

H it and Run

With the arrival of spring comes many different things, such as the red-breasted robin, spring fever, spring break, and especially baseball. Coach Ralph Martin, with the help of his faithful sidekick assistant Coach Russell Polk, began whipping a group of young men into a baseball team in early January. After a great year last year, the team was looking for another shot at the Region 6-AAAA championship.

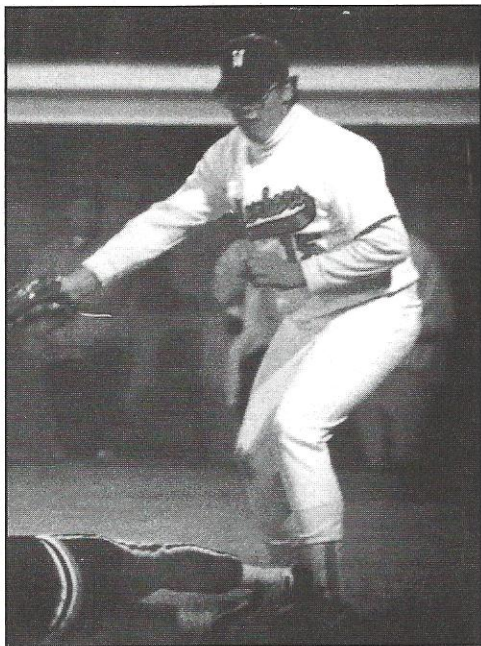
The team began with a good start, winning eight of their first ten games. Later in the year the team slumped, winning only two of their last nine games. The only way the Bulldogs would have a chance to make the playoffs was to win their remaining games against Goose Creek, Middleton, and Summerville. They lost to Goose Creek and Summerville, but defeated Middleton and ended the season with a 10-9 overall record and a 7-7 record in Region 6-AAAA.

"Although our record may not have shown it," Coach Ralph Martin said, "I know we had a lot of talent and feel we had a great year."

The team had two players selected to the All-Region team. They were converted first baseman/pitcher Chris Gibson and catcher William Moore.

The Junior Varsity baseball program developed tremendously since it was begun four years ago. It was a good learning experience and developing period for young players. "I feel good about the J.V. program," said Coach Russell Polk. "It has helped many players excell at the Varsity level." The J.V.'s record has been 3-5 for the last two years. Coach Russell Polk looks to improve their record next year.

— Shane Polk and Michael Verner



Ricky Thigpen attempts to make an out at first base. Ricky also pitched for the Bulldogs and was a member of the Band of Blue.

William Moore awaits a pitch to hit while standing in the batters box. William was a member of the chorus and made the All-Region team.



H.B. Stanfield slides into home, scoring a run for the Bulldogs. H.B. played second base for the Bulldogs.

