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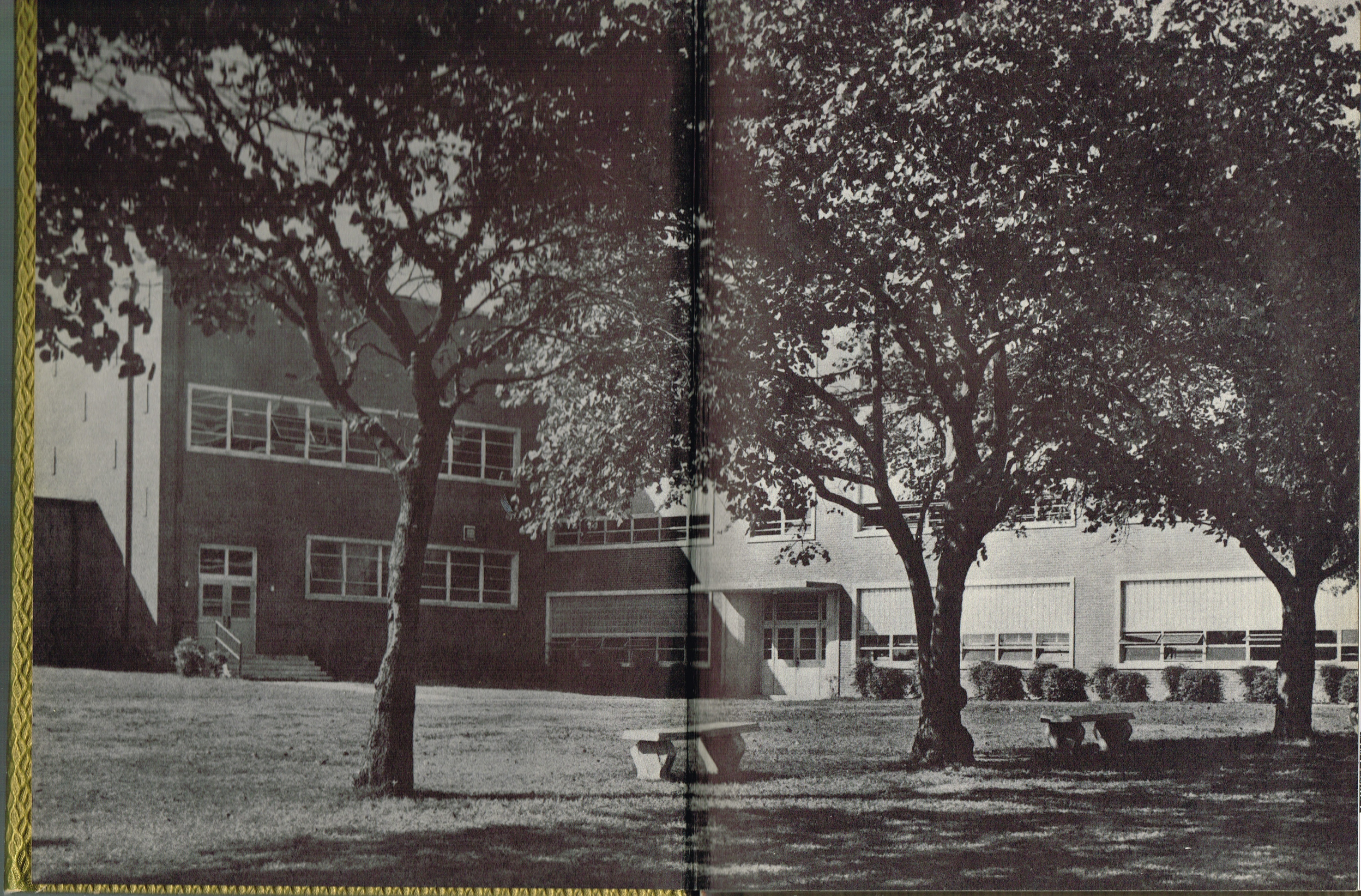



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FOREWORD

The class of 1961 has the usual feelings of joy in reaching a coveted goal, and sorrow that mark the end of many associations and pleasant memories. But we have a deeper emotion, however, that has stirred our spirits to consider our advent in time, ere space, as opportune. All the events of our time point to the beginning of an Epoch. We feel that the experience depicted here upon these pages have given us the foundation upon which we can build with confidence. We are sure that this new Epoch in the history of mankind will demand more intellectual and spiritual stamina than was necessary in the life of our predecessors.

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DEDICATION



Because she has been a constant source of inspiration, a beacon guiding us through the wilderness of adolescence with wholesome counsel, a stern disciplinarian, but a friend to all, the class of 1961 proudly dedicates this Golden Wildcat to Mrs. Gladys Vernice Sharp.

We shall never forget you and you will always linger in our hearts.

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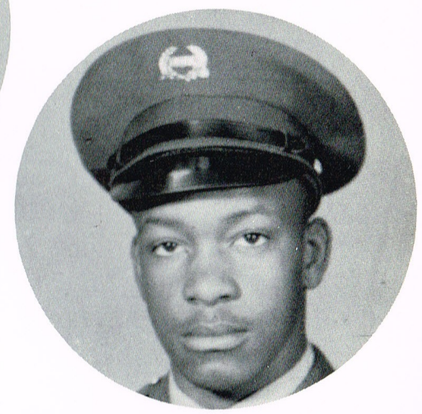

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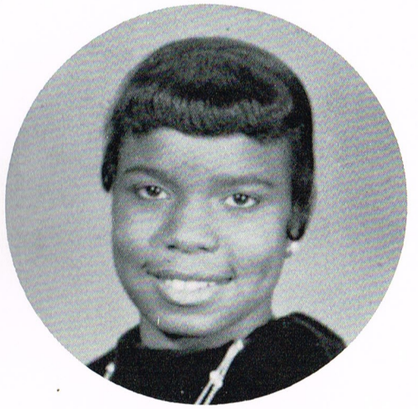

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OUR PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Education is the development of a well-rounded personality and the training for a dynamic and intelligent citizenship regardless of vocation. Schools were organized by society for the purpose of directing pupils; hence it is our aim to administer a life-centered education through the unification of the principles of education and the needs of the youth of our community; to develop each child according to his personal needs, interests and abilities and skills that are essential to democratic behavior and intelligent citizenship. Therefore, our ultimate aim is to develop each student to the total extent of his possibilities.



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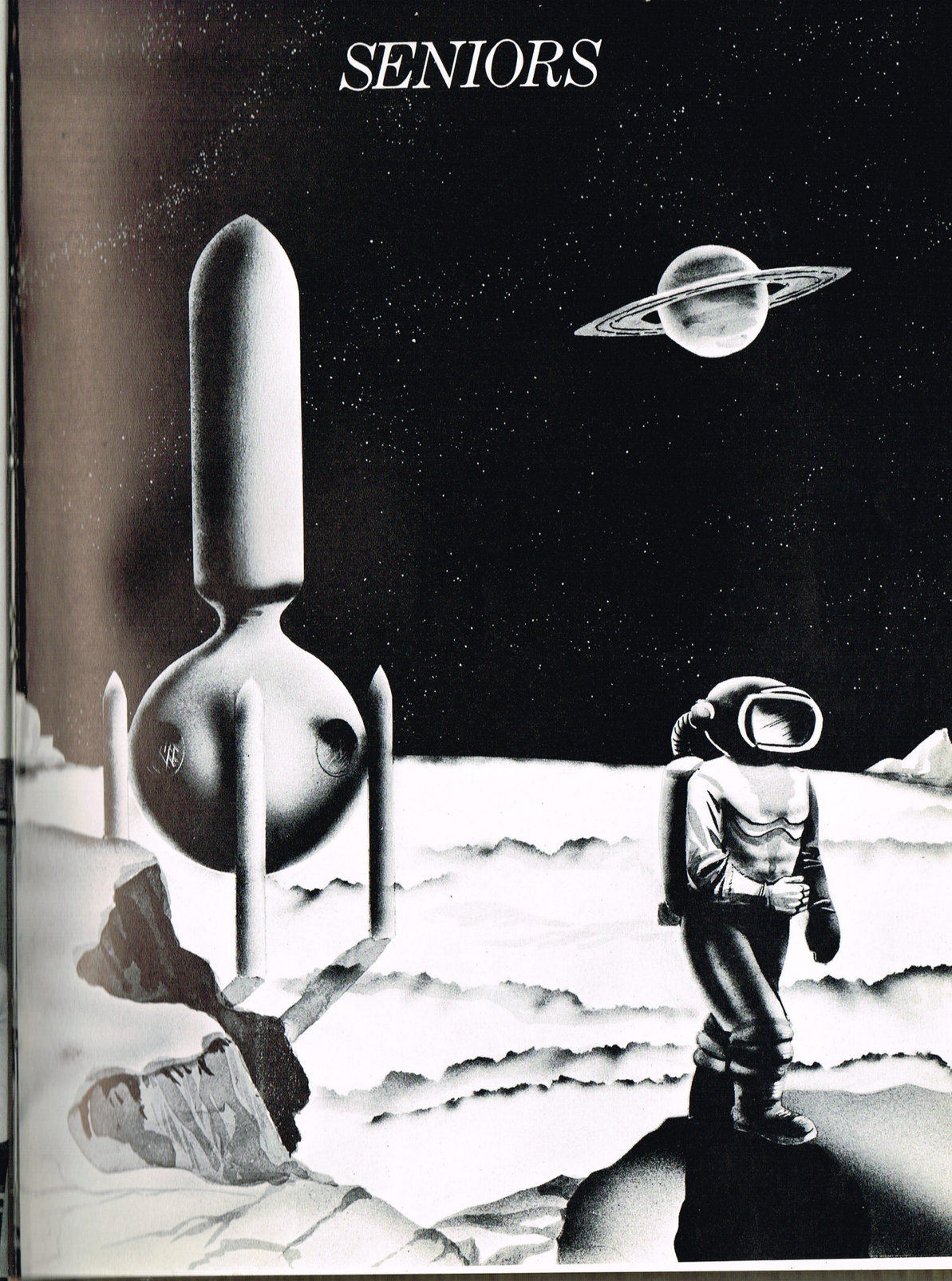

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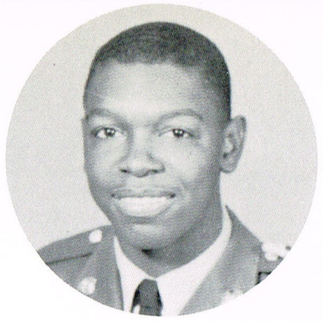

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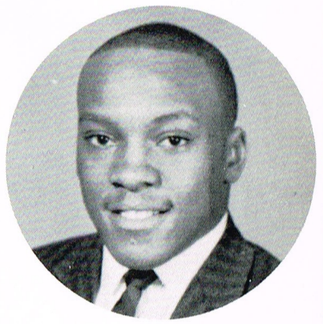

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IN MEMORIAM

JOE PRINCE
1943-1957

"Thou'rt gone! the abyss of heaven
Hath swallowed up thy form;
Yet on our hearts
Deeply hath sunk the lesson thou hast given
And shall not soon depart."



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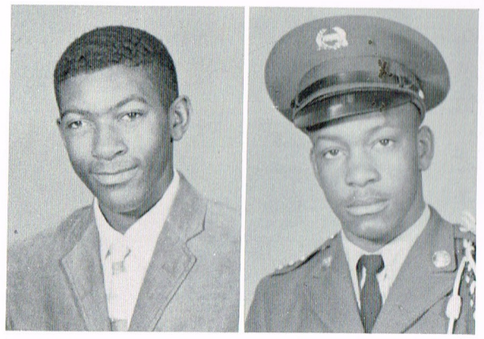

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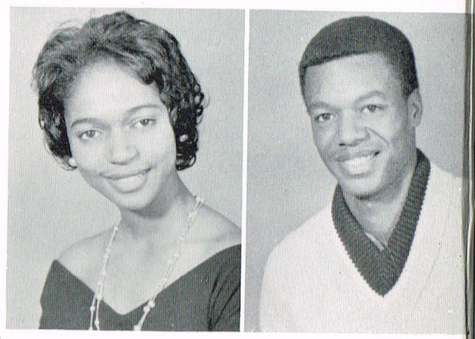

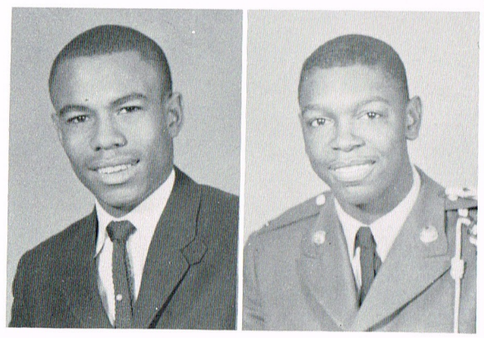

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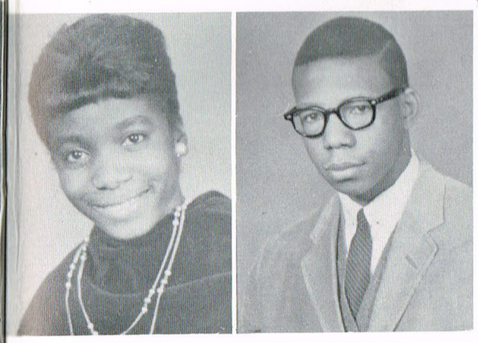

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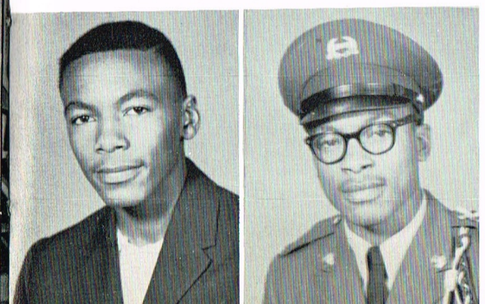

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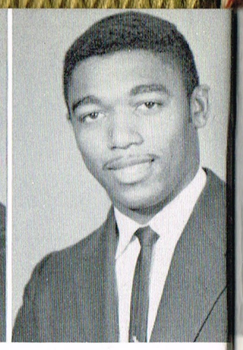

