

**A**lthough academics was the top priority of the educational system, the sports program provided camaraderie and relaxation.

Whether one was an athlete or a fan, he found the excitement of athletic events to be exhilarating. Seeing fans waving banners and hearing the roar of the crowd instilled confidence in the athletes.

Last season was no exception. The varsity football went on to beat the archrival Summerville Green Waves for the first time in 14 years. The team closed out the year in a tie for the conference championship. The varsity girls' basketball team claimed conference championship. Baseball, softball, track, soccer, golf, and tennis teams likewise achieved excellence.

After-school practices were not the only time players had to prepare for their games. For the first time, weight lifting was included in the curriculum.

Teams experienced triumph, sadness, and even injury. Junior football players Wesley Jones, Jody McLaine, and Jason McMillan were out most of the season with injuries of their own, but they sat on the sidelines playing the game mentally.

Athletes learned the values of sportsmanship, confidence, and respect. These attributes guided players in the games and proved that sports meant hours of hard work. Of course, there was always time for frivolity, too, but the dedication to the game was evident in the performance.

### **Bulldog Spirit**

Football players Jay Davis and Gianni Garrett get into the spirit of the pep rally before the Summerville game. This game was played at the Johnson Hagood Stadium in Charleston.

