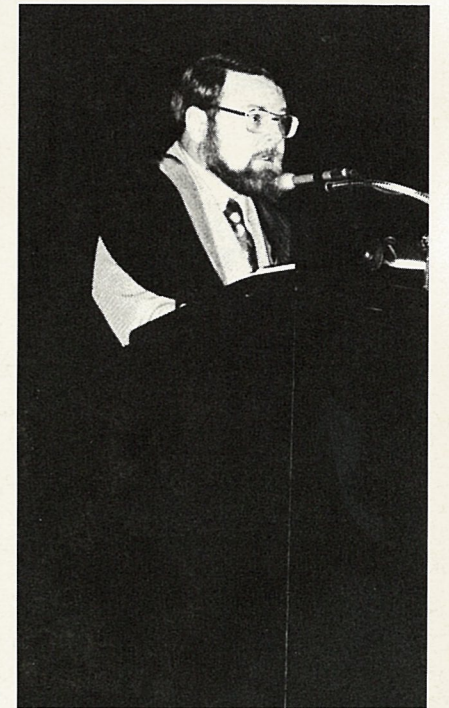
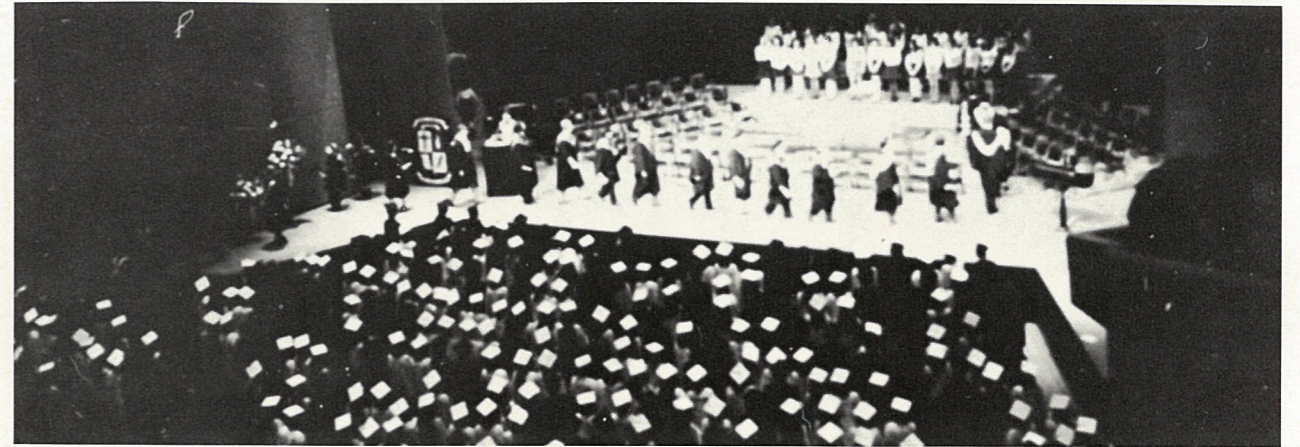


# GRADUATION CEREMONY



ABOVE: Mr. John Ciaccia, member of the National Assembly and this year's guest speaker presents a clearer view of the "real" world to the untried graduates. RIGHT: Last year's graduate, Ermelinda Pelausa accepts from Mr. Pajuk a well deserved Dave Young Award. BELOW: After the ceremony, teachers relax over coffee in plush Place Des Arts Lounge.



