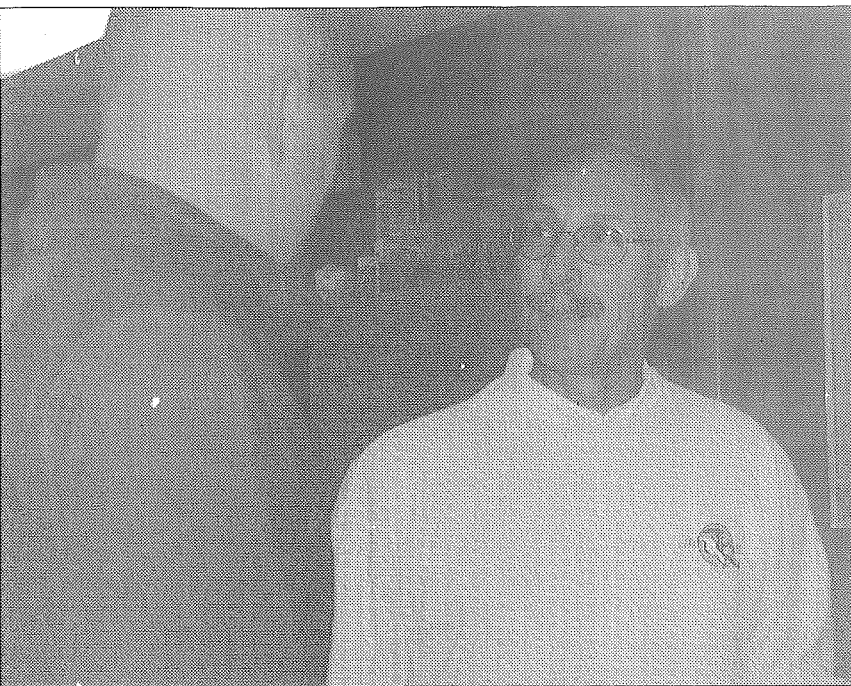
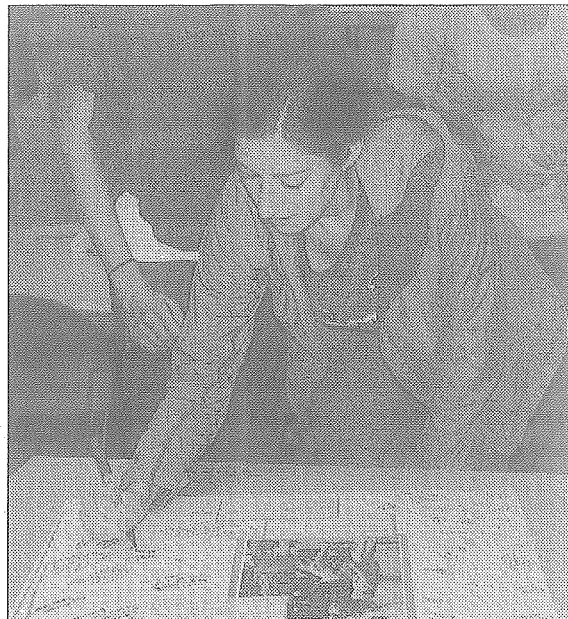


Appenzeller honored for 26-year cross-country coaching career at junior high



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Above: Mahomet-Seymour Junior High School cross-country coach Tom Appenzeller talks with a well-wisher at an open house in his honor on Friday night. Appenzeller, whose boys' team this year placed fourth in the state, will retire from teaching and coaching at the end of the year. The event was a surprise planned in his honor, after the team's awards ceremony, and included a slideshow of highlights from his coaching career.



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Above: Former MSJHS cross-country runner Mary Scott signs a poster that was later presented to Appenzeller. "Coach Appenzeller was the person who was the foundation for our love of running," said Scott, who came to the event with several former teammates. Appenzeller has coached the school's cross-country teams since 1985.