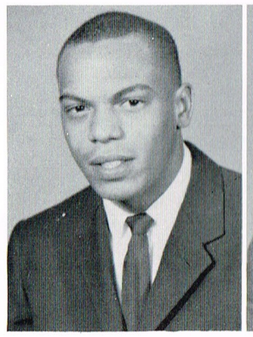



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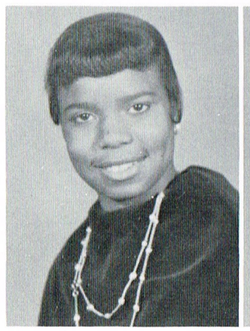

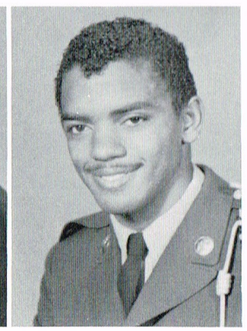

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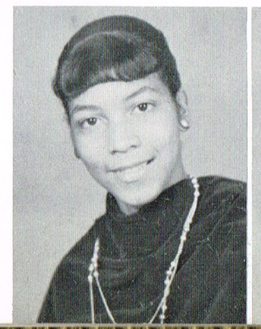





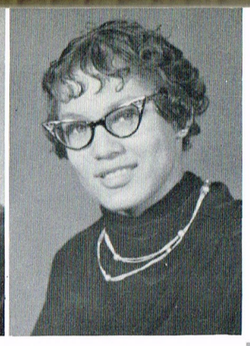

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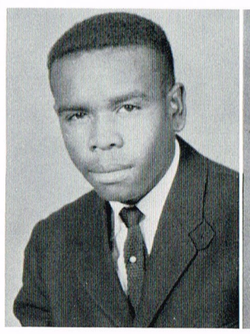







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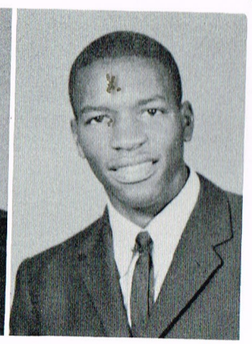

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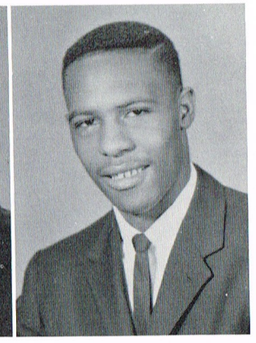

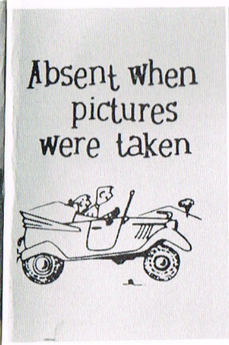



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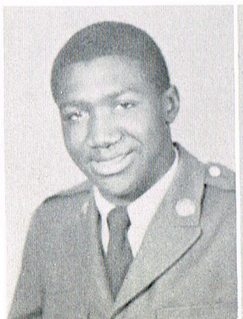



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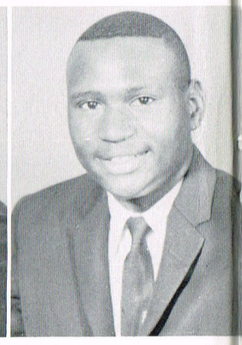

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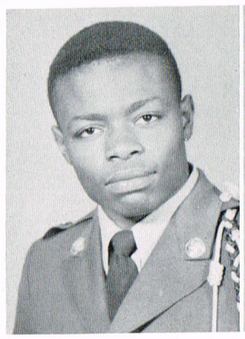


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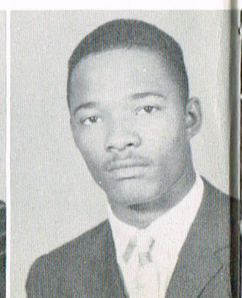

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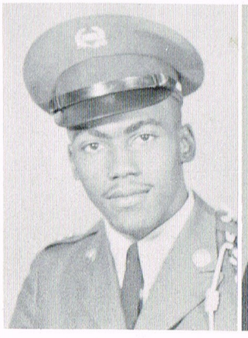
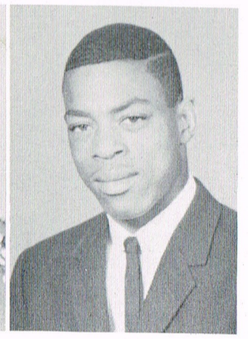

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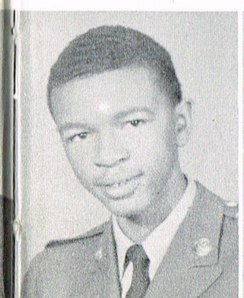
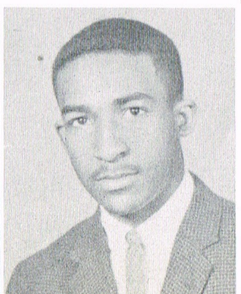

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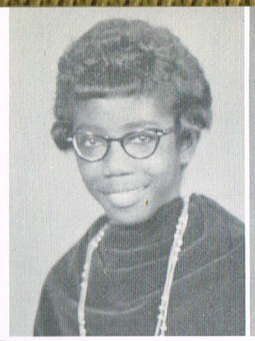





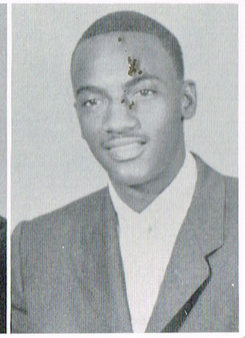

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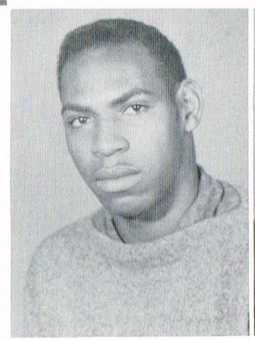

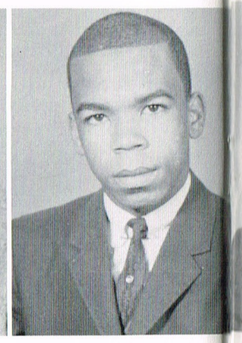





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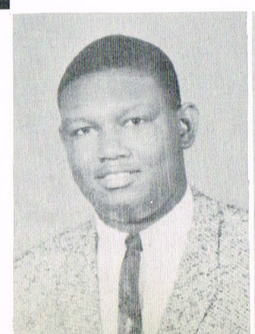



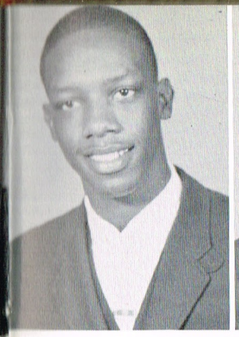

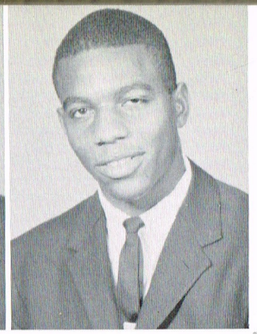

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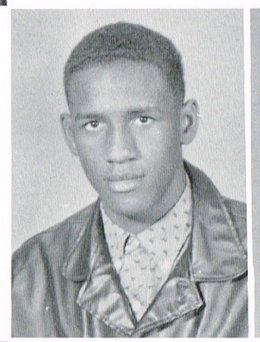

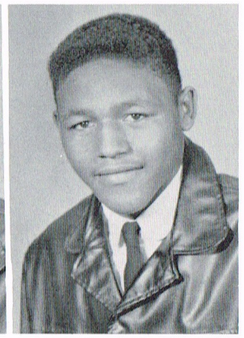

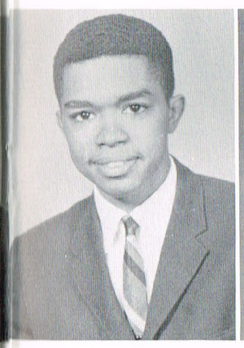

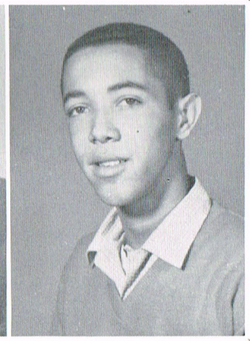

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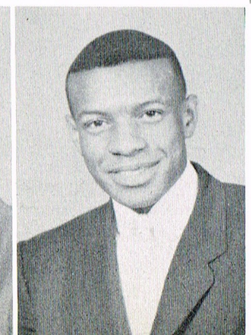

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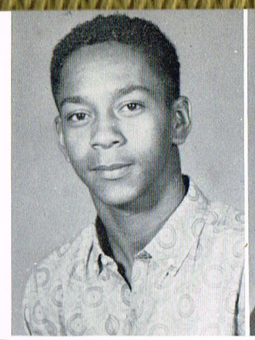



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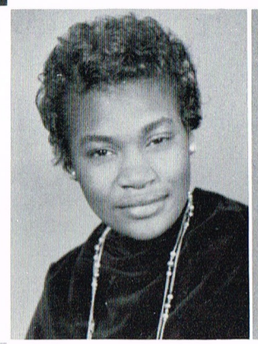



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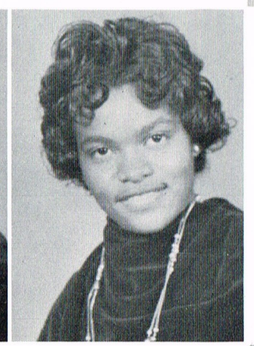

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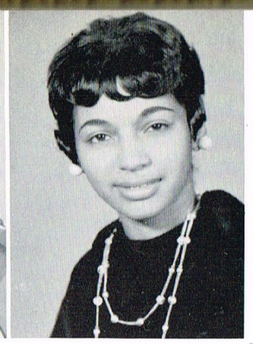

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ALBERT TALLEY, Auto Visual Aid

DOROTHY TAYLOR, N. H. A., Jacquelettes, Zo-Zo





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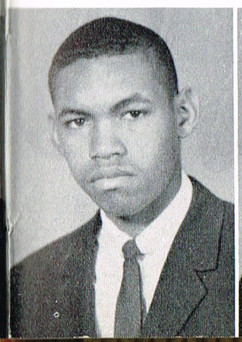



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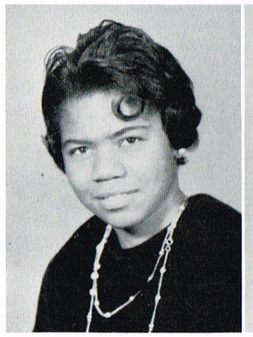

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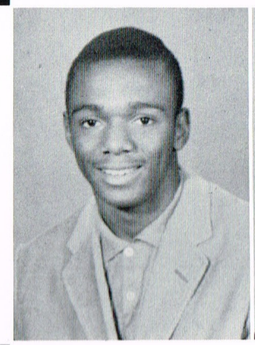

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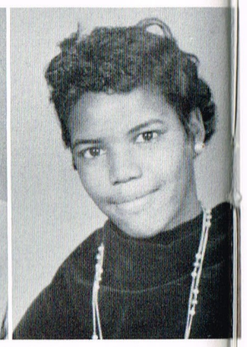



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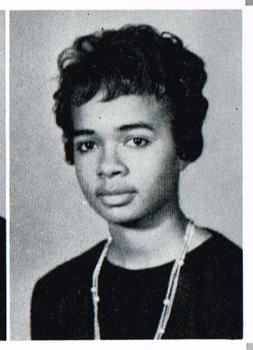



CHARLIS WARFORD, Jacquelettes

FLOSSIE WALLACE, Science Club, F. B. L. A.



CLASS HISTORY

We the Seniors of the class of 1961 feel it is our sacred duty to you, our successors to share the experiences, we have encountered along the straight and narrow but tedious path of learning by presenting our STORY. The fall of September 1957, was filled with excitement for all our fellow classmates as we ventured through the first days of school. Boasting of being the largest freshman class ever to attend Melrose we selected the following class officers: President-Eddie Dale Ford; Vice President-Margaret Sherrod; Secretaries-Annie Pearl Bridgeforth, Maedelle Smith; Treasurer-Irma Shoulders.

During this year the Sci-Che-Bi-Phy Science Club was organized by members of our class and is under the wonderful leadership of Mrs. Ruthie Strong. Our Homecoming representatives were Mamie Shields and Carol Doxey, Miss Freshman and Alternate respectively.

As Sophomores, our class chose Bobby Cole as its President. Feeling that well-rounded citizens were those who strived for perfection, not only academically but also socially, we began to take interest in many of the social organizations on the campus. Carol Doxey was an intriguingly beautiful "Miss Sophomore" and shared her glory with Junienne Briscoe who served as Alternate. The Student Council election filled our days with extra glamour as Bobby Cole, Eddie Ford, Marilyn Isabel, Mamie Shields and Jasper Williams won positions. Each gained valuable knowledge, politically, from this election. In the citywide area Juanita Gardner was elected Chaplain of the Librarian Association. Our basketball team also emerged as champions in city and state tournaments, victories we appreciate highly.

The year 1959-60 was somewhat a marvelous dream that became a reality, too wonderful to behold as Junior Class Officers elected were: President-Tommy Martin; Vice President Jasper Williams; Secretaries-Eddie Dale Ford, Curlene Hamilton; Treasurer-Ernest Johnson; Chaplain-Dorothy Vaughn; Reporter-Margaret Sherrod. The Induction Ceremony of the National Honor Society was one of the most challenging ever presented as the following Juniors were inducted: George Bradshaw, Bobby Cole, Ernest Johnson, Carrie Littlejohn, Raymond Neal, Ida Coats, Juanita Gardner, Regina Ferguson, Ethel Johnson, Sue Parham, Maedelle Smith, Regina Thigpen, and Lucille Tunstall.