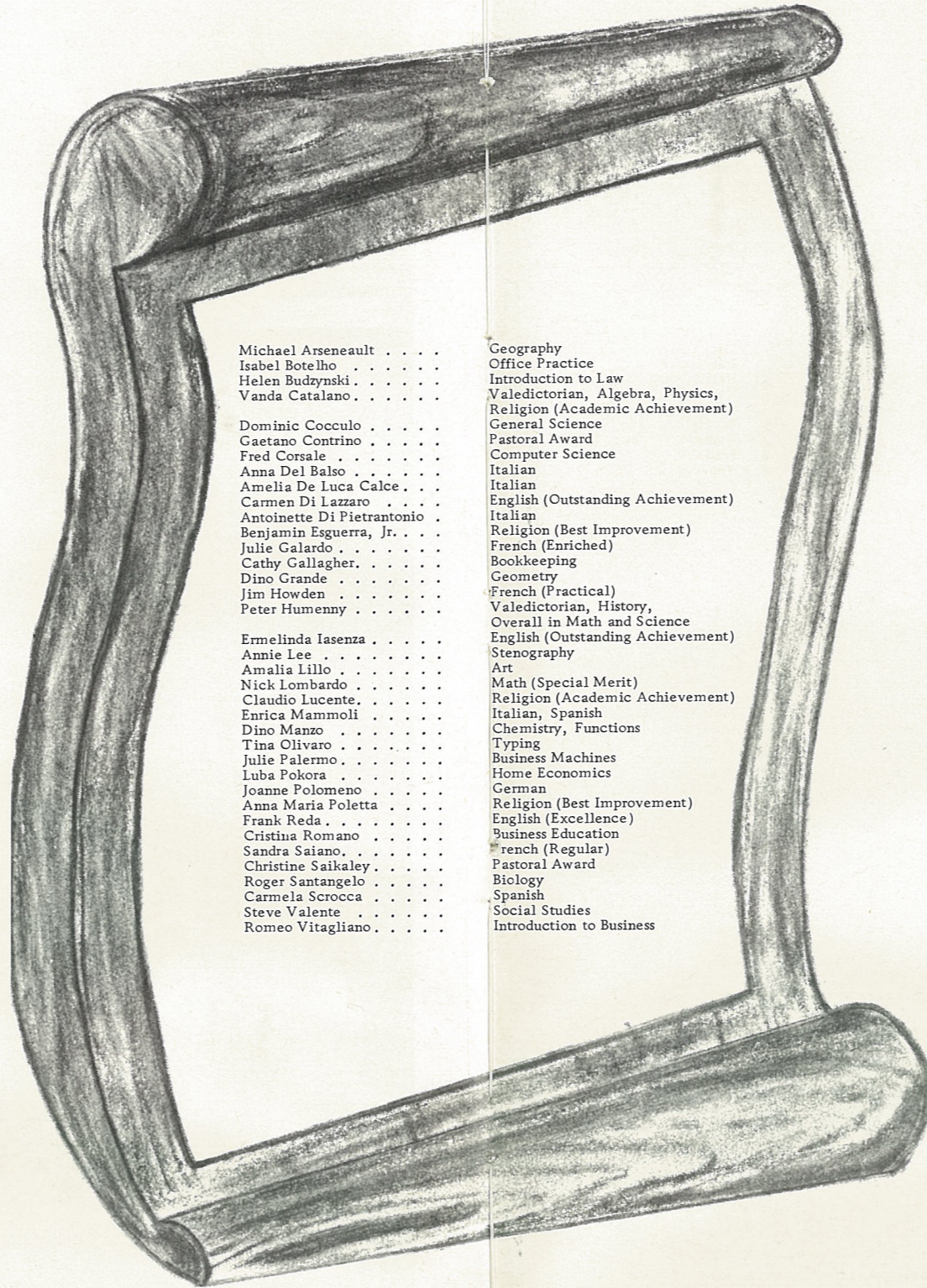
TOP: The Academic Procession: Members of the teaching staff take their places on stage while the graduates stand in attention. In the background is the J. F. K. Chorale.

CENTER LEFT: Some department heads in candid! CENTER RIGHT: Mr. Steve Cocking, the energetic master of ceremonies, calls forth the graduates . . . LEFT: Graduates proceed to the stage to receive their diplomas.

