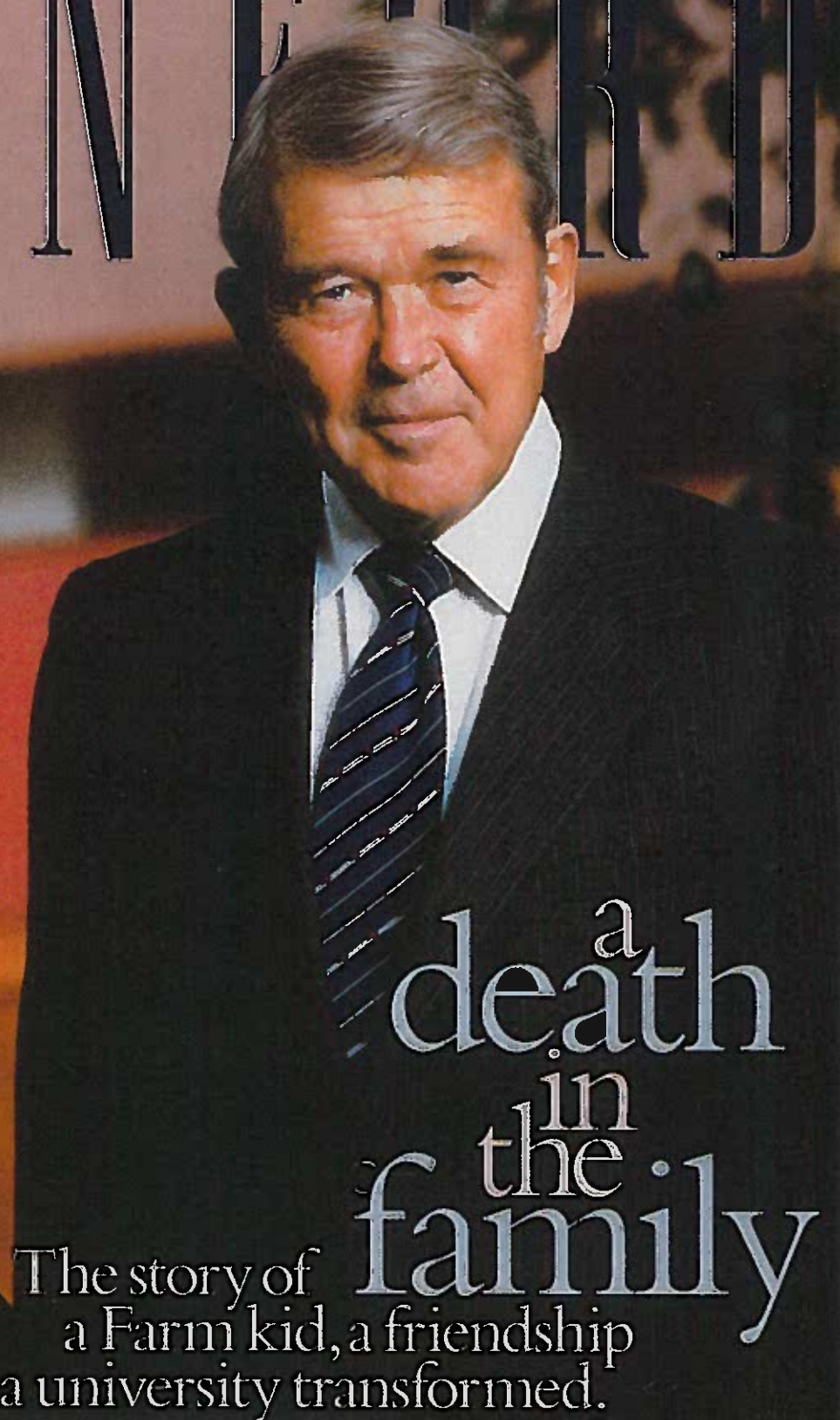
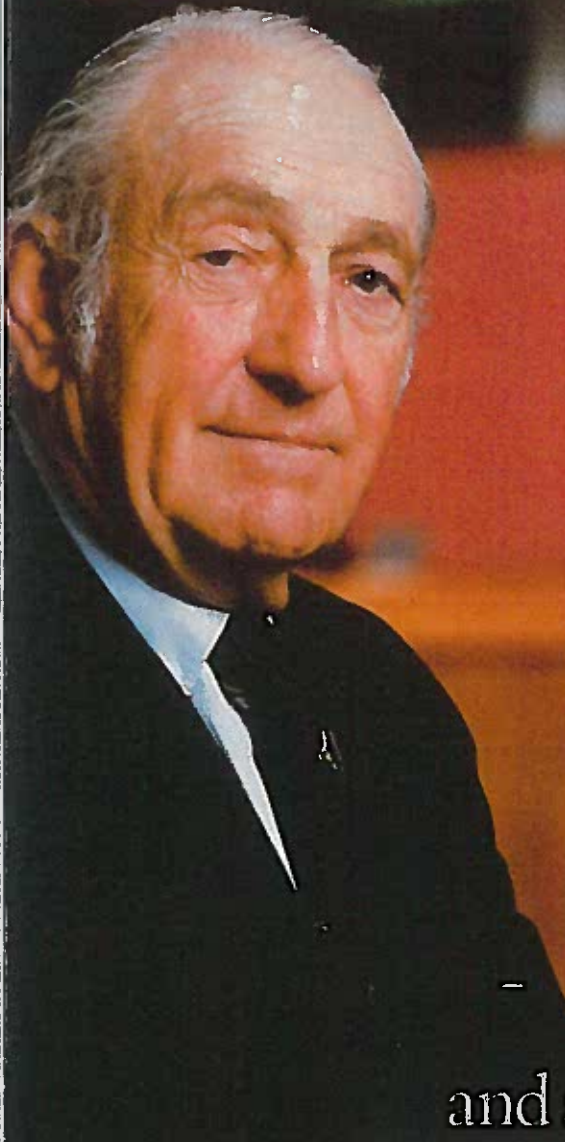


