



## New Optimism Tempered With Reality

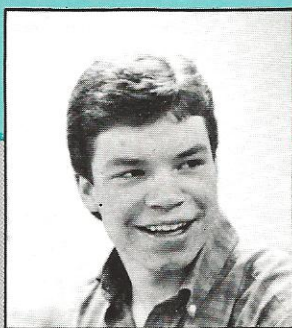
One of the most important aspects of producing a year-book is choosing the theme which will determine the attitude and coverage of the book. During the summer vacation, staff members and advisors held brainstorming sessions for this purpose.

A common thread that ran through all these discussions was a hopeful and confident optimism. The Football team, with it's pack of returning seniors was ready for a banner year, the school was under the new and dynamic leadership of Bob Pence and the State's Education Improvement Act had supposedly been de-bugged.

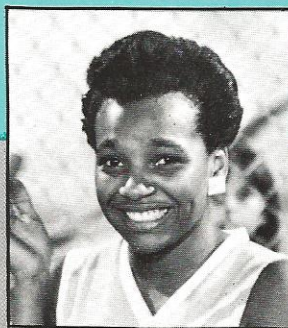
These were just a few of the many reasons 1987 was to be a turn in the right direction. But was it? Soon that confident optimism was tempered by reality.

Competition was fierce for the football team. With several key players either injured or forced to play both offense and defense, the Bulldogs took a beating. Although they played with the spirit it required to win they didn't have the manpower it took to keep it going for four quarters of play.

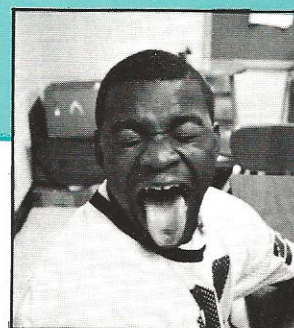
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**Bennie Hutto, Senior** "This year was improved greatly by the interest of students and faculty in school activities. There was also a turn in the right direction in academics, as students endeavored to excell in every possible way."



**Sandra Reed, junior** "Since we have Bob Pence, we have made more progress shown through more academic achievement and more emphasis on school spirit. I hope the years continue to be a turn in the right direction."



**Dexter Kelly, Senior** "I hope to see more school support from students and see more faculty interest in school activities."