cross country hopes are running high By PHIL WEBER **Sports Editor**

Mahomet-Seymour's

The Mahomet-Seymour Cross Country racing team is anxious to get up and running this year as they anticipate a fantastic season.

Head coach John King said he

is looking forward to at least repeating last year's fourth place finish, and with eight returning

letter winners on the boy's team and seven on the girls team, his hopes may not be misplaced. "We have a good shot this year. Hopefully we will be at

least as strong as last year," he said. Beating last year's performance may not be an easy task. They boy's team had a 13-1

record and the girls had 10-4. Standing in the team's way is quite a bit of stiff area competition. "This area is traditionally

very tough in cross country and track," he said. The competition includes a strong St. Joseph-Ogden boy's

team and a very tough Georgetown girls team. Despite the strong area rivals King said he is confident in his team's chances for success.

"The boy's should be strong this year. We've got a real strong nucleus this year," he said. "We've got good overall team balance.'

He said he is looking for good leadership from his two returning captains senior Phil Alexan-

der and junior Sarah Bobsin. Last year Alexander was an all-