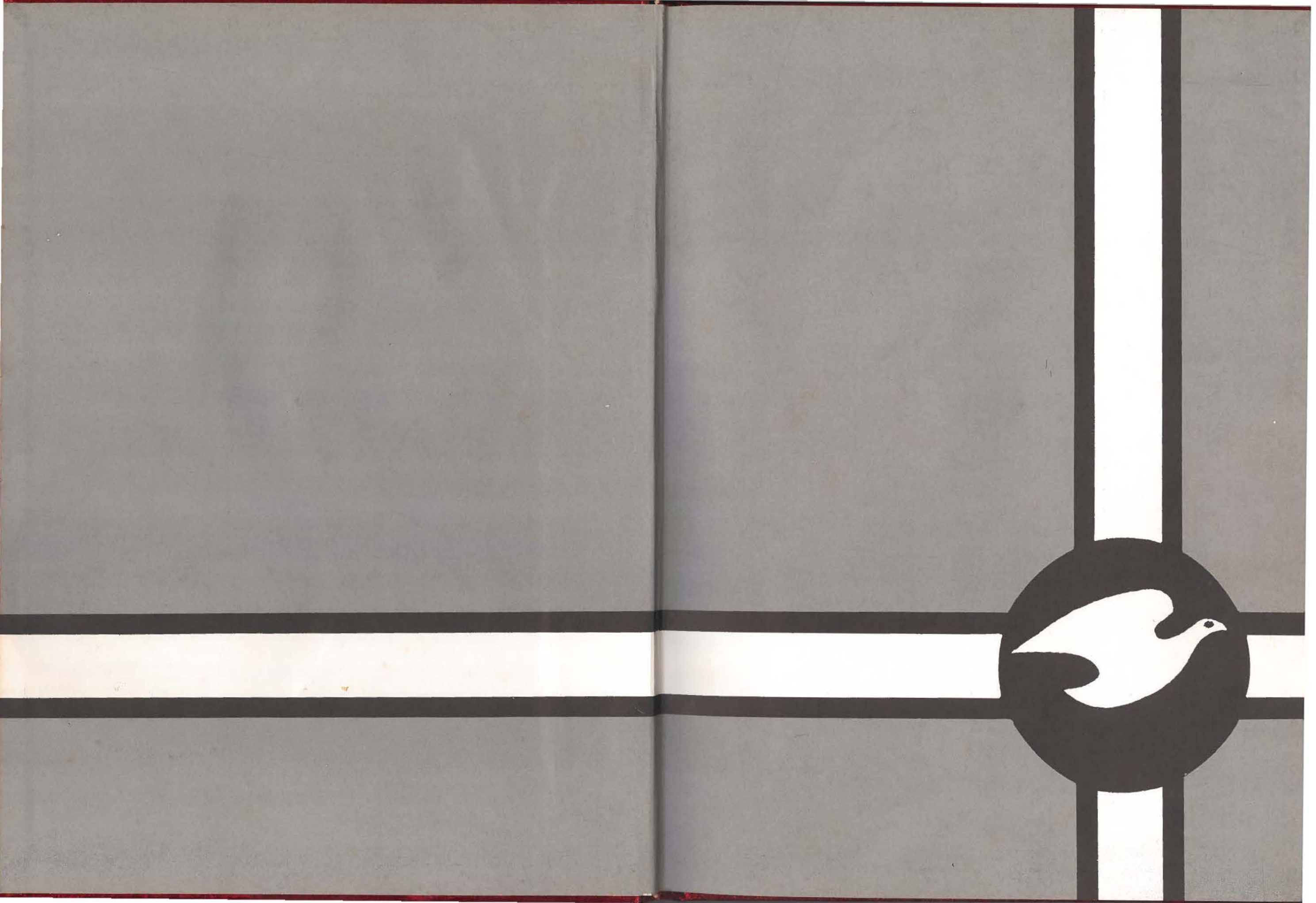
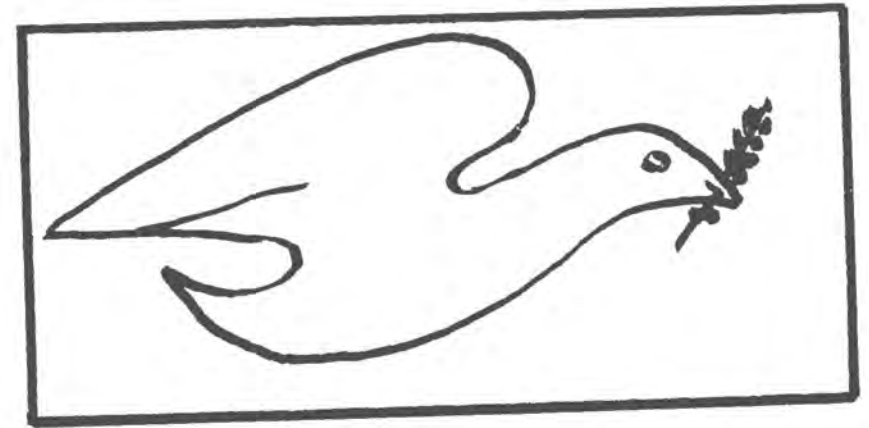




LA PALOMA



La Paloma



One of the most used expressions since the days of the Second Vatican Council is INVOLVEMENT. I think that it is very important that we understand the true Theology of Involvement. I think it is this: Involvement means that Christ is my brother, and since every other man is also my brother, whether his skin is black, or yellow, or white. But involvement does not mean a sacrificing the teachings of the Church that we might have a oneness with Him—our neighbor in religion. After all, Jesus Christ FOUNDED ONE RELIGION, and we can be one with Him and with one another only when we hold and believe and live the same basic religious facts. To bring Christ to the ghetto, to bring Christ to the market place, to bring Christ to the slums, we must first of all possess Christ ourselves. Yes, we must involve ourselves with our brothers, not just because he is our brother, but because Christ is our brother and we must see Christ in our brothers and let him know it. This is not something we can put off until we are adults, it is something that we CAN AND MUST DO NOW. What you promise to do to help your brother means nothing, you MUST PROVE YOUR WORDS BY ACTIONS.

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After 40 Years Academy Goes Co-ed.

Right: Center of all religious activity in the Abbey and on the Academy campus is the Chapel. There is the source of the strength that will bring about Christ's wish: THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE.

Below: Right Reverend Alfred Hoenig OSB, First Abbot of Corpus Christi Abbey and President of Corpus Christi Academy.



Academy Boys Enjoy Lunch Break.



Left: Corpus Christi Academy Students find that their most enjoyable period of the day to chat and chew is during the noisy noon lunch break in the cafeteria. MOST REVEREND THOMAS J. DRURY D.D., LL.D. Ordained June 2, 1935; appointed Bishop of San Angelo, October 16, 1961; consecrated and installed January 23, 1962; transferred to Corpus Christi in July of 1965; was installed September 1, 1965.



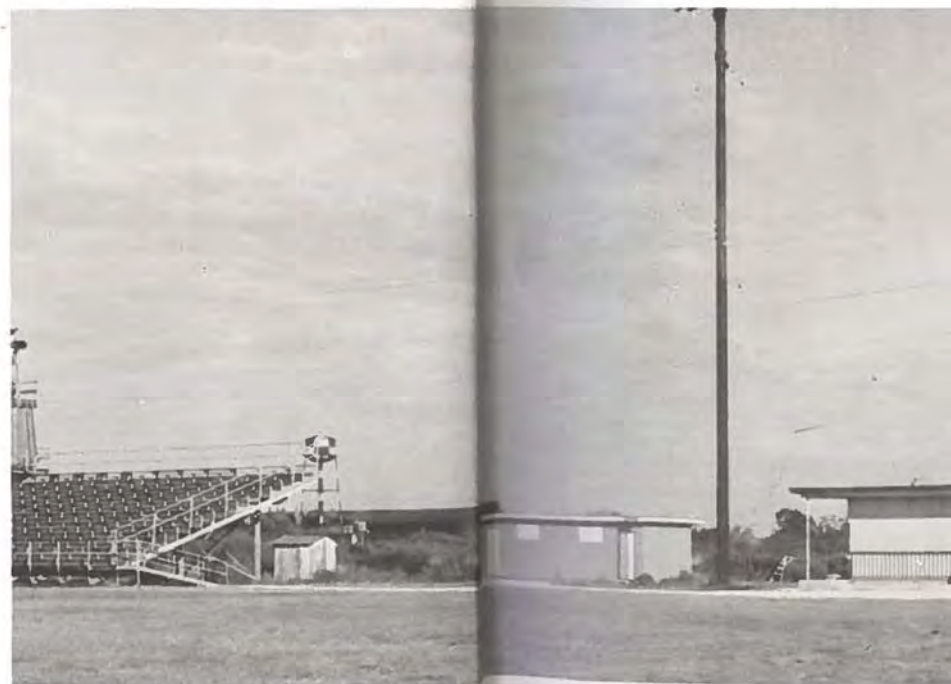
Below: The entrance to the Abbey where the Benedictine Fathers who staff Corpus Christi Academy live and pray, following their chosen way of life of service to God and to the youth of Corpus Christi.

Right: Corpus Christi Academy gym, second to none in the area, is equipped for all indoor sports, facilities for physical therapy, laundry, twelve stations for duogenic exercises, a well-equipped stage, and complete sound system.



Right center: Cavalier Field, the pride of the Booster Club, whose work and zeal realized the dream of all Academy students, to have their own home football field.

Right, pg. 5: Mr. Edward J. Botelho is the Principal of the Academy. Father Sylvester, O.S.B. serves as Athletic Director of the Academy, treasurer of Abbey and Academy.



Library Aids Scientific Studies



Top: The Library, under the watchful eye of Mrs. Sobey, is conducive to study.

Below: The Science Building, contains labs for physics, chemistry and biology

along with two air-conditioned lecture rooms, creates more interest in science.



Involvement Complex



Mr. Bolelho Begins His Second



Top: Father Augustine Linbeck OSB B.A., who teaches Religion and typing classes.



Right: Mr. Edward J. Botelho, principal, addresses the student body in the gym.

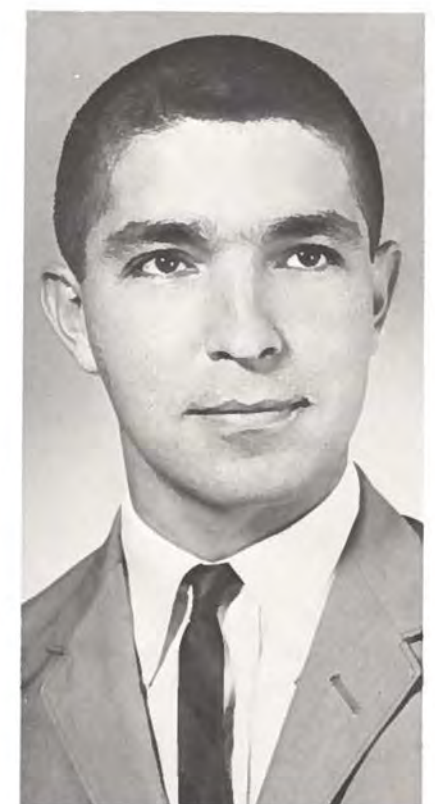


Top, far right: Father Boniface Buegler, OSB, B.A., M.A., teaches Rel. and Hist.



Bottom, far right: Mrs. James George, R.N. B.A., teaches Civics, Speech and Drama.

Year as Principal of C.C. Academy.



Upper row: Father Luke Buegler, OSB, B.A. teaches religion, Math, and Bookkeeping. Mr. Thomas Robison, Head Coach football and baseball, teaches higher mathematics. Mr. George Yzaguirre, B.A. has classes in Physics, Biology and Sophomore religion.



Above: Father Philip O'Regan, OSB, B.A. is head librarian. Retired from teaching.

Shop Talk During A Coffee Break.



Above: Father Blaise Baltz, OSB, B.A., M.A. devotes his teaching time to English classes and sophomore Religion. Above center: Miss Louise Fernandez, B.A. is new to the faculty this year, teaches first and second Spanish. Above right: Mr. Ralph Guresky, B.A. Assistant football coach, B-team basketball coach, teaches chemistry, Gen. Science and Physical Ed.



