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COMMEMORATIVE EDITION
ALUMNI BAND
FAMILY ALBUM

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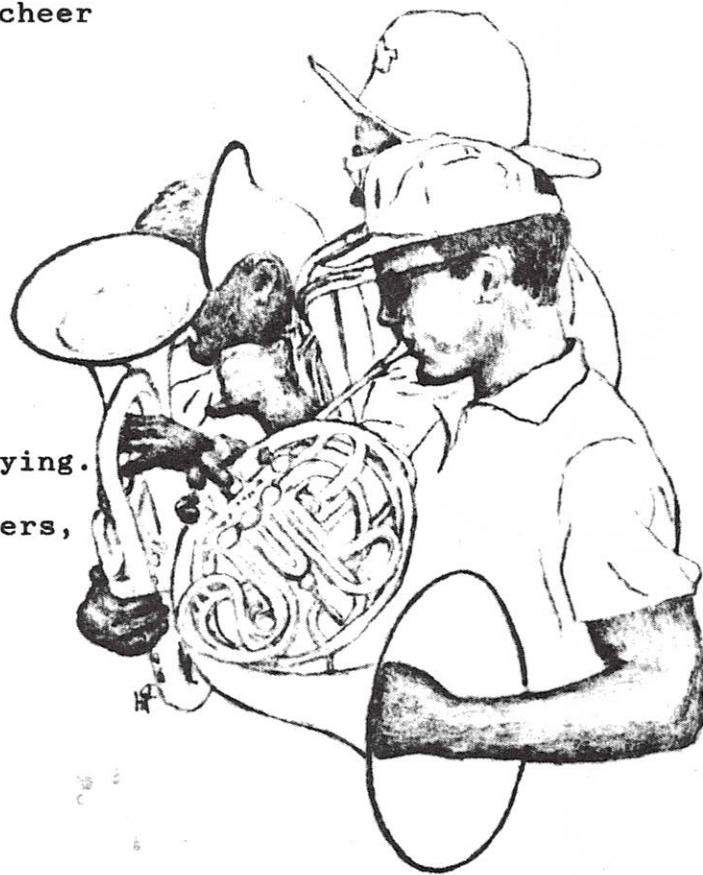
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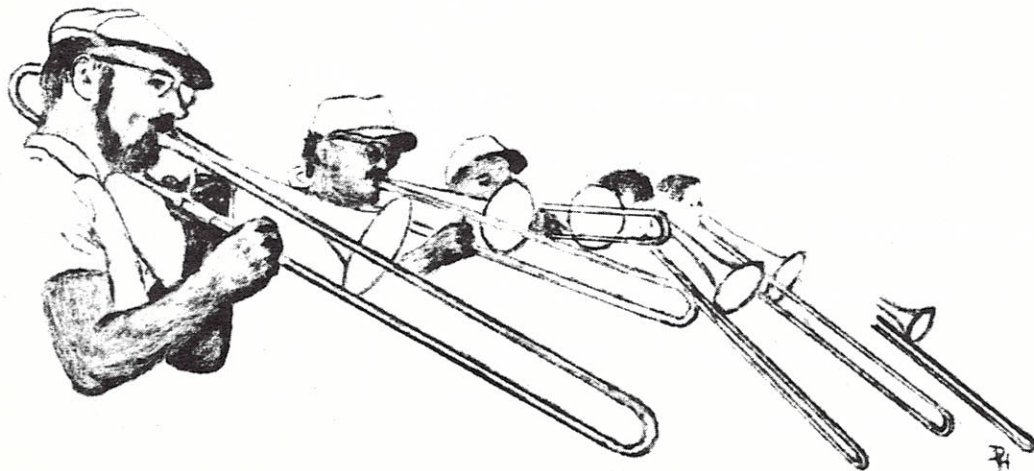


ALUMNI BAND

Fun loving musicians
Long faithful supporters of alma mater
Make music together.
The band family includes families.
Children and spouses watch and cheer
As the band entertains the fans
At pregame tailgate picnics,
Entertains alumni at parties,
Entertains at rallies
And plays at games
Whenever they are asked
And the marching band isn't playing.
Children and spouses carry banners,
Ride along and cheer
When the band rides in parades.
Sometimes the band ambles.
(Alumni band doesn't march.
It does preamble
To the start of the parade.)
When a long parade stopped on a hot day,
The band sat in the street and played.
When it was slow,
They broke ranks every block



And shook hands with the crowd.
Alumni band practises once a year
Whether it is needed or not.
It's a good reason
To picnic together after rehearsal.
Performance tapes are sold
To raise scholarship funds.
The school is promoted and supported.
Marching band members
Can look forward to graduating
From precise regimentation
And becoming Alumni Band members
Forever.
Part of the extended school family,
Fun loving musicians
Make up the Alumni Band.