The National Defense Cadet Corps was introduced to the student body and the young men were commanded by Morris Woods, Raymond Neal, Johnnie Rutland and Morris Wilson. Bobby Cole, Raymond Neal, and Ernest Johnson represented Melrose in the Plane Geometry Contest and Johnnie Rutland and George Bradshaw at the Tennessee Boy's State. In the Homecoming, our Junior representatives were none other than charming Margaret Sherrod "Miss Junior" and Eddie Dale Ford, Alternate. A class composed of beauty and brains truly fitted our class as Carrie Littlejohn was elected Secretary of the Citywide Y-Teens and won a scholarship to Paine College while Juanita Gardner was elected Secretary of the Librarian Association. Ernest Johnson and Ida Coats served as members of the Quiz-Em-On-Air team while Curlene Hamilton and Gwendolyn Fife excelled in the Citywide Typing Contest.

The Student Council election placed Jasper Williams as President while in sports, our track team made very good showings in city and state contests. A wonderful year ended with our Junior-Senior Prom, A NIGHT IN FRANCE, and the French atmosphere was enchanced by the beautiful model of the Eiffel Tower.

That glorious and long awaited "Senior" year began and class officers elected were: President-George Bradshaw; Vice President- Jimmy Morris; Secretary-Carol Doxey; Assistant Secretary-Eddie Dale Ford; Corresponding Secretary-Lorene Holmes; Treasurer-Raymond Neal; Business Manager-Herbert Payne; Lucille Tunstall and Samuel Goodloe- Historians; Bettye Jefferies and Jewel Reed-Reporters. Other class members who possessed leadership abilities were elected as heads of the various organizations.

The "Homecoming" of 1960 was truly the loveliest ever held at Melrose, as Curlene Hamilton ascended the throne as "Miss Melrose" with Carol Doxey, Miss Alternate; Junienne Briscoe, Miss Senior and Margaret Sherrod, Alternate. Credit must be given to our wonderful football and basketball teams for the superb job they performed for our school. Seniors on these teams were: (football) George Bradshaw, Johnnie Rutland, Elbert Griffin, Walter Perkins, James Manns, James Perkins, Melvin Jones, Bobby Cole, Samuel Goodloe, and Louis Dunlap; (basketball) Jewel Reed, John Greer, Tommy Martin, Frank Richmond, Charles Griffin, James Perkins, and Walter Perkins.

Senior members of the Buzzer Staff attended the First Journalism Clinic while Carrie Littlejohn, Lucille Tunstall, Raymond Neal, and Ernest Johnson were representatives on the Quiz-Em-On-Air television program.

We, the "Class of 1960-61" have resolved to continue to make achievements, each in his field, as we strive to become better men and women. We shall always hold our "ALMA MATER"dear within our hearts and forever "SERVE WITH PRIDE AND HUMILITY".

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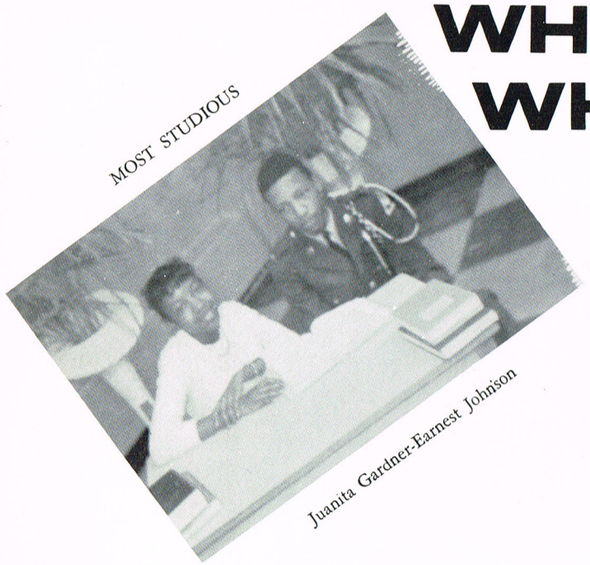
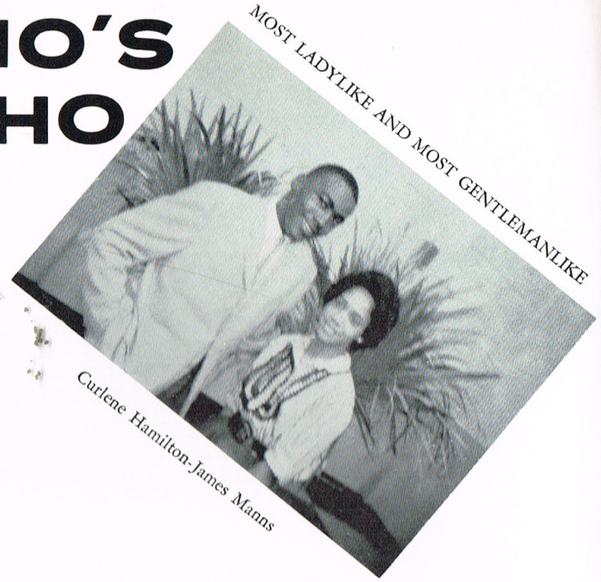


Juanita Gardner-Earnest Johnson

MOST LADYLIKE AND MOST GENTLEMANLIKE



Curlene Hamilton-James Manns

MOST VERSATILE



Junienne Briscoe-John Greer

FRIENDLIEST



Regina Thigpen-Herbert Payne

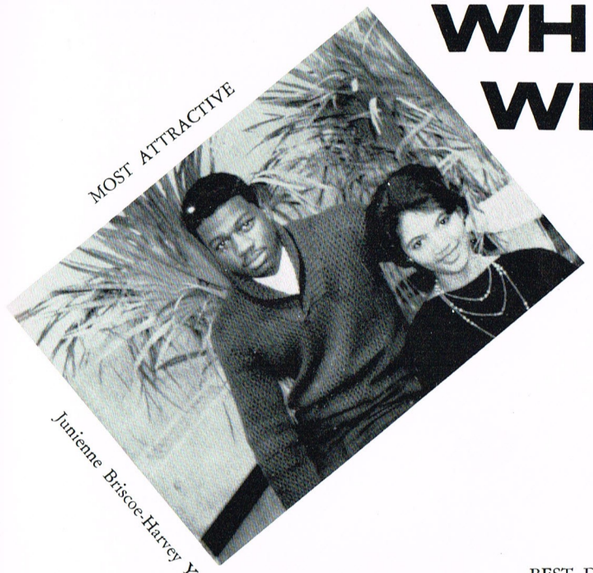
BEST DANCER



Joyce Berry-John Greer

WHO'S WHO

MOST ATTRACTIVE



Junienne Briscoe-Harvey Young

TALKATIVE



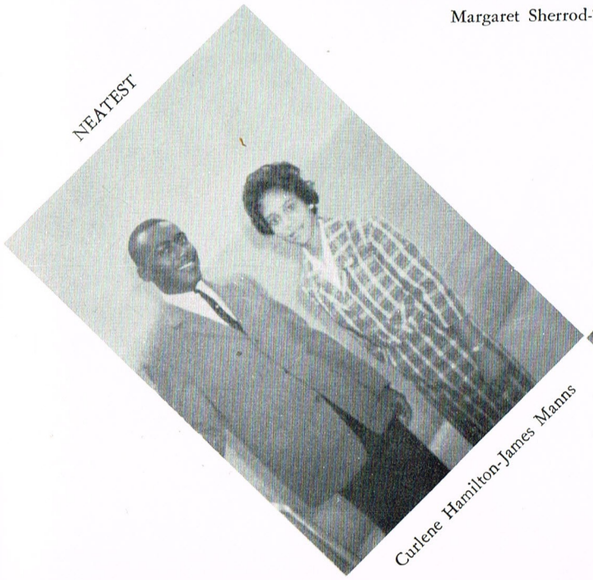
Brucie Newson-Jewell Reed

BEST DRESSED



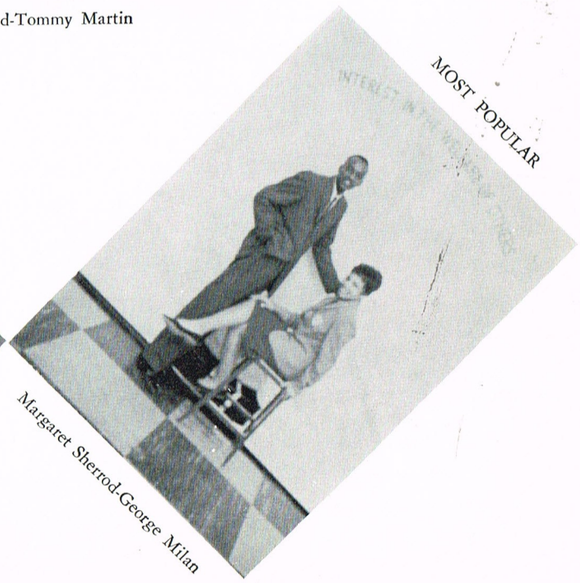
Margaret Sherrod-Tommy Martin

NEATEST



Curlene Hamilton-James Manns

MOST POPULAR



Margaret Sherrod-George Milan

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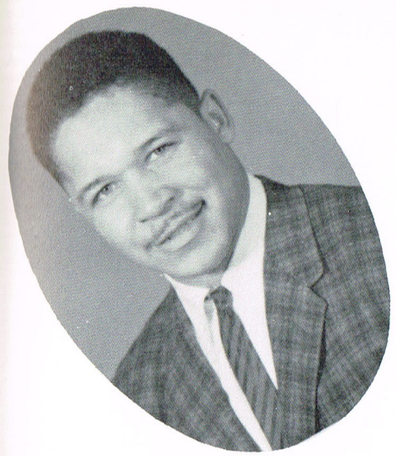

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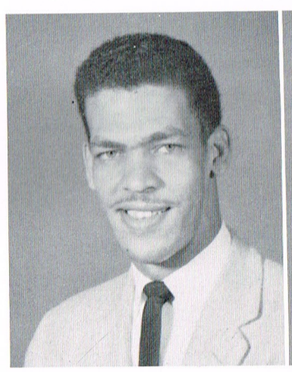

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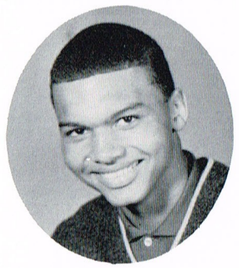

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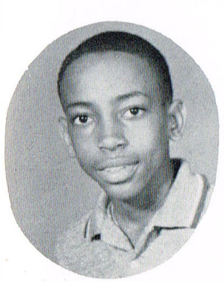

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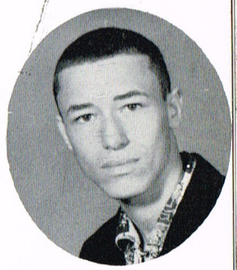

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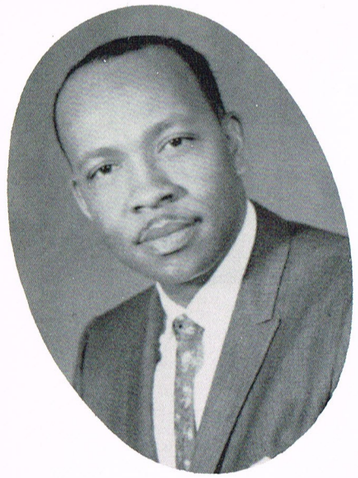

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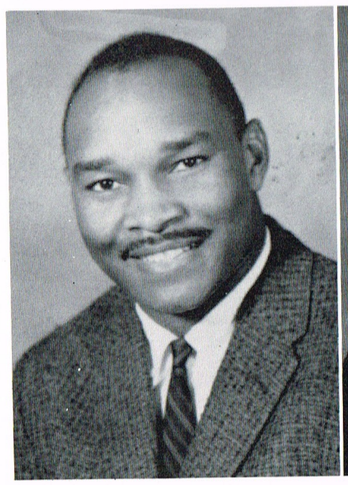

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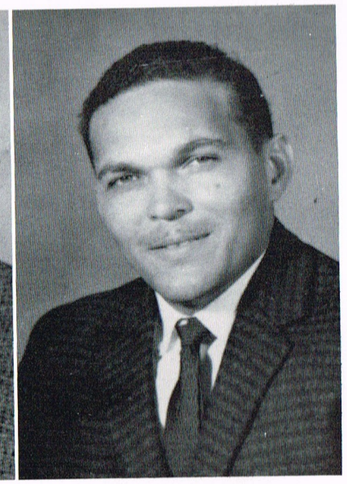

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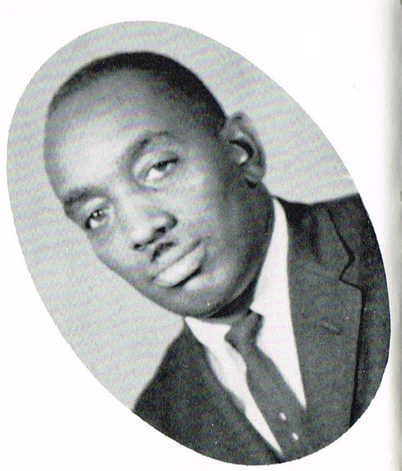

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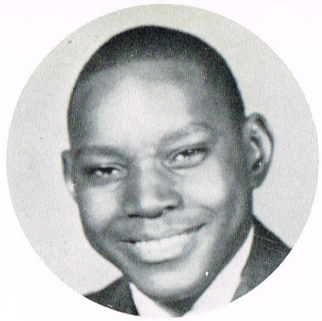

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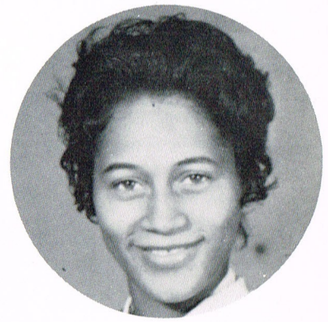

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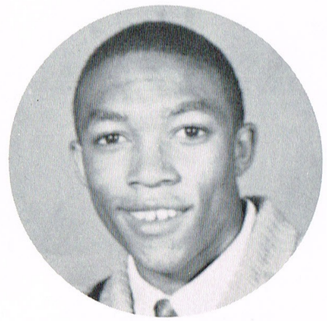