Top Left: Mrs. Sobey has taken over the library, due to the illness of Father Philip, OSB. Top: Father Denis Sorries OSB, B.A.,M.A. was obtained for this year from Subiaco Academy, Subiaco, Ark. He teaches English and Religion. Above: Mr. Richard Messbarger, B.A. graduated from St. Mary's University, San Antonio last June. He serves as assistant football coach, and head basketball coach. He teaches English, History and P.E.

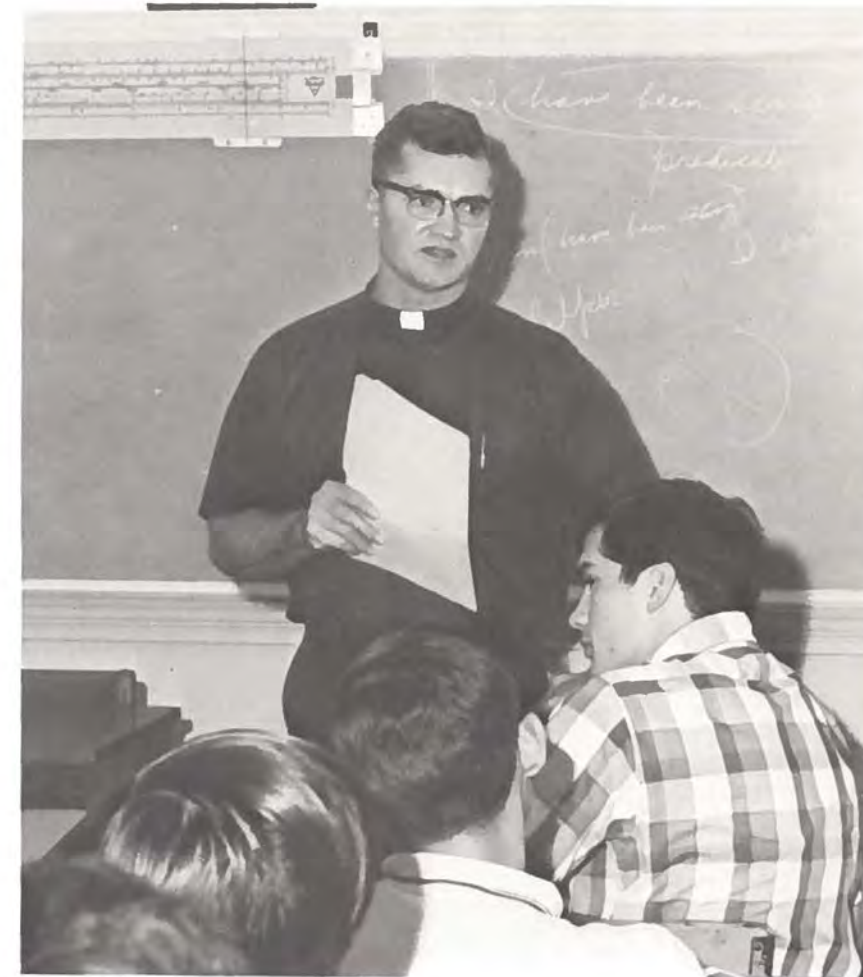
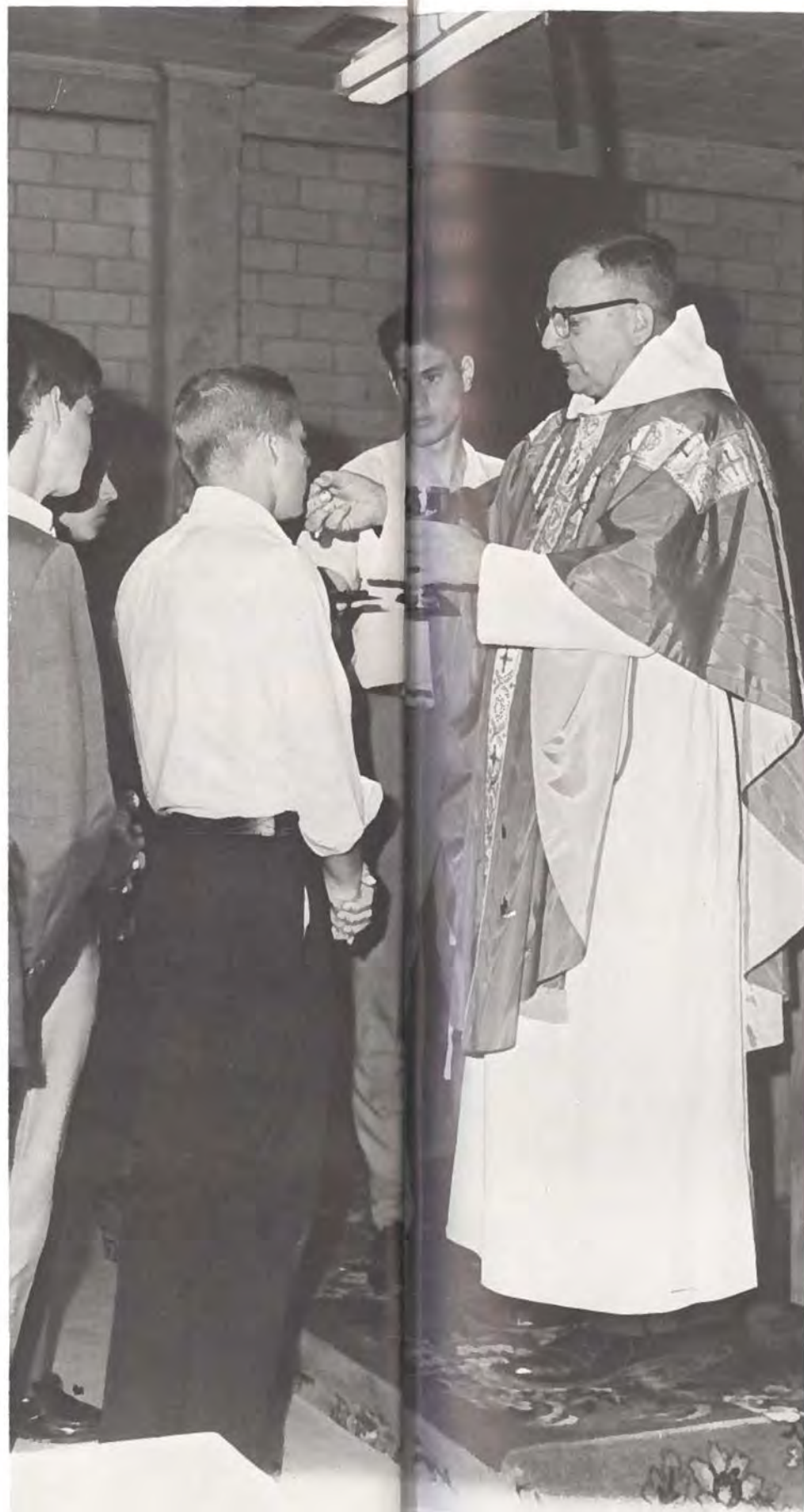
Spalek First Co-ed.



The Secretariat of State of His Holiness is directed to express the Holy Father's sincere appreciation of the devoted message of good wishes and prayers addressed to Him, and to convey, as a pledge of abiding divine grace, the paternal Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness.

Top: Elaine Spalek gives her undivided attention to the matter in hand. The freshman A religion class devoted the first nine weeks to study the "Credo of Pope Paul VI." In appreciation to the Holy Father for His guidance in it, they wrote Him a letter, telling Him of what they had done, and how much it meant to them.

The card above was His much appreciated reply. Religion classes, and the practice of religion must be an essential part of the Catholic school curriculum. Father Abbot distributes Holy Communion to the Students during the Mass which was the official opening of the year, to secure God's blessing on it.

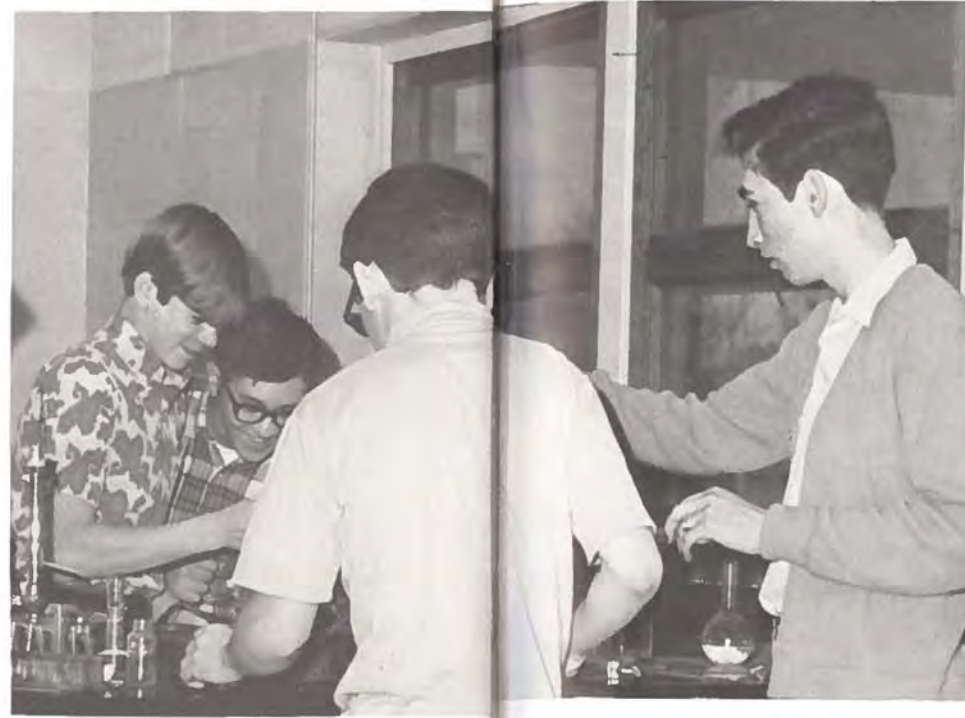


Top. Father Denis makes every effort to drive home a point with his senior English class. To express oneself in any subject matter one must first of all have a command of the language used. We hope that the two mug shots above do not represent the attitude taken by the students. They are a good example of a statement taken out of context, it can be made to mean something entirely different when taken in its proper context.

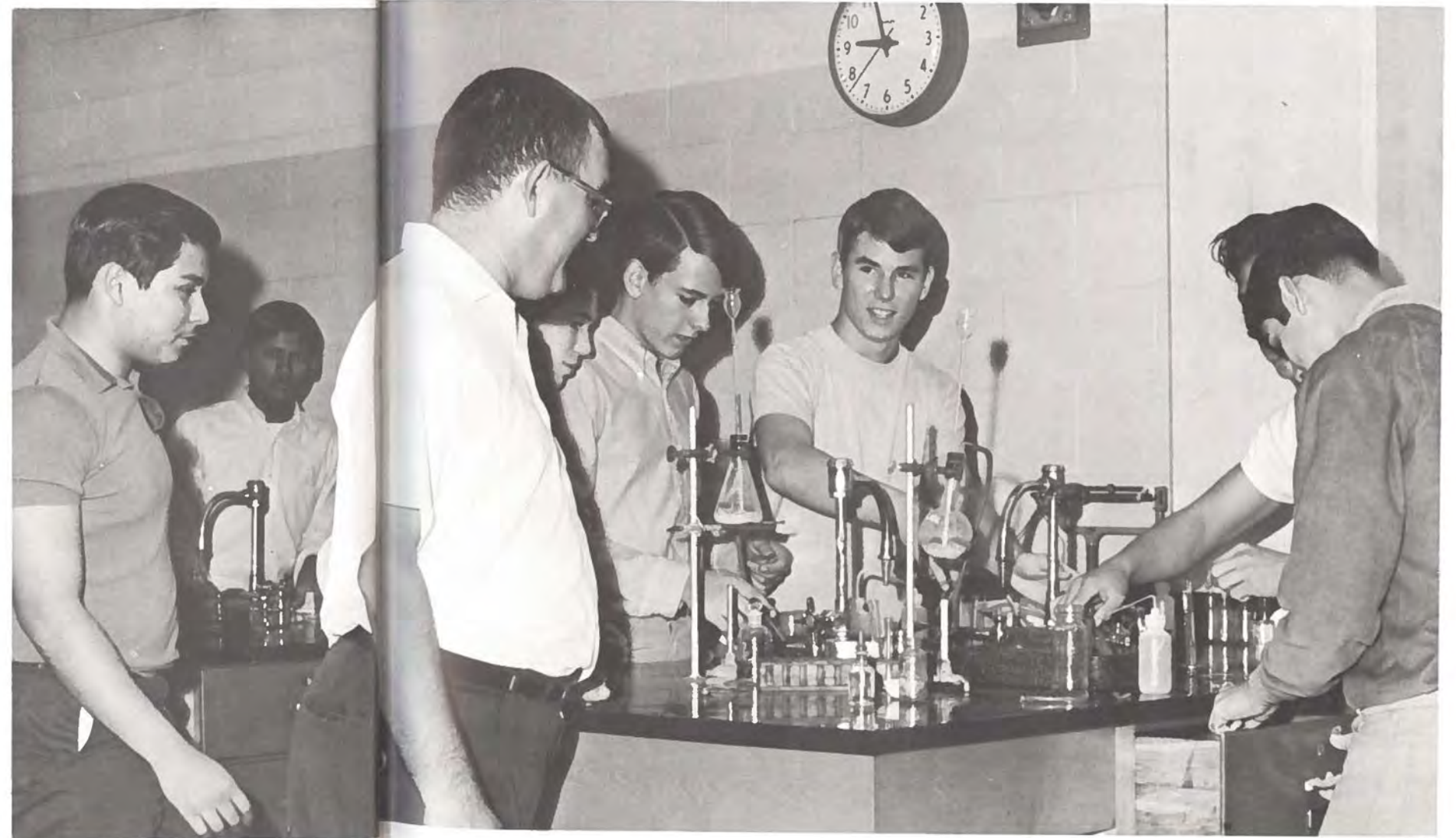
Original Spanish Production Presented by Freshman Class.

