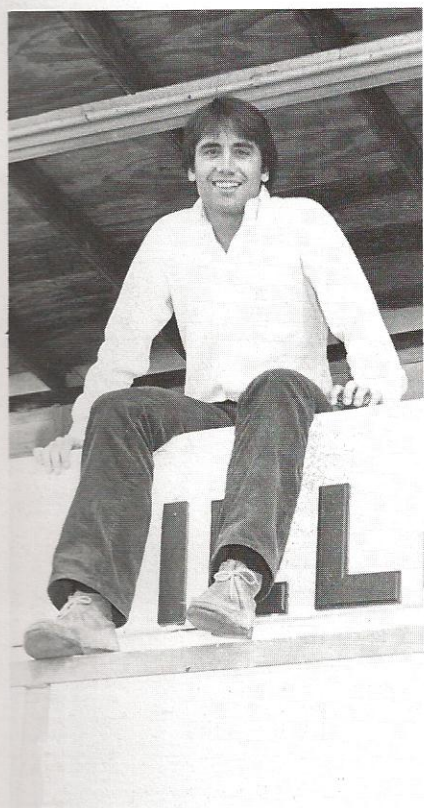


Shooting For The Stars



First year coach, Doug Beckhart, really enjoys his beginning career of coaching basketball.

The Warhawk team returns to the bench after the starting lineups are introduced.

The 1982-83 basketball season proved to be an exciting experience for both the players and new coach, Doug Beckhart. Coach Beckhart, a 1982 graduate of Francis Marion College, described his first year of coaching to be different because the players were better than he expected and their attitude was so good. According to Coach Beckhart the difference between playing and coaching basketball is that "playing in college, I could always blame a loss on the coach. Now the responsibility falls on me."

Although seven key players were lost to graduation in 1982, seniors Bubba Bishop, Harold Blocker, Trent Copeland, Mark Eley, and Philip McNair came in to fill the slots and provide excellent leadership for the Hawks. Although Coach Beckhart jokingly admitted that his first worry was whether his team would score a

basket, the Warhawks readily proved him wrong by posting many impressive victories. One such victory took place when the Willington Patriots traveled to the Warhawk gymnasium for an exciting conference game. The contest ended 69-58 in favor of the Hawks, and many players felt this game was one of the best of the season.

During the middle of the season, the Hawks were plagued by injury. At one point, only six players remained on the team. It was at this time that the Hawks pulled together and proved that they could win without three previous starters by stopping Thomas Heyward 57-56 and capturing their seventh victory of the year. The basketball team played with enthusiasm throughout the season and showed Warhawk followers that they were shooting for the stars!