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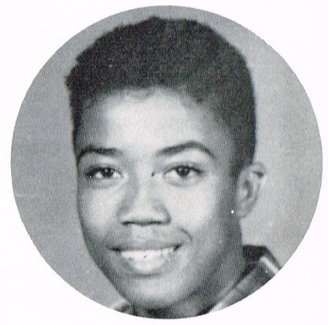

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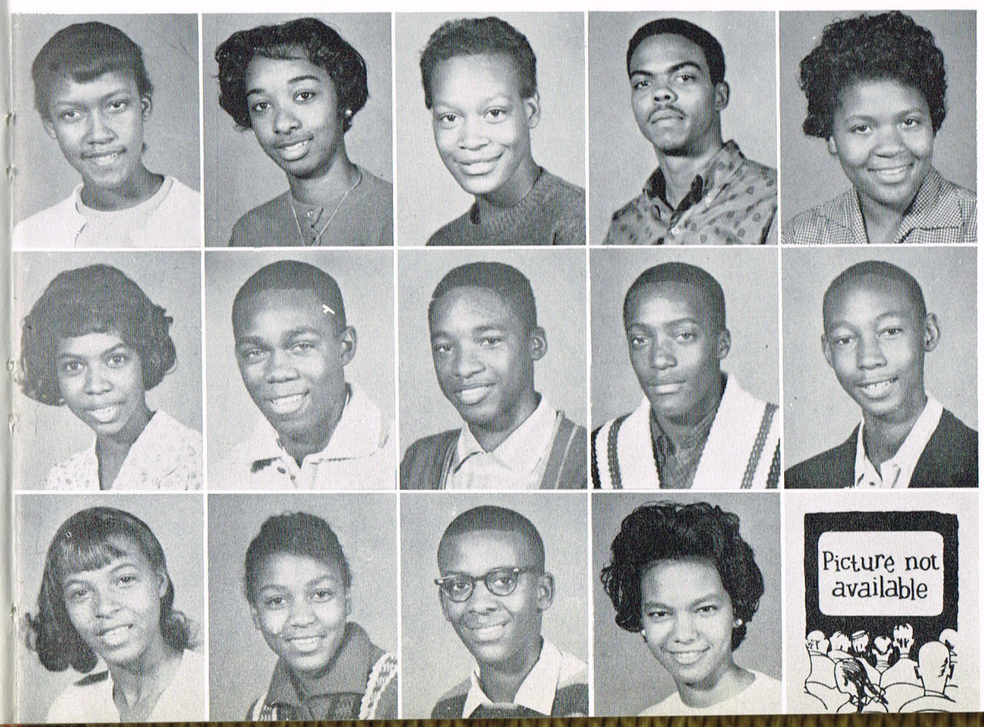

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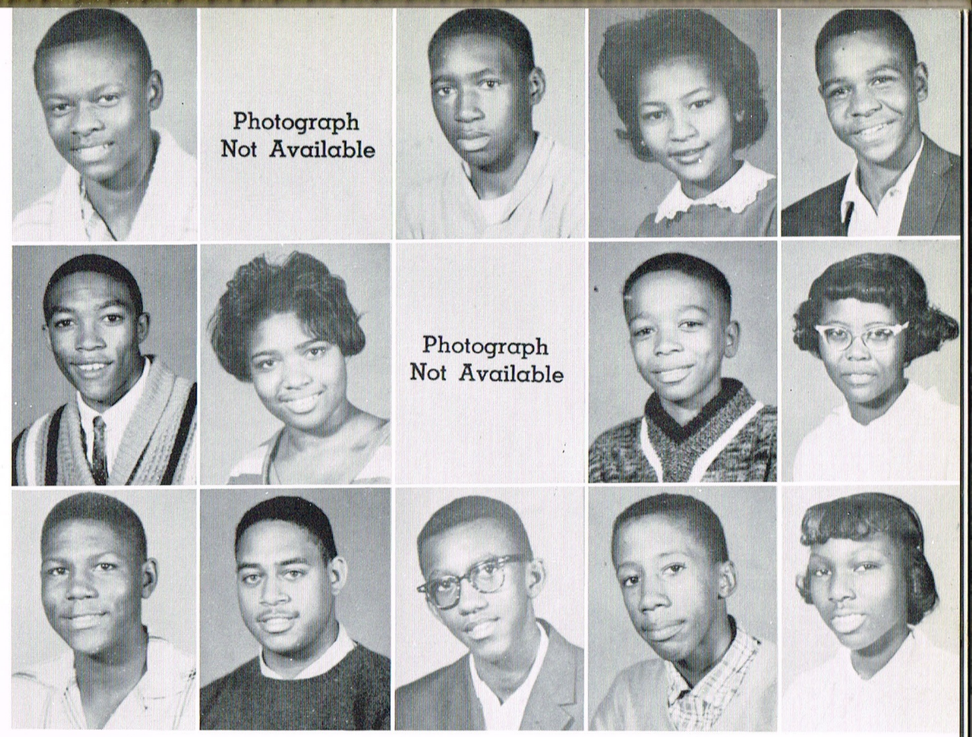

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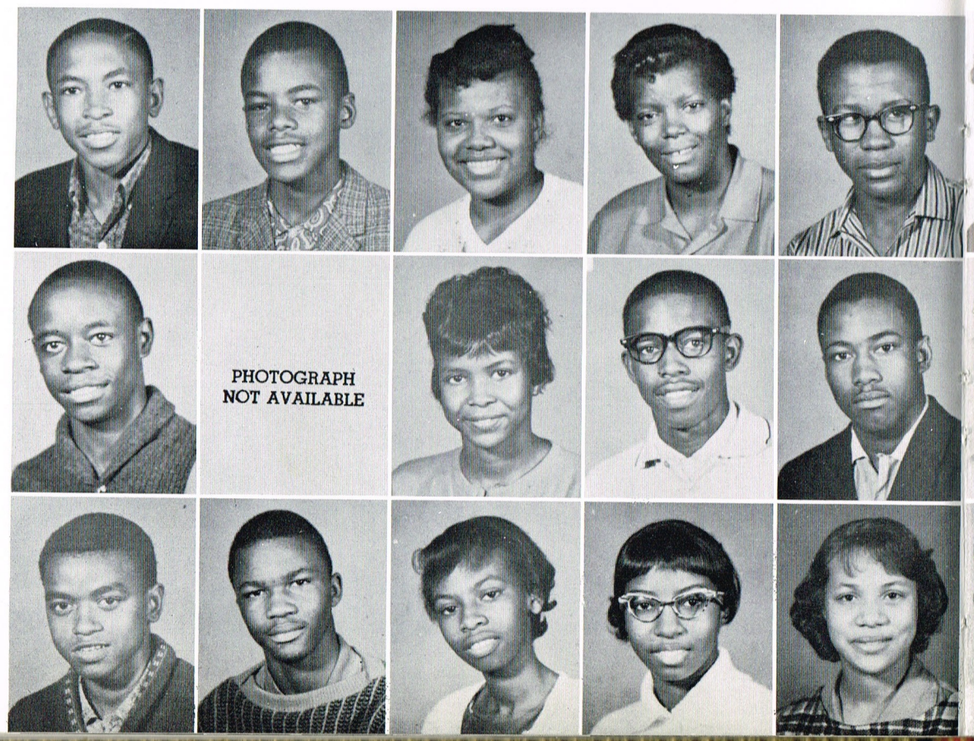

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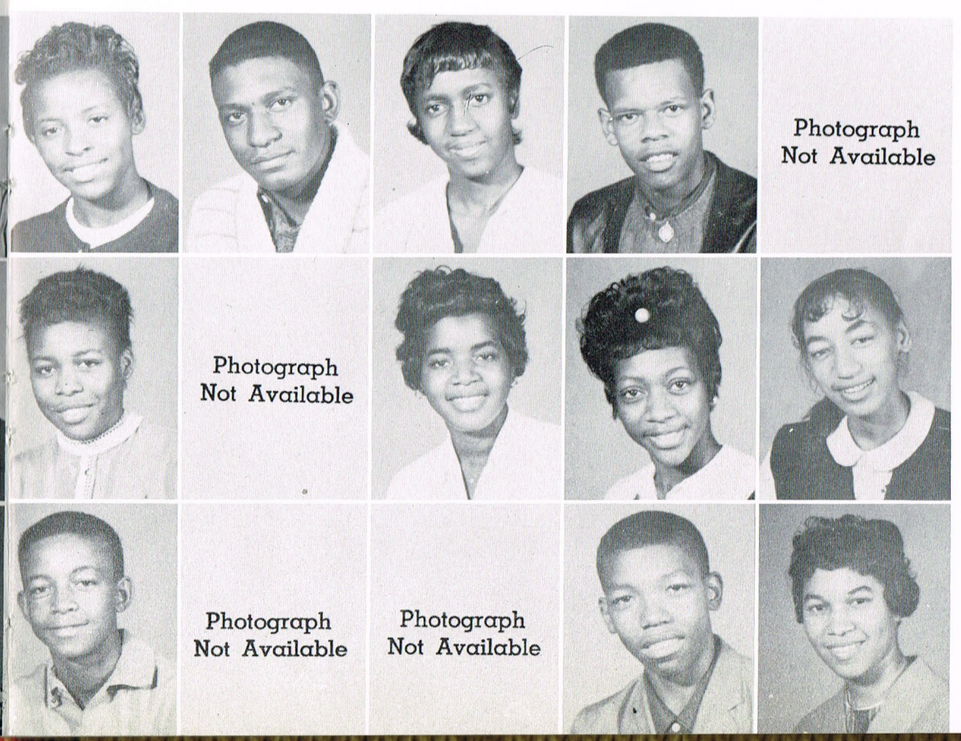

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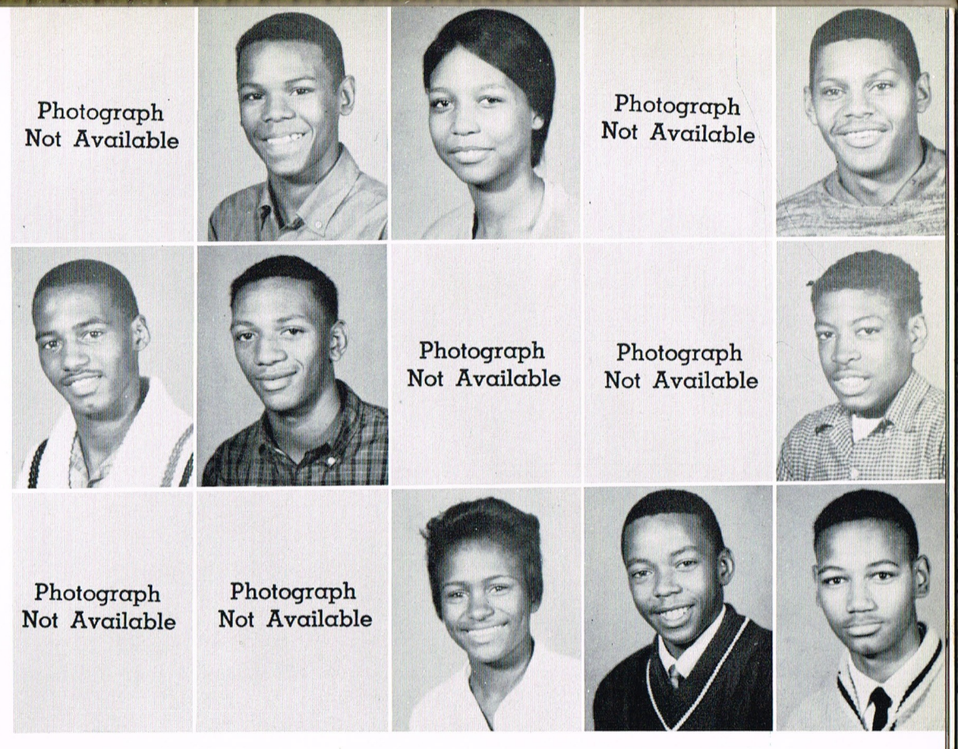

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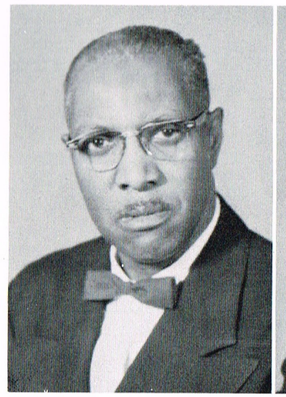

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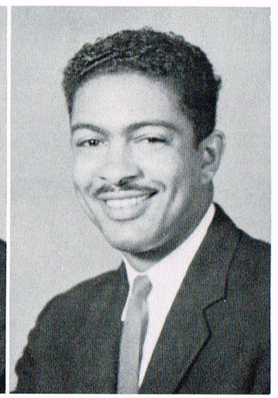

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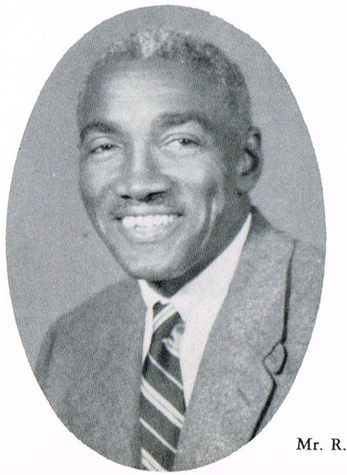

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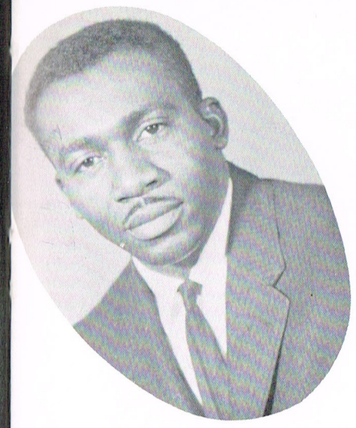

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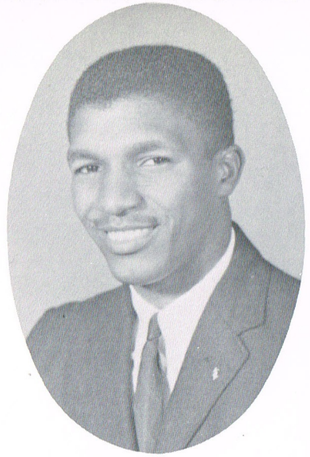