Under the direction of Miss Fernandez, the freshman Spanish class wrote and presented a "Meller-drama in both Spanish and English.

Below, Left: Mr. Guresky and his chemistry class solve the problem of making carbon dioxide, and discover some of its many properties.



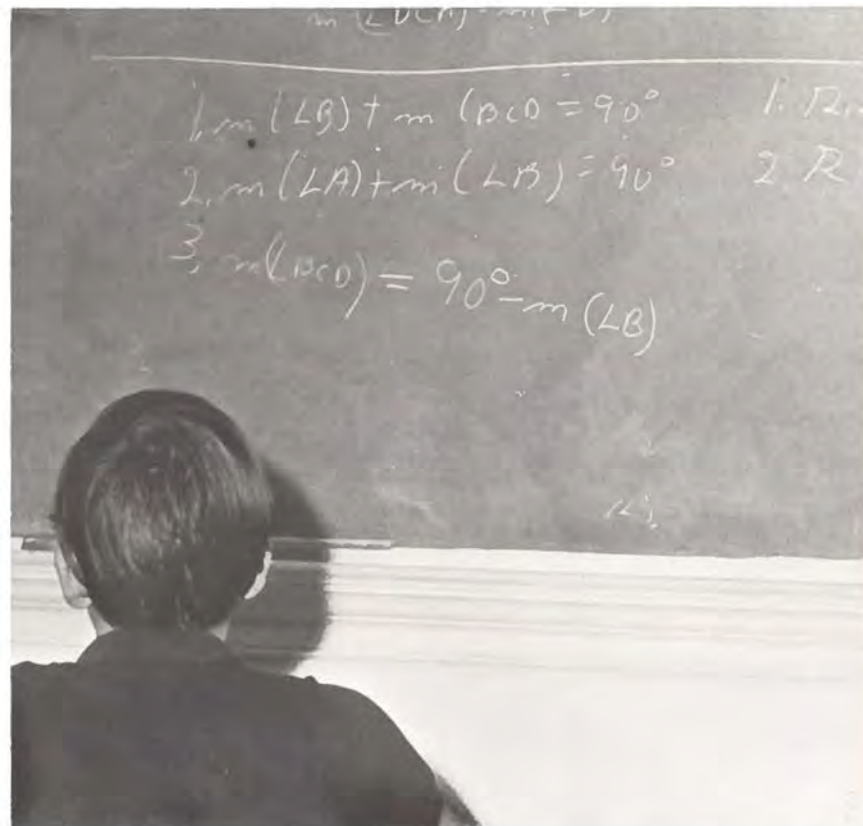
Debbie West and Patricia Ann Thompson seem to be having a little trouble in getting the experiment set up. Whilst Pat reads the instructions Debbie tries her best to follow out the instructions. Science Subjects play a very important role in the life of the Academy student. There are very few if any, who can avoid taking at least three years of science. Freshmen take a course in Earth Science or biology. Sophomores have a choice of Biology, or chemistry, depending on the science they took in freshman year. In the junior year, the majority take chemistry, or some of them may be enrolled in biology. Physics is a course that is restricted to seniors. Lest anyone get the impression that other courses are sacrificed for science, all students are required to take four years of English, three years of mathematics. Either United States History or Civics are required.



Mathematics Holds Key to Future.



Above: Coach Tom Robison explains a very simple problem in geometry to his class. Right: Timmy Gonzalez and Raymond Vasquez think that when you have a big problem to solve that big equipment is the solution.



Above right: Freshman Elizabeth Sobey shows one of the relief maps made for Mrs. James George in their Ancient History Class. It is by means of such projects that Mrs. George has maintained at a high level their interest in the course. By the work of the hands the subject matter is much more easily and permanently fixed in the mind, and more readily assimilated.



There is an old saying that History repeats itself. If this be true then certainly the study of Ancient History would be a great help to anticipate what the history of the future holds for us. I suppose that this idea is true in so far as history

records the rise and the fall of empires. Will the tremendous advance that we have made during the past decade be the means whereby great powers of today will be annihilated by man spaced nuclear arms.

Typing Requires Full Coordination

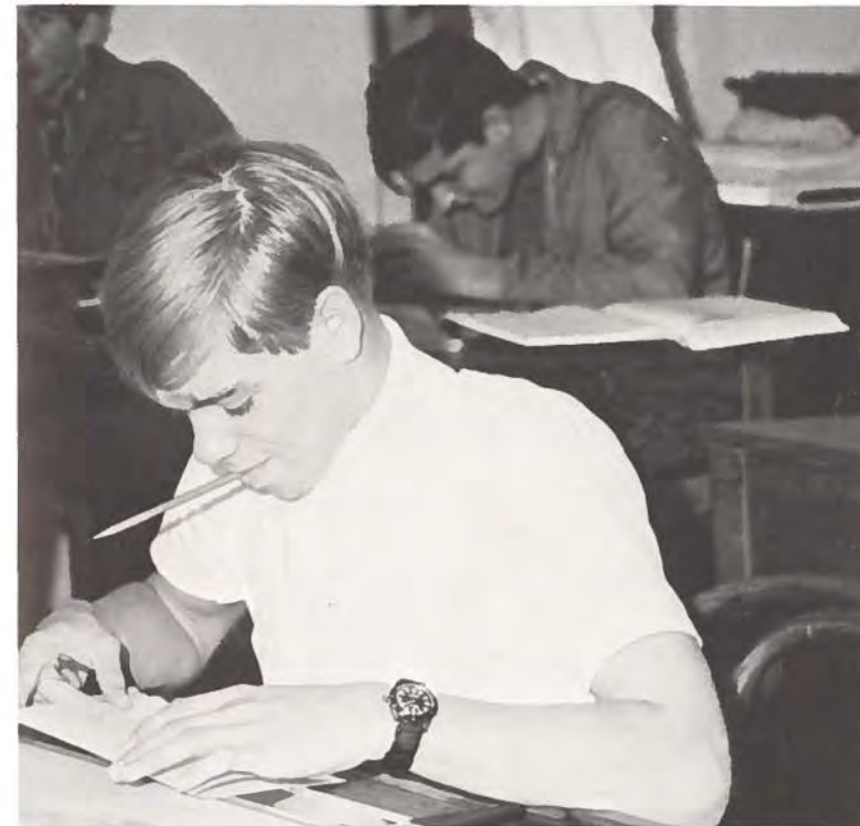


Right: Close attention to rules and concentration are essential in the making of a good typist. But even the best of them make mistakes. Above: Freshman Jerald Burkhardt shows a model of a Grecian theater constructed as a class project. Above, extreme right: Lionel Levrier, assistant librarian puts many hours into the work of entering books, as well as

learning the art of repairing damaged ones. Above center: One of Mr. Botelho's mechanical drawing students becomes very engrossed in his work. We will let to the charitable and kind imagination of the reader what the fair young lady in the picture at the left of the page is doing. We have a feeling that she will be very happy that she cannot be easily identified.

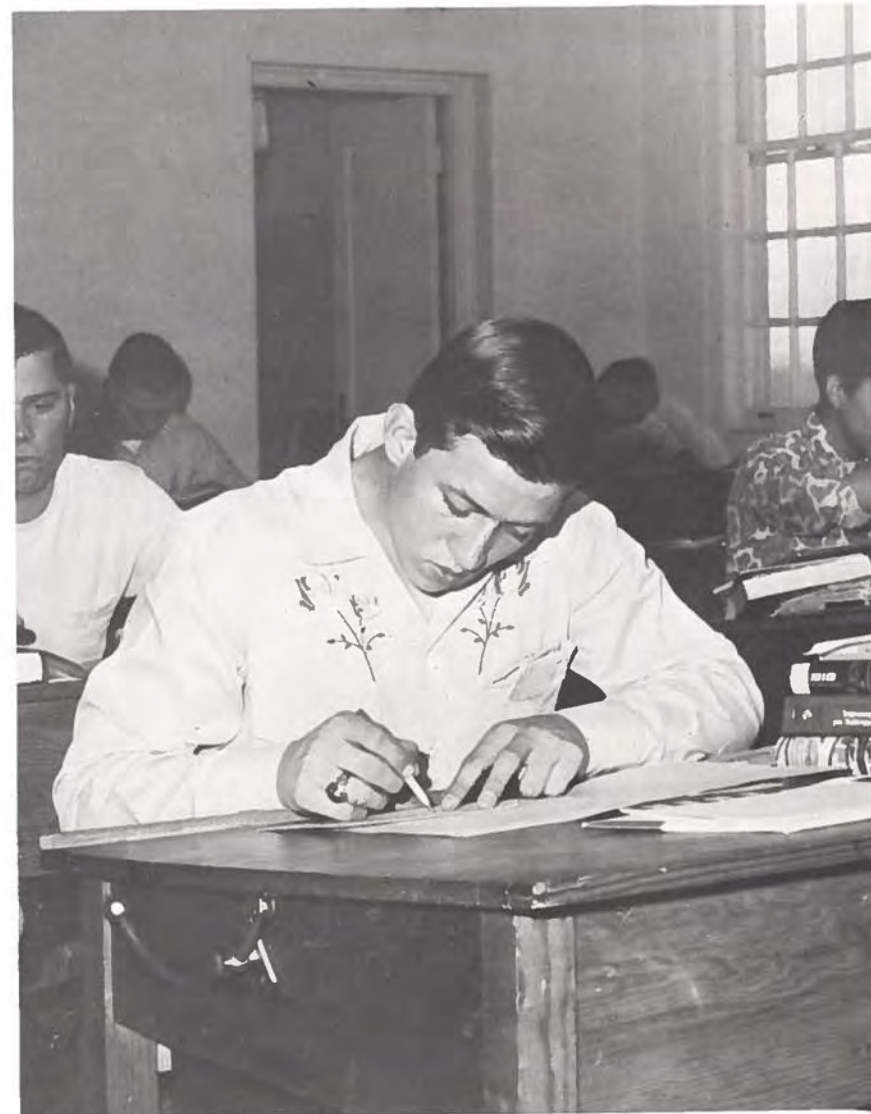


Helpful Electives Create Interest



Upper Left: Larry Vrazel puts a great effort and thought in his work in mechanical drawing. Left: Acquiring the right technique is of the greatest importance in becoming a good typist. Above Robert Palacios finds that while book-keeping under the watchful and exacting eye of Father Luke is not always easy, he knows that this training is essential.

