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One of the most valuable discoveries that we, as students, have made in the course of our high school experiences is that our teachers can become our personal friends and advisors, as well as being simply instructors. Looking back at our last four years, we remember with grateful affection four particular faculty members who gave their "all" for us and who individually something special to each of our years in Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Wishing to thank them all and realizing that the class of 1964 is the last class to have sojourned here for four years, we adopt this fourfold theme and dedicate *The Culmen, 1964*, emblematic of our own freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years, to

Mrs. Isabel M. Turner, whose firm but ever-smiling and patient guidance encouraged us in our freshman year as we were introduced to the library, which would soon become an increasingly familiar part of our academic experiences;

to Miss Linda Alvord, whose bubbling enthusiasm and concern . . . ("any unhappinesses?") . . . for us made those impossible math courses just a wee bit more plain and considerably more pleasurable;

to Mr. George E. Kurek, who has progressed right along with us through S.P.F.H.S. for the past four years. Student-teaching in our freshman year, he returned to help us through sophomore and junior English, and even participated in our junior play—as "Dobie's" director. His patience, understanding, and humor have been keenly felt and appreciated by the Class of '64;

and to Mr. Laurence G. Mason, who will probably affect all our lives the most, since his has been the practical, friendly, and greatly-needed guidance that has helped determine our futures, especially if they include further academic or business plans. His helpful advice has been imperative in this, our senior year.

To these four teachers and friends we dedicate this book, as a humble appreciation of their never-ending help to us.

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