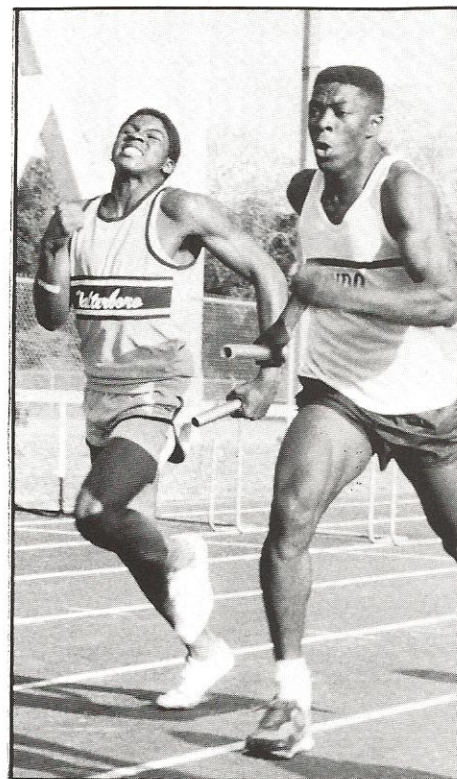


**Dwayne Gethers, Greg Wilson,** Harvy Stanfield, Micheal Haynes, Terrence Donaldson, Chris Stanfield, Oliver Campbell, Willie Brown, Tracy Judy, Scott Stone, Kenny Bowman, Marcel Anthony, Ladon Washington, Lonnie Jarvis, Ronald Mitchell, Dexter Kelly, Carl Strickland, Anthony Garrett, Phillip Pryor, Billy Widel, Joey Hoats.

**Oliver Campbell** puts every thing he has into running the 2nd leg of the 400 meter Relay.



# E xcellence

## A Knack for Track

Although the boys' track team is a team without a home, it has had one of the best seasons ever. The team finished second in its conference this year, the highest the team has ever placed in the school history. The year marked a first for the team in that it won two track meets in one year. This year the returning runners took top honors in the meets, but the newcomers were consistently earning points.

Among boys' track teams, competitiveness is underrated. Though the team did not have a legitimate track upon which to run, there were a number of competitive runners.

This year, two members of the boys' track team qualified for one of the most prestigious track meets—the Coaches' Invitational in Myrtle Beach. Junior Ronald Mitchell and Senior Dexter Kelly were the only boys to compete for the team. Coach Al Reitman was "very pleased

with both runners' ability to compete with such good athletes." He also added, "Though neither of the two runners placed, both of them lowered their times."

Although the entire team did not take a part in the lower state track meet, many individuals finished strong in the conference meet. Kenny Brown tied the school record for the 300 intermediate hurdle set in 1981 by Ty Simmons with a time of 41 seconds. Kenny Bowman (5th High Hurdles), Carl Strickland (4th 110 High Hurdles and 3rd 300 Hurdles), Greg Wilson (4th 800 meters), Anthony Garret (6th 3200 Meters), Marcel Anthony (6th 300 Hurdles), and Dexter Kelly (100 meter dash 5th and 200 meter dash 6th) all contributed to the teams strong second place finish in the conference. Ronald Mitchell placed first in the 100, 200, and 400 meter dash. He was the only triple winner in the meet.

Ronald Mitchell, Kenny Brown, Carl Strickland, and Greg Wilson qualified for the Lower State track meet in Sumter, S.C.

This year the team lost seniors Dexter Kelly, Antony Garret, Philip Pryor, Willie Brown and Lonnie Jarvis. They also lost Ronald Mitchell and Marcel Anthony due to early graduation. Coach Al Reitman commented, "Even with their losses we are looking forward to even a better season next year with Carl Strickland and Kenny Brown returning in the hurdles, and Gregory Wilson returning in the 800." According to Coach Al Reitman "These runners and all the others returning should be able to put together another strong season for the track team, but the team still needs a track upon which they can train."

Ronald Mitchell was voted MVP for 1987, with Gregory Wilson receiving the Most Improved vote from their team mates. Mitchell commented, "Being voted MVP for a second year really made my experience on the track team one that I will not forget."

by Dexter Kelly