

# Making Tracks

The cross-country team made several additions to the squad. With mostly first-year runners, the young team worked hard to build stamina and strength.

"Our goal was to put together squads for the girls and boys that were competitive in our conference," said Coach Cindy Sarvis. "We ran well, but we needed to work together to improve our team scores."

Placing second in the only meet held at the Walterboro Recreation Center, the team felt confident that the remaining meets would bring success for the team. Early in

November, the team went to Columbia to participate in the State Meet.

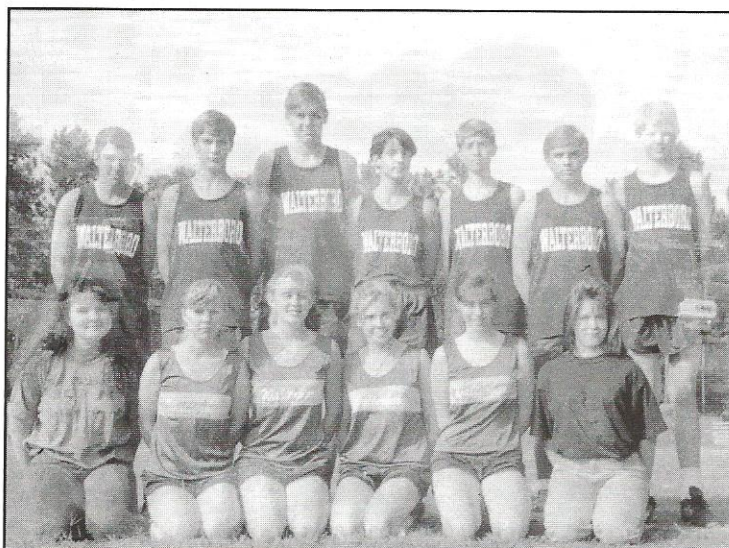
"The fifth-place ranking at state was an average finish for the team," said sophomore Richard Frakes. "We didn't reach our potential this season. The lack of experience was a big factor in the results of the state competition."

The track teams experienced a year of successes. Both the girls' and boys' teams received state honors. Senior Paul Bryan placed fourth in division 6-AAAA for discus throwing. Going undefeated, junior Darwin Walker won first-place state

honors in discus and shotput. Tim Moore was recognized as an All-Region runner. Tahita Brown led the girls' track team in scores. Brown, along with Mariska Bodison, Lisa Rutledge and Tatetia Cross, broke the school record in the 4 × 400 relay. Their fifth-place finish at lower state just made them miss qualification for the state competition.

"I'm proud of every member of the track team," said Coach Phillip Bryan. "Everyone put forth a great amount of effort. All of their hard work paid off!"

— Lisa Winter



**Cross country:** Top Row: A. Langley, B.J. Smoak, R. Frakes, J. Caballero, A. Pournelle, J. Ulrich, O.J. McDowell. Bottom Row: M. Tinker, H. McLaine, R. Bullock, A. Gregory, A. Colson, H. Tinker.

**Run like the wind.** Sophomore Ben Teasdale runs in a track meet held at Charleston Southern University. Ben played trombone in the band.

