

*The Unanimous Declaration of the 38 united Runners of Panther XC*

*When in the course of athletic events, it becomes necessary for runners to dissolve the physical and invisible bands which have connected them with mediocrity, and to assume the powers of the athletic arena, to elevate the level of achievement to which the Laws of Physics and the Sciences of Nutrition and Psychology will impel to success.*

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all athletes' bodies are not created equal, but all souls are all endowed by their Creator with certain undeniable internal desires to create and design their personal goals, ensure their own improvement, and the pursuit of individual success. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that each runner have long established habits that will change their lives; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that Panther Runners are more disposed to suffering, while setbacks are not insurmountable, just the expected stepping stones to success.*

*We, therefore, the representatives of Panther XC hereby declare our intent to detach ourselves from the poor habits, meaningless traditions and empty superstitions that exist in the realms of athletics, and declare to be dependent on proper biomechanics, sound nutrition and positive attitudes that will elevate our performance to the pinnacle of achievement. And above all, we mutually pledge to all other Panther XC runners our time and awareness, our rewards of achievement and our sacred Honor.*