Students Find Bookkeeping Useful



Seniors and juniors find that bookkeeping, mechanical drawing and typing are very useful electives, not because they are snap courses, they soon find out that such is not the case, but that these courses will be necessary for their college work.

Mel Kolodziej Senior Class Prexy.

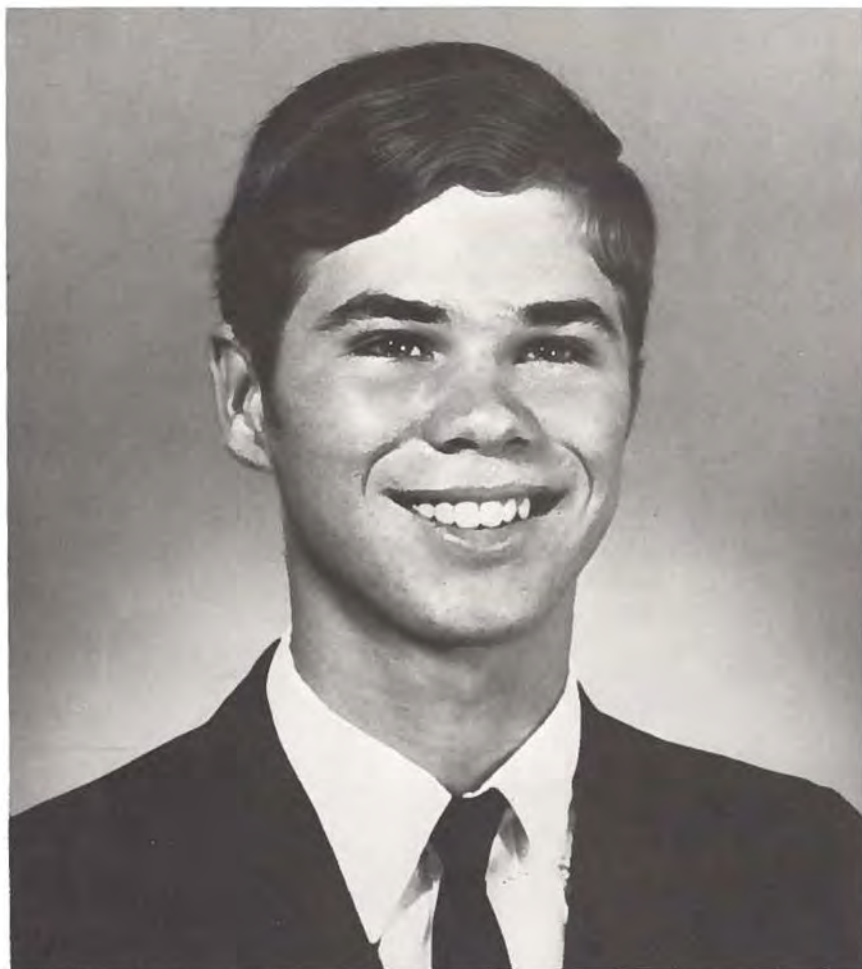


The seniors held elections in the fourth week of school and these are the students they elected to lead them in their senior

year Melvin Kolodziej, president (standing); seated: James Cano, vice-president; Ruben Valdez, Parliamentarian; Ted

Benavides, treasurer; James Cody, sec'y. Absent.

Joe Whitworth Outstanding Senior



Joe Whitworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Whitworth (class of '32), is the sixth of their sons to graduate from the Academy. As a freshman he was secretary of his class and was voted the most popular. He was secretary-treasurer of his sophomore class. As a junior he was the President of his class, was treasurer of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Student Council. He lettered in football. As a senior he was elected the OUTSTANDING SENIOR. This is based on his scholastic record, his participation in all school activities, his leadership. He is currently president of the Student Council, Editor-in-Chief of LA PALOMA, the Academy yearbook. He lettered in football.



Seniors Show Quality not Quantity



Juan Alaniz
Ted Benavides
James Bennett



Rene Canas
James Cano
James Cody



Mark Cooper
Louis De los Santos
Robert Espinoza



Junior Vasquez Serves Regularly

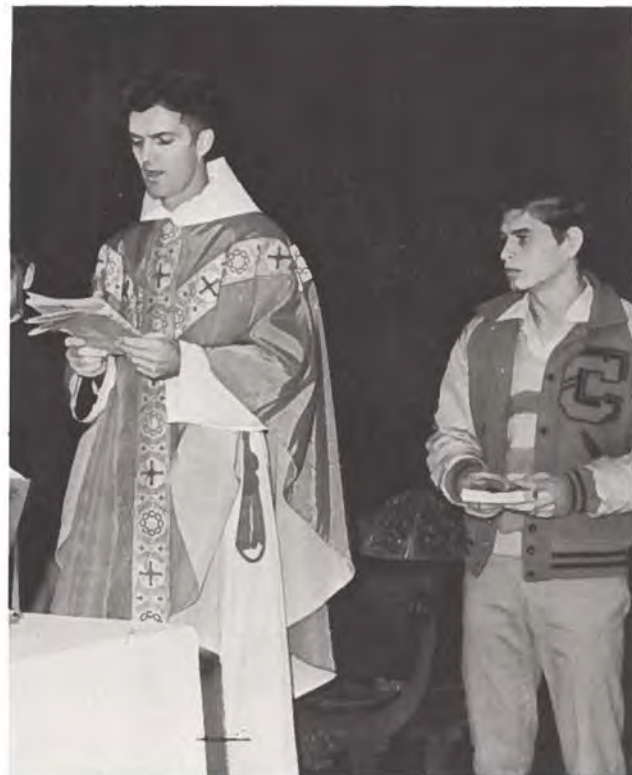
Juan Flores
Timmy Gonzalez
Gene Granado



Victor Havelka
Mark Horak
Danny Jackson



Linda Jarvis



Seniors

Seniors Lead Way in School Spirit.

Tommy Kaspar
Melvin Kolodziej
Robert Luna



Manuel Martinez
Louis Mayer
Gilbert Montez



Robert Palacios



A group of the seniors get together to make a poster for the homecoming game. It would seem that there are more chiefs than Indians. Involved are Victor Havelka, Jim Bennett, Joe Stillman, Santos Rodriguez, Danny Jackson, Mel Kolodziej and several others who cannot be easily identified.

Mel Leads All Seniors in Yells.

Santos Rodriguez
Joseph Stillman
Ruben Valdez



Raymond Vasquez
Michael Whitmire
Joe Whitworth



Transfer D. Leyva Junior Prexy.



The Junior Class selected the following classmates to lead them during the 1968-1969 school year.

Standing: Arthur Dornak, vice president; David Leyva, President; Rudy Salinas, Parliamentarian.

Seated: Patricia Ann Thompson, Secretary; and Richard Lee Kresse to be the guardian of the money.

Outstanding Junior - Robert Sobey

Robert L. Sobey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Sobey was a solid choice for the honor of being the OUTSTANDING JUNIOR. He was elected to the National Honor Society in his sophomore year. He played on the State Championship team in football, and on the District Championship basketball team. He also lettered in baseball. In his junior year he was active in all sports, lettering in football, in basketball as also in baseball.

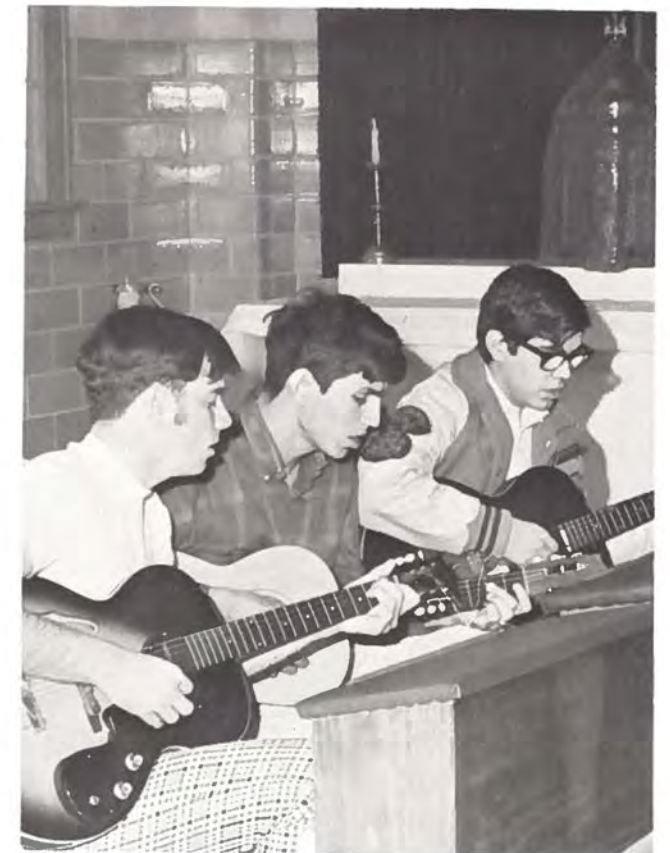


Chemistry Juniors Favorite Class.



Arthur Dornak
James Drier
Sam Cantu
Miguel Gonzalez
Ben Jarvis

Richard Kresse
David Leyva
Joe Maese
Martin Mircovich
Frank Moreno



Seniors Danny Jackson, Rene Canas and Tim Gonzalez add to the solemnity and interest of the weekly student Mass by playing their guitars and leading the student body in the singing of hymns. We commend these boys for using their talents for God.

Hop After Laredo Game is Popular.

David Ordner
Raymond Orta
Richard Ortiz
Rudy Salinas
Dennis Smiga



Robert Sobey
Dale Spalek
Claude Stephens
Patricia Thompson
Mike Valverde



Juan Vega
Lawrence Vrazel
Debbie West
Ray Woods



Ricky Jarvis Chosen Soph. Prexy.



Early in the school year the following sophomores were elected to serve as officers for the year. Rick Jarvis (standing)

President; Seated: Danny Whitworth, Secretary; Billy Joe Delgado, Parliamentarian; and Donald Nichols, Treasurer. Alfred

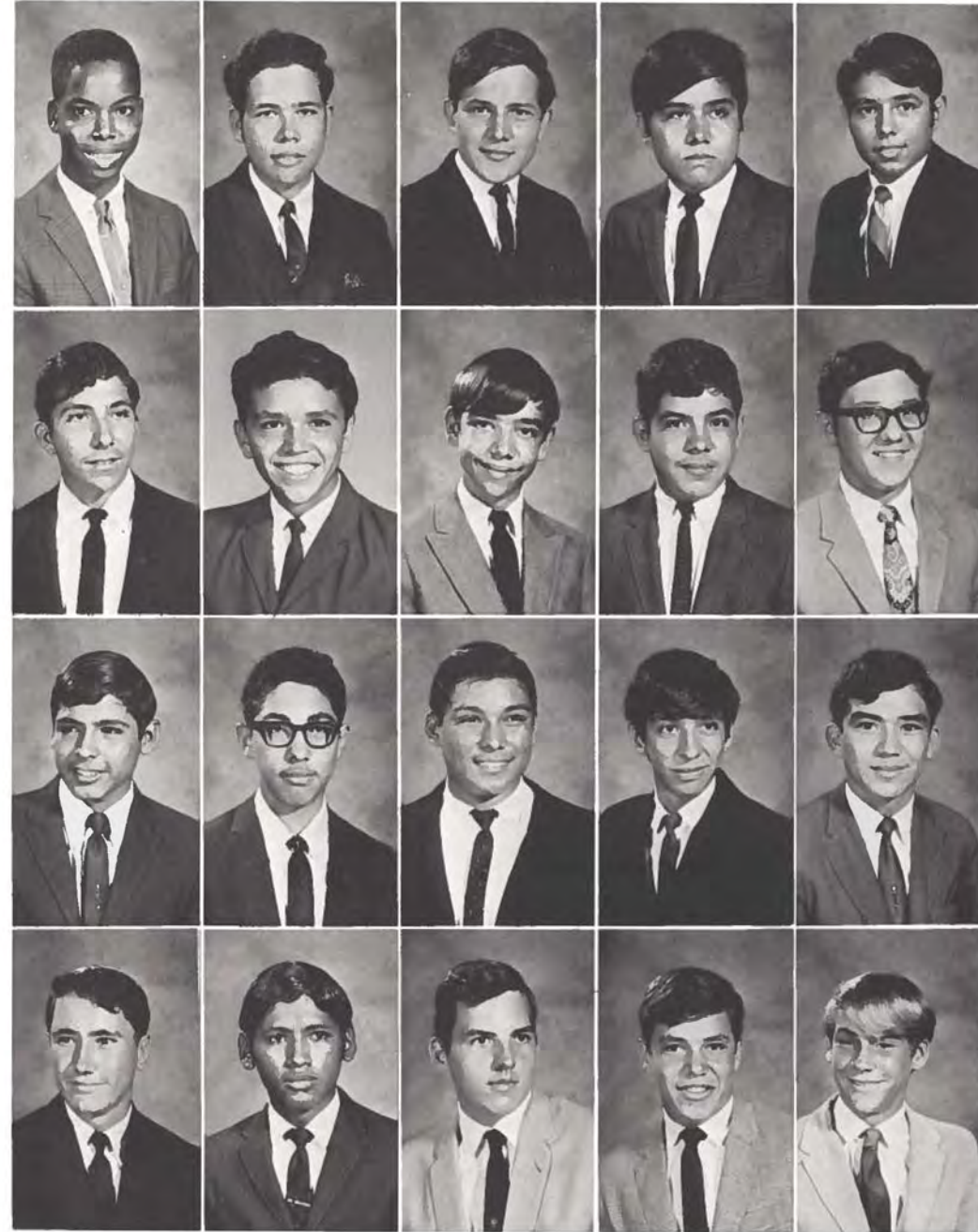
Morin, the Vice-President was absent on that day.

