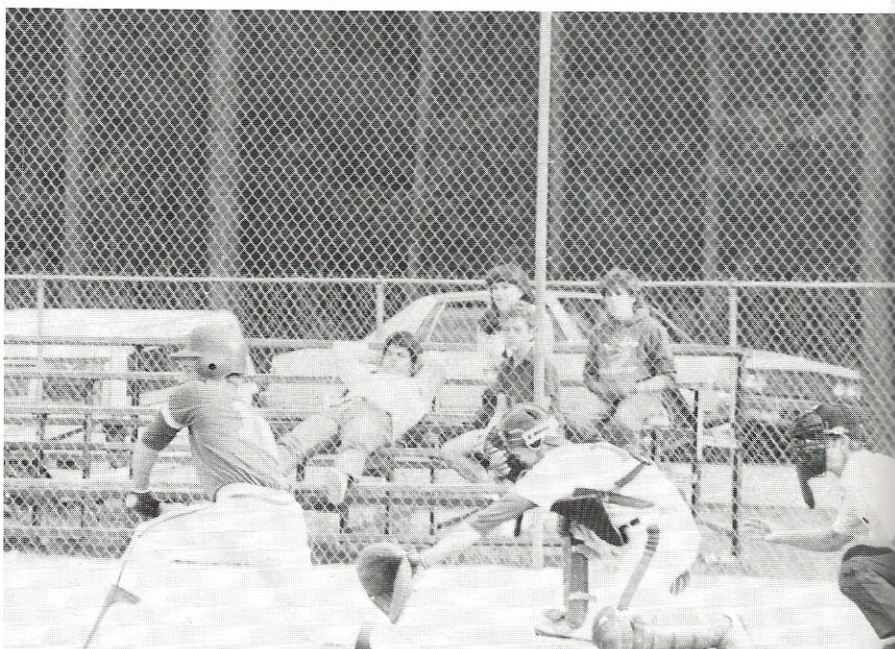


Baseball . . .

America Discovered It, John C. Perfected It.

After ending the regular season with nine wins and four losses, the 1984 varsity baseball team advanced to the conference play-offs. The first play-off game, which was against the Wade Hampton Rebels, ended in a 5-3 victory for the Hawks. Later on that day, the Hawks played the Willington Patriots, and unfortunately, the Hawks lost 8-9. Even though the Hawks had to settle for the conference runner-up slot, they were able to compete for the State Championship. The team was scheduled to play three games against the Wilson Hall Barons. The first team to win two out of those three games was to play either Robert E. Lee or Willington for the championship. Much to their dismay, the Hawks lost the first game 9-5. The second game had a much better outcome with the Hawks capturing a 1-0 victory. It looked like the Hawks had a good chance to be the State Champions but bad luck still prevailed. The third and decisive game ended with the Hawks coming up on the short end 8-10. Even so, some hope prevailed after that game because a controversial call made by one of the umpires was protested by the Hawks. Nothing ever became of the protest; therefore, the Hawks finished the entire season with a 11-6 record.

At the awards banquet, coaches Robert Axson and Doug Beckhart recognized all of the talented players, but three of them impartially. Most valuable player Joey Ritter, along with Reggie Woods and Bert Snyder were named All-Conference players. Reggie and Joey were also given the honor of being chosen for the All-South baseball team.



As the Hammond Skyhawk swings at the approaching baseball, junior Shan Pye prepares his glove for the possible catch.



First string third baseman Reggie Woods tags the Thomas Heyward Rebel just in the nick of time.