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Most meets that are held in Walterboro have as many as 4 to 5 different schools participating. Here the Wando girls' team competes against the Walterboro girls' team.

## Cross Country Struggles

A little-noticed sport brought enthusiasm and satisfaction to those who participated in it. That sport was cross-country. A motley crew of runners came forth this season to participate in the 3.1 mile run on a rough, country track. Hills and branches challenged the competitors in their race for victory.

While the team was rather young this year, only two seniors participated, the team managed to finish fourth in the conference. Yet the team failed to qualify for state by about 10-15 points. Even though the team was to be commended, Coach Reitman said that the major reason the team did not perform up to par was because no one re-

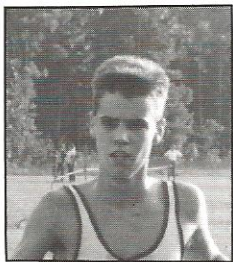
turned from the previous year. Each year brings another time of rebuilding. Most of the participants run while they are in lower grades, then become involved in other extracurricular activities. In terms of statistics, three out of eight runners might return for another year.

Even though it is difficult for Coach Reitman to create a new team each year, he maintains a positive attitude toward each athlete. He remarked, "Over the years of coaching the cross-country team, I watched the runners develop from children to adults. It is truly worth my time and dedication."

by Shawna Davis



"Cross-country has been my first chance to run. It has been a wonderful experience." —Regina Orinilla



"I've always been interested in running, and cross-country has been a useful outlet." —Brad DeLoach