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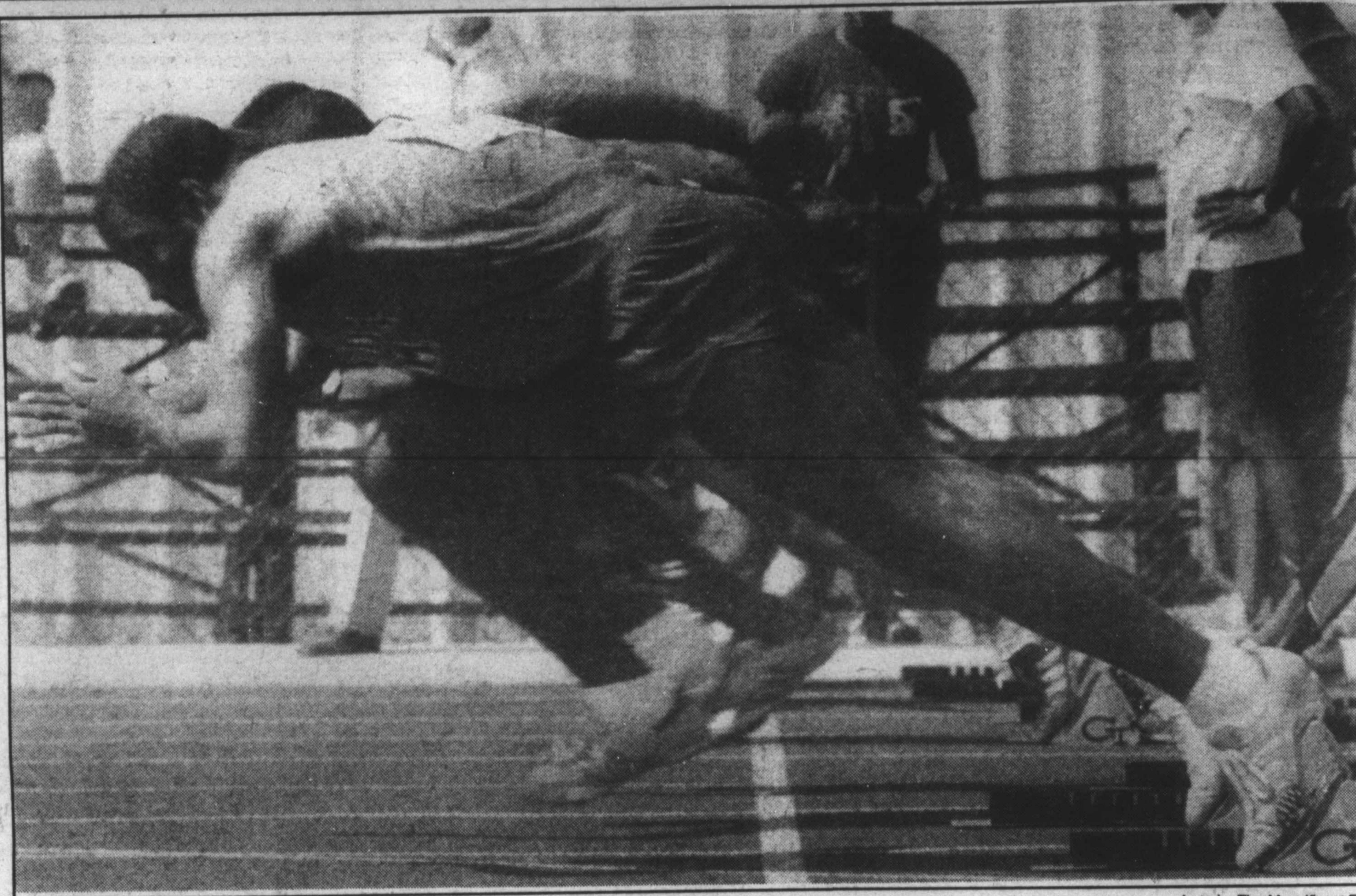


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Black college tracksters got out of the blocks in grand fashion at the Division II track and field championships. St. Augustine's men and the women's teams from Alabama A&M and Hampton challenged Abeline Christian for the national team title.