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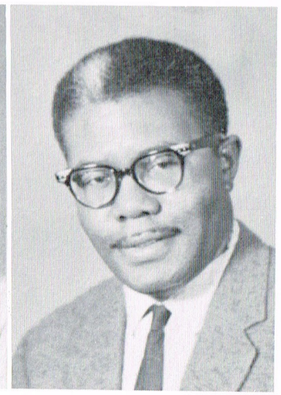

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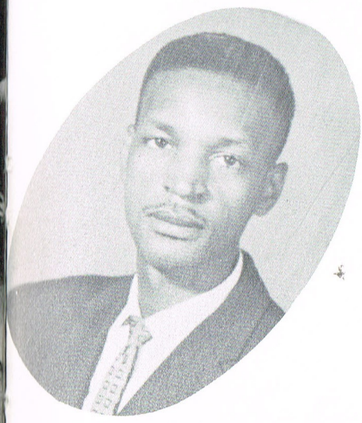

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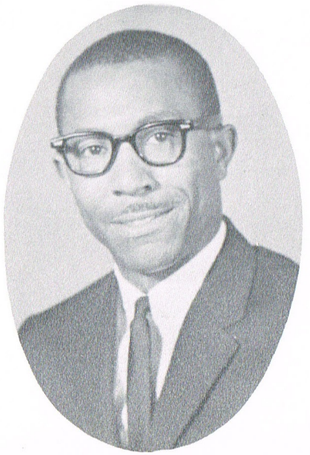

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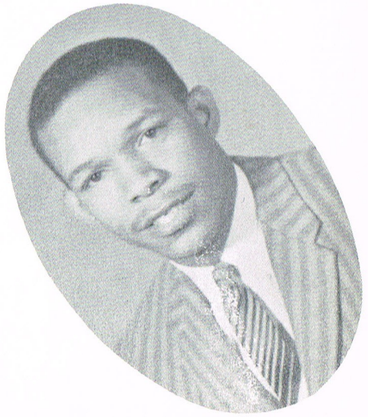

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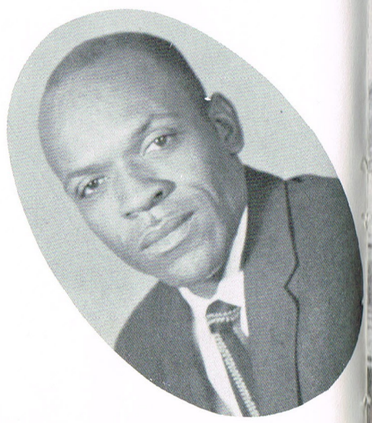

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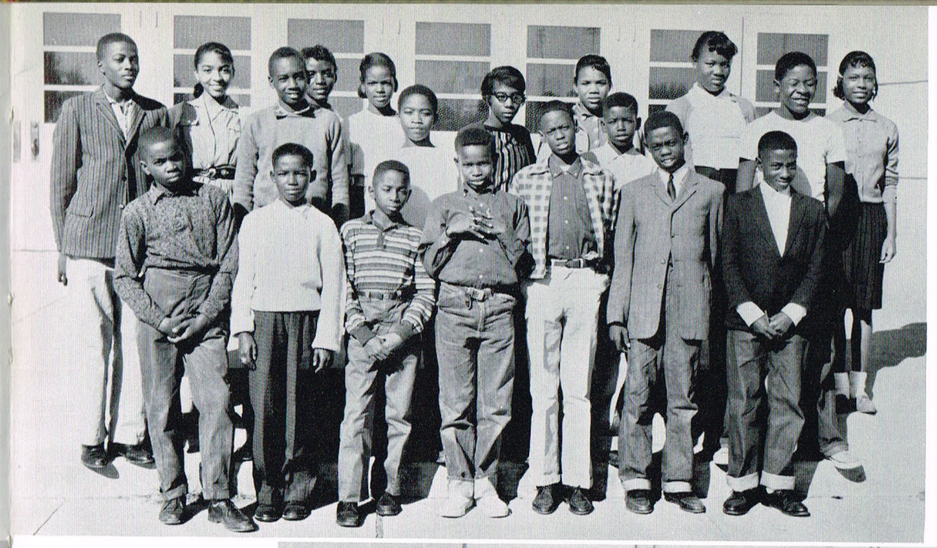

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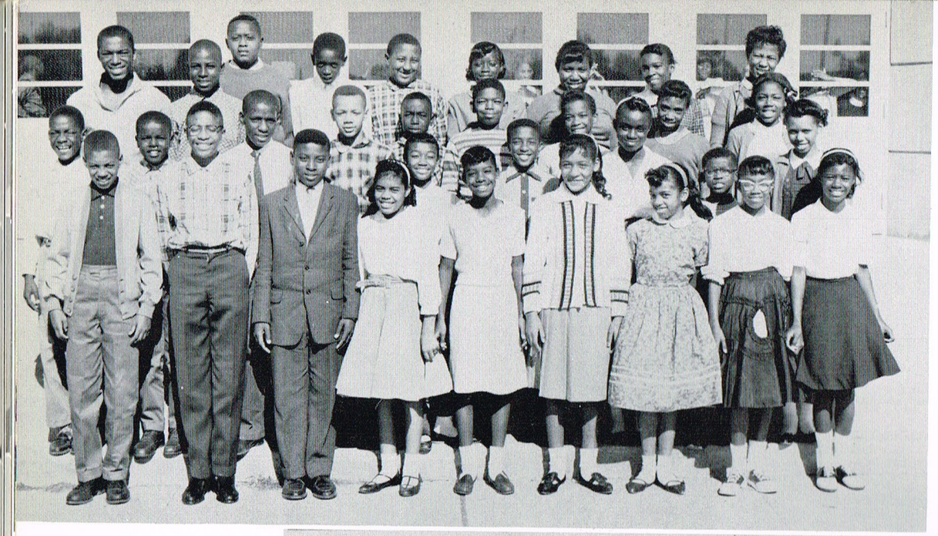

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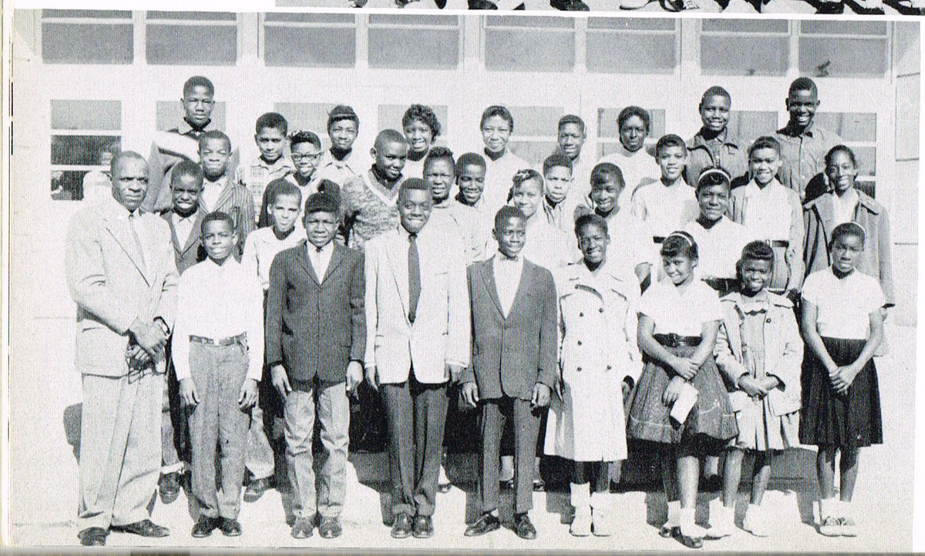

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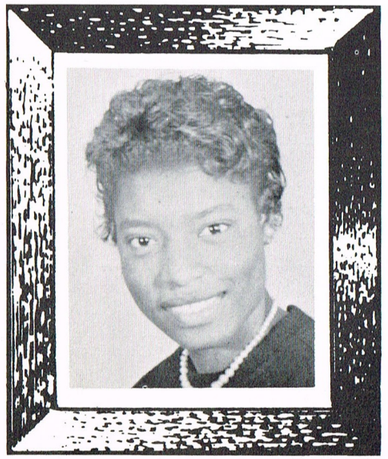

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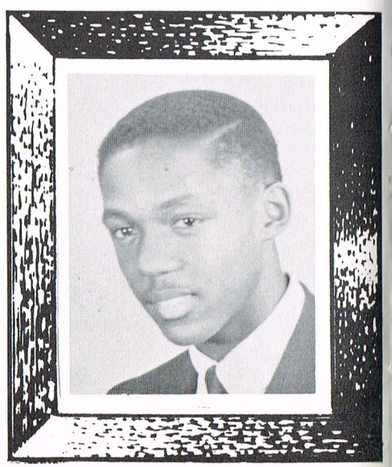

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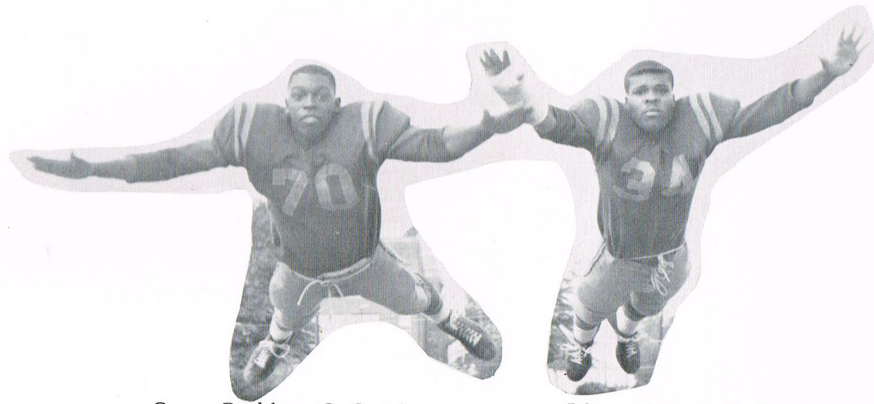

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Tackle

Johnny Rutland, Co-Captain
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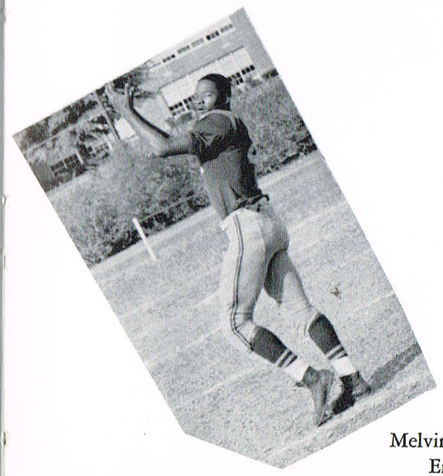

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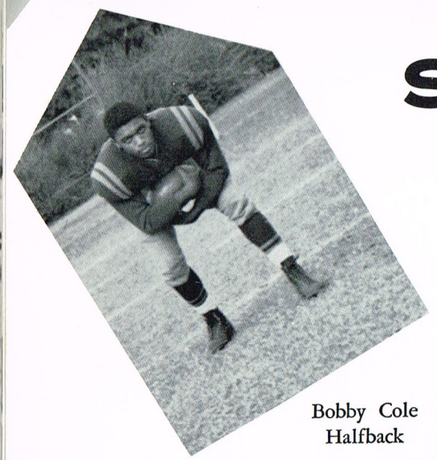

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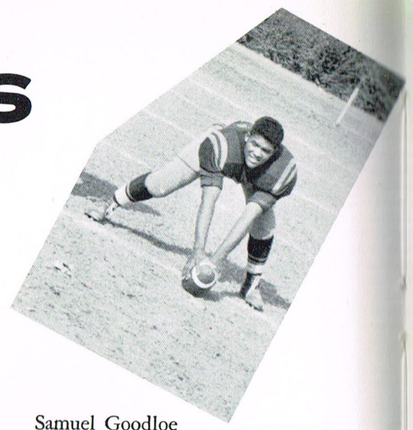

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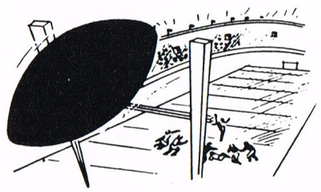

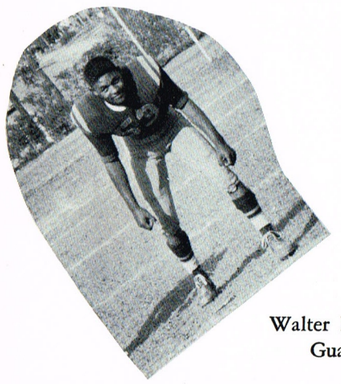

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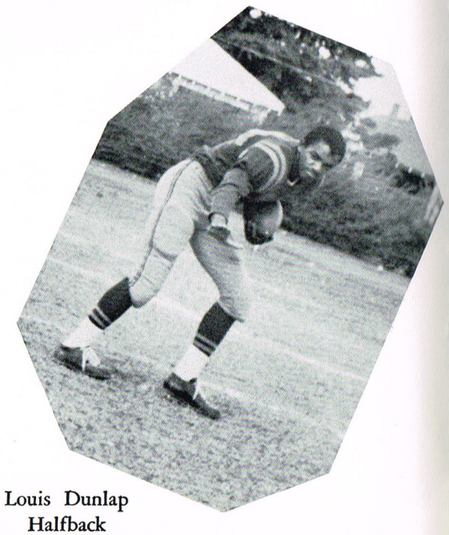

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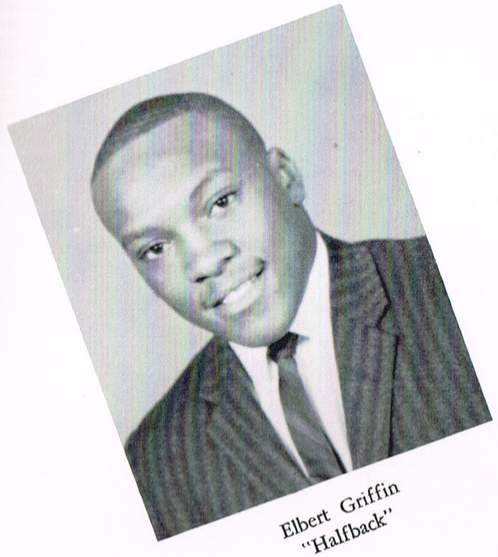

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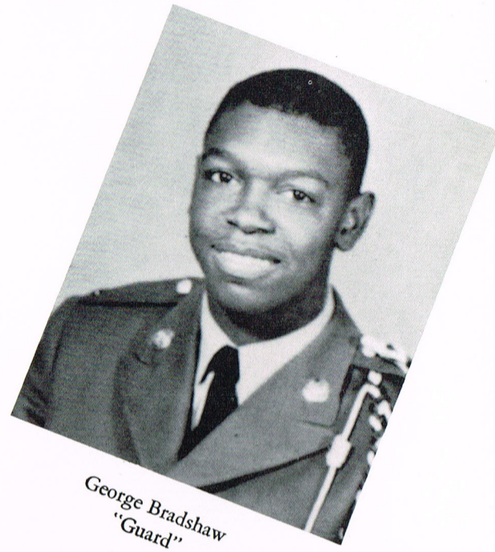

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"Guard"

These were selected by sports writers, coaches and their student body as the most all around players on their squad.

