturday morning, May 20, left to right, Frater Matthew Gross, Frater Harvey Dinkel, and Frater Duane Haselhorst.



Left to right, Mark Blick, Richard Befort, Melvin Steiner, and Dennis Walker find themselves in predicament with corpse on their hands during practice of up-coming play.

Sophomore, Freshman Classes To Present Comedy Thrillers

Two thrilling plays are scheduled for St. Francis before the end of the school year. Both are comedy thrillers and are being produced by the two up-coming lower grades.

'The Ghost of Possum Hollow'

The sophomores will soon entertain the student body with their production of "The Ghost of Possum Hollow" which they have been rehearsing with their director, Fr. Richard, during their free time.

Lightning flashes, rolls of thunder, weird moans from behind walls and bodies falling out of closets plague a girls' outing club. "Terrible" Terrence Smythe (so-called because of his school grades) and his gang, disappointed that the house was not given to them, decide to haunt the place. As the girls and their chaperone, Miss Priss, are about to arrive, two jewel thieves appear. The thieves terrify the kids and truss up the principal, who was coming to the rescue. All in all, commotion, confusion, and a lot more commotion is the formula for this three-act comedy by Walt Draper.

'The Natives Are Restless Tonight'

The famous little theater just off Cathedral Avenue is the setting for still another performance before the school year is completed. This is the freshman play, "The

Natives Are Restless Tonight," which was also successfully staged by the present senior class during their freshman year.

Launcelot Fig Newton, his wife, Mrs. Fig Newton, and their daughter Hermione, are on a lion hunt in the depths of darkest Africa when very strange and mysterious things begin to happen. Natives appear very hostile and cannibalistic, idols vanish, and women are kidnaped. Brian, the Fig Newton family's guide, and Launcelot sense that someone with evil intentions is behind all of the mysterious mumbo-jumbo and they intend to investigate. The secret is only known to one man—is it in the hunting expedition—or someone in the mysterious Mau Mau tribe? Who knows?

The two-act comedy-thriller has been rehearsed and re-rehearsed by the freshmen and their director, Fr. Francis, for many weeks.

And with these productions the curtain closes on another year of drama at St. Francis Seminary.

3 Vocation Retreats Scheduled For June

St. Francis Seminary will again conduct the annual summer vocation retreats in June. Because of the great increase of applicants, it has become necessary this year to hold an additional retreat to accommodate all. The three scheduled retreats will run consecutively from Wednesday, June 7, to Saturday, June 10; from Sunday, June 11, to Wednesday, June 14; and from Thursday, June 15, to Sunday, June 18.

Young boys who have completed the 7th and 8th grades and are interested in the priesthood or the religious life may apply for reservations either to Father Christian at the seminary or to their vocational director. These retreats are offered to these young men to help them decide their vocation and to acquaint them with some aspects of seminary life.

5 Draw Top Honors In Latin Contest

For the second consecutive year students at St. Francis Seminary have taken highest awards in the A.P.S.L. nationwide Latin examination. The exam, conducted by the editors of the magazine *Auxilium Latinum*, was held during the last week of March. Over forty thousand students from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Panama, Bermuda, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and several neighboring South American countries participated. This is certainly evidence of the universality of training in the Latin language.

The exam and its sponsor magazine were recently given large press coverage, notably in *Vermont Life Magazine*, *Time* (Jan. 4, 1960), *Information* (November, 1960), *Catholic Digest* (January, 1961), as well as in hundreds of newspapers by syndicated columnists as Amy Vanderbilt and Hal Boyle.

Five certificates of superlative merit along with medal-pins were awarded to the five top students. This now entitles the school to two trophies. The winners were Robert Befort of the senior class, Patrick Williams, Randolph Brull, and John Patzel of the junior class, and Joseph Metzger of the freshman class. To gain this prize the student must have 115 out of a possible 120 points. All of these students scored 118.

Seven students received certificates of eminent merit for scores between 110 and 115. Twelve others gained certificates of superior merit for scores between 100 and 109, while 13 received certificates of honorable merit for scores between 90 and 99.

Our congratulations to all the prize winners in this Latin contest. It is work like this that gives the Latin language the prominence it deserves, and brings home to the seminarian the importance of this tool in his studies for the priesthood. Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, former Apostolic Delegate to the United States, stated that this exam and the *Auxilium Latinum* magazine "are important and scholarly tools in keeping the Latin language in our schools alive and up-to-date."



