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## Brewington is the new head coach at Smith

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Rodney W. Brewington, a native of Fayetteville and graduate of South View Senior High School and Winston-Salem State University has been named the new head football coach at Greensboro's Smith High School.

Brewington most recently served as the defensive coordinator for Atkins High School in Winston-Salem.



Photo by Charlie Pfaff

Brewington coached football and basketball at Atkins.

"I'm going to miss coach Winbush and everyone else at Atkins," Brewington told The Chronicle. "I enjoyed my time there. But this was an opportunity that I had to take. I love working with kids. And, I feel like I can help a lot of the student-athletes at Smith. I can't wait to get started. This is definitely going to be one of the most challenging positions I've had. But it's also going to be one of the more exciting ventures."

Brewington founded an AAU organization designed to reach inner city youth through basketball in Winston-Salem. The name of the program is R.A.G.E. (Reaching And Guiding Everyday) and within this program, Brewington set high expectations for all youth. R.A.G.E. has produced two college players and has accomplished a 98 percent high school graduation rate of student athletes involved in the program. Brewington was also the head boys JV basketball coach at Atkins the last two years.

Brewington is a member of Carver Road Church of Christ in Winston-Salem and is married with three boys. Brewington met with his new team on April 30 in the media center. He's transferred over to Smith High. Brewington hopes to re-energize the football program at Smith High School. The motto for the 2008-09 football season is, "Get it Done!" Brewington was a part of the rebuilding process at Atkins High School where in this past 2007-08 school year, Atkins boasted a 6-7 record which earned them a third place finish in the North State 2-A conference and a state playoff berth.

The Atkins Camels advanced to the second round of the NCHSAA 2-A state playoffs before falling to Wilkes Central by a score of 41-38. Brewington will bring his enthusiasm and experience to Smith High School.

"I'm definitely going to bring a lot of energy and passion to the job," concluded Brewington. "I've always been passionate about the things that I do, and I will bring that same approach to Smith High School."

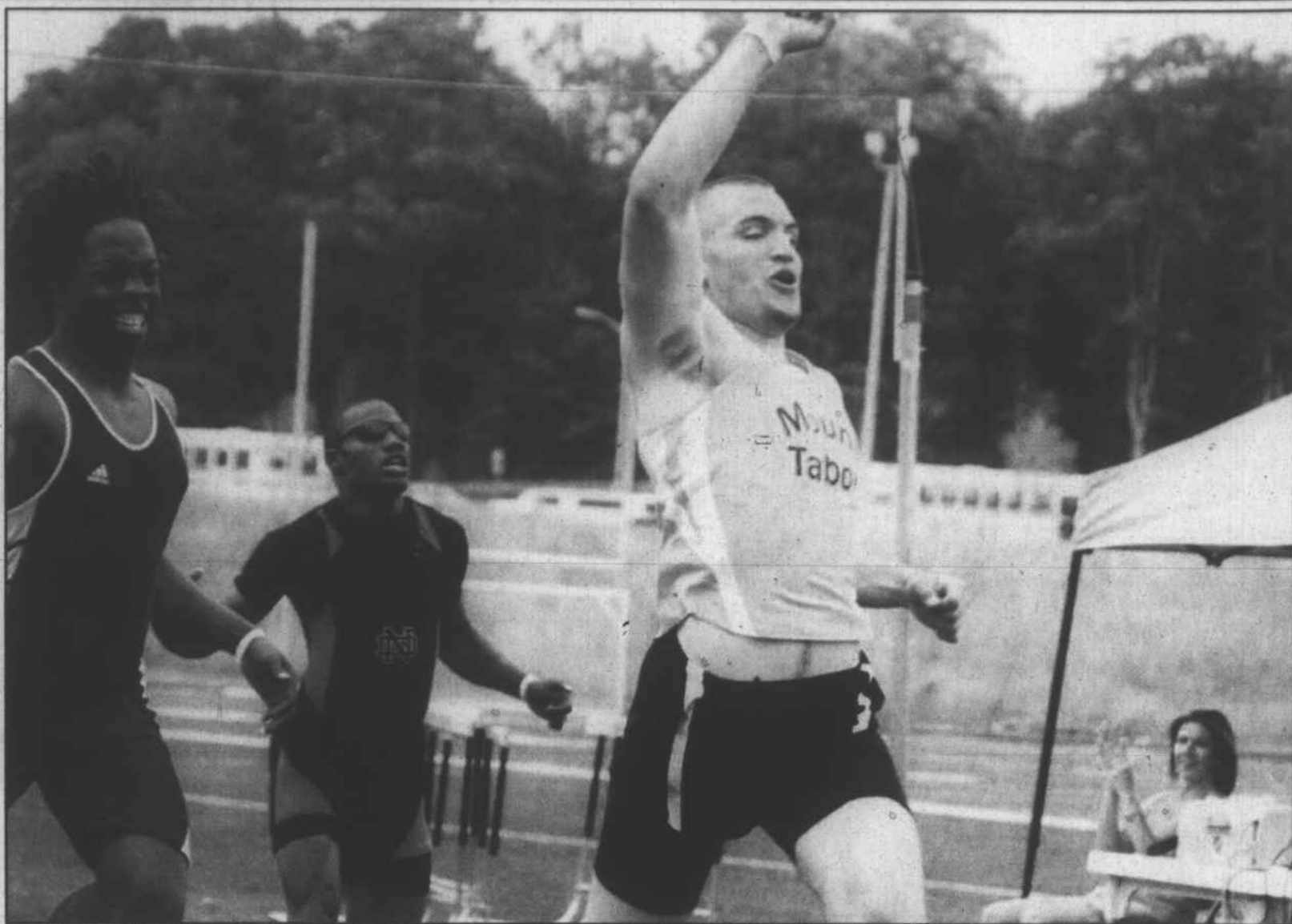


Photo by Jeff Sides

Mt. Tabor's Hunter Furr, who's a junior, celebrates moments after beating the competition at last week's Regional meet in Charlotte.