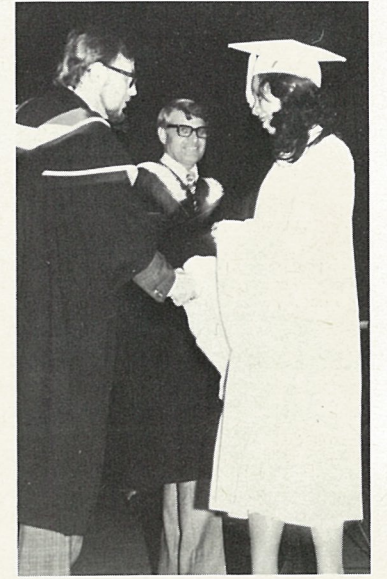
# J.F.K. AWARD EES 1973-74



TOP LEFT: Anna Del Balso receives her plaque from the guest speaker, Mr. Ciaccia. ABOVE RIGHT: Tina Olivaro happily accepts her award from Mr. Bambek. MIDDLE: Vanda Catalano, this year's valedictorian, receives with a smile, her award from Mr. Fernandez. BELOW LEFT: Miss Terry Sheen graciously awards Romeo Vitagliano for excellence in Introduction to Business. BELOW RIGHT: Cristina Romano proudly accepts her plaque from Mr. O'Keefe.



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|--------------------------------------|---|
| Michael Arseneault . . . . .         | Geography   |
| Isabel Botelho . . . . .             | Office Practice   |
| Helen Budzynski . . . . .            | Introduction to Law   |
| Vanda Catalano . . . . .             | Valedictorian, Algebra, Physics,<br>Religion (Academic Achievement) |
| Dominic Cocculo . . . . .            | General Science   |
| Gaetano Contrino . . . . .           | Pastoral Award  |
| Fred Corsale . . . . .               | Computer Science  |
| Anna Del Balso . . . . .             | Italian   |
| Amelia De Luca Calce . . . . .       | Italian   |
| Carmen Di Lazzaro . . . . .          | English (Outstanding Achievement)                                   |
| Antoinette Di Pietrantonio . . . . . | Italian   |
| Benjamin Esguerra, Jr. . . . .       | Religion (Best Improvement)   |
| Julie Galardo . . . . .              | French (Enriched)   |
| Cathy Gallagher . . . . .            | Bookkeeping   |
| Dino Grande . . . . .                | Geometry  |
| Jim Howden . . . . .                 | French (Practical)  |
| Peter Humenny . . . . .              | Valedictorian, History,<br>Overall in Math and Science              |
| Ermelinda Iasenza . . . . .          | English (Outstanding Achievement)                                   |
| Annie Lee . . . . .                  | Stenography   |
| Amalia Lillo . . . . .               | Art   |
| Nick Lombardo . . . . .              | Math (Special Merit)  |
| Claudio Lucente . . . . .            | Religion (Academic Achievement)                                     |
| Enrica Mammoli . . . . .             | Italian, Spanish  |
| Dino Manzo . . . . .                 | Chemistry, Functions  |
| Tina Olivaro . . . . .               | Typing  |
| Julie Palermo . . . . .              | Business Machines   |
| Luba Pokora . . . . .                | Home Economics  |
| Joanne Polomeno . . . . .            | German  |
| Anna Maria Poletta . . . . .         | Religion (Best Improvement)   |
| Frank Reda . . . . .                 | English (Excellence)  |
| Cristina Romano . . . . .            | Business Education  |
| Sandra Saiano . . . . .              | French (Regular)  |
| Christine Saikaley . . . . .         | Pastoral Award  |
| Roger Santangelo . . . . .           | Biology   |
| Carmela Scrocca . . . . .            | Spanish   |
| Steve Valente . . . . .              | Social Studies  |
| Romeo Vitagliano . . . . .           | Introduction to Business  |



TOP LEFT: Mrs. Chesterman gives Julie Palermo her award. TOP RIGHT: Mr. Fitzsimmons awards Annie Lee for Stenography, as Mr. O'Keefe watches smilingly. MIDDLE: Peter Humenny 1973-74 Valedictorian accepts with pride his plaque for History from Mr. Dunn. BELOW LEFT: Dino Manzo, being congratulated by Math Dept. Head Mr. Fernandez, for excellence in Functions. BELOW RIGHT: Mr. Adams gets a buzz from Carmen Di Lazzaro, the recipient of the award for outstanding achievement in English.



