



Building For The Future

The cross-country team relied heavily on the efforts of Dale Hoover, Michael Hale and Margaret Dessoie. The team was not very experienced, but Coach Al Reitman was not looking for a great season this year. He wanted to start building for the team two to three years from now.

Team captain Dale Hoover said, "I believe that this year could be the year that running really catches on. With Coach Reitman at the head of the program, it should grow larger each year. He shows great interest in building up the cross-country program. He really stresses going out and trying to recruit other "young runners."

Margaret Dessoie came off a very good year in which she placed third in the conference. She ran to fifth place this year but was up against better

competition than last year. Michael Hale had a run of 21:06 over the 3.1 mile course this year. Hoover improved in almost every meet because of summer running and the expertise of Coach Reitman.

Although there were not many bright spots this year, the team improved greatly. Seventh graders Blythe Buchanan and Kim Smith both improved their times by almost 20 minutes, while seventh grader Jimmy Satterfield and tenth grader Carl Strickland each improved by about 4 minutes. The real surprises this year were Bill Widel and Jamie Colson. Billy and Jamie came out later than the others but still placed well in the conference meet. Out of about 35 runners, Jamie placed 19th and Billy placed 20th.



CARL STRICKLAND and **Michael Hale** prepare for the start of a 3-way meet at James Island. Both Strickland and Hale had their best finishes of the season placing 4th and 5th respectively.



FRONT ROW: Jamie Colson, Kim Smith, Blythe Buchanan, Margaret Dessoie, and Bill Widel.
BACK ROW: Dale Hoover, Carl Strickland, Michael Hale and Jimmy Satterfield.