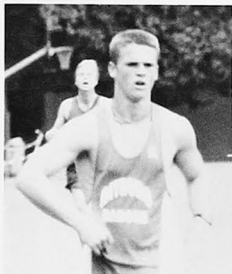


# The Roadrunner



Junior Jerry Pullin resorts to mind tricks to keep going. "I think I can..."



**The 1997 Cross Country Team.** (Back Row, L-R): Sarah Woodrow, Gretchan Calhoun (middle schooler), Joe Markowski, Joey Lubbers, Andrea McKinney, Matt MacDonald, Jon Thomas, Brian Loffelman, Mark Henry. (Middle Row): Dan Whitney, Julie Markowski, Kathleen Holas, Josh Singasaas, Andrew Schenck, Kyle Holland. (Front Row): Lisa Holmstrom, Jerry Pullin and Arleen Holland.



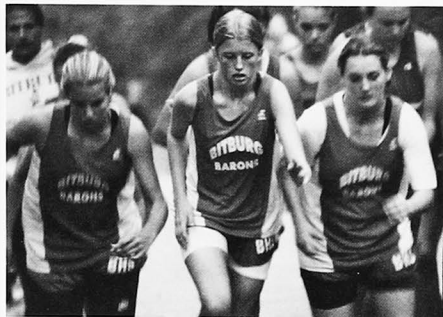
Joe Markowski says, "Man! This is a big hill!"

Endurance, dedication, determination, perseverance and confidence are just some of the characteristics that describe a cross country runner. It takes a strong will plus a love for running to complete the grueling 3.1 mile course through scenic forests, up muddy hills and in all types of weather conditions.

The 1997 cross country season opened in early September with the Jamboree held at the Baron's redesigned home course. For the boys, this was the beginning of a great season as the Barons placed either 1st or 2nd in every meet.

The girls' season was not as successful. This team was small and plagued by injuries.

Despite the injuries and the lack of runners, both teams qualified for the Central European Championship race held at Heidelberg. The boys' team finished 3rd with Sophomore Joey Lubbers placing 4th and Senior Dan Whitney placing 12th. Sophomore Arleen Holland placed 17th for the girls.



"Coach Schwartz's tactic of taping pictures of the Chippendales to the ground really works," say Arleen Holland, Lisa Holmstrom and Julie Markowski as they focus on the pictures.