

# Varsity Basketball

The CMA Varsity Basketball Team played to an 11-7 record in 2002. Some of the losses came against nationally ranked teams. However, the Spartans had success against ranked teams, also. They beat nationally ranked Laurenburg Institute 94-82. Another flash point of the season was playing in the high-powered Shores Christian Academy Tournament in Ocala, Florida, January 11-12. The experience against top caliber competition helped the Spartans to finish the season strong. Led by Larry Blair, who scored 436 points in 18 games this year, the Spartans held their own against many tough opponents. Intense practices with emphasis on wind sprints and laps helped prepare the team physically and mentally. "Our goal was to play together and to play with heart. We truly wanted to be 'one heart beat' on and off the court," said Coach Priester. Winning awards this season were Larry Blair, Most Valuable Player; Vance Caraway and Danieve Harper, Coach's Award; and Timmy Sturdivant, Most Improved Player.



Senior guard Vince Caraway gets off a shot in heavy traffic.

Center Andrew Skach catches the long pass for the easy score down court.



Senior forward Danieve Harper goes up for the jumper in the lane.



Junior guard Tony Swinton drives in to bang two off the glass.



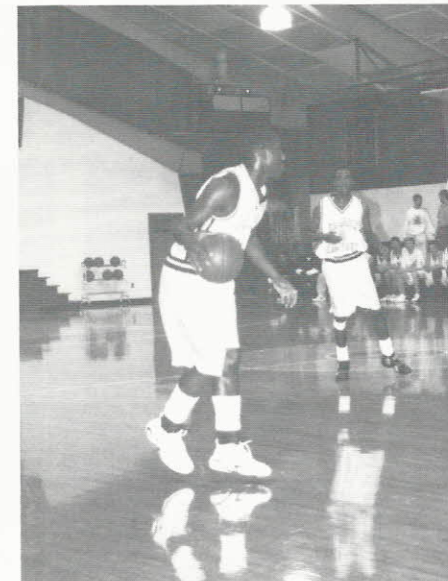
Senior forward Timmy Sturdivant launches a three-pointer from the corner.



Caraway arches a three-pointer from outside the circle.



Playing above the rim, Larry Blair cans another two points.



Point guard Derrick Hankins sets up the play.