## VALEDICTORIANS

We, the graduating class of John F. Kennedy High School, who are about to embark on a long and challenging voyage upon the sea of life, first phase of our lives, symbolizing not only academic achievement and success, but also, the end of a fundamental period of character development. It brings into focus the end result of the tireless dedicated work and combined efforts of many people, who devoted themselves completely to our intellectual and spiritual preparation for life.

As we look back over the years, our hearts and minds are absorbed by memories of the high school life which gave our intellectual existence its initial pulsation. The unique character and reputation of John F. Kennedy High School, which makes it one of the finest centers of secondary education, can be greatly attributed to two basic standards maintained by its staff and administration, namely, concern for each other, and the pursuit of academic excellence. Realizing the grave importance of your role in both the academic and psychological guidance of the adolescent mind, you, our devoted administrators and teachers, succeeded in creating an ideal atmosphere of care and concern, within which our choice and attainment of academic goals were greatly facilitated, and our individual patterns of behaviour were moulded into those of mature, responsible human beings. Within the social environment of the school, we have learned to adapt our lives to the moral principles and social standards which not only govern the efficient function of our society, but also enrich the quality of our own lives as its worthy citizens. Thus, through your persistent efforts, concern, and determination, you, the honourable members of the staff and administration, working conjointly with you, our dear parents, without whose support, encouragement, and love we would have never seen this memorable day, succeeded in giving us a strong academic and spiritual foundation, upon which we are now able to intelligently build up our lives.

As we are about to cast off on life's challenging voyage into the unknown horizons of the future, we can fully appreciate the priceless value of our education, for it is the steering mechanism which enables us to direct the course of our lives with understanding and judgment. The doors of opportunity have been widely opened to us, and although each one of us may plot a different route to success, we can rest assured that the promise of tomorrow is great for those who journey into it prepared in knowledge and in spirit.

On behalf of the Class of '74, I would like to take this opportunity to express our most profound gratitude to everyone who, in any way, contributed to the realization of this moment, and especially to you our beloved parents and teachers, who put the world at our doorstep. We are graduating into life, we are going our separate ways, but no matter how the winds of destiny scatter us, we shall always remain united in the spirit and memory of an unforgettable experience -- John F. Kennedy High School.

Peter Humenny

## EDITORIAL

Even though I was asked to write a formal editorial; I will just ramble on with a few statements concerning this year's yearbook.

It's 3:50 P.M. on Thursday July 4, 1974. The last pages from the advertising section are about to be sent, and we are expecting a somewhat delayed delivery of our yearbooks in September. Just about the last thing I've got to do is write this editorial.

Some students during the course of the year have asked me if they'd get a good yearbook. And I always answered they should expect one. They probably thought I meant they should expect a good yearbook, but what I actually meant was that they should expect a yearbook.


Actually just producing or creating a yearbook is a feat admirable in itself. This isn't to flatter myself or make the yearbook seem as if it were martyrdom, but it is a task not to be underestimated. Thus the Kennedian population should be proud of HAVING a yearbook even though it isn't the best, the thickest, the most colourful or the most artistic.

As one member of the administration put it " . . . yearbooks are a dying thing . . ." But through yearbooks schools' histories are made. As a souvenir picture-book it can be appreciated by anyone interested in seeing how school-life (or life) is different (or similar) from the past which seems to be so much out of grasp after it has gone by.

Nostalgia is the name of the game - and we are trying to fix it up nicely so that in ten years from now the yearbook will be something real - as it is real, now.

Mike Arseneault  
(Editor Kennedian 1973-74)

"I know we've come a long way,  
We're changing day to day,  
But tell me, where do the children play?"



Colleghi carissimi,

Il tempo sta improvvisamente diventando il nostro nemico. Le lunghe ore di studio e di divertimento passate nella nostra scuola tra poco diventeranno memorie del passato. Ci restano appena pochi giorni da trascorrere insieme. Il tempo fugge, e ben presto la classe del 1974 che si diplomerà non ci sarà più.