TAILGATE PICNICS

Fan and family foodfest

On the field

Outside the bowl.

Enjoy the crowd,

Old friends and new.

Admire the spreads

From plain to fancy.

Be entertained

By the Alumni Band.



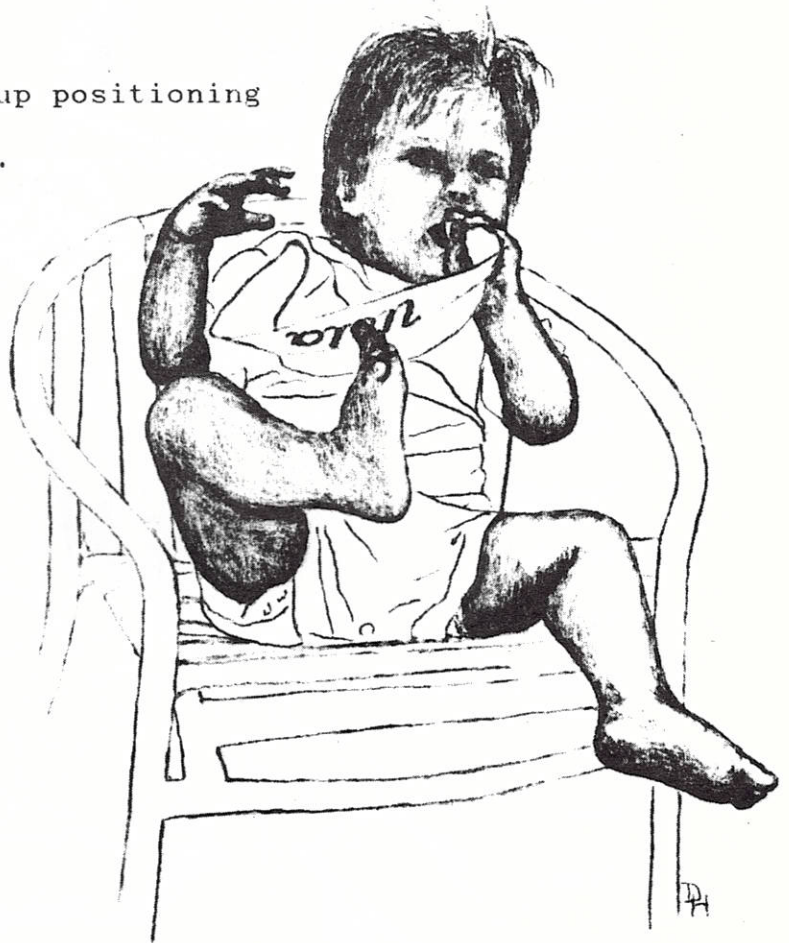
NONCONFORMER

Even
The
Alumni
Band
Has
An
Occasional
Maverick
Who
Spends
Break
Time
Practising
A
New
Tune.



DEVELOPING SCHOOL SUPPORT

Members of the Alumni band family
Are early exposed
To the importance of school support.
This is tastefully done
With refinements
Such as right side up positioning
Developed gradually.



SWINGING SAXES

Rhythmed to the bones,

Movement takes over.

Swinging in step

Is more fun

Than foot tapping.

Get involved -

A chorus line

Of notes in tune

And toes in phase.



OUR PIPERS ARE NOT PIED



In solid blue they sparkle across clef tops,
Singing high melody, trilling counterpoint,
Their piccolos positioned to add bright icing
To the mellow tones of winds and horns.



ALUMNI BAND PARENTS

Performers plus
 Aware of piece, pitch and beat,
 Bottle and adventurous toddler.
 Valued contributors,
 Arranging for family needs
 Between sets.
 Responsible parents,
 Supported and reinforced
 By the watchful caring
 Of their larger band family.