Student Builds Model Theater

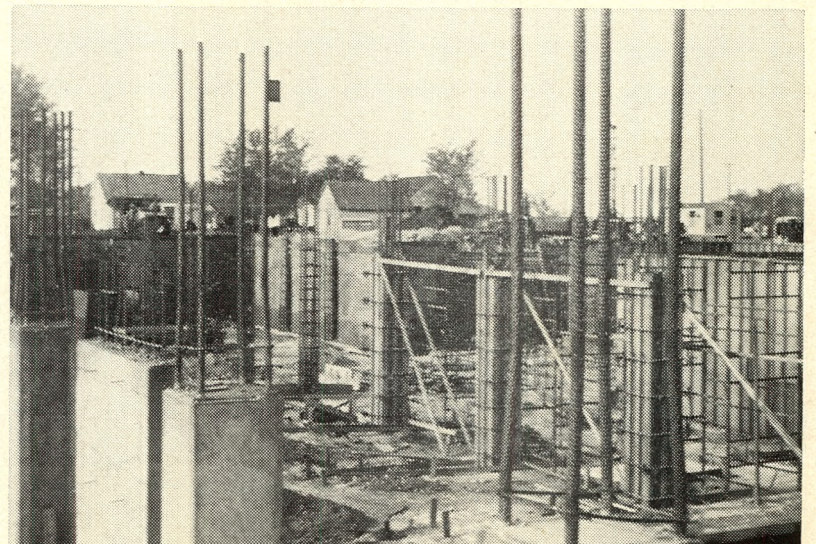
By Earl Befort

Knowledge of the Elizabethan stage, with its limitations and absence of mechanical devices and props so familiar to the modern stage, contributes in no small measure to a better understanding and appreciation of Shakespeare's plays. At any rate Alexius Robben, a sophomore at the seminary, went beyond the call of duty in mastering this phase of his study of Shakespeare in the classroom. The results of his research were viewed by the students and visitors to the seminary on Sunday, April 23—a replica of the Globe Theater, the world famed stage of William Shakespeare, where most of the Bard's plays were first produced.

Using a small saw, glue, scraps of plywood, and matchsticks Alexius Robben applied his findings to the task at hand. After many weeks of tedious work he finally assembled a scale model of the original theater, exact in its detail.

There is no doubt that in the future the efforts of Alexius Robben will provide an interesting and profitable visual aid to the students of Shakespeare at the seminary.