Questi ultimi quattro anni di scuola sono stati forse gli anni più turbolenti della nostra vita finora. Siamo a poco a poco emersi dalla nostra infanzia e nel processo ben pochi di noi siamo restati illesi, mentre cercavamo incessantemente di affrontare le pretese del mondo degli adulti. In un certo modo noi abbiamo quasi tutti sofferto nel divenire giovani piuttosto maturi ed istruiti, e a volte abbiamo anche dubitato del fine della nostra esistenza. Spesso nello sdegno e delusione, abbiamo tirato calci facendo anche male alle persone che amiamo tanto come i nostri genitori per esempio. Siamo ora arrivati ad un punto decisivo della nostra vita, poiché stiamo per fare un nuovo passo avanti.

Oggi, quindi, deve essere un giorno di riconciliazione e di amore. La spaventosa aspettativa del futuro è ormai alle nostre porte e dobbiamo essere ben preparati per accettare la sfida. Noi che abbiamo avuto l'opportunità di avere un'istruzione che non ha paralleli nel passato, possiamo e dobbiamo rendere di più di quelli che sono venuti prima di noi.

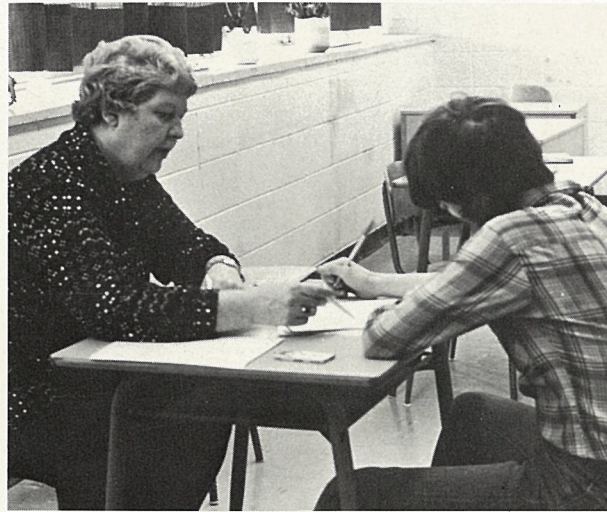
Noi, che siamo nati verso la fine del cinquanta, abbiamo assistito alla guerra del Vietnam, alle brutalità delle lotte razziali ed alla futilità della guerra. Dobbiamo essere allora, la generazione della speranza decisa a cambiare il mondo in cui viviamo con mezzi pacifici e per il benessere di tutti. A questo punto non posso fare almeno di citare la famosa frase del Presidente John F. Kennedy che disse: "Non chiedere cosa può fare la patria per te, ma cosa tu puoi fare per la patria." Infine desidero rivolgere un saluto particolare ai tutti i miei compagni di scuola che si diplomeranno quest'anno.

Amici, io vi ricorderò sempre, e custodirò con amore e gelosia, le memorie di voi tutti.

GRAZIE

Vanda Catalano

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# GRADUATION

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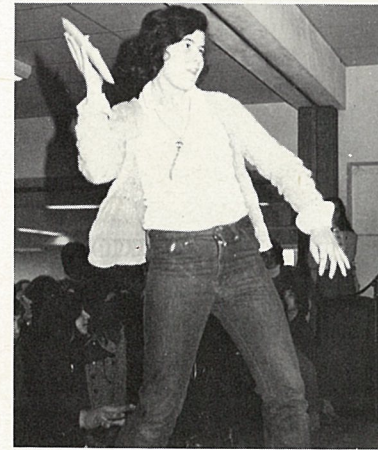
G ay are the faces on graduation day,  
 R adiant with hopes the graduates seem free;  
 A midst the throng you will hear them say,  
 "D ear God, we give our thanks to Thee."  
 U nwillingly they part from friends so dear,  
 A s ever eager to remember  
 T rue friends will never fade away,  
 I nto oblivion they will never be.  
 O nward their noble thoughts march  
 N earer to the most coveted arch.  
 H eaven grant them their cherished hope  
 O ut of labor teach them to cope  
 P aradise may seem a fantasy  
 E ternal bliss let crown their way.  
 (Mrs. N. O. Pelausa)

TOP, Left: Mrs. Pat Dancose patiently coaches one of the students to read. MIDDLE, Left: Mrs. Daxon is so engrossed with her task to help one of the students in the Reading Center.