## Black colleges thrive in Division II track

sion II. That was very evident in sion. light of some scintillating perfor- St. Aug's got a big lift from he also won the indoor hurdles mances at the NCAA Division II their 4 x 100 relay team of Tar- title (clocking a 7.24 in the 55-

women) produced 42 All-Amer- State by .4 seconds. One might ished third in the metric quarter icans and 11 individual national have guessed that this flying (46.52) and fourth in the two-lap

gave eventual champion Abeline in late April, they finished fourth fully defending his 400 title. He little war for supremacy. The Christian a run for the team title behind some heavy competition, was a bit sluggish and off the two perennial powers steadily in the men's division. Coach turning in a 40.16 time. Only pace finishing behind New York pursued Abilene Christian for George Williams' crew totaled three Division I relay teams were Tech's Howard Burnett (45.47) the team championship trophy. 75 points to finish second in the better. Florida barely edged and Ian Morris of Abeline But as usual, Abeline Christian's

cons and Abeline Christian have Auburn was third in 39.61 battled each other at the national

well at black colleges in Divi- team co-champions in the divi- You have to regard him as "King Like Knowles, Donaldson also

Track and Field Championships rell Carpenter, Rowan Wade, meter high hurdles). held at San Angelo, Tex. last Aston McCatty, and Charles Trevor Graham displayed his Simmons. The Falcons won in a versatility and true grit by dou-In all, black colleges (men and blistering 40.12, to outduel Troy bling in the 400 and 800. He finfoursome would be primed for race (1:50.99). Graham came to ence felt as Alabama A & M Team-wise, St. Augustine's San Angelo. At the Penn Relays the nationals intent on success- and Hampton waged their own Texas Christian at the tape, Christian (46.45). For the last two years, the Fal- although both teams had a 39.29.

Derek Knowles dominated the level. In '87, the CIAA power- 110-meter high hurdles with a house won the NCAA Division 13.50 clocking. Hampton's Brett II indoor championship. In Fortune was second in 13.80. March, both school each scored Knowles left no doubt in any- Augustine's by winning the long

Track and field is alive and 62 points to become this year's one's mind as to his mastery. jump with a 26' 1 3/4" effort. Of The Sticks" this year because enjoyed a total reign in his

The 800, though, was a hotly contested affair. Only a scant .11 seconds separated the top four

Xavier Donaldson captured another individual title for St.

event, having won at the indoor nationals (24' 6").

In other field events, Darrin Moore added a second place finish in the high jump (7' 1 1/2") and Barry Pratt finished third in the triple jump (54' 4 1/2").

The women made their presdepth proved to be the ultimate difference. Nevertheless, the Lady Bulldogs finished second in the team standings with 72 points, followed by Hampton

Individually, the major forces

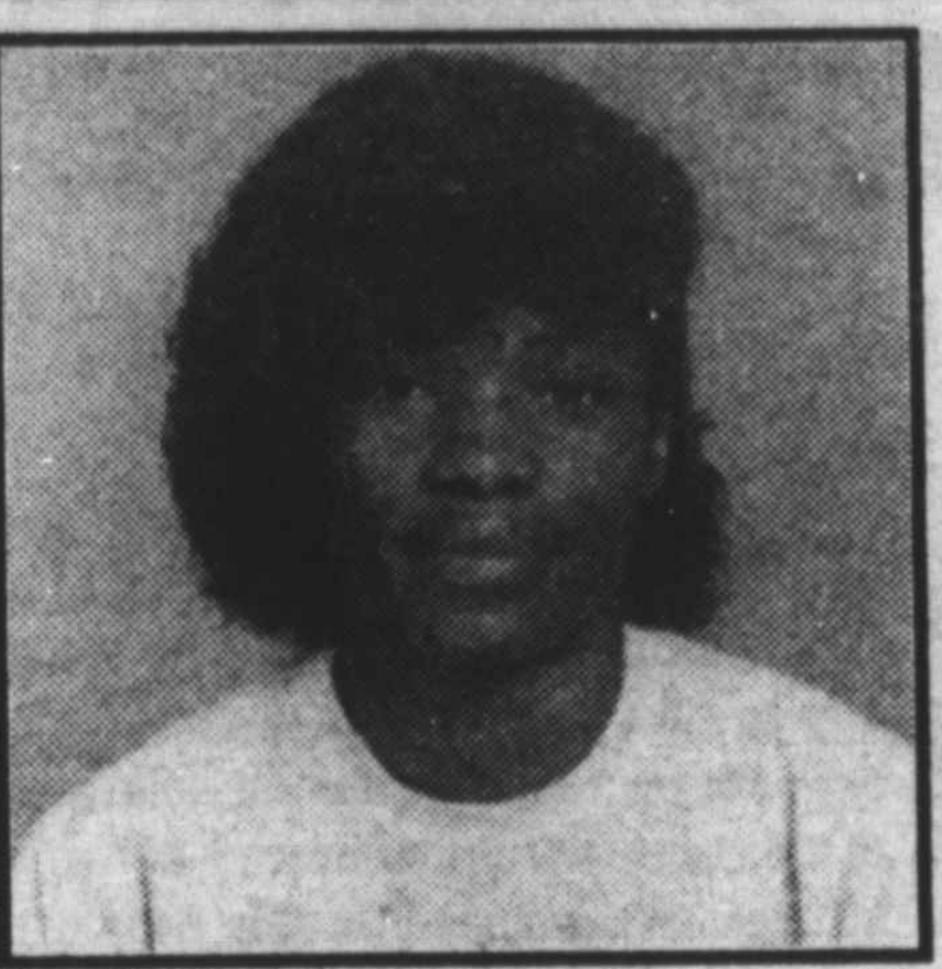
Spence and Jearl Miles of Alabama A & M. Spence has earned the title of "Division II's Fastest Woman", claiming victories in both of the short sprints She won the 100 with relative ease in 11.30, besting A & M's Caroline Nwajei by three meters. In the 200, Miles pushed Spence all the way to the tape, and the Jamaican responded with a 23.09 to win convincing-