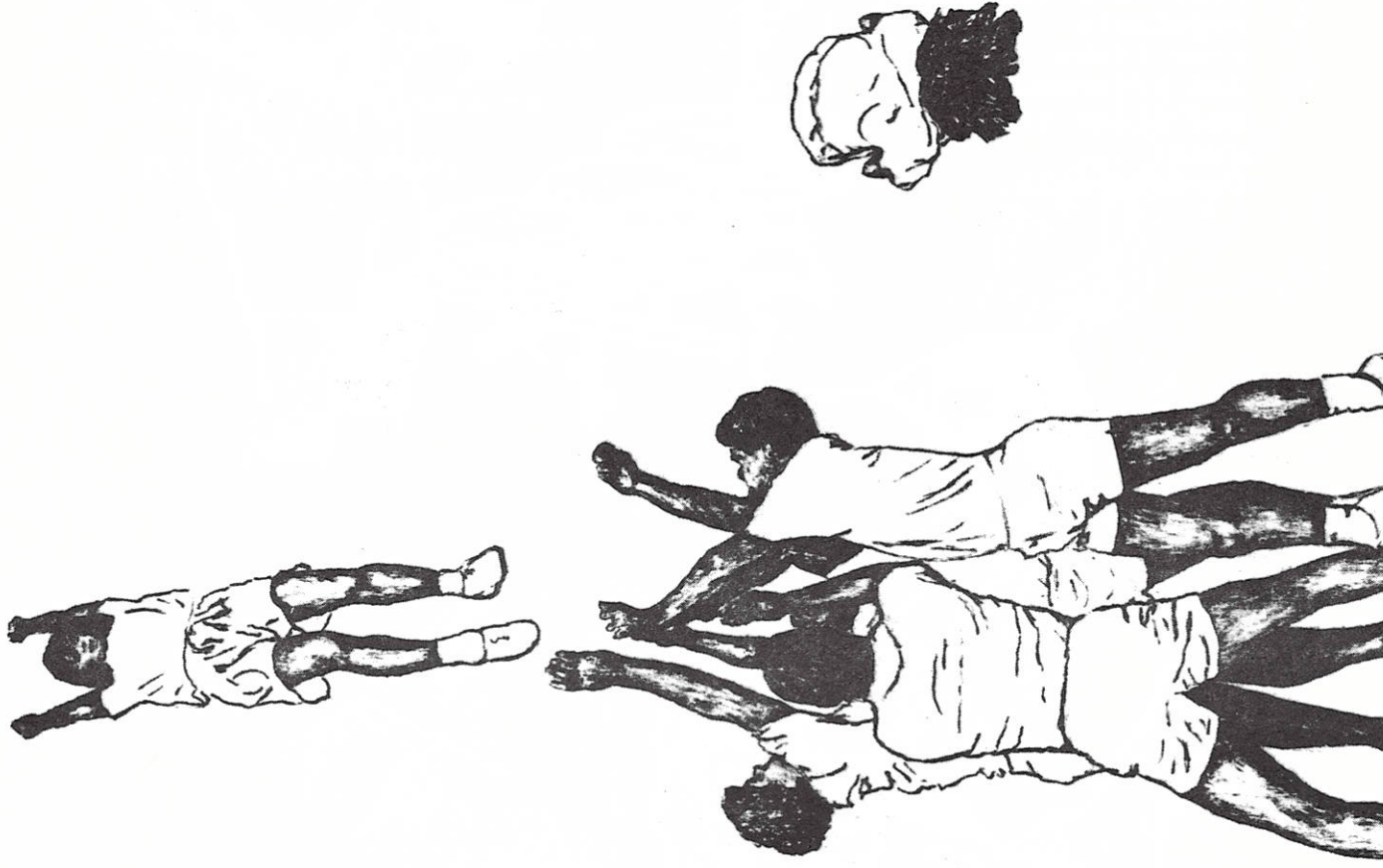


SPIRIT

TEAM,

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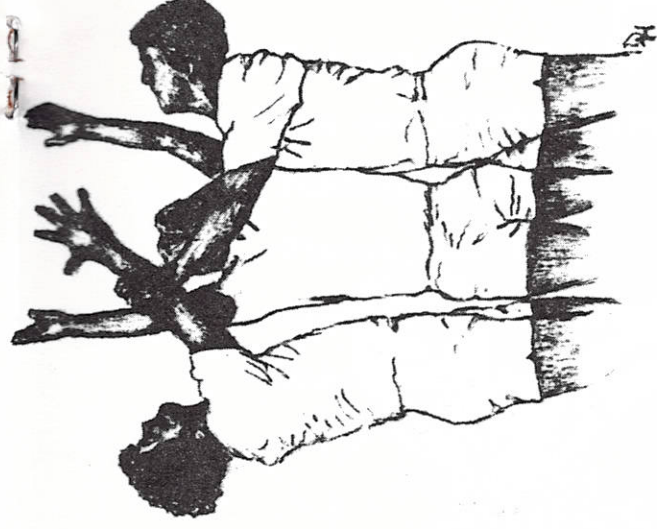
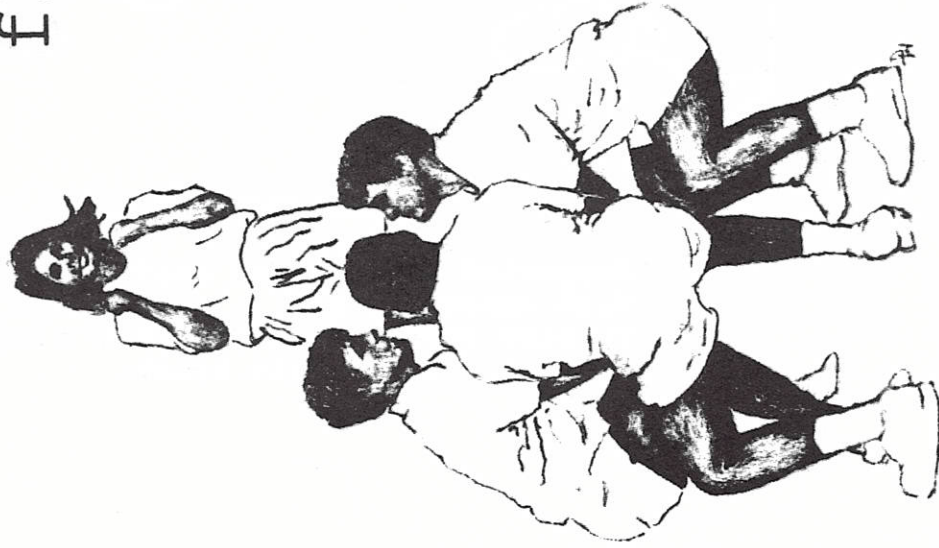


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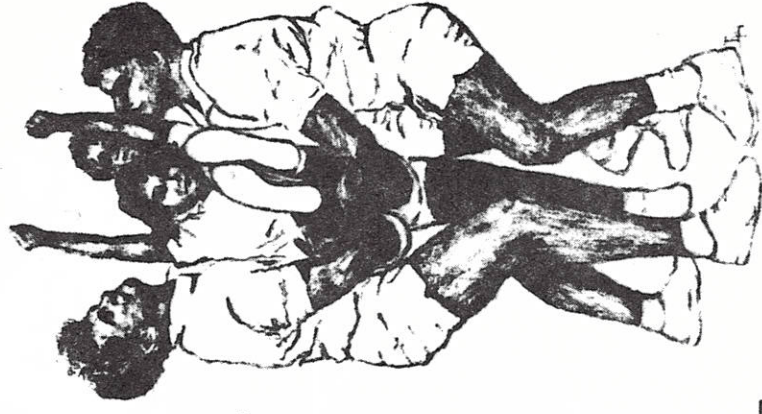
thrust.

She

flips.



We focus on
the catch.



Breathing again,
We cheer and clap.



INHERITANCE

Supported example and desire
With opportunity
To play your own tune on Dad's horn
During his break.

TIMING

Did you know
You can teach a class in med school,
Publish papers,
Finish your PhD
And still find time
For Alumni Band?



BAND DIRECTOR - ALTOHORNIST

There aren't enough notes
In your days of teaching
Budding musicians
To satisfy
Your music maker's
Soul.
For recreation
You've signed up
For Alumni Band.

