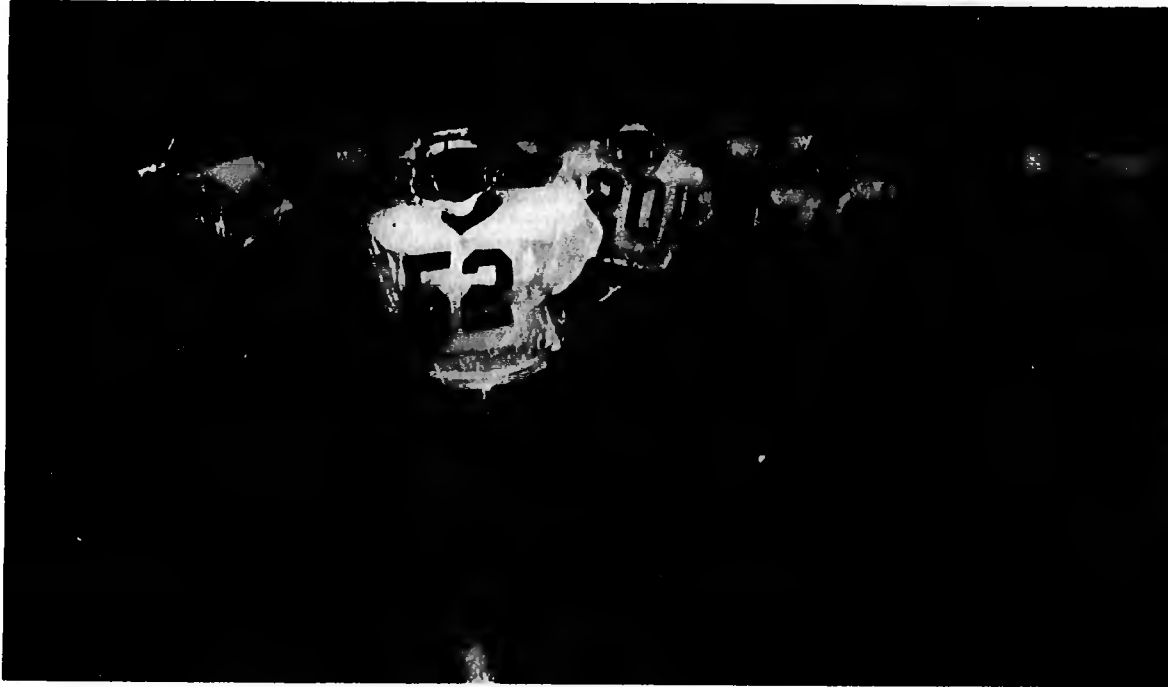
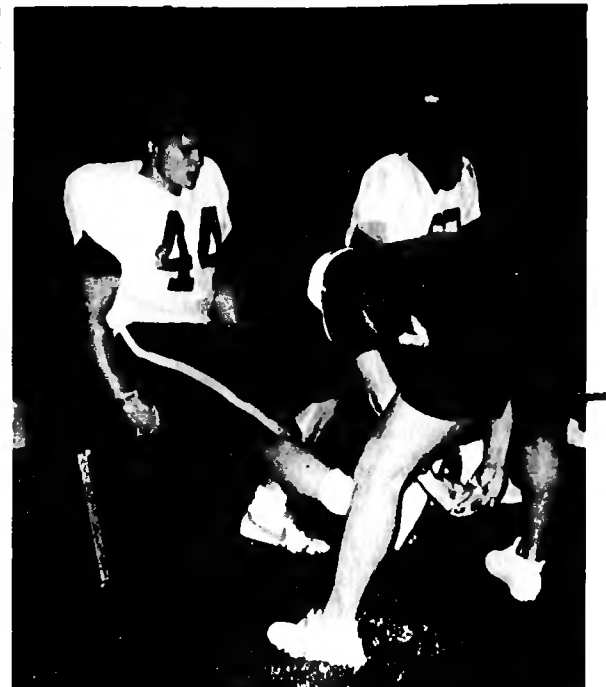


