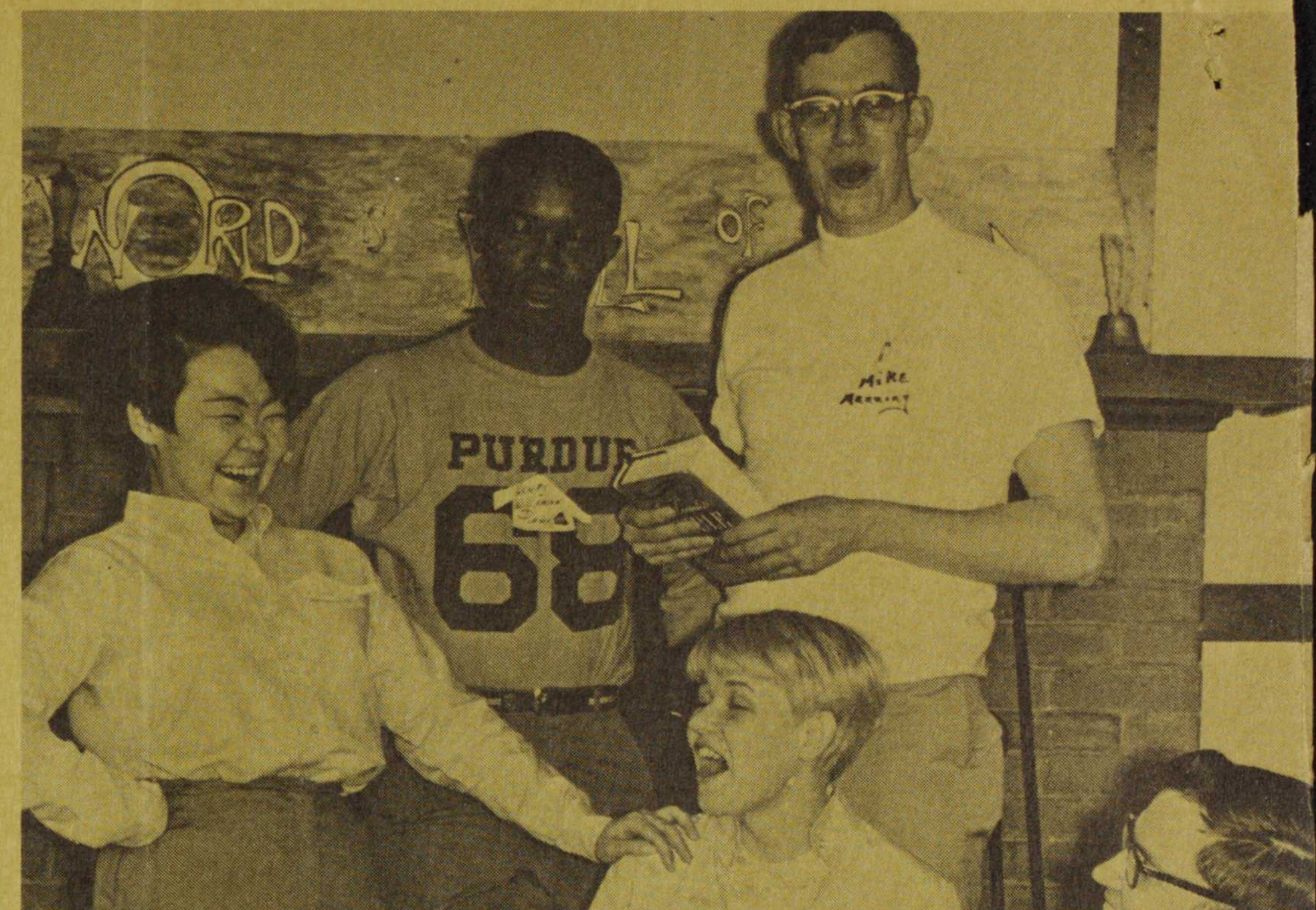




✿ Last May our annual Work-Study Week program was organized. Students from five Midwestern seminaries came together for a course in urban education, with a special emphasis on racism. They were guests in the homes of black families on Chicago's south side. These families are involved in our Interracial Home Dialogue program. In addition a Friendship House group was formed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as an outgrowth of a weekend seminar organized by our staff a month earlier.

✿ In June, Friendship House took an important step in line with the development of racial understanding by opening an experimental center on Ashland Avenue right on the dividing line between the black and white communities on Chicago's southwest side. The new center represents a positive attempt in this part of the city where negative voices have too often been heard.

✿ During the month of July we welcomed four full-time volunteers from South Dakota, New Mexico, Arizona, and Massachusetts for a special summer program. Together with ten local volunteers these people made door-to-door visits in close to 800 homes in the all-white southwest side of Chicago using the new center as their base. It is clear from their findings that more people in the white community are positive or potentially positive in their attitude towards the black community struggle than is generally assumed.

✿ The Friendship House weekend in August proved to be as successful as the one held in July. People from 16 states were brought together to experience community and renewal at the Childerley Farm. Over the years, weekends of this kind have proven to be a catalyst for participants who go back to their own areas and establish programs of interracial communication and action. Members of the staff at-

tended the National Liturgical Conference in Washington, D.C. where we had an exhibit.

✿ *Community Magazine* began its 28th year of publication in September with a new format and as a quarterly. Our publication goes to all 50 states and thus enables Friendship House to get across its message of unity among men and racial reconciliation.

✿ October saw the beginning of an even busier season with its many meetings, requests for speakers, a program for seminarians in Green Bay, Wisconsin, local programs for students, our Home Dialogue program, and the Sunday afternoon discussions. The month of October has also heard an S.O.S. The program answering this plea for help will be called Southwest Organization of Sisters and is geared primarily to help teaching Sisters in the southwest area of Chicago approach the problem of white racism in a practical manner.