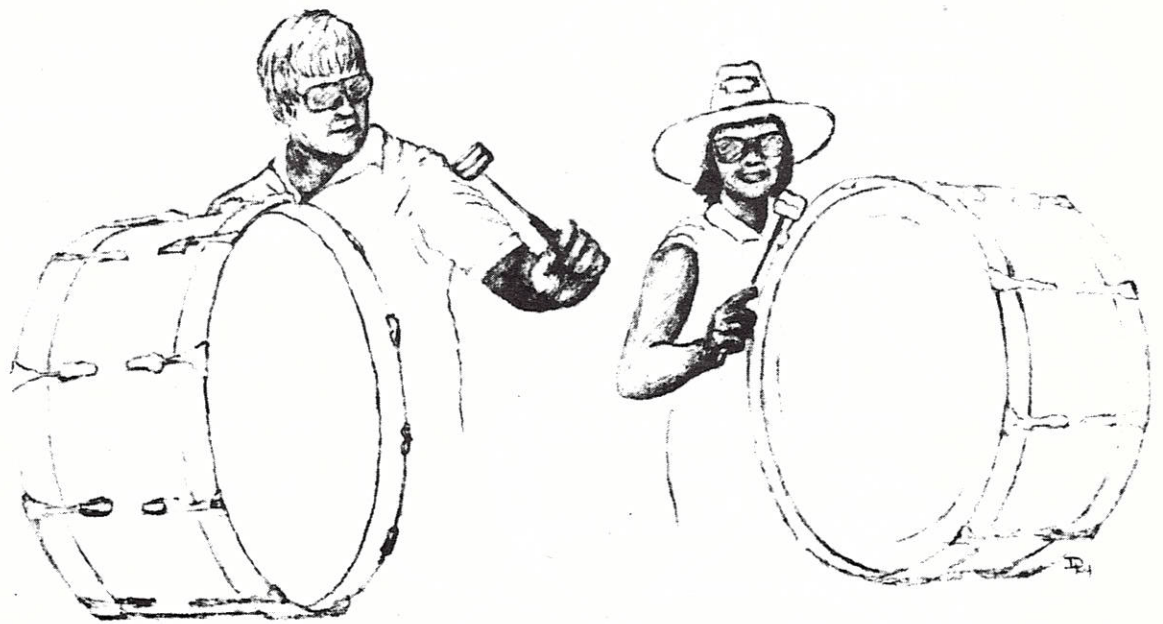




FOCUSED INTERACTION

The finest cultural education
Is hands-on involvement.
Explore and discover
New ways to perceive and connect.





BEATING

Undercurrent

Knitting the measures together,

Driving the tempo.

There or not there,

You notice a bass drum.



TUBA

tuba

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The normal laws
Of gravity and exhaustion
Do not apply.

The tuba players
Ignore band camp shoulder,
Move out for solos,
Mingle with the crowd,
Always ready

To be a little more unusual.
Magnified mischievous entertainment.

PLAYERS WORK AND WORKERS PLAY

Some bells are played by Marian

Who also plays librarian

In wageless hours unending,

Duplicating,

Coordinating,

Distributing

And other things.





