

New Heights

The race has begun. After two-hundred yards, Fairfield is ahead. He crosses the finish line. The men's track team comes onto the track to congratulate their teammates. That scene was common at some of our teams's track meets. Some people thought that the team wasn't going to make it because of all the freshmen and only two returning track members. Former freshmen, **Montoro Simpson**, said "It was an excellent experience to a younger player. We improved greatly since the first day and I think we will be able to compete better with the other teams." **Coach Jerry Jackson** had some interesting things to say about the men's track team. "The track team was very surprising. We started the season with only two returning members. We had several ninth graders to step up and make great

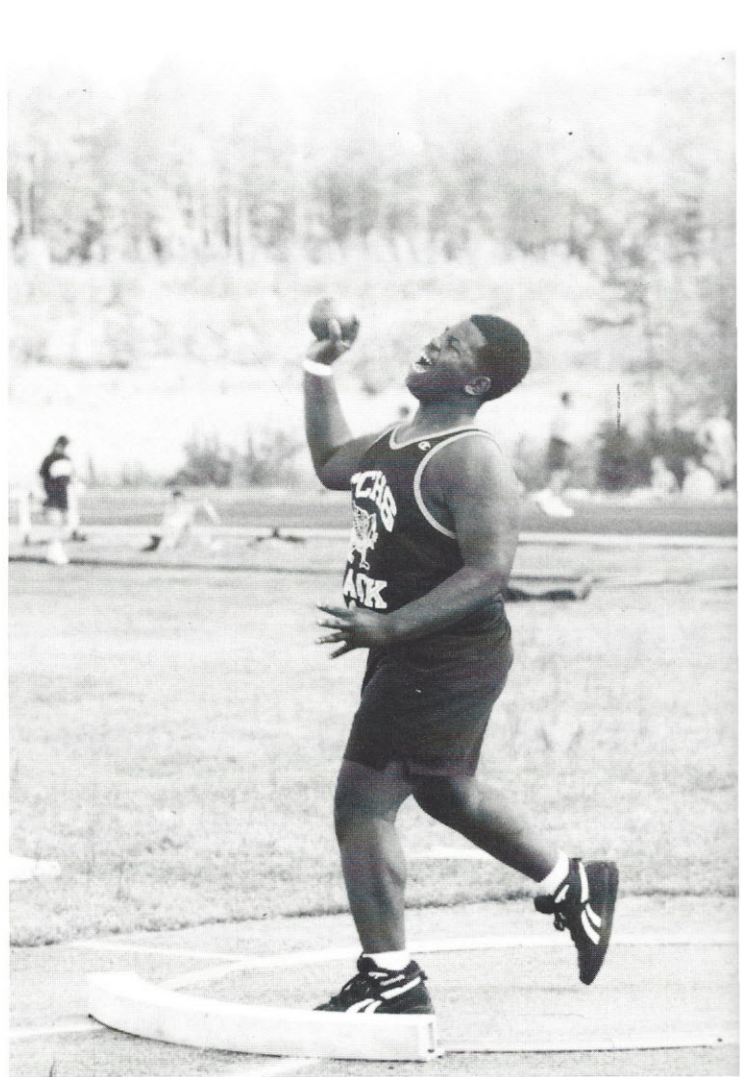
contributions to the team. Tyre Stevenson and Montoro Simpson were major surprises as freshmen. We expect great things from these men next year." Jackson commended team members Eric Sanders, Tim Brown, Kelven Curlee, and Vinson Tree. He also said, "Rudy Crumpton and Orlando Ruff were outstanding. They both qualified to compete in the lower-state track meet. Orlando broke two school records this year. He threw 139 feet in the discus throw and 44 feet 3 inches in the shot put. We will sorely miss these young men next season and we wish them much success. We were proud to be associated with all these young men this season and we hope that the faculty and the student body share this feeling." As **Orlando Ruff** has said, "Always in life, there will be ups and downs, but the true champion always finds a way to overcome adversity."

Winding Up

Winding up, Orlando Ruff prepares to throw the discus.

"I Can Do It"

Ronnie Armstrong shows determination as he throws the shot put.



Huffing and Puffing

Dewayne Rhodes races to the finish line.

