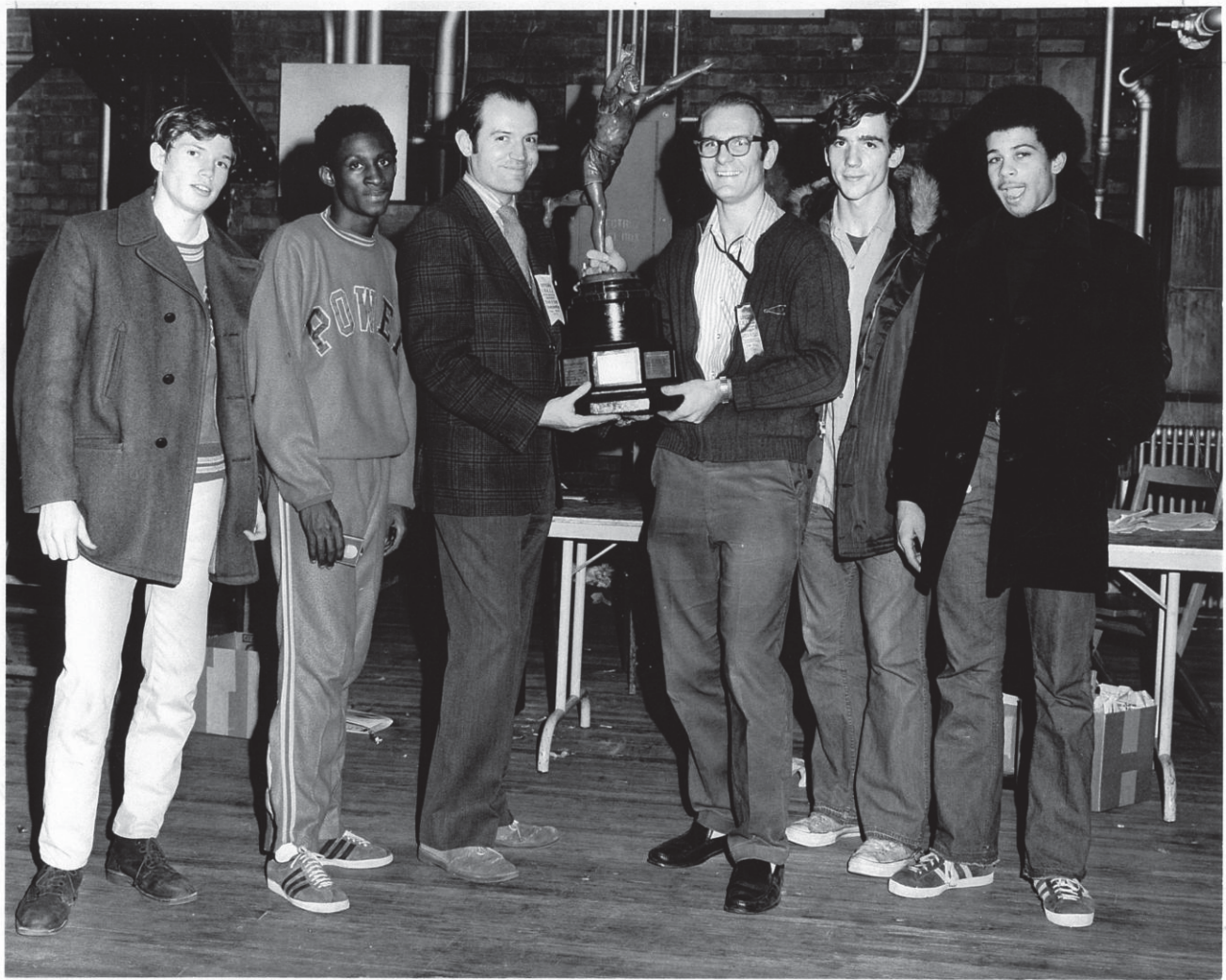


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**L to R: Pat Rafferty, Arthur Clark, CHSAA Official, Br. Bielen, Matt Centrowitz, Benny Greaux**

Winning a New York City High School Championship of any type is no easy feat. There are more high schools fielding teams in the five boroughs than any pro league of any sport in the nation. That's a lot of teams, a lot of great teams in fact, but there can be only one champion. Success in any venture is the sum of many things done well and that is exactly what happened when in 1972, Power Memorial Academy won the New York City CHSAA Indoor Track and Field Championship for the first time in their history. The chemistry of all the blended elements: the camaraderie and spirit among the team members, their hours of training, their individual talents, and their driving desire for success, combined perfectly for a most memorable victory.

That day the stage was set for a thrilling finish when Power Memorial and Archbishop Molloy faced each other in the final event. One point separated the schools with the team title hanging in the balance of the 880-yard relay. The spectators were not disappointed. The runners battled each other for all four legs with a driving finish by Greg Little in the final 50 yards bringing Power home first by two feet over Molloy. The resulting six points gave Power its' first city-wide track championship on a final total of 29 points to 28 for Molloy. It was a frantic finish to one of the most exciting CHSAA title meets ever.