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## FRANCISCAN . . . RISES FROM LOWER DEPTHS

The 1966 *Franciscan* is the end result of blood, sweat, tears, and just plain old luck. It took the utmost out of Editor Paul DeBenedictis, Assistant Editor John Ferraioli and Mr. Clifford, our moderator to finally "realize" the Yearbook you are now holding.

Beseiged by the Great Northeast Blackout, the Transit Strike and utter Chaos, the *Franciscan* broke more deadlines than ever before. "Wait until next week" became an all too familiar cry. By mid-year, Room 500 looked like the San Francisco Cow Palace. Meetings of the Rally Committee, the Science Club, Humanities Club, Sillion, Phoenix, and the Evaluations Committee, etc., etc. all took place in our office. Ed Jaworski and Bob Jones provided the entertainment by reconverting Room 500 into a "Bat Cave" and ordering a 1966 Princess Rolls Royce for the staff. To complicate matters even further, Copy Editor Steve Mulligan decided it was time to get married. He did! Mike O'Toole who was always a "hi flyer" joined the Air Force.

By January it suddenly dawned on the staff that a job had to be "started" and "finished." A few hectic weeks and soon the shambles of what was once a yearbook began to piece themselves together. But problems still beset us. In February we were supplied with our own personal darkroom, yet it turned out to be a monster by haphazardly processing prints that left much to be desired. Once again, club and activities were called upon to submit their own ar-

ticles and as expected, only a few responded.

Suddenly, through the work of Joe Westfield, another scourge hit the office. Computer-Date hit the college and as usual found us. Now we were beset by hundreds of collegians interested solely in "mechanical romance" and "electronic love." This again set back what little work had been accomplished.

A whirlwind of activity in late March coupled with the sharp tongue of the Editor and the Moderator brought the book to completion.

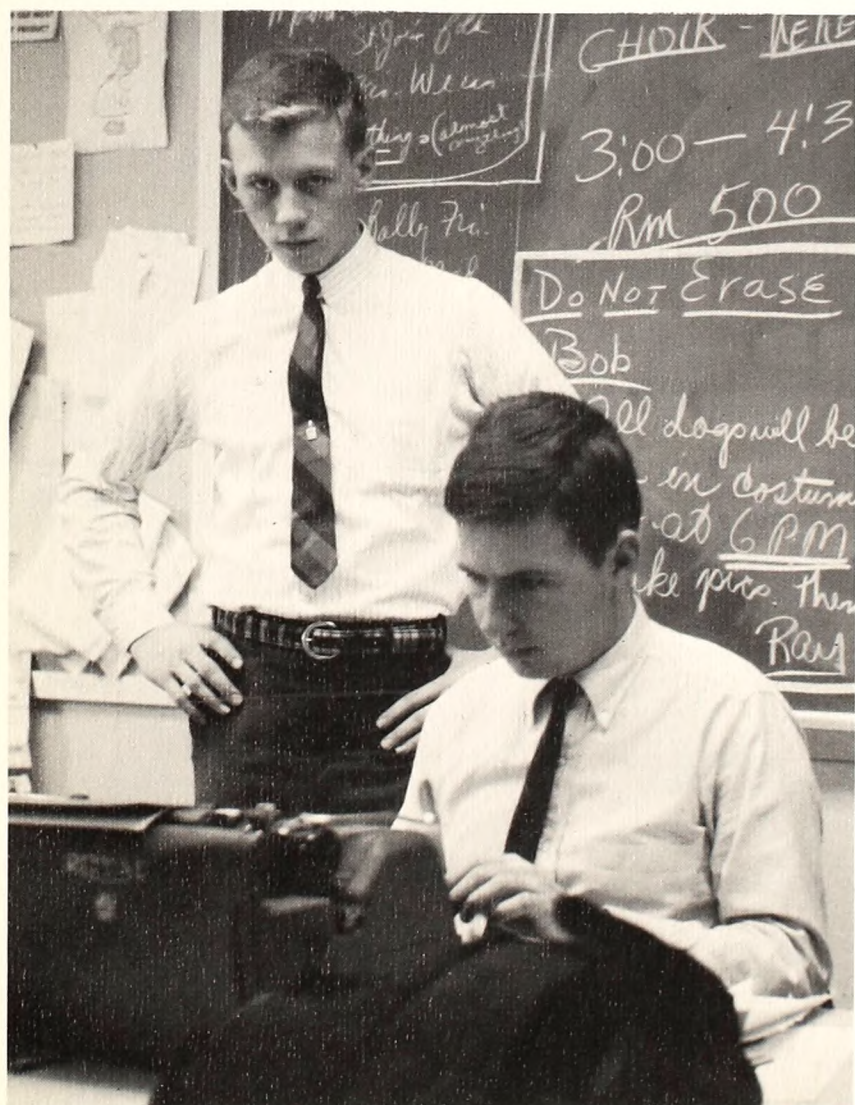
As with any publication, we must thank "those people without whose help this would not have been possible." Our first note goes to several members of our staff; Dan Clancy, Nick Caccavo, James Palmer and Ted Timmins, who diligently performed well the tasks set before them. Finally, a vote of thanks to those students who, "without their queries as to the whereabouts of the book," we might have forgotten the whole thing.