Spence loves to be challenged. When that doesn't happen, she doesn't turn in her best times. Oddly enough, her favorite race is the 400, but she hasn't run a lot of quarters lately and for good reason. Laverne Sweat, Hampton's women's trating on the 100 and 200 will have to wait at least until next year before she can tackle the 400 in earnest.

Miles' performance in the successfully defend her national relays. This year was no excep- Bourne and Charmaine Welsh. title. In the finals, it was no contest. She was never threatened during the one lap sprint, winning in 52.29. In the 400 prelimrecord of 51.39, shattering her previous mark of 52.36 which was set last year. At press time, it was reported that Miles' time was among the top three collegiate times of the year for all NCAA divisions..

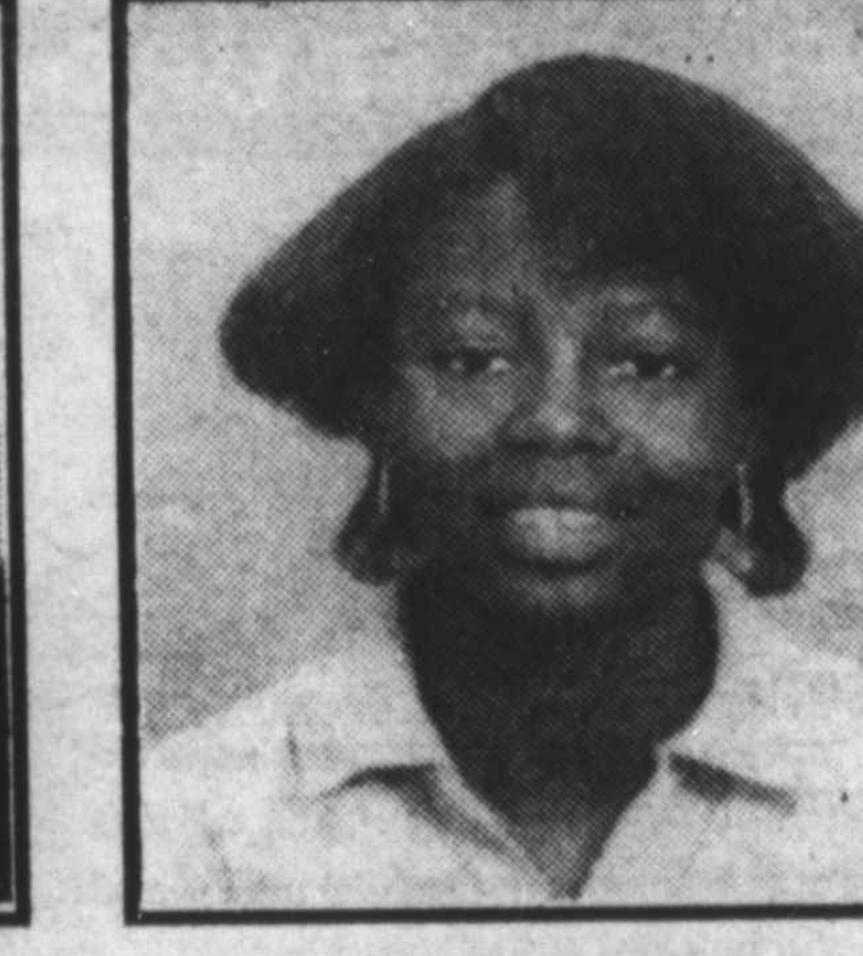
While all went well for Miles in the 400, she didn't enjoy smooth sailing in the long jump. For some reason, it just wasn't in the cards for her to put up a successful defense of her second national title. Apparently, the scheduling of the other events she competed in, prevented her from adequately warming up for the competition. Sandwiching her jumps around the, 400, 200, and preliminaries of both relays, Miles couldn't maintain any consistency. She was the runner-up with a 20' 9" jump. Shirley Scipio of St. Augustine's was third

