

David Smith faces the frustration of a match.

## Bulldogs Serving For Victory

The Boys' Tennis Team is working hard in preparation for the sectionals to be held on May 7 & 8. Coach Johnston stated he was not sure who would be representing the Bulldogs but was optimistic for success in the tournament. The team, through their March 31 match had an impressive 5-2 record.

The Bulldogs competed in five non-conference matches before going into league play. The team captured 3 matches but lost 2. On March 6, the Bulldogs opened their season at West Montgomery and came away with a 5-4 victory. On March 11 the Bulldogs won their second straight match beating the South Stanly Rebels by a 7-2 score. The first loss of the season came at the hands of West Montgomery on March 13 with the boys ending up on the short end of a 5-4 score. The Bulldogs then finished non-conference play

with a victory over South Stanly and a lose to East Montgomery.

On March 26, conference play started for the team in a match against Central Cabarrus. The Bulldogs won the match 6-3. Winning matches for Albemarle in singles were Steve Karam, Todd Hunt, Eric Cook, and Todd Hauss. Gaining victories in doubles were Steve Karam and David Smith as well as Larry Phillips and Todd Hunt.

The Bulldogs' second conference match was against the Sun Valley Spartans. Albemarle

came away with a victory again this time by a 5-4 score. Winning singles matches for Albemarle were Steve Karam, David Smith, Todd Hunt, and Eric Cook. Winning in doubles matches for Albemarle were Steve Karam and David Smith.

With a 5-2 record, the Bulldogs are off to a strong start and are presently striving hard in an attempt at the conference title. Sectionals will be held on May 7 and 8. Coach Johnston stated that he was not sure who would be representing the team.

## GOLFERS SWING INTO ACTION

By DAVE MOOSE

Under the guidance of Coach Dave Holcomb, the boys' golf team has opened the season with a fair showing. The team has had unsteady performances throughout the year, but has still managed to fare well in the tournaments.

Albemarle opened its season on March 10, in a conference match. The Bulldogs played well and finished in 3rd place among all SPC teams. Leading the way for Albemarle were Todd Holcomb, who shot an 84, and Bryan Collins with a 90.

On March 14, Albemarle placed 2nd in a three team tournament held at Badin. Keith Andrew had a fine day for the Bulldogs as he shot a 92.

After placing fourth in an SPC links tournament on March 17, Albemarle again participated in a tournament on March 24. The Bulldogs again came away with a fourth place finish. Todd Holcomb had a fine day shooting a

79. Mark Honeycutt and Anthony Reese also played well, both shooting 91's.

Although the team finished in fourth place on March 31, they showed vast improvement. This was the best match of their young season. Three Albemarle players came in with scores under 90: Mark Honeycutt had an 84, Anthony Reese tallied 88, and Keith Andrew shot an 89.

## GIRLS' TRACK

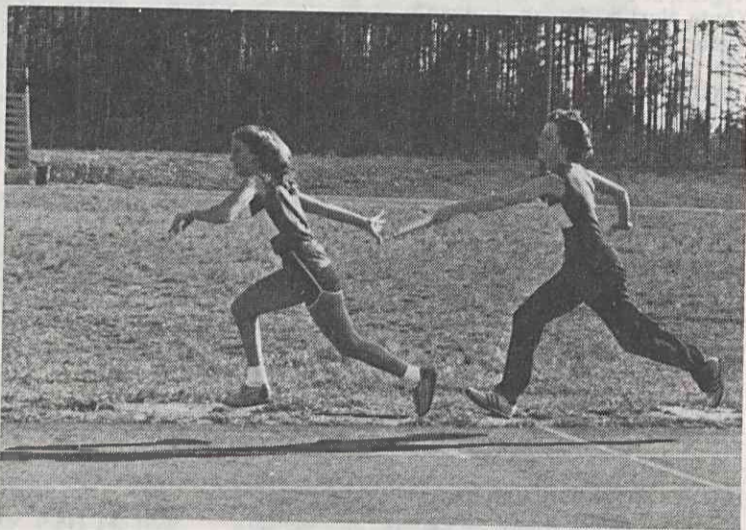
### Girls On The Run

One new addition to this year's sports program is the girls' track team. This season has been quite an experience for the girls and first-year coach, Sandra Pollard. Even though this is the team's first year, they have done well, placing second in their first two track meets. In addition, two team members, Norma Hyatt and Laura Frederick, qualified for the sectional meet to be held May 2, at North Rowan High School.

Running for the Bulldogettes are Freda Blackmon, Regina Blackmon, Laura Frederick, Shan Helderman, Terry Howard, Norma Hyatt, Allison Karam, Caroline Lilly, Laurie Morris, Stephanie Pollard, Suzie Richmond, Shari Robertson, Karen Toomey, and Van Watkins. Manager and statistician for the team is Rhonda Halloway.

The girls ran in their first track meet held at Forest Hills on Tuesday, March 25. The girls placed second to Forest Hills with a total of 39 points. North Stanly finished third. Outstanding performances for Albemarle came from Stephanie Pollard, triple jump; Laura Frederick, 800 meter run; Caroline Lilly, shot put; Van Watkins, discus; Norma Hyatt, mile run and 200 meter dash. Also turning in fine times were the 400 meter, 800 meter, and 1600 meter relay teams.

On Wednesday, April 9, the girls participated in their second Conference meet at Albemarle Senior High Stadium. Other teams competing included East Rowan and Concord. Once again the Bulldogettes placed second, but this time with a score of 64 points. Taking first place for the



Alison Karam and Laura Frederick practice for the big race.

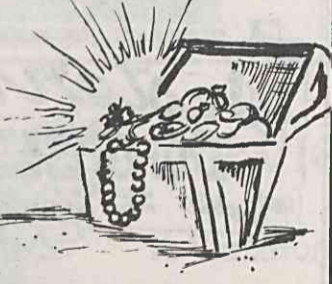
team were Caroline Lilly, shot put and discus; Laura Frederick, 800 meter run; Shan Helderman, 400 meter dash; and the 800 and 400 meter relay teams.

The girls' team ended the season with the Conference meet, April 22 and the County meet,

April 24. Hopefully next year's season will be even more successful, with all team members returning. However, as Miss Pollard states, "We cannot improve unless we have more participation and more dedication."

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