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a death in the family

The story of a Farm kid, a friendship and a university transformed.

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Jerry Hearn, '66
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chitect working

in the realm of open-space planning and
also in new urban developments, I particu-
larly enjoyed "This Precious Plot." I thought
you should be aware that Frederick Law
Olmsted was not an architect at all; rather,
he was a landscape architect who worked
in association with the architect Calvert
Vaux. I point this out because there is a
fundamental difference between the two

**'I remember quite well my first year as a graduate student
at Stanford, when, after paying the housing bill,
I barely had enough money left to buy food.'**

professions, and that difference is particu-
larly relevant to the situation of open-
space preservation and construction on
the Farm.

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Kevin Cool's report was informative but
downplayed a controversy that has been
gathering steam for many years.

My migration from Northwestern Uni-
versity to Stanford's graduate engineering
program in 1981 was a cherished oppor-

tunity to reconnect with my mother's
cousin and her family in Menlo Park. My
very first adult conversation with my
cousins concerned their apprehension over
Stanford's plan to build on "the meadow,"
a piece of undeveloped land along Stan-
ford's border, connected to Menlo Park by
a bike bridge across the San Francisquito.
Since then I have watched, from a ringside

seat, the final 20 years of the University's
efforts to construct the development that
has come to be known as Stanford West.

I love Stanford, and it pains me to
report that, over the years, I have seen
my graduate alma mater systematically
misrepresent its intentions and contradict
itself with wild abandon. In short, I have
watched the University plod its way
through a town-and-gown fiasco.

And in the end, for what? Stanford
West looks like the backs of the decrepit
buildings I used to watch glide past on
the Chicago El during my undergraduate
days at Northwestern. It cost the Univer-
sity's neighbors access to an ecologically
robust urban green space that supported a
significant population of cranes and other
wildlife. I understand the University's
desire to develop its own property, but
surely, given the loss imposed on others,
it could have done better by its neighbors
than to erect the cardboard rabbit warren
that now sits atop the meadow.

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