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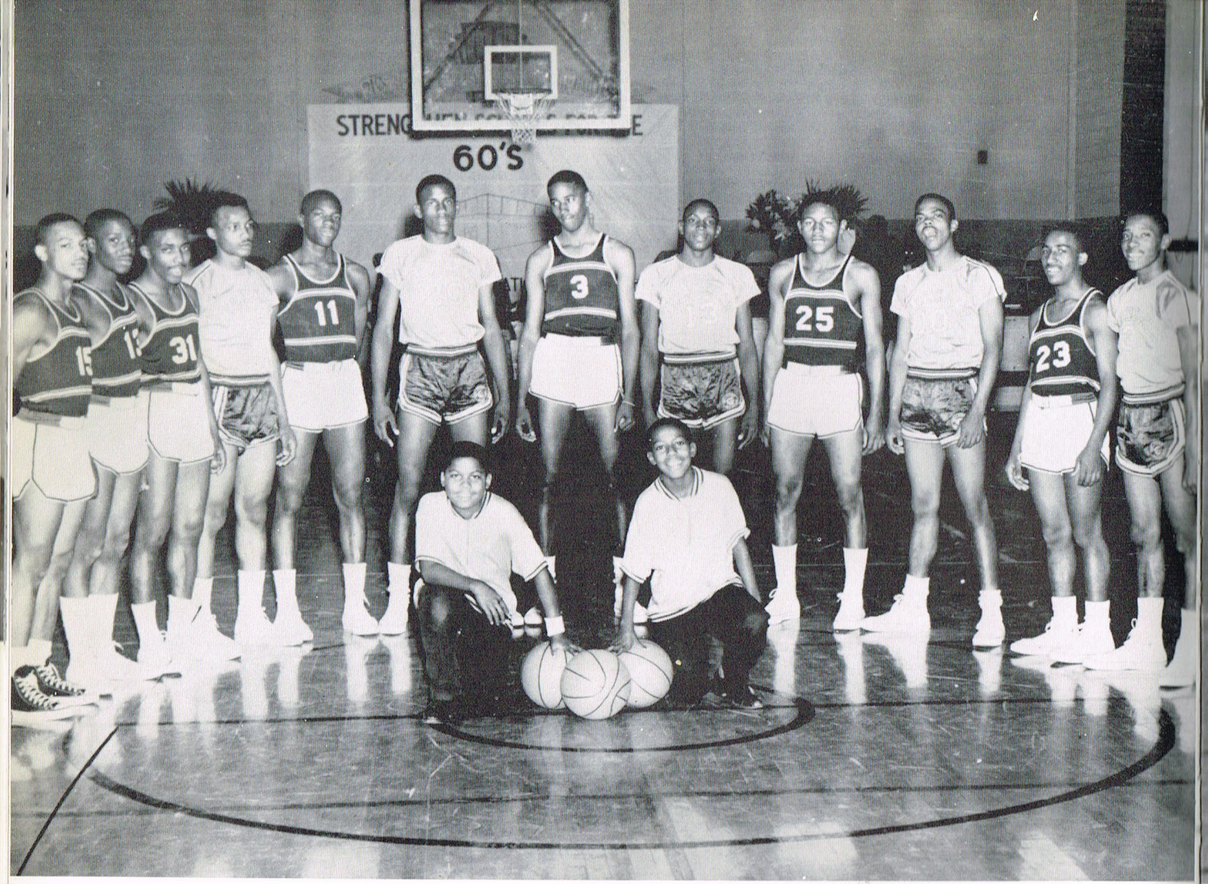

THE GOLDEN WILDCATS

	Home	Vistor
Melrose vs. Father Bertrand	92	60
Melrose vs. Manassas	50	45
Melrose vs. Merry High	85	53
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Melrose vs. Lester	54	73
Melrose vs. Washington	62	71
Melrose vs. Carver	65	59
Melrose vs. Douglass	63	52
Melrose vs. Father Bertrand	78	53
Melrose vs. Manassas	65	68
Melrose vs. Hamilton	68	41
Melrose vs. Geeter	94	71
Melrose vs. Lester	72	70
Melrose vs. A&I State (frosh)	59	98
Melrose vs. Geeter	62	68
Melrose vs. Washington	73	81
Melrose vs. Carver	74	95
Melrose vs. Douglass	63	70

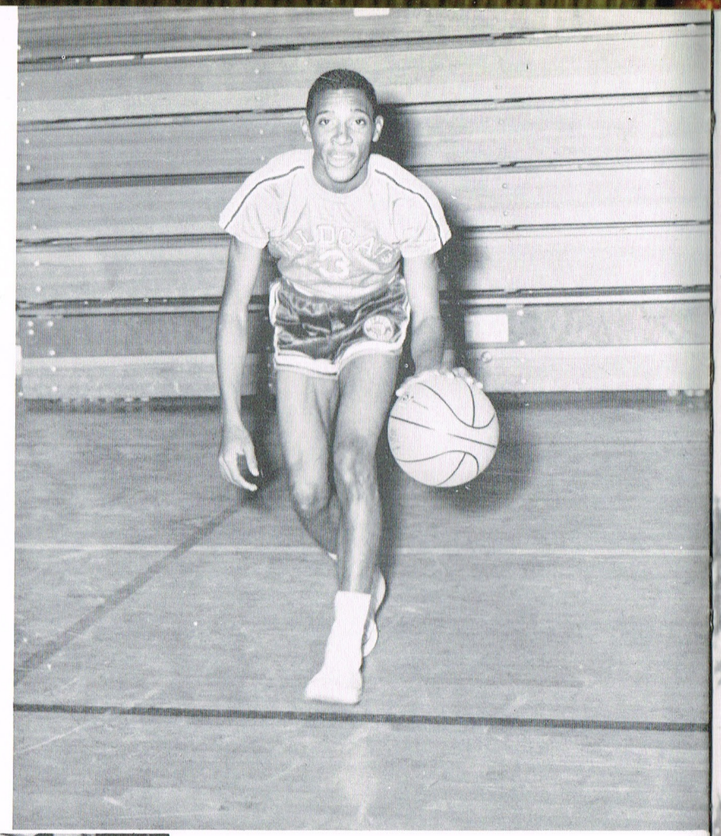


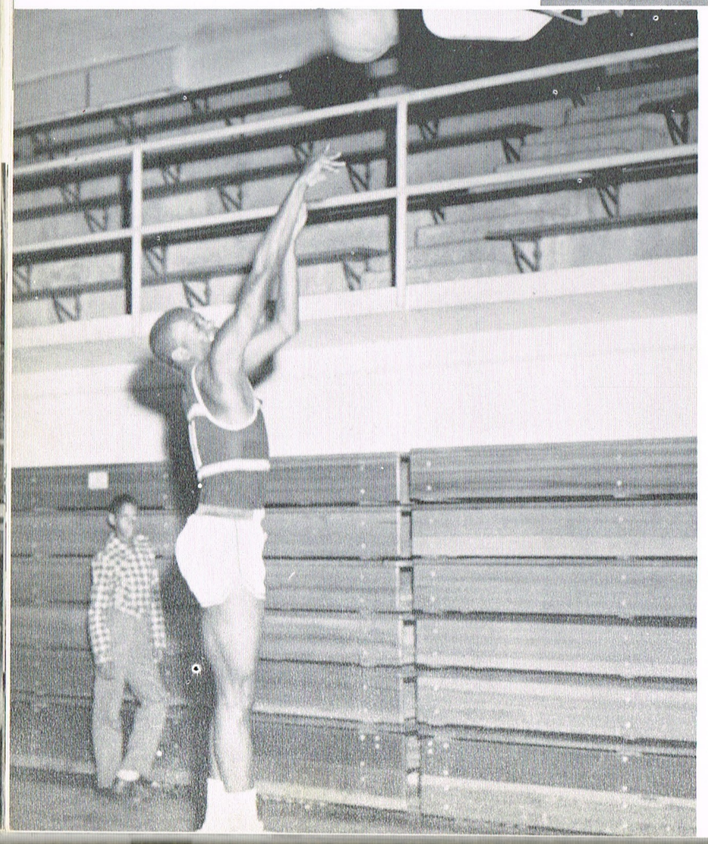
THE GOLDEN WILDCATS

"B" TEAM

	Home	Visitor
Melrose vs. Father Bertrand	47	22
Melrose vs. Father Bertrand	53	27
Melrose vs. Manassas	30	27
Melrose vs. Manassas	51	34
Melrose vs. Lester	44	38
Melrose vs. Carver	42	37
Melrose vs. Douglass	51	29
Melrose vs. Geeter	59	20
Melrose vs. Washington	20	40
Melrose vs. Carver	42	37
Melrose vs. Douglass	51	27
Melrose vs. Manassas	51	34
Melrose vs. Hamilton	46	32
Melrose vs. Lester	34	33
Melrose vs. Washington	45	38

Jewell Reed, Wildcat captain, and scoring ace does some fancy dribbling.





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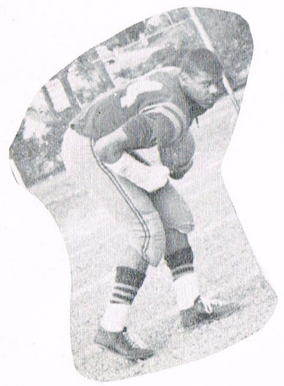



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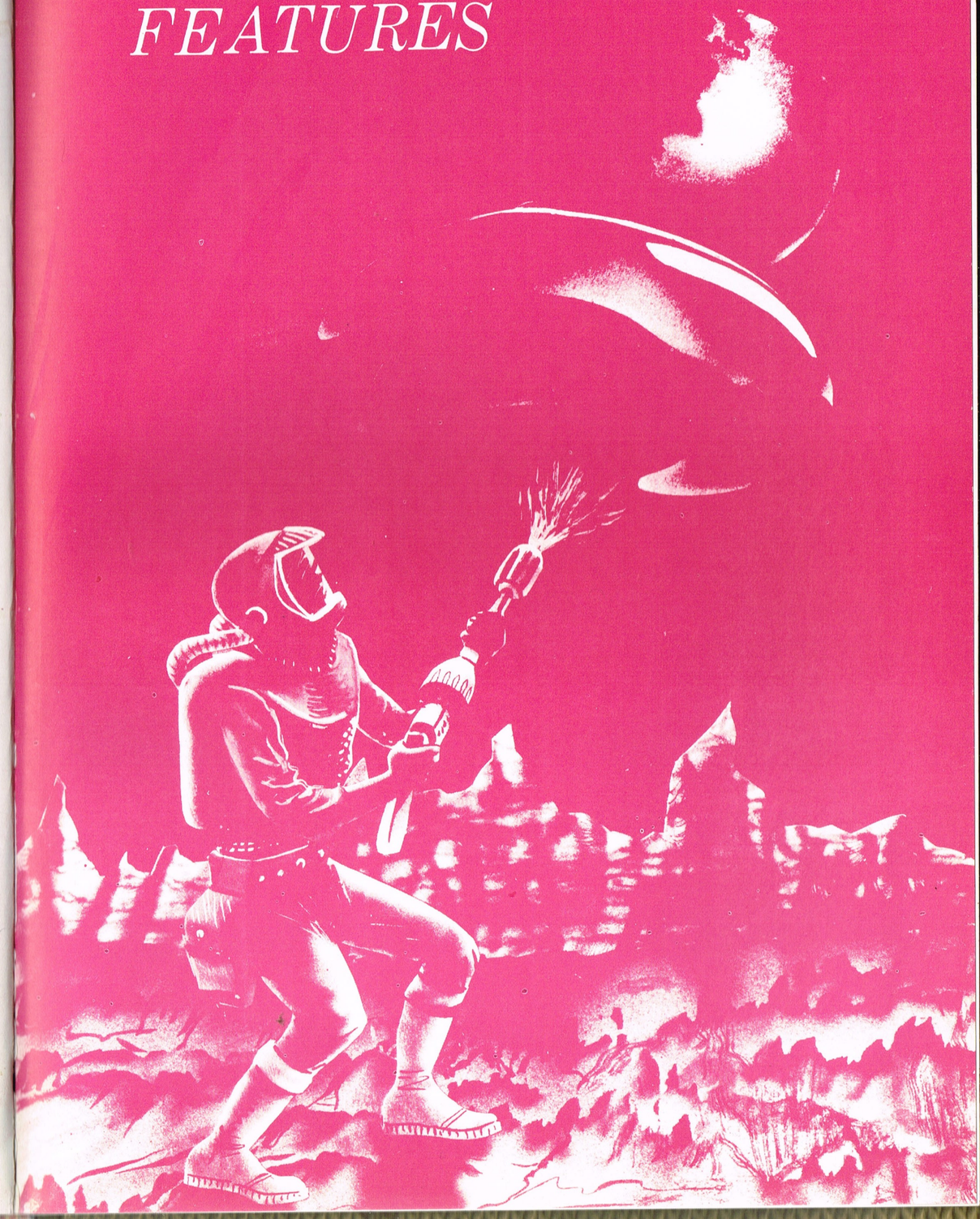

