

Varsity Basketball

With only two seniors, Pressley and Garrett, returning from last year's basketball team, the young and inexperienced Spartans were under pressure from the outset. "With the loss of the seniors, I knew that it would be difficult," said Coach Boland, "but we were hoping to break 500 in the conference."

At 8-6 in the conference and 11-8 overall, the 1997 Spartans exceeded expectations. Many players stepped up and really did well. The leading scorers were seniors Clint Pressley at center and Byron Walker at forward. At the other forward spot, Billy Pavy and David Moore rotated in valuable supporting roles. In the backcourt, Lyn Chambers, Brian Stringfield, and Monte Blaney contributed with scor-

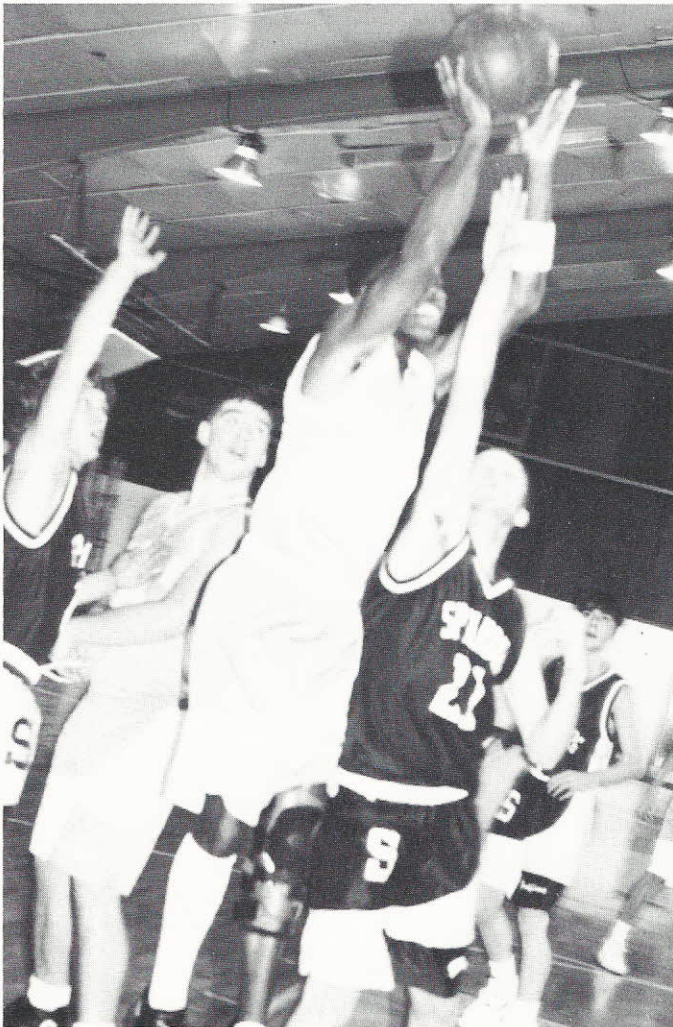
ing and tough defense.

Highlights of the season were wins over county rival Bethune, conference rival Carolina Day, and a third place finish in the conference.

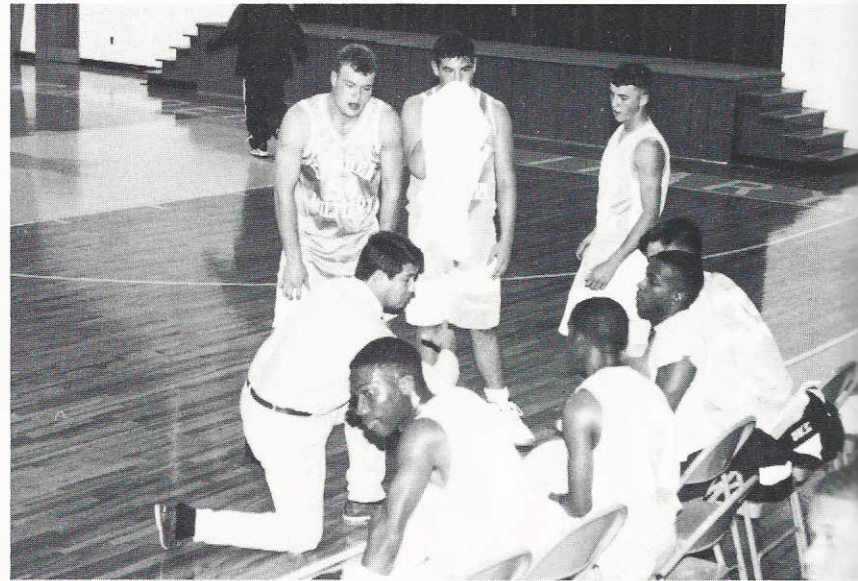
Coach Boland looks forward to three starters returning next year and prospects for a good season, but he is really proud of the 1997 Spartans: "This team overachieved all year. They were really fun to coach and be with."



Coach Boland talks strategy with the Spartans during a break in the action.



Getting up high, senior forward Byron Walker propels his shot over the Spartanburg defender.



Rhori Phillips-Kow squares up and delivers the ball from the lane.