Billy Delgado Outstanding Soph.



Billy Joe Delgado, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guillermo Delgado was honored by his classmates as the **OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE**. Billy Joe lettered in basketball in his freshman year, also played on the baseball team that captured the State TCIL Championship. In his sophomore year he lettered in football although he did not play it as a freshman. He is the playmaker on this year's basketball team. He is also a good

Botelho and Jackson Plan Activities.



Carlyze Adams
Joseph Aguilar
Javier Andrade
Jaime Arredondo
Arnold Benavides

Hector Benavidez
Henry Benavides
James Bright
Bennie Castro
Alfred Cuevas

Billy Delgado
Joe Garcia
Ted Garza
Omar Gonzalez
Randy Gonzales

Michael Grant
Hector Guardiola
Anthony Jackson
Thomas Jarvis
John Kohlhaas



Loyalty Strong Among the Sophs.

Robert Krenek
Frank Levek
Lionel Levrier
Louis Lopez
Donald Montgomery



Alfred Morin
Donald Nichols
John Rennard
Alvino Reyna
Patrick Robinson



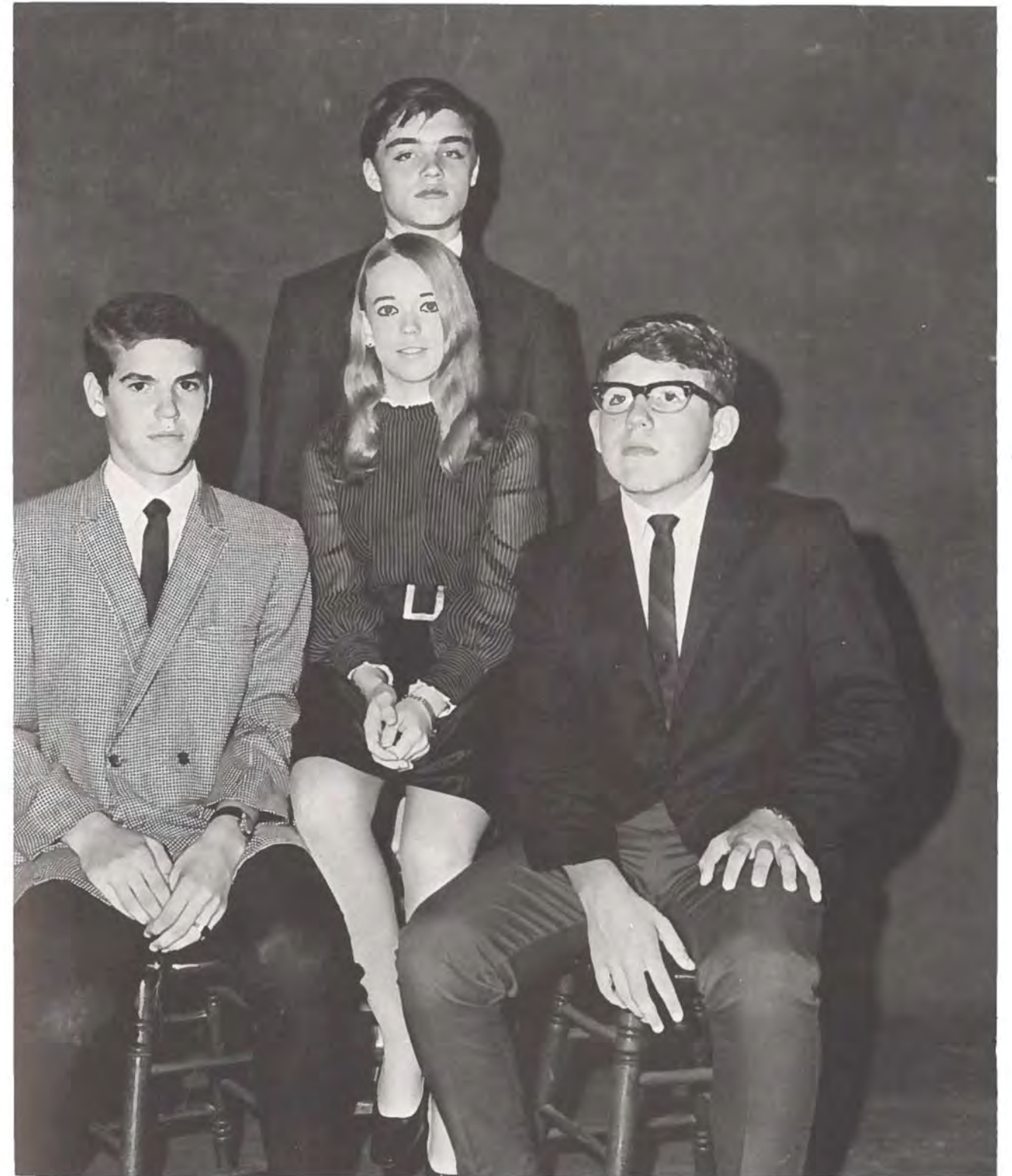
Walter Sheehan
James Smejkal
Darryl Snapka
Rudy Travis
Candelario Vasquez



Danny Whitworth
Eamonn Williams



President J. Horak and Officers.



Officers of the Freshman Class A have led their class with a lot of spirit this year. Standing: James Horak, President; Seated:

James Fornell, Parliamentarian; Elaine Spalek, Secretary; Joseph Paschel, Vice-President; Patrick Thornton, Treasurer,

was unavoidably absent when this picture was made.

President William Cody Presiding.



Class Officers for Freshman "B" are:
Standing: William Cody, President.
Seated: Larry Hellmann, Parliamentarian;

Roy Lozano, Vice-President; Sam Jones,
Treasurer; Ann Guolla was absent when
this picture was taken. These officers have

shown evidence that they have ability to
be real leaders.

Freshmen A Elect Paschel President



Joseph Carson Paschel, the son of
Mrs. Dorothy Paschel was selected by
the entire freshman class as the OUT-
STANDING FRESHMAN. He is a
member of Saint Theresa Parish. He
shows a great deal of interest in the
Student Council, and has been the
Council's representative at all the All
City Council meetings.

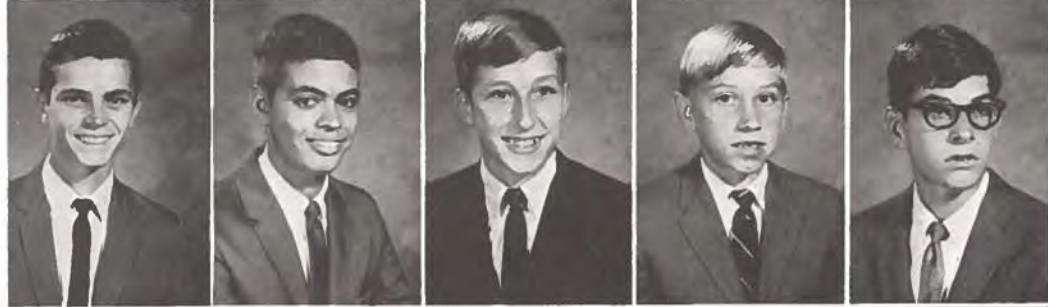


Freshman Class Shows Increase.

Patrick Ahrens
Robert Alaniz
Rodolfo Alvarez
Rose Andrade
Michael Bailey



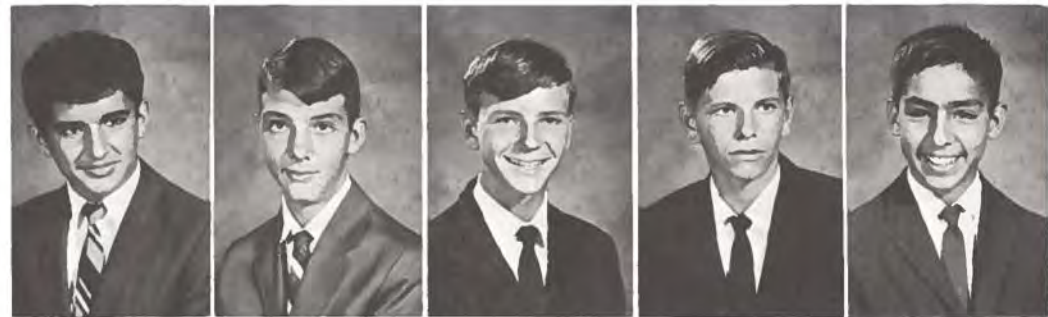
Pat Baldeschwiler
Albert Bielke
Mike Bourg
Jerald Burkhardt
Edward Brown



Herbert Canales
David Cantu
Robert Cassiano
William Cody
Robert Connor



Carlos De Llano
Thomas Dilger
Leo Diegel
Stephen Duerr
Eloy Flores



James Fornell
Dwight Franco
Blanche Garcia
Joel Garcia
Robert Garner



Freshmen Active on CCA Campus.

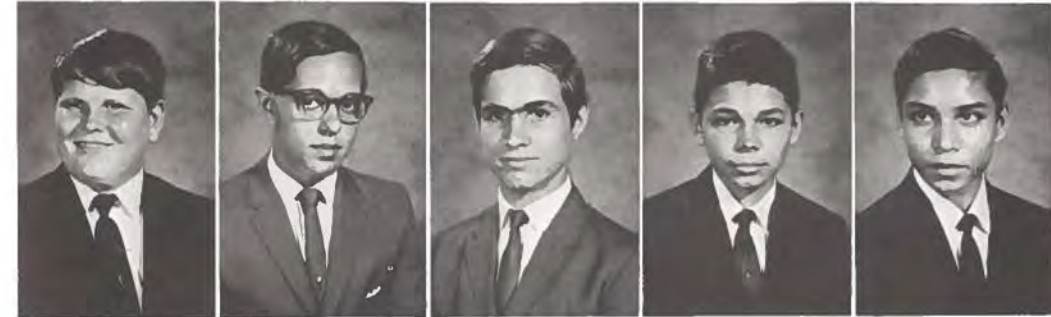
Louis Garza
Raphael Gonzalez
Raymond Guerra
Ana Marie Gurrola
Larry Hellman



Michael Hellman
Eddie Hernandez
James Horak
Gerard Jimenez
Sam Jones



John Jurecko
Michael Kolodziej
Maurus Kresse
Ernest Lira
Joe Longoria



Roy Lozano
Ronald Lucich
Marvin Maxson
Eddie Menchaca
Patricia Mixon



John Nelson
Richard Nemec
John Oelschlegel
Peter Oliver
Joseph Ordner



Freshman Present Bilingual Drama.

Joseph Paschel
Robert Ramirez
Michael Skurka
Elizabeth Sobey
Joseph Soliz



Elaine Spalek
Tim Sullivan
Patrick Thornton
Jim Trice
David Trujillo



Andrew Valerio
Pat Walsh
Cindy West
Richard Wilems
Norman Zimmerman



Jose Zuniga



Freshman 1969



Social Involvement

Elaine Spalek Makes CCA History



Elaine Spalek reflects her happiness to be the first co-ed to register at the Academy. Mr. Botelho, the Principal, obviously shares in her happiness.