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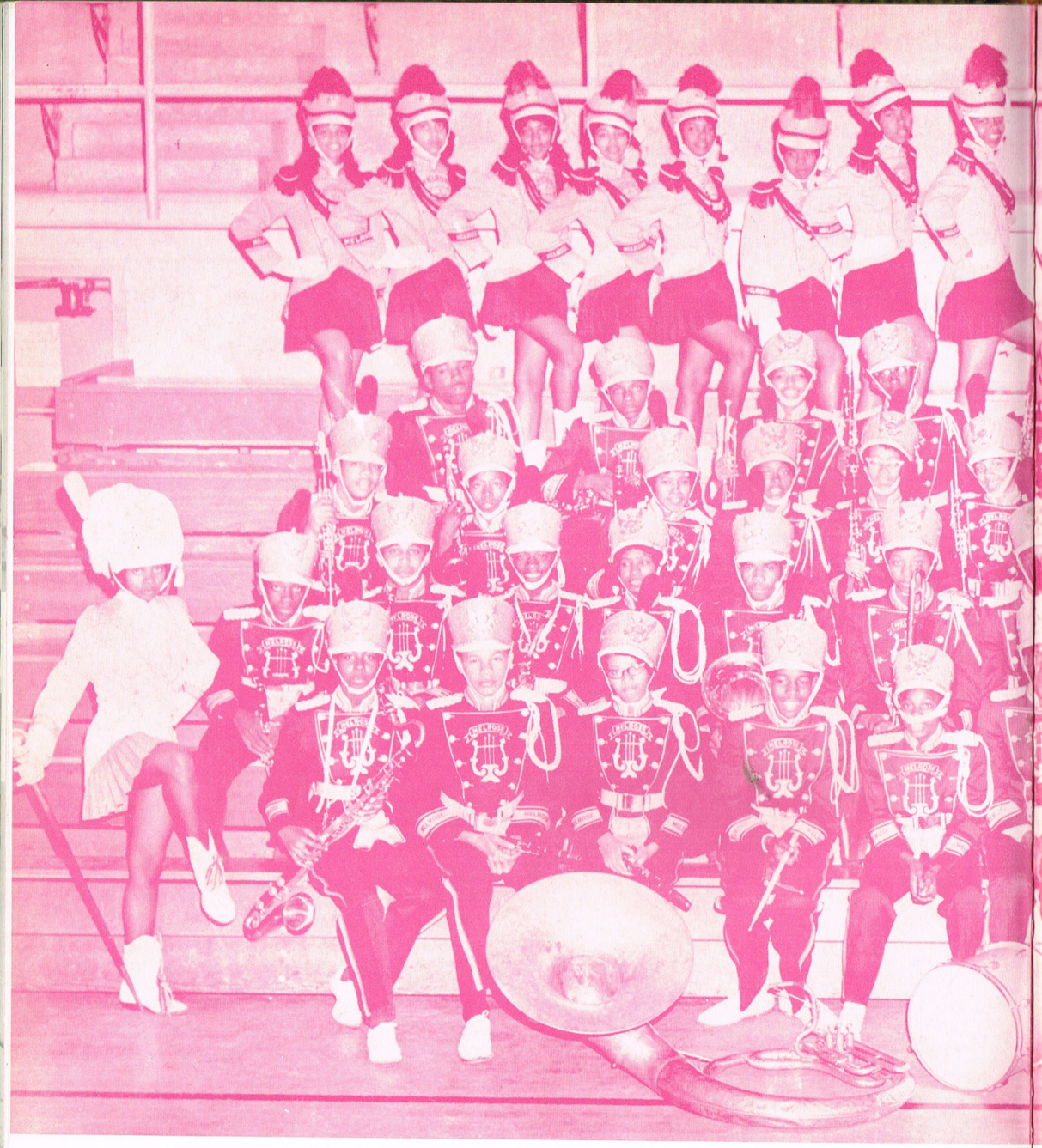

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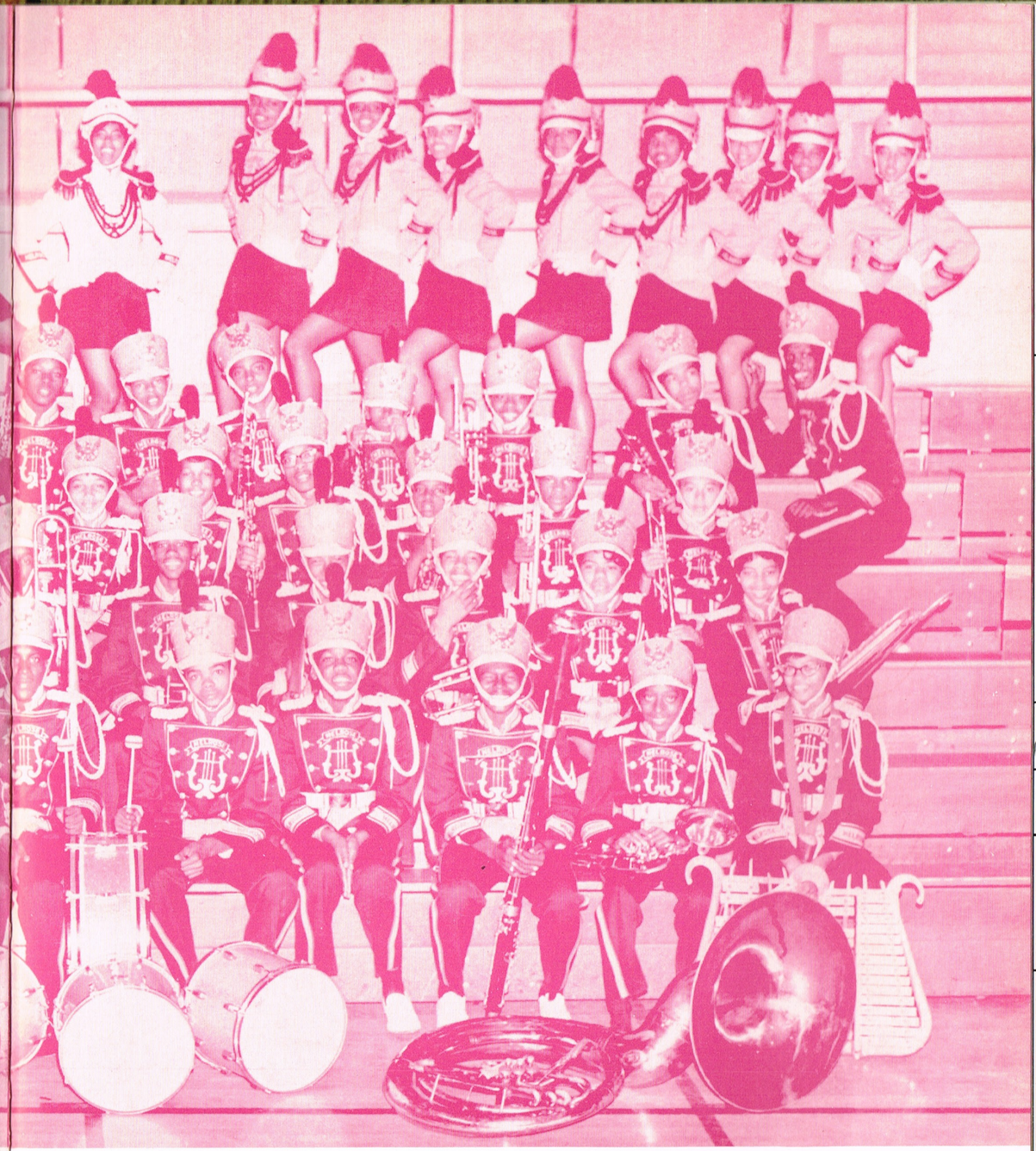

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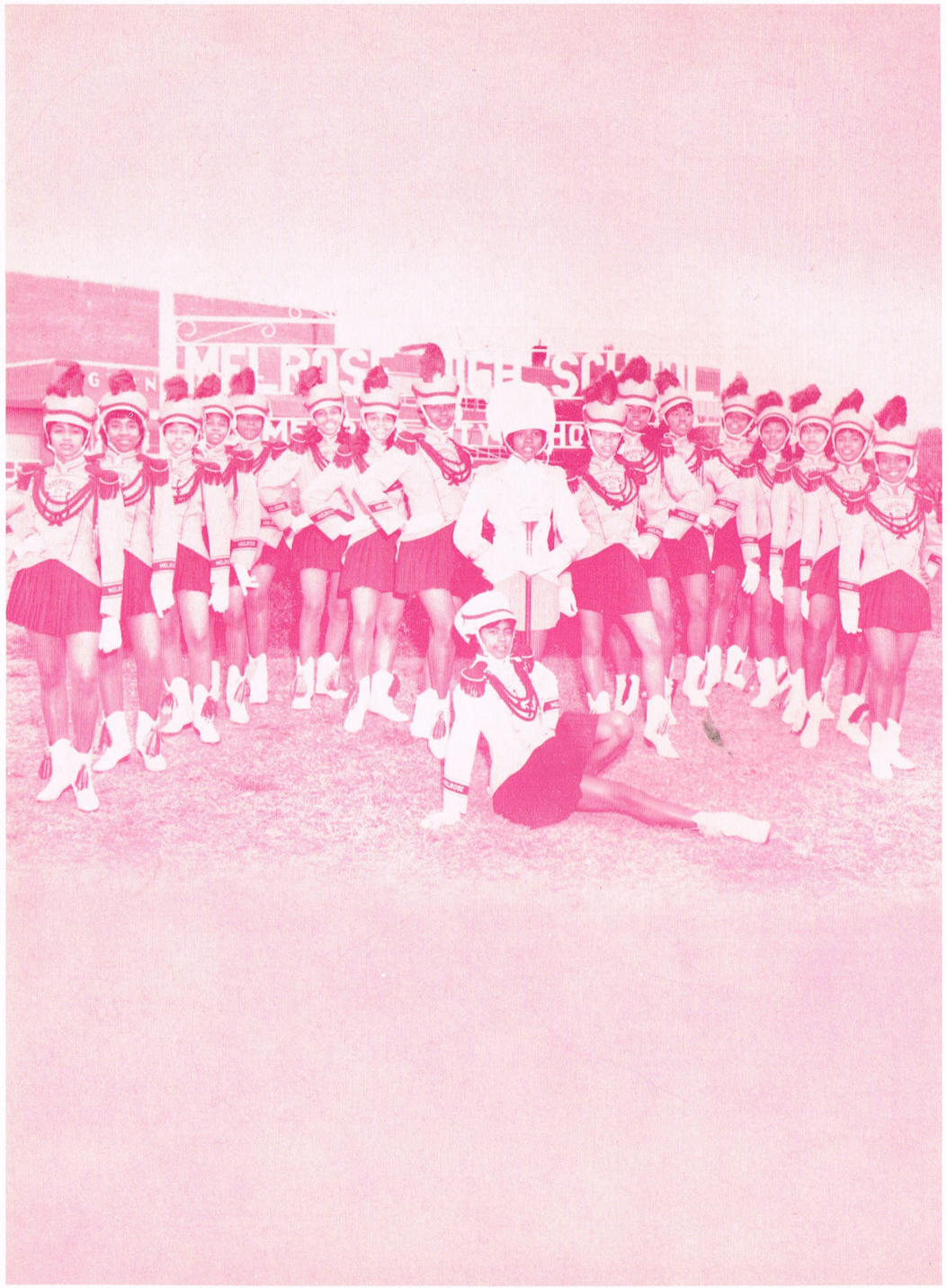

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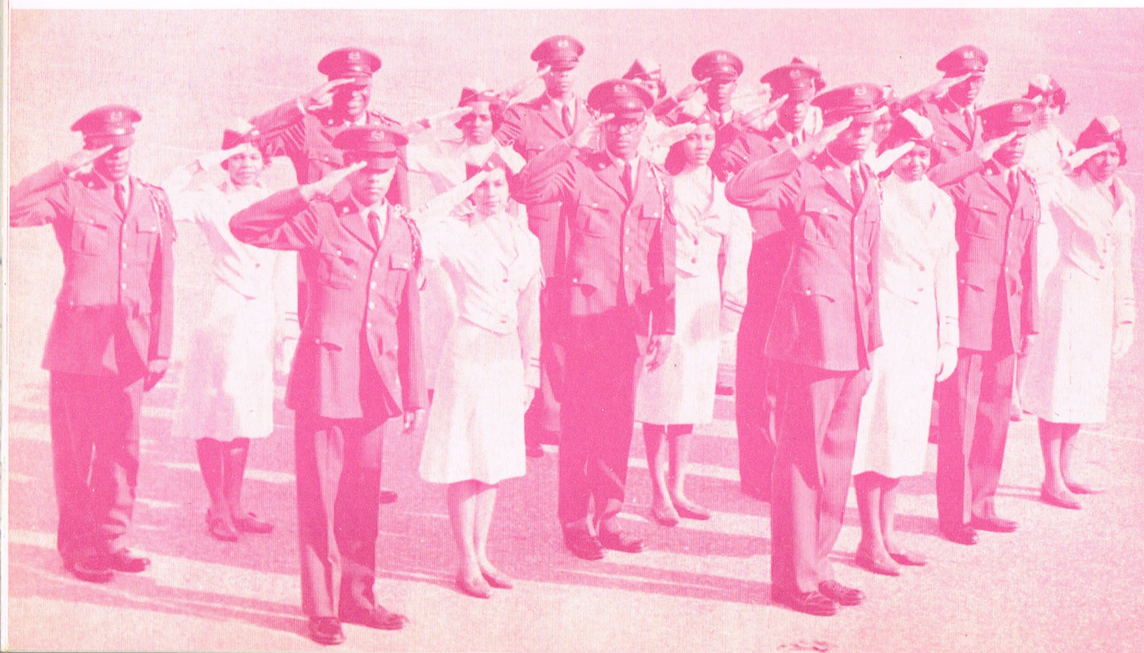