Below are dedicated women responsible for this year's Reading Center. From left to right they are: Mrs. Shirley Blair, Mrs. Phyllis Daxon, Mrs. S. Villamil, Teacher-Reading Specialist; and Mrs. Pat Dancose.



# KENNEDIAN KANDIDS



"I've been waiting for this a long time!"



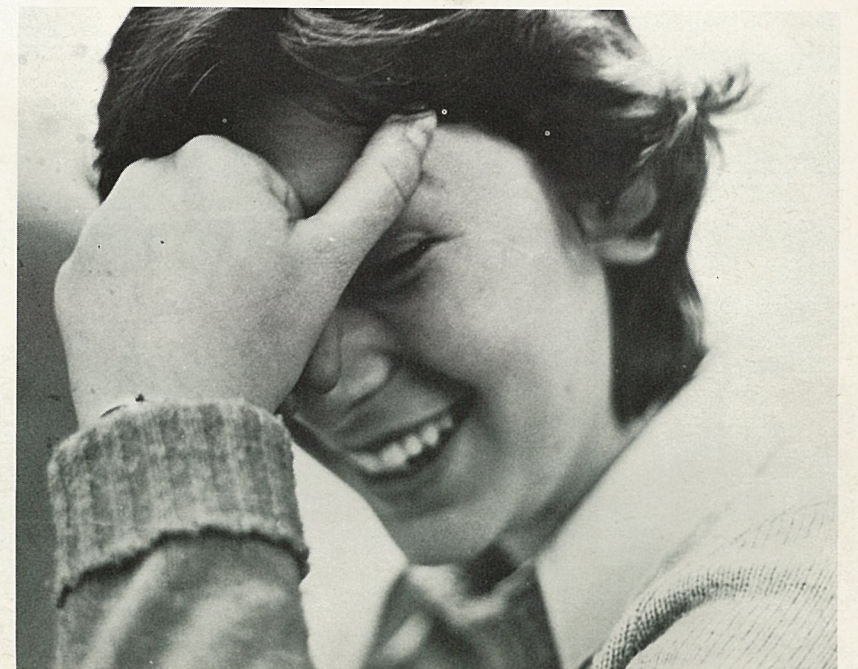
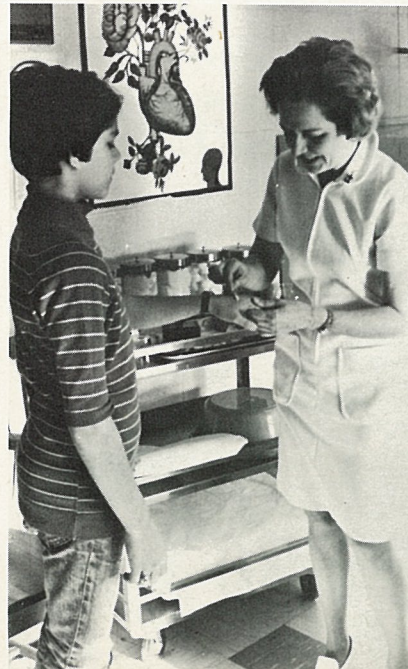
Arm wrestling; a battle of wits and strength.



Anna Del Balso; "The Yearbook caught my eye!"



The talented Mrs. Esguerra with some members of the choir. BELOW LEFT: Nurse Beaulieu and one of her patients. RIGHT: Terry De Luca; a moment to remember.



