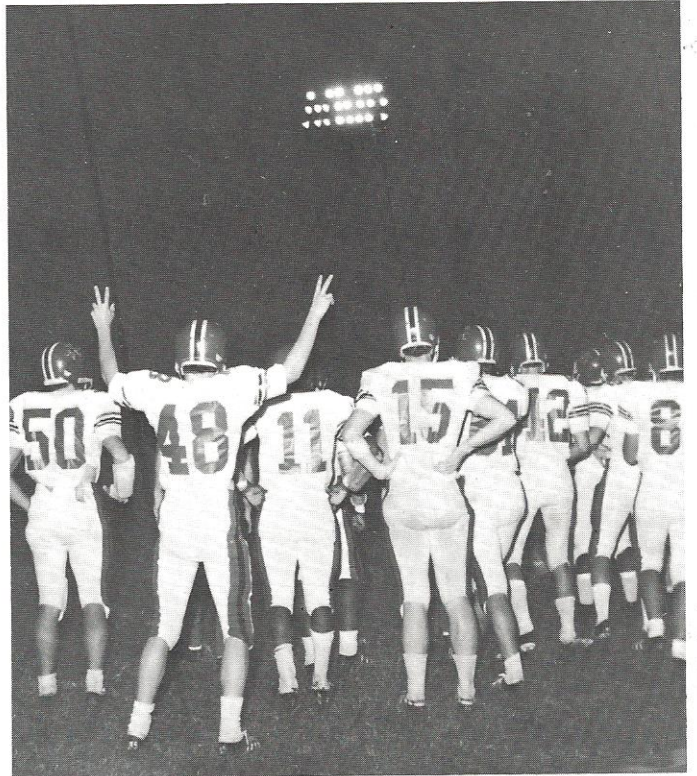




We are the athletes:
 The players on the field, the court, the track,
 Giving our hours and our hearts,
 Using our physical strength —
 Sweating, straining, and building,
 Caring enough to try
 To have a team of which to be proud,
 To go in fighting,
 Putting every ounce of soul and body,
 Every shred of hope and confidence



Into the game,
 And to come out victorious and mighty
 Or defeated and just a little wiser.
 We feel the urge to participate,
 Grateful to our coaches,
 Thankful to our fans,
 But most of all, devoted
 To the beauty, the daring, and the excitement
 Of our magnificent cause.