Pep Rallies Spark School Spirit.



The 1968-69 school year opened with something new added – GIRLS. After 40 years as an all boy school, the Benedictine Fathers decided to admit girls, to make it easier for those living on the west side of town to go to a Catholic high school. Conditions beyond our control made it a very limited girl enrollment this year. The main “complaint” of the boys is that there are not enough girls. The girls seem to thrive on all the attention they receive from the boys.

Left: The opening day of school brings with it the usual assembly during which the principal lays down the rules, especially to those who are new at the school.

Below: The cheerleaders demonstrate in slow motion how the games are played.

Below left: Ruben Valdez, Man Mountain, apparently has pleasant memories, as he watches his understudy “hold that line.”



Junior Vasquez Player of the Week



Above: For Junior Vasquez, happiness is, being selected as the Player of the Week for the Corpus Christi area. Right above Mr. Kolodziej and Mireur check tickets during the annual Club card party. Right: Freshman Cindy West lets all know that she is happy to be a student at Corpus Christi Academy. God love you, Cindy.

Covered Dish Party Brings Crowd.

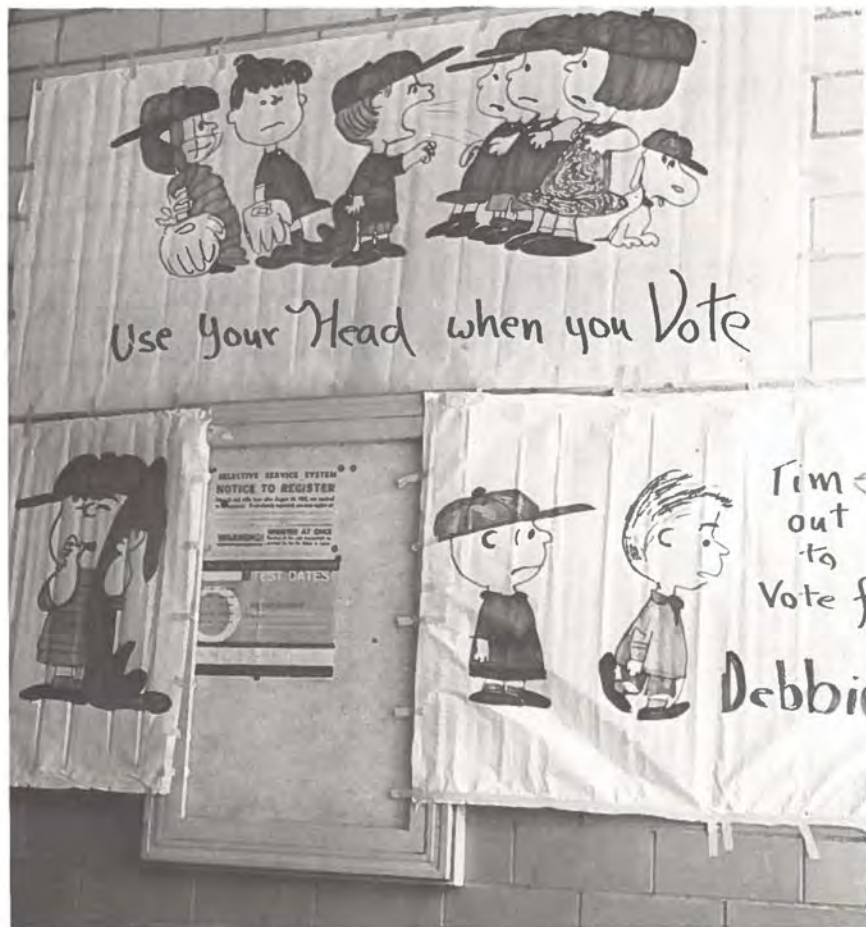


Above: Father Denis waits his turn to get in the breadline during the covered dish dinner on the last day of registration. Mrs. J. George supervises the decorations in the gym in preparation for the homecoming game. Cheerleader Annie Whitworth flashes that big smile which makes her popular with the boys at C.C. Academy.

Jackson and Snapka Steal Rally.



It is difficult to find anything more conducive to the building up of school spirit than the loyalty of mothers to their sons and the school they attend. Mrs. Jackson, number 13, and Mrs. Snapka number 61, give a very graphic demonstration to their sons Danny and Darly during the rally that preceded the homecoming game. No wonder their sons "run" wild with the ball during that game. Right: Just some of the many posters that cluttered the hallways and classroom walls, building up spirit for the important district game against Laredo.



Bonfire Highlights 68 Homecoming.

Left: When the bonfire burns low, loyal Cavalier boosters remain to keep up the spirit that never says die, that never says "enough". Below: Miss Theresa Burkhardt, captain of the cheerleaders, was elected homecoming queen. Under the direction of the student council the foot-

ball team selects five girls from Corpus Christi Academy and Incarnate Word Academy, then in a schoolwide election the homecoming queen is elected. She rules as Queen of the Cavaliers until she crowns her successor a year later, at the next homecoming game.



Theresa Burkhardt Crowned Queen.



Above: Academy Principal, Edward Botelho presents the Queen's trophy to football Queen Terry Burkhardt before the game. The trophy and charms for the princesses are provided by the Student Council. At right above: Coach Tom Robison, with a rather questioning look

on his face, runs through the play again. Right: Terry and her royal court: Doug Hunt, Cindy Kosarek, Ray Rodriguez, Debbie Snapka, Joe Stillman, Mary Alyce Stillman, Ricky Jarvis. Annie Whitworth was absent because of the flu.



Fire Department Thrills HC Rally.



Upper right: Father Denis, a lend-lease from Subiaco Academy in Subiaco, Arkansas shows his interest in the students' activities during an assembly program. Above Louis De Los Santos escorts Queen Terry off the field before the kick-off. The weather was what we have come to expect for homecoming, cold and rain. But in spite of that, the Queen manages a very warm smile. Left: Looks like everyone wants to get in the act. Seeing a big fire close to the Academy, some well meaning neighbor turned in the fire alarm. True to form, they arrived with sirens wailing. But that did not dampen the spirit of the homecoming crowd. The department came, they saw that everything was under control, that there was no danger—they went.

Students Improvise Christmas Show.



As the middle of December came, from the gay decorations in the hallways and classrooms, it was obvious that Christmas was just around the corner. Above: Junior Joe Ray Garcia, and his freshman sister, Blanche, perform a typical Mexican dance for the enjoyment of the students and the faculty. The party was complete, even to the appearance of good old Santa Claus.

Cuddled up on the old gentleman's knee, freshman Jerry Jiminez tells the jolly good fellow that he wants more than anything for Christmas is for the Academy to continue operations. Mel Kolodziej brings his act straight from the lights of Broadway. I suppose there is quite a bit of ham in the best of us. The best gift, three extra days vacation.



Academies Runner-up in Walk-a-thon.



Left above: A representative of the Texas Farm Bureau gives a live demonstration on how to put out a grease fire at home. Left: Patti Thompson gets involved in a

chemistry experiment. Top: Annie Whitworth, Mike Whitmire, Mike Woodsand, Cindy Kosarek find joy in working during the All City March of Dimes Walk-a-thon.

Mass Opens Save Our School Drive



Above: Doctor Logan, D.O., Chairman of the Board, addresses the audience at the coliseum before the Mass which inaugurated the drive to keep Corpus Christi Academy open. Above right: Senior Mark Cooper served as commentator during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Above right: His Excellency Bishop Thomas J. Drury gives his full cooperation to the drive urging the people to give till it hurts. Right: Bishop Drury, Father Abbot Alfred and Father Adrian McKenna, Diocesan superintendent of Schools, concelebrate.



Abbot Alfred Urges Prayer for Drive.



"The drive to keep the Academy open is in every sense of the word a grass roots campaign. With God's help and your's we'll win."



Above left: Father Abbot Alfred gives Holy Communion to Mr. Baldeschweiler. Above: Father Abbot delivers the homily during the Mass. In spite of extremely bad weather, cold and rain, some five hundred people took part in the Mass. God often blesses most when we give more.

Togetherness Features Fish Fry.



Bro. Francis Stages Fiesta Mexicana

Through the efforts of Brother Francis, a very delightful evening of Mexican Music was enjoyed by a select audience. The best local talent

was blended into a program of comedy, music and dance. Joe and Blanche Garcia, CCA students, entertained with a Mexican Dance.



One of the first events put on to help keep Corpus Christi Academy open was a fish fry. Page 54: Upper left: Mrs. Robert and Ben Garza prepare the tartar sauce for the fish. Lower left: Mr. Roy Stephens and Robert Garza check the fish before bringing it to the cooks. Lower middle: Mrs.

Robert Garza carries a pan full of fish ready to be rolled in cracker crumbs. Page 55: Left: Joe and Blanche Garcia do a delightful brother and sister act during Fiesta Mexicana. Lower left: Mrs. W. Whitworth and Mrs. Levek fill containers with tartar sauce.

Parents' Sit-in Features Game.



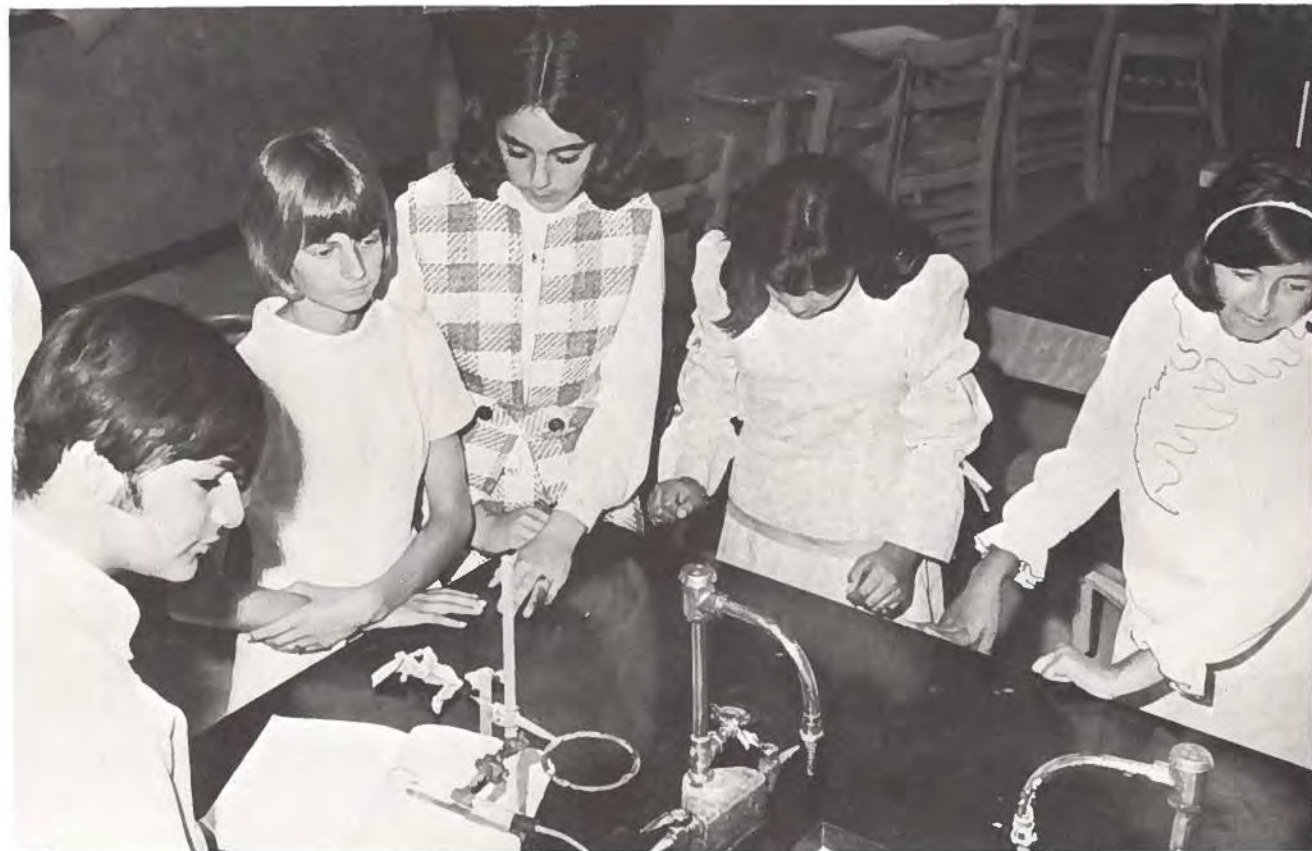
Scenes from the celebration of the Feast of St. Benedict. Above: Father Denis delivers a homily on the relevance of the Rule of Saint Benedict to its followers today. Above center: Senior Mark Cooper fulfills the role of Commentator. Above right: The Offertory Procession. Right: Father Abbott leads some of the monks and visitors in a Concelebrated Holy Mass.