In the 100-meter hurdles, Hampton's Maureen Wiltshire was the boss, winning in 13.44 (a new school record). Wiltshire, who is also Jamaican, has the fastest hurdles time in her country so far this year. Both she and



Vivienne Spence





Maureen Wiltshire

held next month.

enjoyed a productive meet win- exchanges to slow them down, anchor leg to totally crush the ning the 400-meter intermediate the quartet of Kima Edwards, opposition. instead. The times tell the reason hurdles (58.08) and finishing Wiltshire, Spence, and Trina Several Division II black college why. Spence's best open 400 is third in the 100-meter hurdles. Creekmore burned the oval in athletes were scheduled to com-53-flat, not quite swift enough to Dionne Bruff, a Jamaican attend- 44.39. A & M finished third pete at the NCAA Division I become a national challenger at ing Alabama A & M, took the (45.78) and St. Augustine's was Track and Field Championships, this point. She has, however, run high jump crown with a 5' 11 fifth (46.62). in the 52 second range on relay 1/2" leap. Bruff, who won at this A & M, however, evened the athletes qualified by finishing in splits. For now, though, Spence year's Florida Relays and was score in the 4 x 400, winning the top two in their events at San second at the Penn Relays, will comfortably in 3:34.75. Hampton Angelo, along with meeting Divialso attend the Jamaican was a distant second (3:39.50) sion I qualifying standards. Sched-Olympic Trials.

200 was somewhat surprising, M and Hampton's women A & M was three steady splits Knowles, Hall, and Donaldson. but in the 400, she figured to becomes very apparent in the from Millicent Rowe, Cherylann

Jamaican Olympic Trials to be The Lady Pirates showed every- the race had been decided. But body their heels in the 4 x 100. for good measure, Miles eased St. Augustine's Ann Hall Without any sloppy baton into high gear, turning in a 50.8

and St. Augustine's placed fourth uled to compete were: Spence, The track rivalry between A & (3:45.90). The key to the win for Wiltshire, Fortune, Miles,

Spence have been invited to the tion as the schools split victories. By the time Miles got the stick,

June 1 - 4, at Eugene, Ore. Those

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## Division II Track All-Americans

MEN St. Augustine's Tarrell Carpenter, 100 meters, 4 x 100 relay, long jump Charles Simmons, 100 meters, 4 x 100 relay Trevor Graham, 400 meters, 800 meters Derek Knowles, IIO meter high hurdles Antonio Carter, IIO meter high hurdles Rowan Wade, 4 x 100 relay, 200 meters Aston McCatty, 4 x 100 relay Darrin Moore, high jump Xavier Donaldson, long jump Barry Pratt, triple jump Earl Randolph, triple jump Timothy Chapman, 400 meter hurdles lan Thompson, high jump

Virginia Union David Lizama, 100 meters Kim Bullock, long jump

Hampton University Brett Fortune, IIO meter high hurdles Steven Johnson, 100 meters

Virginia State Orrin Barton, triple jump

Alabama A & M Jearl Miles, 400 meters, 200 meters, long jump, 4 x 400 relay, 4 x 100 relay Caroline Nwajei, 100 meters, 200 meters, 4 x 100 relay

Cherylann Bourne, 200 meters, 4 x 400 relay, 4 x 100 relay Cynthia Titus, 200 meters Millicent Rowe, 400 meters, 4 x 400 relay Charmaine Welsh, 4 x 400 relay Dionne Bruff, high jump Angela Polite, 4 x 100 relay

Hampton University Vivienne Spence, 100 meters, 200 meters, 4 x 100 relay, Trina Creekmore, 400 meters, 4 x 100 relay, 4 x 400 relay Judith Lawrence, 400 meters, 4 x 400 relay

Maureen Wiltshire, 100 meter hurdles, 4 x 100 relay, 4 x 400 relay Kima Edwards, 4 x 100 relay Judy McDonald, high jump Debra Alexander, triple jump

St. Augustine's Ann Hall, 400 meter hurdles, 100 meter hurdles, triple jump, long jump Saundra Harrison, 100 meters, 4 x 100 relay Wanda Eades, 100 meters, 4 x 100 relay, 4 x 400 relay Shirley Scipio, long jump Kim Scott, 100 meter hurdles, 4 x 400 relay

Cynthia Badgett, 4 x 100 relay Veronica Williams, 4 x 100 relay, 4 x 400 relay Chandra Tucker, 4 x 400 relay

Virginia State Chelsea Wicks, triple jump

\*All-America selections based on top eight finishers in each event.