



Memories are the very fabric of our existence. As our lives progress and we grow older, memories are personal artifacts of past experiences, both triumphant and tragic. As the days pass like the turning of pages in a book, memories serve as an indelible record of that which we hold important, integral to the shaping of memories is our natural tendency to develop impressions. We are constantly bombarded with stimuli that cause us to do so. We form impressions about people and settings and their place in a given period in our lives. Like ink stamps on our subconscious, some impressions are temporary while others are for life.

Looking at the past helps us to learn and enriches our lives. Reminiscing about the past has proven to be as important as looking forward to the future. As we walk the long, sprawling road of our lives, it pays to turn around occasionally and take note on how far we've come. It is with this in mind that the Culmen Staff presents,

## LASTING IMPRESSIONS

A wistful look back, as well as a hopeful glance ahead.