SISTERS

Raised

As Alumni Band family

Know

When to cheer and clap,

Sing the national anthem,

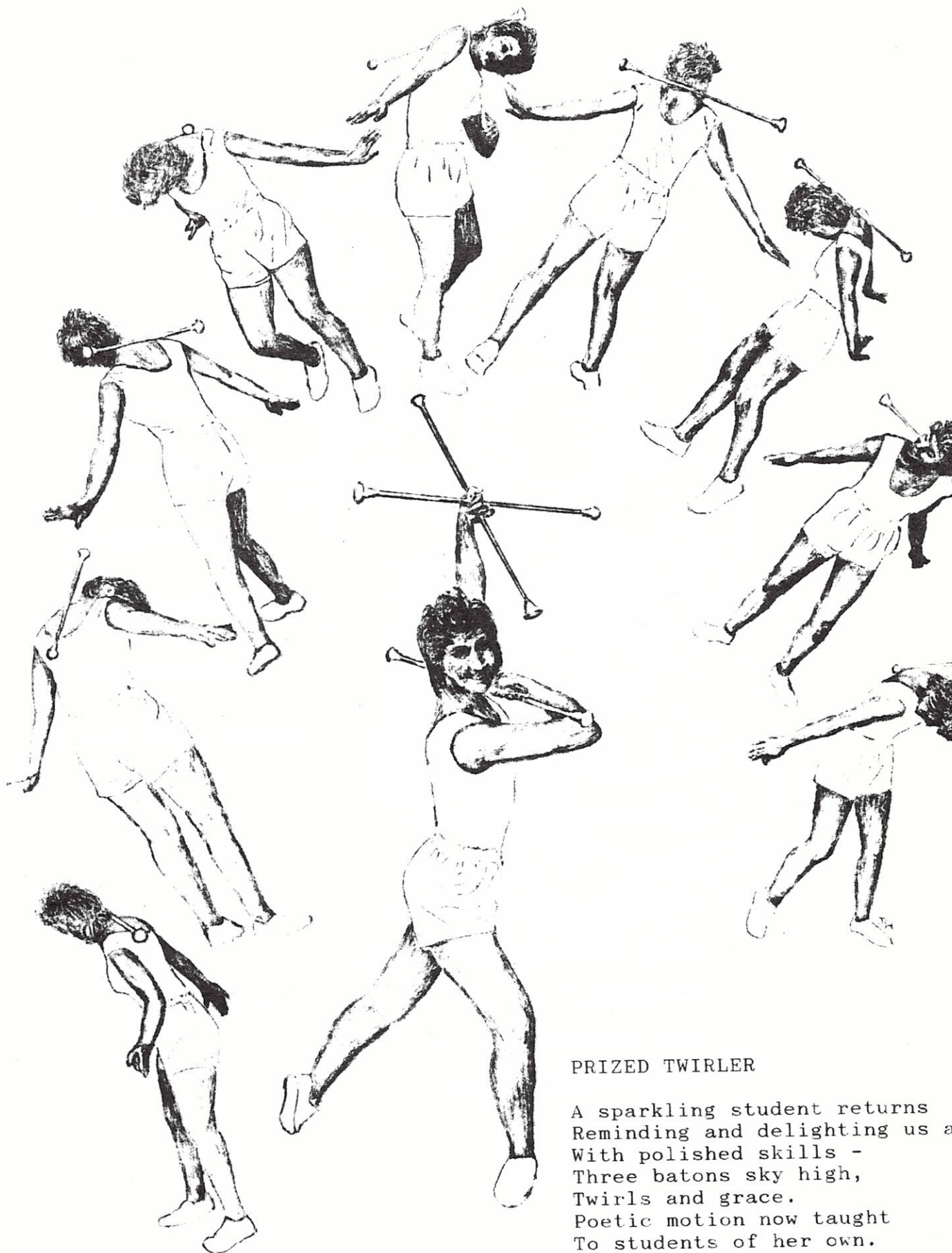
Be quiet,

And make noise.

Support and respect

Are part

Of their lives.



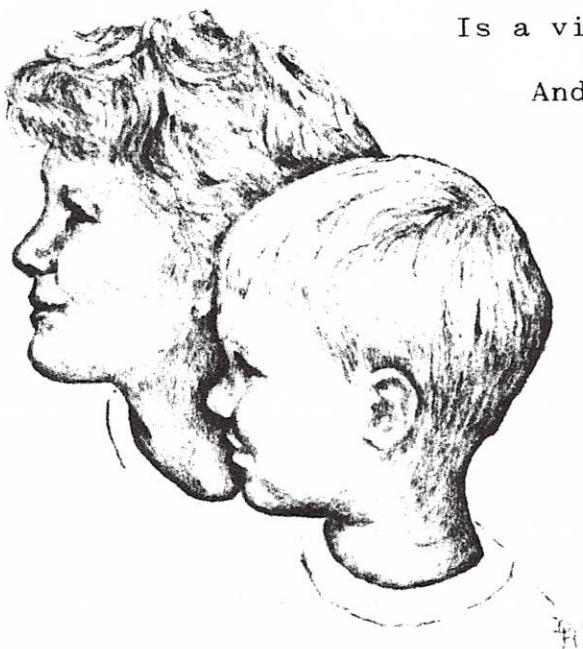
PRIZED TWIRLER

A sparkling student returns
Reminding and delighting us a
With polished skills -
Three batons sky high,
Twirls and grace.
Poetic motion now taught
To students of her own.

THE ALUMNI CHEERING SECTION



One game
And you are changed forever.
"Every man, woman and child"
Is exhorted and cajoled
To be a fanatic rooter.
Boredom is banned.
The unexpected
Is about to happen.
Team support
All the way,
With great fun
And enthusiasm.
One would never imagine
The chief instigator
Is a vice president
And family man.





"Have you ever seen a cake walk?" is very passe'.
I went out with the fashions of yesterday.
Here's an outrageous question with a current beat:
"Have you ever seen a bear wheel in the street?"

BEAR HUGS

Tony loves bears. You can tell by his grin
That he's very pleased with the spot he's in.



When the bears come to dance, Tony comes on the run,
For Tony, these bears are lots of fun.



