

Juniors Ryan Mecum and Richard Chamberlain concentrate on catching the next runner as they run steadily across the path..

BOYS RUN THE EXTRA MILE TO REGIONALS

The boys cross country team qualify by placing 2nd in the district

"The goal of the boys varsity cross country team this season was to finish at least third in the

GMC. While they did not accomplish this, and finished sixth, many other goals were achieved.. Individual and team times improved and a consistently good attitude contributed to a strong showing at district finals at the end of the season.

At St. Xavier, the team placed third, while at the Princeton Invitational, they placed fifth out of 21 competing teams. They then came in seventh at the Mt. Healthy Classic. Coach Don Testerman considered Mt. Healthy one of the hardest meets of the season. "That meet in particular was physically straining," said Testerman. "The hills were impressive and the heat really took it's toll."

Many runners improved their average times throughout the season. "We ran faster at

every meet", said junior Ben McVay. "We never sat still, just worked on getting better."

At the district level, only the top four teams advanced to regionals. Sycamore came in second overall, therefore qualifying them for the regional meet. At the regionals, Sycamore placed sixteenth, and did not advance to the state competition.

Overall the success of the team can be attributed to the positive attitude of everyone on the team. "Everyone was friends," said McVay. "Every one really liked everyone else, and mainly we just concentrated on doing our best at the meets and pumping each other up." Perhaps the best way to explain the success of the boys cross country team's season is the slogan they used for themselves, "Dream things that never were, and say 'Why not?'".

by Scott Webb



Junior David Voltz paces himself as he runs through the Mt. Healthy course to be the first to finish.

And the race has begun! Athletes from all different schools including St. Xavier and Sycamore came to compete at the Mt. Healthy Classic.



Mike Pauciulo struggles through the course at Mt. Healthy. This course was noted to be one of the hilliest and toughest in the city.

