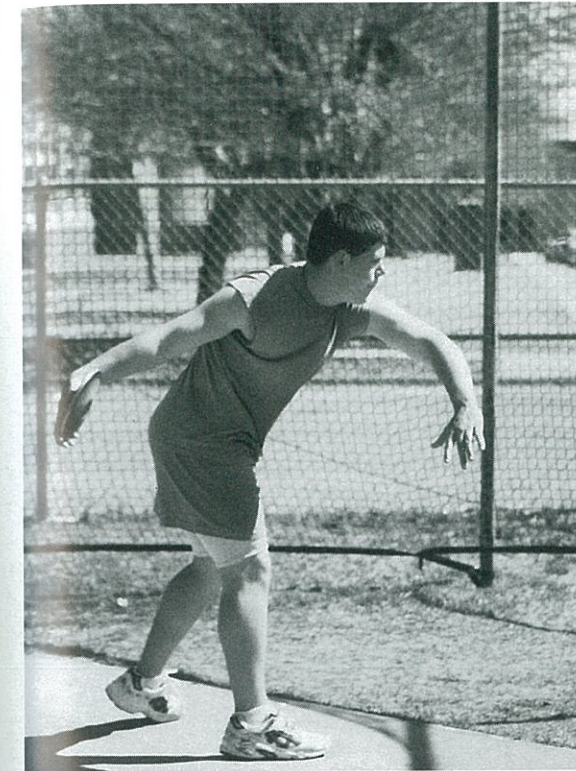
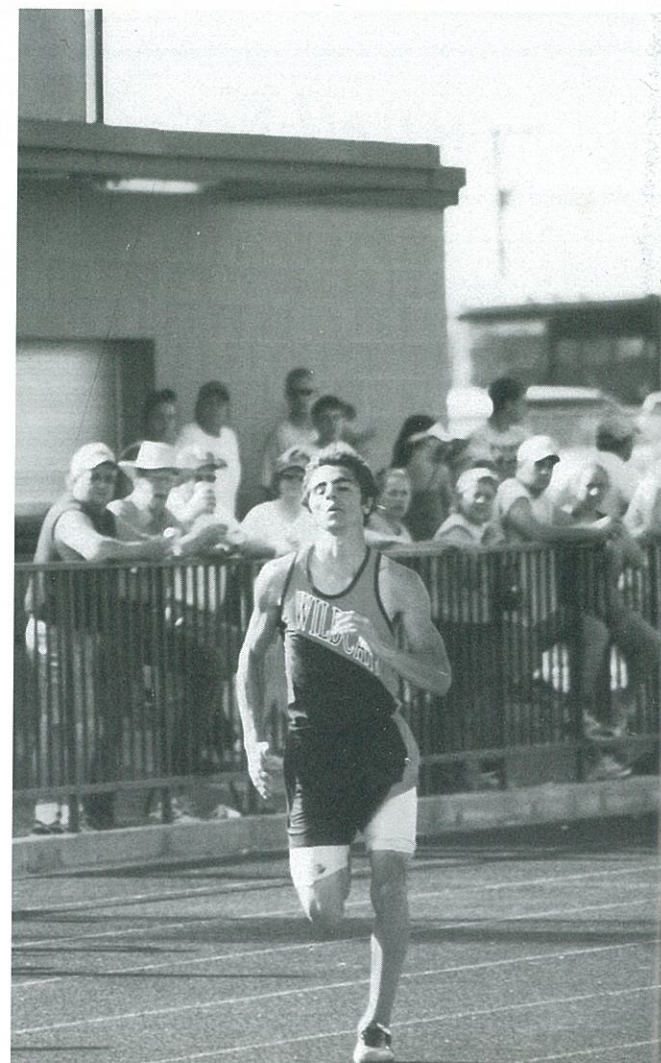