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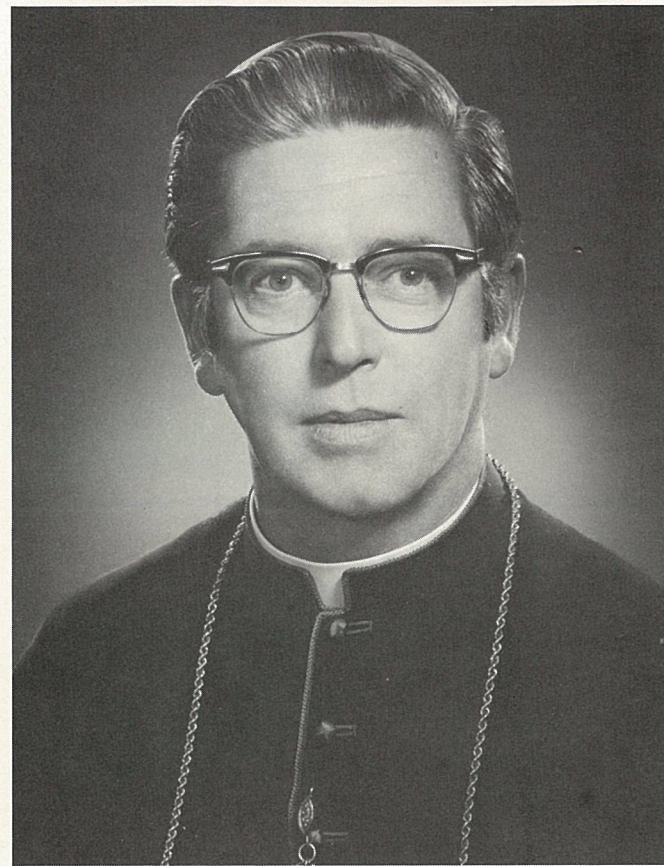
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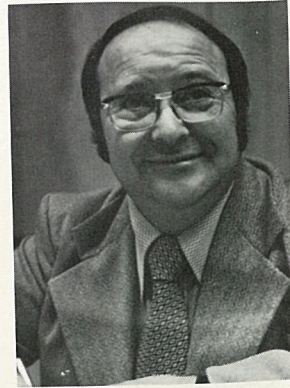
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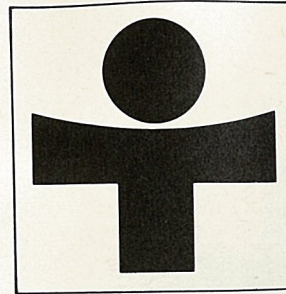
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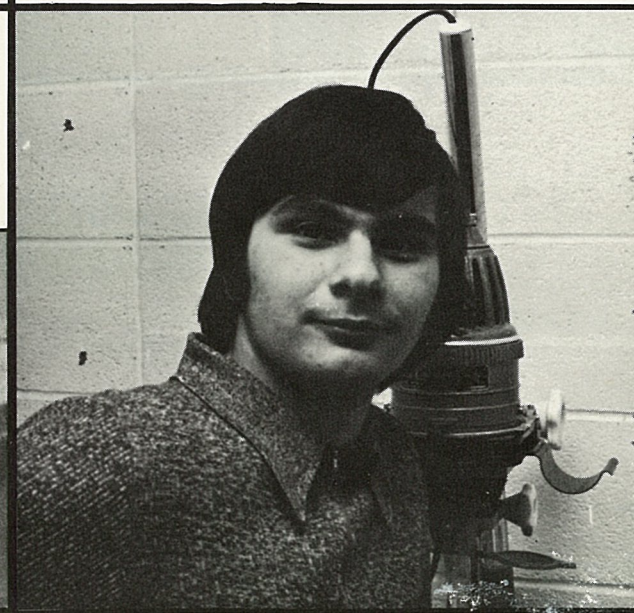
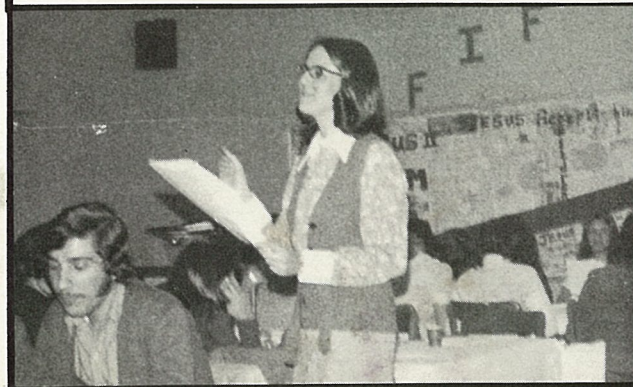
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