

# WORKING TOGETHER

The varsity girls track team shows strength through teamwork

**A**fter returning from a one year absence to coach a young varsity girls track team this year, thirteen-year veteran coach Mike Hahn commented, "I'm excited about the season, but unsure of what to expect."

The team started off by beating Ursuline in a dual meet, coming in third out of fourteen teams at the Anderson Relays, and defeating Mt. Healthy (then ranked number one in the city). Hahn said, "The highlights of the season were placing third at the Anderson Relays, coming in second at the Colerain Invitational, and winning our Sycamore Gold Baton Relays."

Hahn replied, "The key members of the team were senior Amy Willinger, who had good performances all year, sophomore Mandy Hester in the shot put and discus, and junior Sarah Jackson, who was an overall performer in that she competed in a lot of events."

During the season, improvement made the team even stronger. Hahn pointed out, "The strength of the team was everyone contributing to the team and doing the best they could, not just individually."

From districts, there were three regional

qualifiers. Willinger qualified in the 1600 and 3200 runs, Hester made it in the shot put and was district champ in the discus, and Jackson qualified in the long jump. Willinger placed sixth in the 3200 run, and Hester placed fourth in both the shot put and discus. Hester then competed at State where she placed tenth in the discus.

Receiving honors were the 3200 relay team of Nikki Jackson, Liz Fox, Stefanie Hutchison, and Willinger, who received All-League Honorable Mention, Hester, who received All-League 1st team in the discus and All-League 2nd team in the shot put, and Darcy Isaac, who got All-League Honorable Mention in the 300 hurdles. Also, Willinger was All-City Honorable Mention in both the 1600 run and the 3200 run, and Hester was All-City Honorable Mention in the shot put and discus.

Hahn ended by saying, "I was very pleased with the kids and their performances. I was disappointed for the kids on how we placed in some of the meets because they did a good job and weren't always able to get the place they wanted because of the competitiveness of the other teams."

by Amy Willinger



Above, sophomore Mandy Hester spins in throwing the discus. Hester was the district champ in the discus and went to the state for the shot put and the discus.



Junior Sarah Jackson, along with freshman Jeannine Rust run the 200 meter dash. Jackson was a regional qualifier in the long jump.

Junior Julie Pape, along with junior Gail Pinales, leap over the hurdles, leading the hurdlers in the dual meet against Milford.