Ultimately the problem lies with you the reader. As we have been critical of others in the past, we want you also to be discerning of us! Read the 1966 *Franciscan* and be critical of it, if it pleases you we have at least accomplished one fact; if not let us know why. It is our hope that when work begins on the 1967 *Franciscan*, the editor will not inherit the problems and attitudes which plagued this annual and its editor.

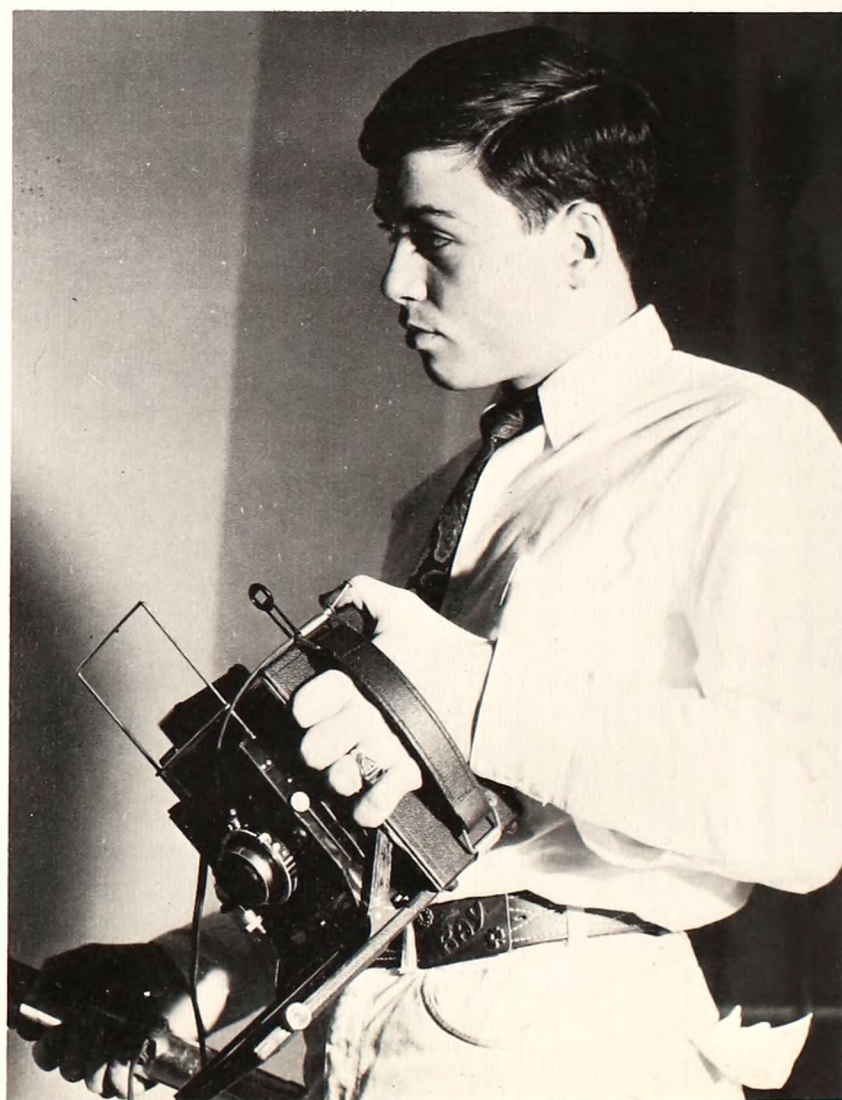




Some members in a pensive mood . . . Sports editor, Ed Jaworski; Fabian De Jesus and Co-copy editor, Manny Vivas.



Joe Westfield casts a critical eye on protege Dan Clancy.



Ray Sullivan one of our talented shutterbugs.