

Track: Not Just Running

By Heather Shafer

The 1996 track and field season began with 35 high school and 30 middle school athletes. This increase was a real plus since last season ended with only 13 high schoolers. The middle school participation is a big asset to the program.

The only male returnee on the team was Jerry Pullin who made a strong showing last year as an 8th grader.

The girls' track team also consisted of many veterans. Bridget Walter and Stephanie Campbell were elected co-captains for the girls' team. Other returnees were Jill Gerschutz, Heather Shafer, Dayna Solomon, and Melissa McWilliams. The 1994 European shot put champion, Candice Bradley, sidelined last year by an injury, was another returnee.

Coach Schwartz set high goals for this year's team, but with all their talent, they may just achieve them.



1996 Track Team. *Top Row (L-R):* Robert Duncan, Gary Locust, John-Michael Holas, Jerry Pullin, Ben Miletic. *Fourth Row:* Mike Blackham, Mike Johnson, Jeff Schenck, Doug Healy, Thomas Girard, Brian Holas, Nick Miletic. *Third Row:* Vincent Shook. *Second Row:* Jennifer Segers, Melissa McWilliams, Jill Gerschutz, Laura Edwards, Jessica Talboy, Heather Shafer, Stephanie Campbell. *First Row:* Bridget Walter, Dayna Solomon, Alexes Clements, LaKisha Dennis, Candice Bradley, Camarin Barrera, Kim Small, Bridget Long.



Melissa McWilliams catches the wind on the track.



Ben Miletic bows to the Track God.



Vincent Shook hops toward victory in the new one-legged relay event.



Michael Blackham and Brian Holas are ready for a long-deserved rest after practice.



Stephanie Campbell looks like she's having fun. Are you, Steph?