Con-celebration Features Patron's Feast.



It has finally happened, as it was bound to sooner or later, a sit-in at C.C.A. It occurred during the Faculty Senior basketball game. And of all people, it was staged by the parents of the seniors. But it was all in good fun, as was the game, won by the "old" faculty by a top-heavy score. But everyone enjoyed it. This is not a quote from the Seniors.

Future Freshmen Invade Campus



All Athletes Honored at Banquet.



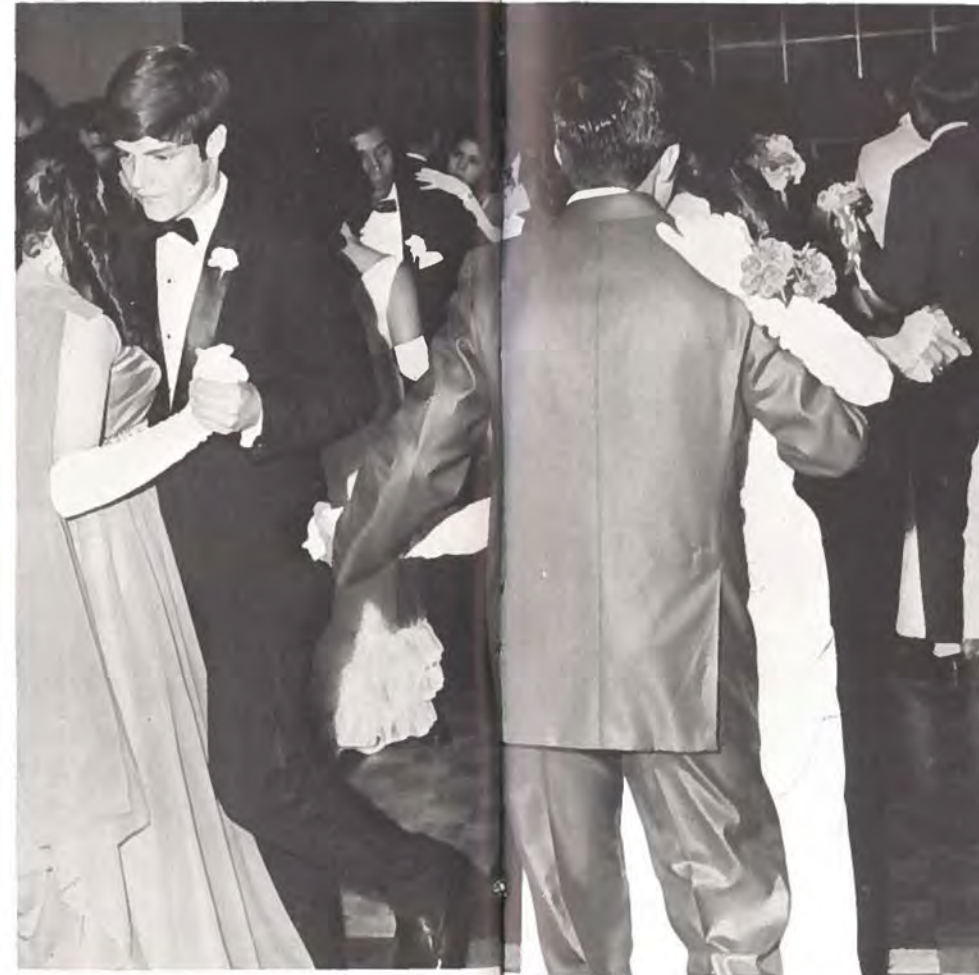
Top: Boys honored as outstanding in the various sports: Joe Stillman, basketball; Mel Kolodziej, football; Danny Jackson, baseball; and Junior Vasquez, track.

Left: Mr. Messbarger, basketball coach at Sr. Mary's University in San Antonio addresses the athletes. Above: Team captains present Coach Robison a trophy.

La Paloma Staff Pose During Prom.



Bon Voyage-World Here We Come



Snapped at the Prom. Top: Joe Whitworth and Denise Hightower; Above right: Manuel Martinez and Diana Alaniz; Right: Mike Whitmire and Cindy Potek. Spread joy.
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Above right: Obviously enjoying the prom are Mark Horak and Blanche Garcia, Mary Stillman and James Cano. Above: Jim Bennett and Kari Maybary. Immediately

above: Joe Stillman and Trudy Whitmire. Left: Mark Horak wings out during the prom. Reflections caught on these pages will linger on in the minds of these teens.

Thus End 41 Years of History. Vale!



Above: James Cody and Sherry Faubion bring copies of their yearbooks as part of the offertory procession. Right: Tim Gonzalez represented the senior class as Salutatorian. Extreme right: Gary Mayer honored his class as Valedictorian.



New Style Layout Challenges Staff.



Under the editorship of Joe Whitworth, La Paloma 1969 appears in a new format, three column geometric. It's new, but rewarding.



Above: Joe Whitworth, Editor-in-Chief of the 1969 La Paloma. Upper Left: Larry Vrazel, Martin Mircovich, Michael Whitmire and Mark Horak. Left: Joe Stillmann, James Bennett, James Cano, Gary Mayer and Manuel Martinez make up the Annual Staff.

Whitworth Heads Student Council.



Above: The boys above were elected officers of the National Honor society: Joe Whitworth, vice president; Robert Sobey, secretary; Gary Mayer, president; and Richard Kresse, treasurer. One of the services offered the Student body by the 64

NHS was an after-school tutoring service to any student requesting it, especially before Mid-term tests and final exams. Bottom: Officers of the Student Council elected by the Student Association in May: Rene Canas, Parliamentarian; Tim

Gonzales, vice president; Tommy Kaspar, secretary; Joe Whitworth, president, seated. Outstanding activity, Homecoming activities.



Physical Involvement

Jr. Vasquez TCIL All District.

Front Row: Juan Alaniz, Arthur Dornak, Ted Garza, Timmy Gonzales, Harvey Andrade, Melvin Kolodziej, Danny Jackson, Mike Valverde, Billy Delgado, Robert Alaniz, Benny Castro. Middle Row: David Leyva, Miquel Gonzalez, Joe Maese, Ralph Gonzalez, Eric Cuevas, Joe Whitworth, Daryl Snapka, Martin Garcia, Joe Aguilar, Omar Gonzales. Top Row: Assistant Football Coach Ralph Guresky, Rene Canas, Ricky Jarvis, Epimineo Vasquez, Jr., Robert Sobey, Ruben Valdez, Joe Stillman, Ronny Lucich, Rudy Salinas, Head Football Coach, Tom Robison.



The Cavaliers finished their 1968 football season with an even record of five wins and five losses. The Gents, defending state Champions, failed however, to live up to their number one pre-season ranking. The season was filled with many exciting games. In the season opener for the Cavaliers, the Gents battled the Flour Bluff Hornets, losing 20 to 0. The game was played in a continual rain.

The first home game was played against the West Oso Bears. The game was one of contrasts for both teams. The Gents had trouble putting to-



gether a good defense and this proved to be the difference in the game. The Gents lost to West Oso Bears 32 to 20.

For their next game the team traveled to Port Isabel to take on the perennial tough Tarpons. This game proved to be the first victory for the mighty Cavaliers. The Gents scored first and were never threatened as they rolled to a convincing score of 28 to 6. The second win of the season came in the following game against the Eagles of Benavides. Again scoring first and playing a

good defense the Cavaliers raced to a 21 to 6 victory. Playing at home in the next game, the Cavaliers met the Riviera Seahawks for the first time. The Cavaliers won by a lopsided score of 69 to 6, even though most of the game was played by the reserves.

In the next game the Cavaliers were the underdogs against a fine Woodboro team. But by playing by far their best game of the season, they won a convincing victory 24-6.

Against arch rivals St. Joseph of Victoria, the Academy lost by a

Kolodziej and Garcia on All State



score of 33 to 0. The Flyers were ranked 2nd in the state at the time. In the first district game for both competing teams, St. Joe of Laredo and the Cavaliers, it was our homecoming game. The game was played in the traditional bad weather, rain and cold. Theresa Burkhardt was crowned Homecoming Queen in the pre-game ceremonies. Also keeping in tradition the Cavaliers mauled the Antlers by the one sided score of 50 to 0.

The Academy Gents played their final game of the season against St.

Joseph's of Brownsville. The game was for the district championship. The Cavaliers fell to the Bloodhounds: final score 28-10. The Cavaliers are coached by Tom Robison and assisted by Ralph Guresky. Coach Robison is in his second year at the Academy, while Coach Guresky is in his first. Besides coaching football, Coach Robison also coaches baseball, and teaches trigonometry and algebra. Coach Guresky coaches track, "B" team basketball. He teaches Chemistry, general science and P.E.

Picture on left side, page 66 is Epimineo Vasquez, Jr. who was selected on the All-District team. He is also one of the regular 5 on the basketball team, coached by Richard Messbarger, who is doing a splendid job in his first year.

Page 67. Right: Melvin Kolodziej, Quarterback of the Cavaliers was selected as Quarterback on the All-State TCIL 2A team. He overcame a bad knee to win his position.

Martin Garcia was selected as a lineman on the All-State Team.

CC Caraliers Play Hot and Cold.



Above: Joe Stillman takes a hand-off from quarterback Melvin Kolodziej and plows through the tough Victoria St. Joseph's line for a well-earned gain against the Flyers. Despite a tremendous effort on the part of the Cavaliers, the outcome was disappointing as they were defeated by their perennial rival.

Right: Jr. Vasquez shows his running skill by outracing his defender for a big gain against the Benavides Eagles. Because of many similar feats in our other games, Jr. was selected All-State.

Above Center: Corpus Christi Academy cheerleaders lead the mighty Cavaliers onto the field for another victory. The cheerleaders were a great help to the team by always showing spirit and never being discouraged by anything.



Cheerleaders Lead Team to Victory



The cheerleaders, girls from Incarnate Word Academy, add that something extra to the Cavaliers. SPIRIT AND FIGHT. Through long hours of practice, beginning in the early summer, they were on hand at pep rallies, and at all games to lead the fans on to yell to win, in weather fair or foul.



Bottom Center: Joe Stillman receives a pass and tears down the middle for a long gain in a game at Benavides.

Right: Quarterback Melvin Kolodziej shows his all important running skill.

Top: Coach Guresky shows his interest and full concentration on the game.



Cavaliers Losses and Wins Even.



Upper right: With arms upraised the official signals a TD, carried over by Danny Jackson. Left: Mr. Botelho at the walkie talkie seems to be getting some information from the press box that from his facial expression is difficult to interpret. Coach Robison doesn't miss a thing that goes on while the ball is in play. Page 71: Joe Stillman, 63 runs interference for the ball carrier against the Eagles of Benavides. Lower: The Cavalier defensive wall rises up to stop the enemy drive for short yardage against the Hornets of cross town Flour Bluff.