# The 12th Man Has A Goal In Mind



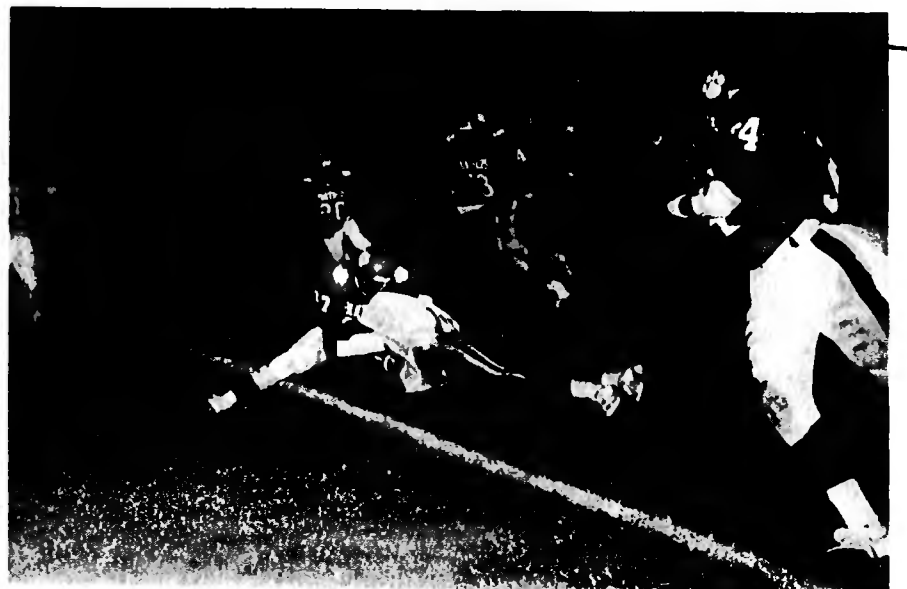
Taking the field for first game of season



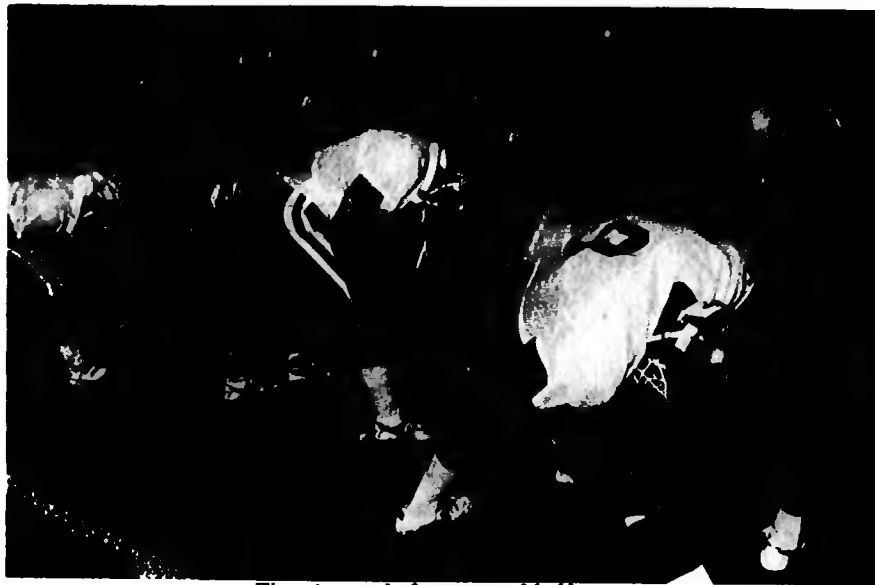
Chuck Bandy gets attention from trainer



Cheerleaders lend beauty, grace to physical game



Dark-jerseyed North Pitt players swarm toward loose ball and lone Eagle



Warming up before second-half action



Coach Jordan, left, gives pre-game pep talk to players

## Off The Football Field, The Sidelines Are Busy

While plenty of action takes place on the field during a football game, you couldn't have a game without some of the action taking place off the field.

There are certain elements that go together to make a football game complete — from bouncy cheerleaders to overworked and underpaid (make that no pay) trainers. Coaches and assistant coaches prowl the sidelines, talking, educating, teaching and even yelling at the players from time to time. Coaches, managers and volunteers keep charts and statistics while the media keeps an eye on the game with cameras and notebooks.

Cheerleaders go through their acrobatic, athletic and showy routines. Yells of "push'em back, push'em back, way back" and "two bits, four bits, six bits a dollar" convince the crowds to "stand up and holler." A touchdown by their team brings shouts of glee and jumps of joy. A touchdown by the other team brings bowed heads and perhaps a tear.

Trainers worry with sprains, bumps, bruises and assorted other injuries. Tape, ice, pads, ointments and scissors are an arsenal against the unseen enemy. Sometimes all the trainer can do is just give words of encouragement. Other times a few minutes is all a trainer needs to send a warrior back to the field of battle.

It takes but 11 players on the field to play the game, but it takes those off the field to make the game worth playing.

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A phantom defender (lower right) appears to be joining a West Craven lineman in pursuing Washington's Lamont Cox (33) during the jayvee grid opener for both teams Thursday. (See front photo)