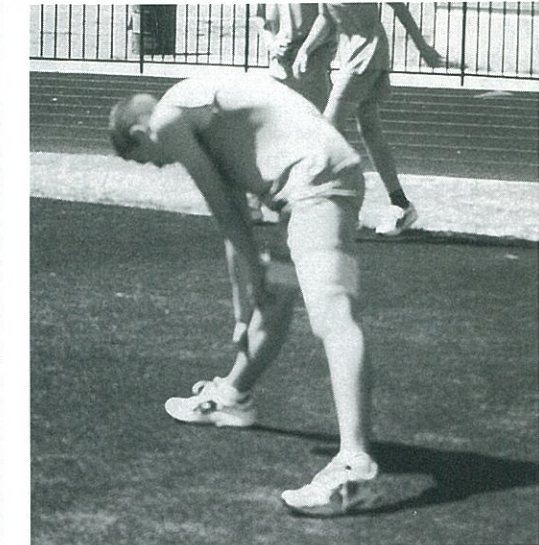
Ruiz burns the track

Sophomore Gizmo Ruiz became a one-man show at track meets this spring as he excelled in both track and field events. His hard work and enthusiasm resulted in him qualifying for the regional track meet in both the 100m and 200m and also in the long jump. His personal best time of 22.21 in the 200m at the area track meet put him among the best IA sprinters in the state. Only a hair's breadth in a photo-finish kept him from a trip to the State track meet in this event.

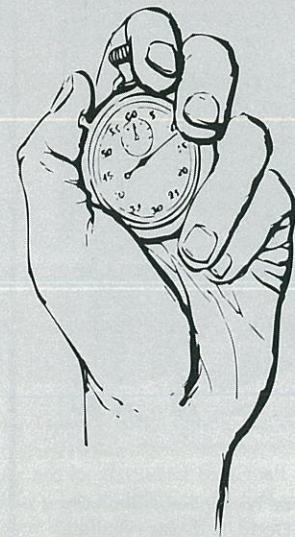
Gizmo Ruiz, a multi-event trackster, sprints toward the finish line at the area track meet and rises to clear the high jump bar during an afternoon practice session.



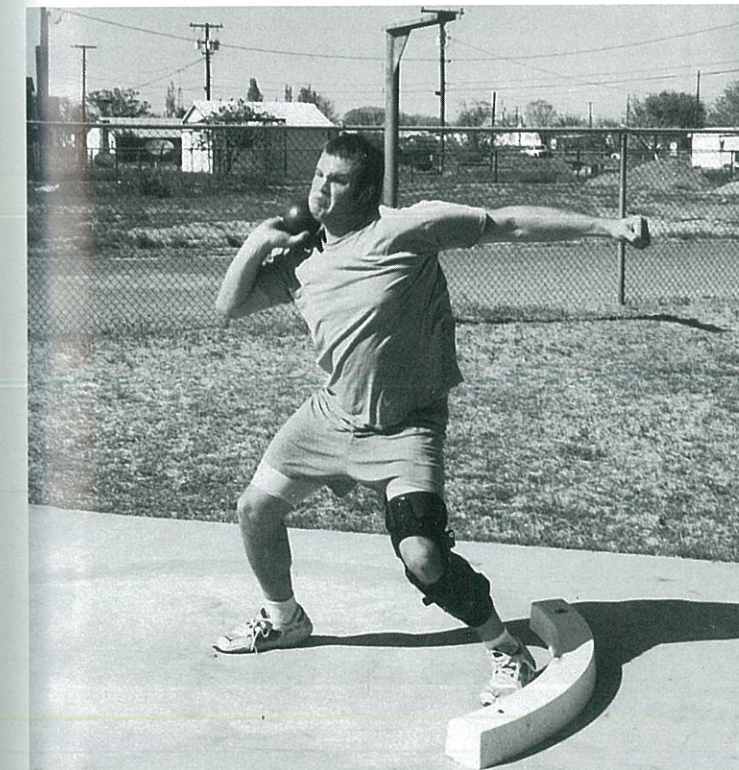
Afternoon track practice demanded endurance and dedication. Junior O'Ryan White tries to perfect his technique in the discus, while sophomore Garrett Wolf stretches to limber up for some long-distance running.



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2002 Boys Track Teams: back - Jonathen Valencia, Zach Hanna, Austin Robertson, Gizmo Ruiz, Brandon Wolfe, Gil Shackelford, Tyrel Brown, Jeremy Harrison, William Wilkinson; middle - Nelson Simpson, Terry Rich, Clay Haws, Raudel Villalpando, Garrett Wolf, Daniel Gray; bottom - O'Ryan White



Sophomore Gil Shackelford has shot put coaches taking notice. Even though Gil suffered a knee injury during football season, and the resulting surgery required him to only throw from the front of the ring, he still managed to qualify for the Region 1 Track Meet. Watch out for Gil in 2003!

