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Greater Strides

The track teams made great stride this season. The boys' team broke records and sent players to All-Conference, All-State, State and Lower State.

At the lower state meet the men placed fourth, making them the only ones from our conference in the top five. The State meet was similar with a seventh place finish — again the only team from the conference to place in the top ten. New records in WHS track included the 100 meter, the 400 meter, and the 1600 meter relays — some of which haven't been broken since the early 1970's. The breakers of these records were: James Walker, Clarence Robinson, James Coaxum, Shawn Weans, Dylane Stephens, Tonny Cockrum, and Clerow Washington.

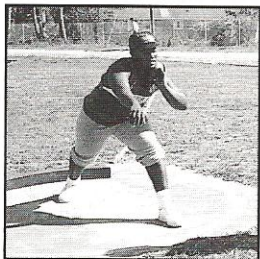
"I'm convinced that this is the best finish we have had at least in the last ten years," estimated Coach Reitman.

The girls' track team didn't allow the guys to take all the limelight. Under Coach Sims they placed fifth in the conference and sent six girls to state. Although they broke no records this year, the girls met what they considered their own personal bests. Coach Sims and the crew were content with this, as there was little motivation and a lot of fear at the season's start. This stemmed from not having a track and some of the needed equipment to become familiar with as well as to practice and perform on.

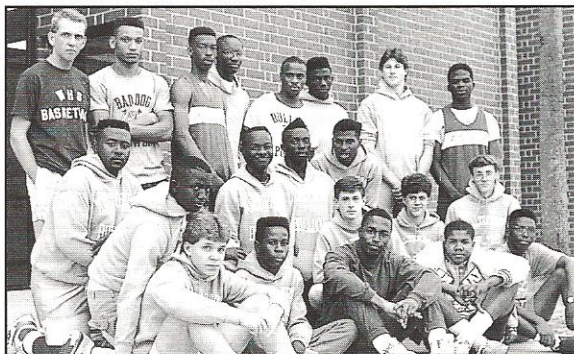
"It was great. We went to state. We had a great time. We resolved all of our conflicts. Best of all, we got out of our 'clickish' groups and became a whole," senior Makala Wright reflected.

"I think that this year's greatest accomplishment was the girls' change of attitude. Rather than spending the season trying to better their performances for themselves, they spent it attempting to improve the quality of their total team," elaborated Coach Sims.

— Hallie Gregory



Fred Reed concentrates before he throws the discus in a track meet at Porter Guad.



Male track team: (sitting) Floyd Walling, Casey Chisolm, Clarence Robinson, Torlin Bright, Shawn Weans. (kneeling) Fred Reed, Jerome Bryan, Renwidk Chisolm, Dylane Stephens, Sammie Smalls, Tad Woovis, Chad Beckett, Scott Walls. (stand-

ing) Barry Kinard, James Walker, Tony Cockrum, Clerow Washington, James Coaxum, Kenyatta Spruil, Shawn Lyons, and Isaac Middleton. (Not pictured are: Shannon Bright, Reeder Grant, and Jervey Fields.)