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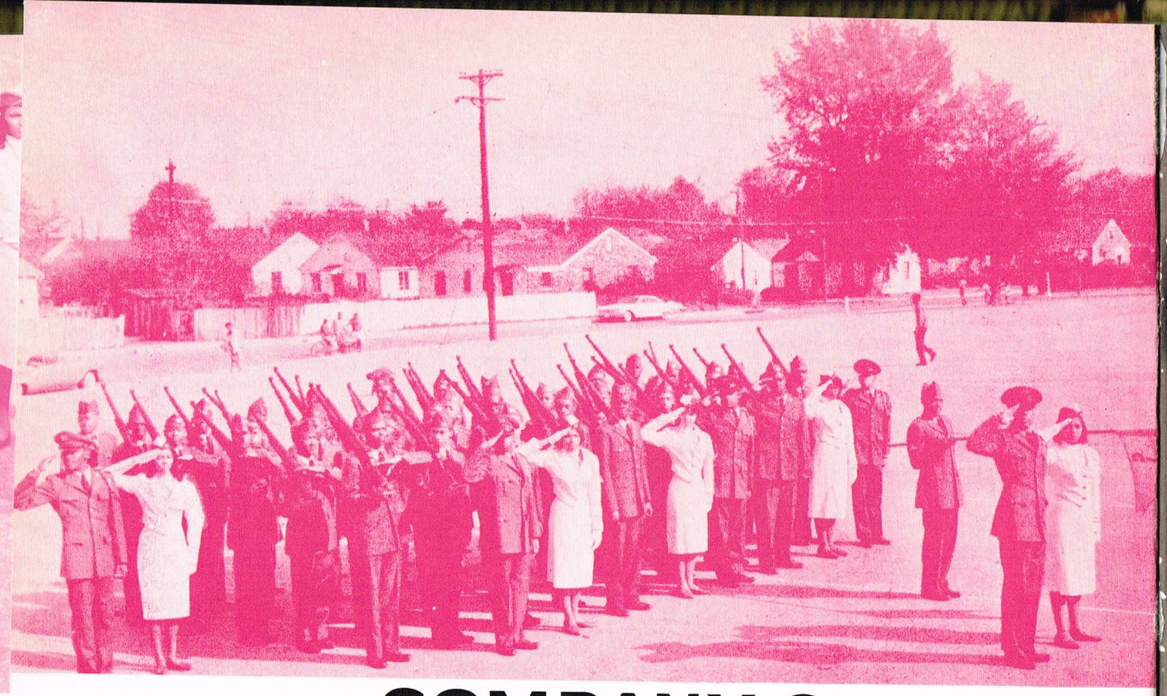

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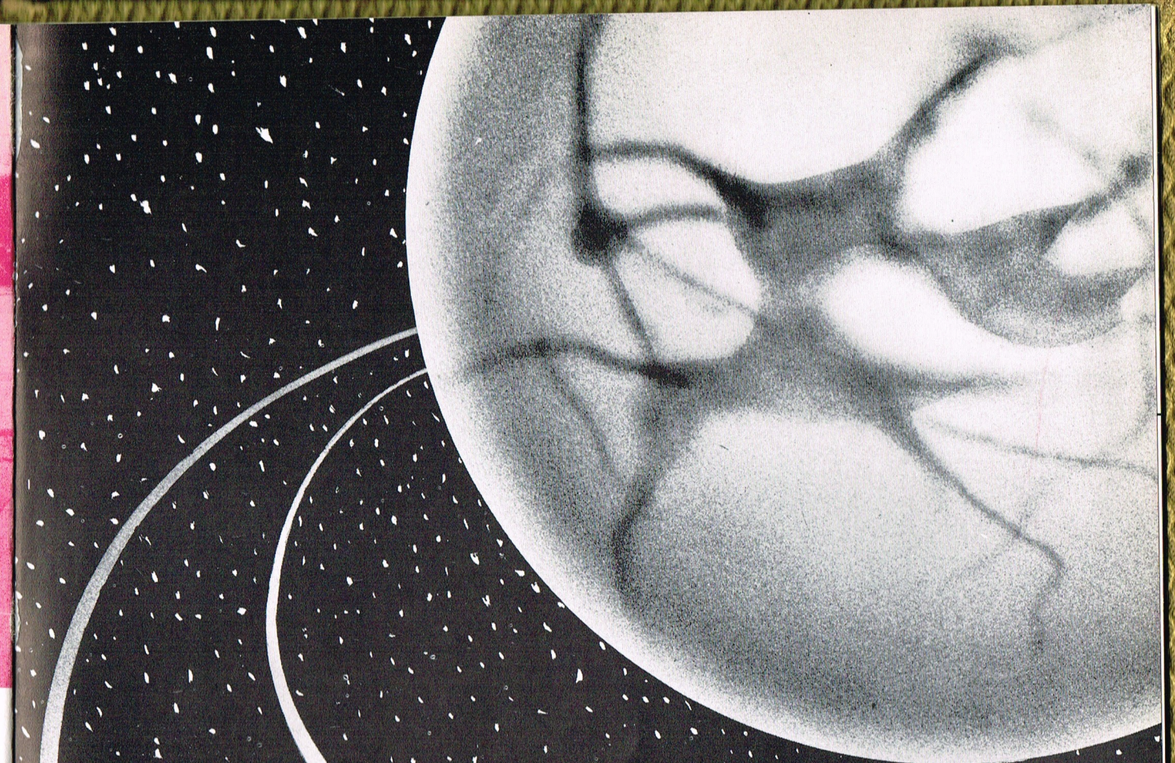

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The foretelling of the future is a job for a person who claims clairvoyance and because of our curiosity as to our future after high school days, we decided to seek the counsel of such a person who possessed this ability. Upon our arrival at the enchanting dwelling of our host, we were put in a dreamy mood and thus began our trip around the world.

As the fog began to clear, we find ourselves in Ghana, Africa, where George Bradshaw is new trouble shooter for the United Nations and his glamorous but capable secretary, Gwendolyn Fife. We were informed that the famous Herbert Payne Orchestra was in Ghana on a goodwill tour for the State Department of the United States and with it such personalities as John Cato, clarinet player, Charles Freeman, world famous trumpeteer and Winford Bryant, drummer.

We are now in Brazil at the internationally famous Brazilia owned by the continental "playboys", Jimmy Morris and Walter London. The featured attraction is "Las Bonitas Muchacha" with Junienne Briscoe and Margaret Sherrod as choreographers. It included such stars as Frances Hunt, Velma Jackson, and Carol Doxey, the latter was a former Physical Education teacher at the University of Brazil. Suddenly, all heads turn toward the entrance as Miss Clara Smith, now a top Parisian model enters.

Continuing our world trip, we move next to Switzerland and see walking briskly through the door of the main building of Waverly School Juanita Gardner, its Dean. Several prominent faculty members are Lucille Tunstall, Director of the Social Science Department; Nancy Echols, Head of the Physical Education Department and Aubrey Bryant, Secretary to the Dean. Contributing to the school's excellent and efficient Health Department are Angiereen Grant and Shirley Mays, both nurses.

We're forced to return to the United States as we desire to witness the Inaugural Activities in Washington, D. C. During the Inaugural Ball, we see several special guests: Johnny Rutland, Senator from Tennessee; Bernadine Bullard, Representative from Indiana; Maedelle Smith, psychiatrist; Jewel Reed, part-owner and star player of the famous Glob Trotters; Samuel Goodloe, geneologist; William Holmes, electrical engineer, whose recent discovery in the field of electricity is drawing world wide attention; Raymond Neal, newly appointed Secretary of State and Aloma Lytle, White House hostess.

Chattering with reporters are Irma Sholders, government teacher in New Mexico; Bobby Cole, mathematician from Harvard; Jimmy Jackson mathematics professor from Oxford; Porter Osby, chemist working on top secret developments at the Pentagon; Eddie Dale Ford, Secretary to the President of Peru and Paris designer, Susie Anderson.

Artists featured at the Ball are Marilyn Isabel, Metropolitan Opera singer and Carolyn Thompson, concert pianist. One of America's leading journalists, Bettye Jeffries, editor of VOUGE was seen covering the activities of the Ball.

In New York City we located Joyce Berry, head of the fashionable Berry Enterprise, a leading fashion house in the United States. While looking at the beautiful fashions being reviewed, we recognize several classmates, now models, such as Brucie Newson, Florida Shannon, Helen Harris, Ethel Johnson, Ardelia Edwards and Henrietta Greer. Anxiously, we continue our trip to see the progress made by other classmates. Our next stop was La Guardia Airport and while watching a jet plane land we recognize the pilots as James Harris and Captain George Bass, who is on a mission to Washington. Among the passengers were A. C. Talley, renowned architect; Annie L. Dortch, Wauleen Thomas, psychiatrists; Dorothy Dorsey, General Electric secretary; Carolyn Randle, who is an elementary teacher; Flossie Wallace and Josephine Jones, registered nurses returning from Italy; Pauline Middlebrook, a sociologist; Alfred Bland, Ambassador to Japan. Izella Malone, an elementary teacher employed in Germany; Melvin Jones, Vice President of the Tennessee Medical Association; Lewis H. Dunlap, occupational therapist; Janice Dorsey, dietician; Mildred Guinn, parasiologist; Kenneth Thompson, and James Perkins, Detroit Lion's basketball players; Morris Wilson, and Frank Richmond, famous artists; Dorothy Vaughn and Thomas Crutcher the internationally known comedy team.

Venturing further we were quite fortunate to see Anthony Jackson making his appearance with an international opera company in Russia. In Honolulu, Hawaii, Charlis Warford was named as top paid model. This will be reported by Doris Lester, fashion expert and columnist.

In Japan we see Maxine Mays, private secretary to one of the largest silk companies. Having tea and chattering are Mary Jackson and Georgia Hebron, social workers whose work has been acclaimed by the Japanese government. Arriving in South America, Rio de Janeiro, we spot Lorene Holmes, Secretary to the United States Ambassador to Brazil. She and Evelyn Spruill are owners of Holmes Commercial School at which several of our classmates serve as instructors, such as Geneva Alexander and Charles McClandon.

We reluctantly agree to leave this enchanting place and turn north to Venezuela, there locating Roosevelt Cross, Edgar Buchanan and Lawrence Martin working for Esso Oil Company. Harvey Young serves as assistant electrical engineer at San Jose, Costa Rica and head of the Social Welfare Department is Regina Ferguson and co-worker, Annie Pearl Bridgeforth whose Spanish accent is simply perfect. We decided at last to return to the United States, but first we had to see how Loraine Henry, Shirley Campbell, Mary Tuggle and Ruth Shaw were progressing at WAVE Headquarters in Bermuda.

Finally, arriving in Miami, Florida we are attracted by the beauty of one of the schools, whose principal is Jimmy Payne. The fine architectural work was done by Joe Flynn. Traveling to Philadelphia a basketball game attracts our attention and looking closer we recognize the high point man as Charles Griffin of the Philadelphia Warriors. The statistician happens to be none other than John Arnold. A New York City newspaper's society headline reads: Ann Lemons appointed society editor and another article of particular interest to us is that Gertha Shipp is designing several gowns for the Governor's wife.

As the scene changes we enter F. B. I. Headquarters and our curiosity is finally satisfied by the appearance of Marguritte Bridgeforth, long lost sister of Annie P. Bridgeforth, engaged in criminal research. Her new assistant is James Boyd. While touring Washington, D. C. we find ourselves looking at a guided tour through the United Nations Building and the head guide happens to be Dorothy Robinson. A glance around the assembled group provides us with additional information about our classmates. Trying to increase their knowledge about the United Nations were: Elbert Griffin, a pharmacist; James Manns and Morris Woods, the architects who designed the new wing of the building; Carrie Littlejohn and Mamie Shields, founders of a Settlement House in Chicago; Regina Thigpen, speech therapist; Curlene Hamilton, commerce teacher doing research for the government; Allie M. Spencer, secretary to one of the delegates; Rita Sanders, high school psychologist who has made great progress in understanding the juvenile mind; Roy Poston, electric engineer; Ivory Johnson, famous criminal lawyer, Sue Parham, a doctor; Jasper Williams, Vice-President of the National Baptist Convention, and Billy Ray Coleman, fellow minister from San Fernando Valley, California.

Flying to Califorina we locate Dwaine Taylor, pitcher for the San Franciso Gaints and Georgia E. Thomas, lawyer and a member of the California Bar Association. Returning to "home sweet home," we spotted Mary Storey, Dorothy Taylor, Laura Qualls, Virginia Banks, and Geneva Flemings, social workers in Dallas, Texas. In Kansas City, Missouri we saw Celia L. Clark working on the staff of the Kansas City Star. Also in Missouri we read in the Playboy magazine published by George Milan, Inc., in a column written by Thomas Hill, a designer of men's originals, that Charles Marshall is a top model in London, England.

"There's no place like home," we can certainly say with pleasure as we arrive in Memphis and here we find Verneda Thompson, John Ethel Lee, Margaret Harris, Ella Jones, and Mary A. Carr working in several city hospitals as registered nurses. Passing down Agnes Street we see a profitable Auto Parts Company managed by Charles Smith. Working in various departments were Lawrence Grayson, Thomas Washington, and Houston Gaines. Sports wise we see Tommy Martin as coach of Melrose High School basketball team which has a present rating of number one in this area. Stopping in at Greyhound Bus Station we find Walter Perkins as chief auto mechanic repairman. On Beale is the large elegant Rose Club which we found was owned by Johnny Greer and managed by Walter Carruthers. On Friscoe Avenue we saw the Price Plastic and Nylon Corporation owned by Odell Price with John Boggan, Johnnie Jones, Billy Robinson, and Ivory S. Jones as part-owners as we are told by reliable sources.

Having observed all the grand things awaiting us in the future, we the SENIORS OF 1961 are determined to make them come true.

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