## MT. TABOR'S FURR IS BACK

Stop me if you've heard this before, but Mt. Tabor's talented junior Hunter Furr has returned from an injury looking almost better than he did before he got hurt. I mean, Furr hurt himself early in the football season, only to come back more dangerous than before.

From the looks of his recent performances on the track, he's returned to the track looking fast as ever. I don't know how long he's actually been out. I simply remember seeing him in a sling during basketball season, nursing his surgically repaired shoulder. And, he wasn't ready for action during the City/County track meet. But he was sure ready for

last week's regional meet in Charlotte. Hunter, who recently committed to play football for UNC, won the 100 and 200 meter races with ease. He beat out Landon Powell (North Davidson), Demario House (West Charlotte) and Austin Lewis (Mallard Creek) in the 100. Furr won the 200-meter race with a time of 22:11. The Spartan boys finished seventh overall, heading into this weekend's state championship

meet at North Carolina A&T. East Forsyth's Dylan Ferris also had a great meet. The story of the meet was still Furr. He's always been interesting to me. Furr, who used to run for Tri-City Relays, has always stood out. Back then it was because he was a talented white kid running with a bunch of black kids. And, that didn't seem to bother him. Hunter has always seemed comfortable in that setting. That's cool to me. What's even cooler was the fact that he's

always held his own under those conditions. And, that has held my interest.

Don't get me wrong. Furr doesn't try to act like someone he's not. He simply likes to perform against the best athletes around. That's why he made the leap from Forsyth Country Day (last year) to Mt. Tabor, because he knew he would play against better competition at Tabor. Nothing against FCD. Seriously, though.

It should be interesting to see how well Furr does at the state meet this weekend. I'm interested to see if he will bring home the gold. I definitely think he can.

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### FROM THE HUDDLE

Anthony Hill



## Controversial Wedlock finds home playing pro ball

BY STEVEN GAITHER  
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The last 18 months of Jonathan Wedlock's life have brought many changes and challenges. Since the fall of 2006, Wedlock has gone from starting in Winston-Salem State's backfield, to being viewed as a pariah by administrators, and fulfilling his dreams of playing professional football.

Despite finishing his time at WSSU with a career-best season, Wedlock is perhaps best known for his "So Hard To Be A Ram," a clip he posted on youtube.com to promote a film he was hoping to release.

The clip, which he produced as a student at WSSU, shows football players before a game, in their WSSU jerseys, using profanity

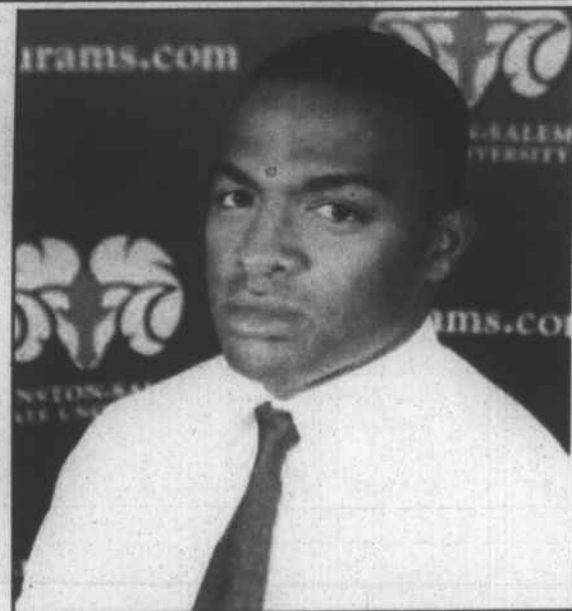
as well as mixing large quantities of alcohol in a trash can.

WSSU athletics director Chico Caldwell told the *Winston-Salem Journal* the language was "deplorable and disappointing for college-level students."

According to Wedlock, a film company in Atlanta wanted to distribute the film. However, the university refused to give the company the rights, and the full video was never released.

Ironically, another one of Wedlock's youtube.com clips helped him land a spot in professional football. Tavares Bowens, head coach of the American Indoor Football Association's Florence (S.C.) Phantom saw a

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File photo

Former WSSU running back Jonathan Wedlock is best known for producing a humorous youtube clip called, "It's So Hard to Be A Ram."

## Parkland girls win second-straight conference title

Coach Antwan Hughes expecting strong regional, state performances

Photo by Jody Stewart

Members of the Parkland girls' track team pose with some Mustang coaches after capturing the conference title last week.



BY ANTHONY HILL  
THE CHRONICLE

Parkland track coach Antwan Hughes usually has a confident bounce in his step. But he's got a little more confidence heading into this weekend's regional track and field championships. He's so confident that he's even looking forward to next weekend's state meet at N.C. A&T.

"I'm very confident with our girls," said Hughes. "Looking at the performance list, we're looking good. We have several performers that finished first or second in their races, especially in the 100 and 200. Also, our jumpers and relay teams are doing very well. Not only do I

think we can win a regional title, I feel good about next weekend's state meet too. The key thing for us is staying healthy."

The Parkland girls won the Piedmont Triad 3-A track and field championship at Reagan last week after scoring 180 points. The title was the school's second-straight conference title, after going nearly 30 years without the crown. Reagan finished second with an impressive 146 points. They were followed by S.W. Guilford (105), Carver (42), Glenn (37) and High Point Andrews (14).

Christine Council led the way with a win in the 100-meter dash. Actually, Council and teammate Mytorie Gathings finished the 100

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