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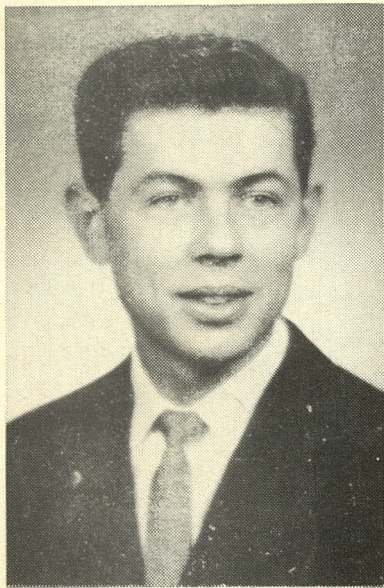
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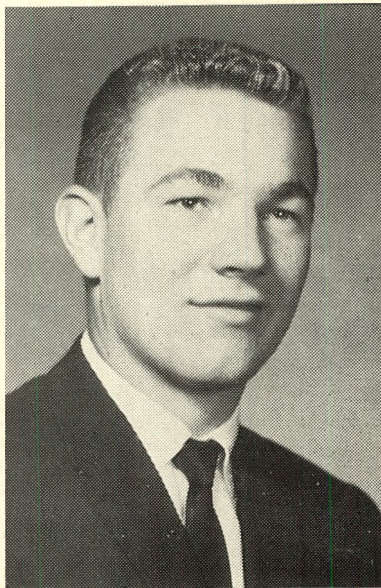
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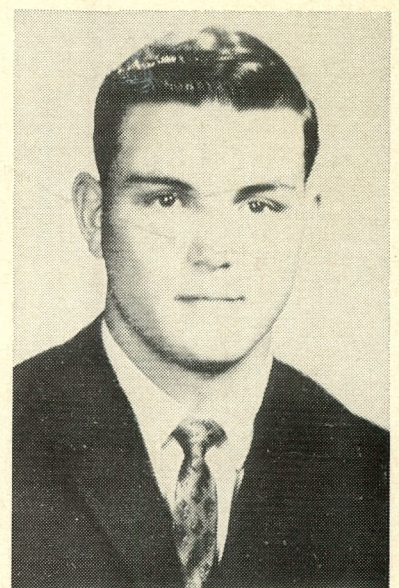
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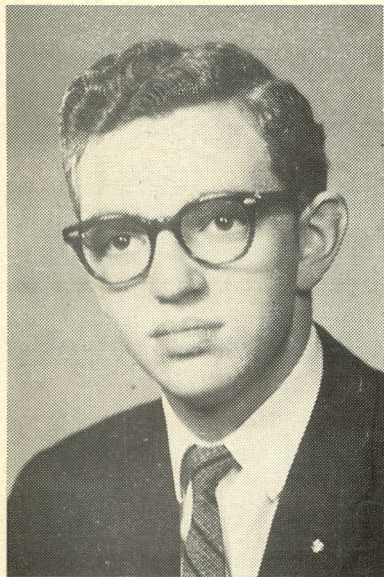
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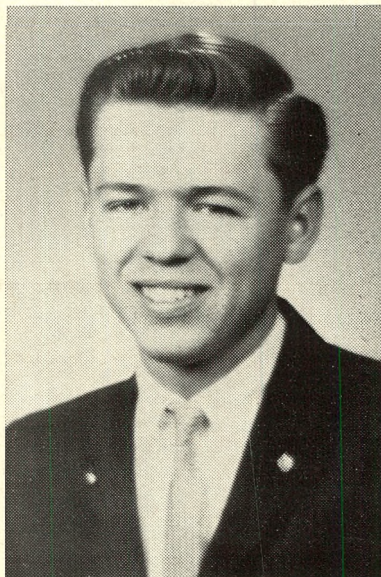
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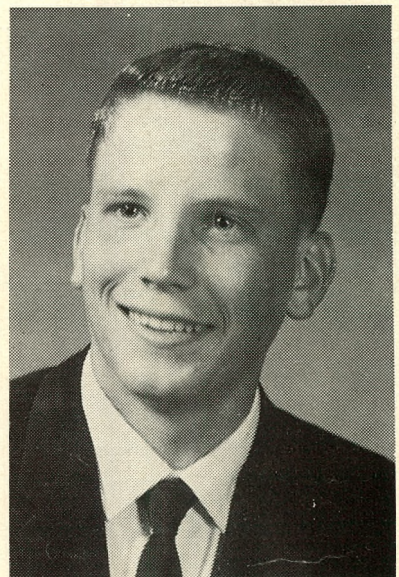
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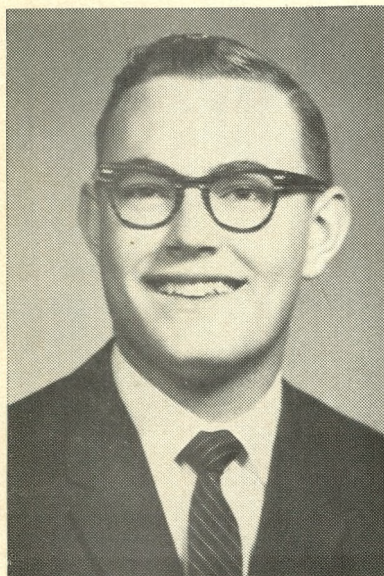


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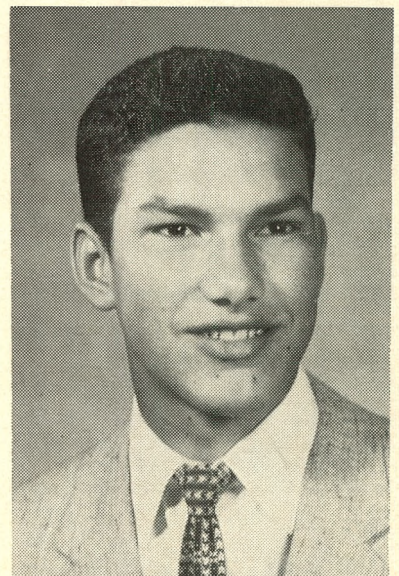
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