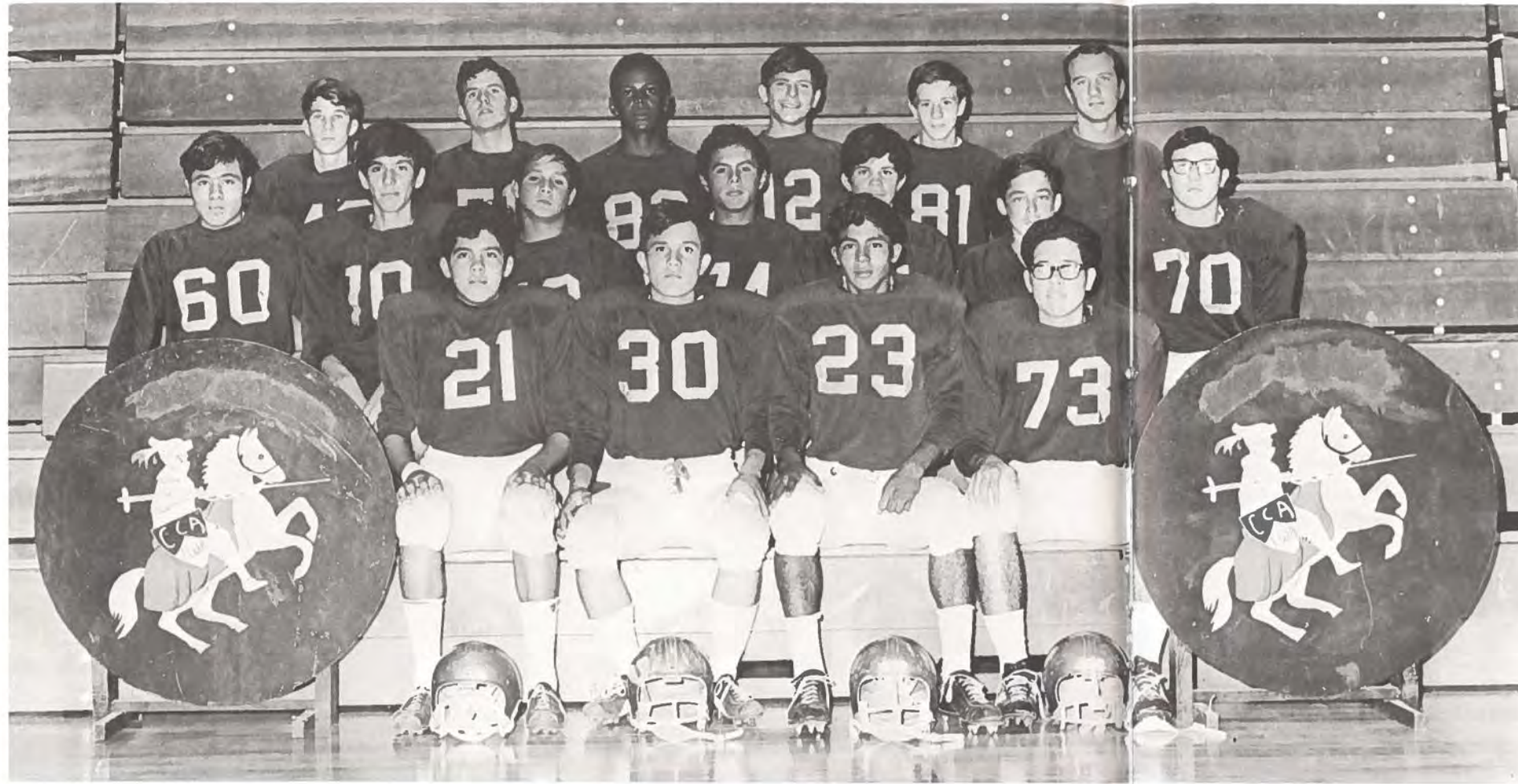
The game was played in the rain, but that cannot be offered as an excuse for losing the game. The Cavaliers made too many mistakes, and the Hornets took advantage of them. It isn't necessarily the best team that wins the game, but very often the team that makes the fewer mistakes.



Gents Reach Peak Against Woodsboro.



CC Players Crush St. Joe Laredo



Above: Academy Vaqueros. Front row: Bennie Castro, Harvey Andrade, Miguel Gonzalez, Joseph Aguilar. Middle row: Richard Ortiz, Omar Gonzalez, Louis Garza, Ralph Gonzalez, Louis Lopez, Rudy Travis, Eric Cuevas. Top row: Danny Whitworth, Anthony Jackson, Sam Jones, Ben Delgado, Joseph Soliz, Coach Richard Messbarger.

Right: The cheerleaders added so much to the color of the game, and encouragement to the players. Diane Shumate, Annie Whitworth, Terry Burkhardt, the captain, Mary Nichols, Debbie Snapka and Cindy Kosarek. Our hats off to the cheerleaders, who at their own expense attended a school for cheerleaders at Huntsville during the summer. They put in many hours of hard work day after day to perfect the routines used at games.



St. Joe Brownsville Take District.

The Cavaliers traveled to Brownsville for the final game of the year, and the one that was to determine the district Championship of District II TCIL. It was just the old story, that

you can't make mistakes and hope to win the game against a good team. Especially when it is homecoming game. Thus, ended the Gents dream.



Gents District 3AA Co-Champions.



Front row: Billy Joe Delgado, Louis Garza, Louis Lopez, Claude Stephens. Middle: Ben Delgado, Joe Stillman, Sam Jones, Don Montgomery, Robert Sobey.

Top: Rick Jarvis, Rene Canas, Basketball Coach: Richard Messbarger. Insert: Miss Mary Schoenmakers of Villa Maria, Brownsville, voted an HONORARY

CAVALIER for her sportsmanship, courage and courtesy after the game against the Bloodhounds of St. Jos's Brownsville.

Delgado, Stillman won All District.



Cavaliers Start Cold But End Hot.



Above: Joe Stillman and Robert Sobey prevent St. Augustine's of Laredo from getting off the shot. The remaining pics on these two pages, show Billy Joe Delgado (13), his freshman brother, Ben (15) Rene

Canas (23), lead the defense and the offense against conference foes, Saint Joe's of Laredo and Brownsville, and St. Augustine, Laredo. The Cavaliers won all district home games, one on the road.

Underclassmen 'Inspire Cavaliers



Academy to Field Strong Five in '70.



Don Montgomery gets the tip-off against one of the players of St. Augustine of Laredo. St. Augustine, usually a very strong contender in the district, proved to be weak this year, due to graduation.



B Team Shows Great Potential



The "B" Team. Front: Coach Ralph Guresky, Steve Nelson, Pat Baldeschwiler, James Fornell, Tim Sullivan. Middle row: Roy Lozano, Danny Whitworth, Robert Garner, Ted Garza. Top: Joe Soliz, David Trujillo.

Joe Stillman does an excellent job keeping the ball away from his much taller opponent. It was Joe's hawklike guarding of number (42) that earned him a place on the All-District Team. Rene Canas is waiting for an opportune moment to pass the ball to one of his team. Billy Joe Delgado, with his quick hands and fast dribble was an eye-catcher in every game. It was his consistent playing and ball handling, especially in the district games that placed him as guard on the All-District Team, 3AA, TCIL. Joe is only a sophomore, so we can expect to see much of him in the next two years playing basketball for the Cavaliers. In district play, the Cavaliers were Co-Champions with Laredo and Brownsville. In the play-off, Laredo won the right to represent the district in State playoff.

Cavaliers Repeat TCIL as Champion.



Pictured above is the 1969 version of the Cavalier baseball team. Front row: Omar Gonzalez, Junior Vasquez, Joe Maese, Robert Connor, Arnold Benavides, Billy Joe Delgado, Bennie Castro. Middle row: Danny Whitworth, assistant manager, Tim Gonzalez, Darryl Snapka, Mark Cooper, Art Dornak, Coach Tom Robison. Top row: Dick Kresse, mgr., Santos Rodriguez, Robert Sobey, Dan Jackson, Don Montgomery, James Drier.

On the left are the boys who made the All-State TCIL 2AA team. Arnold Benavides (pitcher), Darryl Snapka (outfield), Timmy Gonzalez (second base), Junior Vasquez, (outfield) and Danny Jackson (third base).



Cavaliers Play Hot and Cold.



Upper left: Mr. Edward Botelho, Principal, announces one of the games during the annual Corpus Christi Academy Tournament. Top: A Cavalier batsman lays down a perfect bunt, scoring the runner from third. Immediately above: An on-target peg gets the tag out by Art Dornak at the plate in a game against Moody. Left: Donald Montgomery, extreme left in the picture, after his first homerun of the season.

The Cavaliers, as they prepare to go to the State TCIL Tournament, show a rather poor record of won and lost games. The reason for this is the fact that almost all of their games are against 4AAAA teams in the public school system. In games within their own classification they have a good record. However, this stiff competition is really in their favor when they play in the TCIL State Tournament.

Scenes Snaped During State Finals



Gents Place Fourth State TCIL



Above: The following are members of the track team: Kneeling: David Trujillo, Harvey Andrade, Joseph Soliz, Ted Garza, Arnold Benavides, and Mike Valverde. Middle row: Juan Vega, Alvin Reyna, Eddie Hernandez, Louis Lopez, Manuel Martinez, Eric Cuevas, Miguel Gonzales, Rudy Salinas. Back row: Coach Ralph Guresky, Ted Benavides, Bennie Castro, Jimmy Smejkal, Jerry Jiminez, Robert Sobey, Jose Zuniga, Omar Gonzales, and Epimino Vasquez, Jr. Left: Winners in the District Mile relay in the District Track meet held in Brownsville with a winning time of 3:52, were Junior Vasquez, Omar Gonzales, Miguel Gonzales and Juan Vega. Yea Team.

In the State track meet, 2AA TCIL, held at Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio, the Academy was represented by six men. Junior Vasquez took first place and a medal in the high jump with a leap of 5:10. Rudy Salinas placed 4th in the 100 yard dash. Juan Vega came in 5th in the 440: the mile relay team was 4th with a time of 3:43. The Cavalier track team this year gave the Academy its best record.

E. Vasquez, Jr. Wins Medal with 5-10 Jump.

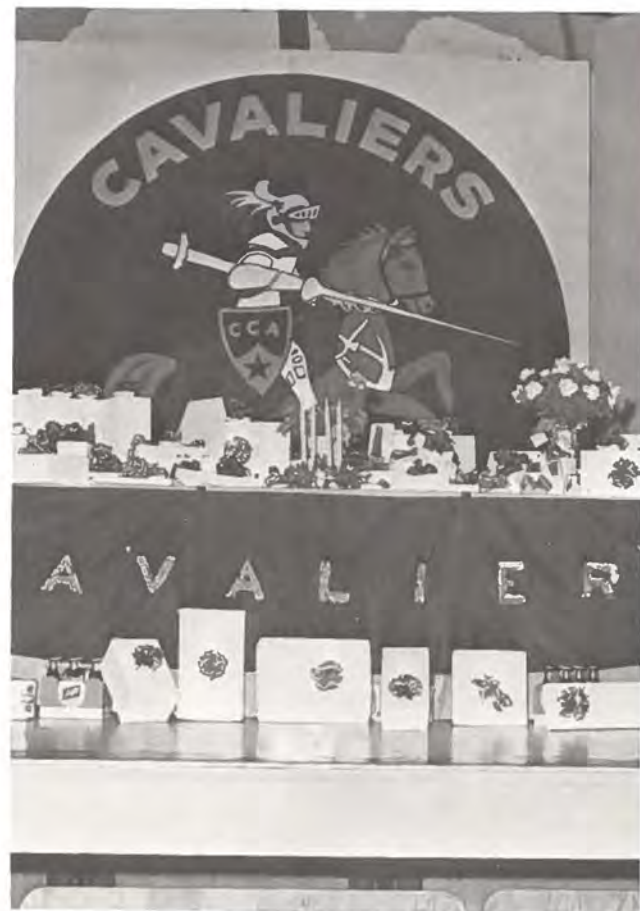


Epimenio Vasquez, Jr. is probably the first Cavalier to make All-State in three sports in one year. He accomplished this in football, in track (high jump), and in center field in baseball.



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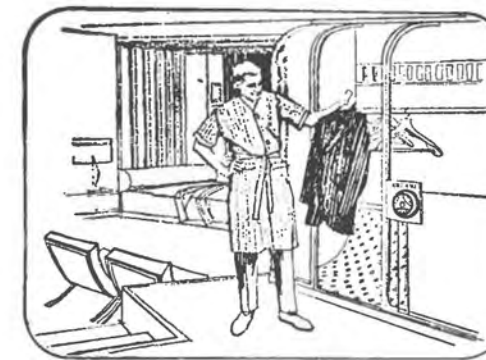
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General average 2; Most Representa-
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