

C ompetitiveness

Running to win

Although this was not a banner year for the young cross-country team, it did set a record under 2nd-year coach Al Reitman. This is the first time in the history of WHS that the team has fielded both a girls' and boys' team. According to coach Reitman, "We didn't have an impressive win-loss record, but we gained immensely in experience and maturity. Out of the ten runners, nine of them will be seniors."

The beginning of the season started out with some problems. Coach Reitman came out to mark the course and found out that the new Bulldog Avenue extension had cut part of the course. "I was out measuring the back part of the course when I noticed I was walking out onto Bulldog Avenue," said Coach Reit-

man. Coach Reitman ended up having to cut a new trail through that part of the woods.

The team lost some members part way through the season and picked up others to take their places. Two junior cheerleaders, Katrina Colson and Shawna Davis, came out in mid-season as well as foreign exchange student Anne Igartiburu. This was the first time running for all three girls. Although Anne has run marathons in Spain, she had never run the 3.1 mile race. "I wish all my runners had Anne's desire to excel," stated Coach Reitman. Anne also placed 84th out of 209 girls in the state.

Another first this year was the first annual Walterboro Invitational. This meet was held on the WHS course and included all the nine schools in

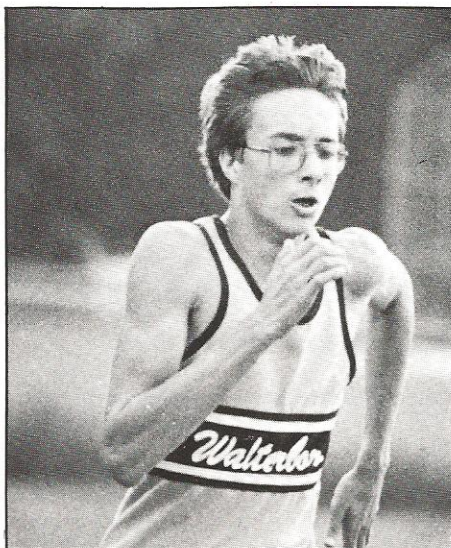
the Low Country that fielded teams. Trophies for first place in the girls' and boys' races were donated by Warshaws' and Shoeland of Walterboro. Coach Reitman hopes to add some teams from around Columbia to next year's meet.

Carl Strickland was voted MVP by his teammates while eighth grader Gregory Chisolm was voted Most Improved.

For the girls, Anne Igartiburu was voted MVP, and Kim Smith, an eighth grader, was voted Most Improved by her fellow teammates.

With all the continued support from the school and community of Walterboro, the team is looking forward to bigger and better years to come.

by Dexter Kelly



Running at top speed. Carl Strickland displays the determination needed to be first to cross the finish line. Carl was voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates.



Front Row: Gregory Chisolm, Angel Robertson, Kim Smith, Shawna Davis, Katrena Colson, Anne Igartiburu. **Back Row:** John Boyles, Carl Strickland, Jamie Colson, Marcel Anthony.