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Above: From the front, Ericka Franklin, biology junior, Audry Anderson, psychology senior, Alyssa Carter, psychology sophomore, Brae Johnson, masters in specialized ministry, Larissa Vasquez, business sophomore, and Courtney Ross, psychology junior, participate in an afternoon practice. Anderson and Franklin are the only two women going to compete for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics cross country national championship in Kenosha, Wisc. This will be Franklin's third year competing at the meet, and she has been setting goals for herself.

Right: Daniel Joiner, business education senior, leads the pack during cross country practice last week. Joiner is one of the seven men going to participate in the national meet on Saturday. Others include Andrew Topham, pre-engineering freshman, Aric Cherry, communication junior, Jess Eberle, marine biology junior, Jimmy Bryant, business administration sophomore, Drew Logsdon, communication senior, and Zach Conroy, business marketing sophomore. Southwestern will be one of the 28 men's teams competing for the national championship.



Cross country prepares for national meet

By Alissa Sheppard
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They will be leaving Thursday for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics cross country national championship in Kenosha, Wis. Since the men's team won the Region IV race, seven members of the team will compete. Andrew Topham, pre-engineering freshman, Aric Cherry, communication junior, Daniel Joiner, business education senior, Jess Eberle, marine

biology junior, Jimmy Bryant, business administration sophomore, Zach Conroy, business marketing sophomore, and Drew Logsdon, communication senior, qualified for nationals.

Two members of the women's team qualified at the Region IV meet. Audry Anderson, psychology senior and Ericka Franklin, biology junior, will compete.

The races will be held at the Dannelh Cross Country Course. For the men there will be 28 teams competing, which in-

cludes 13 regional champions and 15 at-large bids. For the women there will be 29 teams competing, which include 14 regional champions and 15 at-large bids. Kenosha has the nation's only pure cross country courses in history.

Topham won the Region IV meet in Omaha, Neb., and will be competing at nationals as a freshman. He has been looking at the course map and results from the past year. "I am very excited for this race," said

Topham.

During practice Topham says he thinks about what he will be eating for supper, but during the actual meet Topham said he tries to relax, and think of strategies to keep the same pace and catching the runners in front of him. "My personal goal is to run all out, and run as hard as I can because I have nothing to lose," said Topham.

For the third year in a row Franklin will be competing at nationals. It will be the first time

the race has been in Wisconsin. "I have never been to this place before, but I am excited for the race," said Franklin. To prepare for the race Franklin has been trying to set goals in her head of what she wants to do and how she wants the race to go. "My personal goal is to beat my record of last year, and walk away feeling like I ran my best race," said Franklin.

Joiner is one of the two senior men competing at nationals. "I have been practicing hard and

trying to stay fit," said Joiner. One of the things Joiner likes to work on is making the team feel as one and work as one.

He likes how the team feels like a family. "What I will miss the most is running for the best coach in the world," says Joiner. One of his personal goals is to run his best race since this is his last race.

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Young cheerleading team looks for new experience

By Ben Sorrell
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Tryouts for the cheerleading squad are Nov. 17. The tryouts are mainly for incoming freshmen attending Explore More Day, but everyone is invited. The tryouts will start at 1 p.m. in White P.E.

Jimmie Topper, head coach, said, "We are mainly trying to add guys to the team. We have eight girls and one guy on the team at this point in time. If you want to try out, either come to tryouts or send a tape to the Student Life Office. The tryouts will be viewed by a panel of judges who will then select new

members to the squad for next year."

The team is fairly young and inexperienced. Topper said, "We have one senior, one junior and the rest are sophomores and freshmen. We are quite young and inexperienced but a great squad to work with."

The team is working to im-

prove. Topper said, "The team is eager to improve and are doing very well. They were disappointed with the way the season ended last season."

The cheerleaders also have been working physically and mentally to stay in shape. Melissa Ellis, business freshman, said, "We have been working

on stunts, cheers, chants and tumbling. We also run a mile before practice everyday on the track and have a workout program that a gymnast in Kansas City created for our team."

Even with all of the physical and mental demands, the cheerleaders are enjoying practice. Krystal Cole, communication

senior, said, "I absolutely love coming to practice. It is relaxing and the people on the team are great. The new coach is amazing. He is the one that holds this squad together."

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Football comes up short against Bethany in final game

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Going into the season, the Moundbuilder football team was picked to finish eighth overall in the conference. Throughout the season, they proved that the poll isn't always right. Even with a loss to end the season, the team tied with Kansas Wesleyan for

fifth place in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The team lost their final game to Bethany 36-14.

Michael Coppock, sophomore running back, was able to score the first touchdown of the game with a 49-yard run. The point after by Brion Hawkins, freshman receiver, was good.

Bethany scored four more

touchdowns by the end of the half. Going into halftime, the score belonged to the Swedes 26-7.

With the whole second half in front of them, the football team looked to improve on the score.

Brendt Winn, junior running back, ran the ball for a one-yard touchdown on their opening drive. The extra point kick by

Hawkins was good, but Bethany was able to tack on another touchdown and field goal.

In addition to leading on the scoreboard, Bethany led in statistics as well. They made 31 first downs compared to 12 for Southwestern. The Swedes made 82 plays for 512 offensive yards while SC moved the ball 247 yards on 49 plays.

Jeff Schaefer, returning freshman quarterback, completed 10 percent of his pass attempts for 18 yards in the game. Winn ran the ball for 95 yards on 16 carries. Colby Seagraves, sophomore kicker, averaged 38 yards on six punts. Davion Mitchell, senior receiver, had three kickoff returns for 56 yards.

Southwestern had five penal-

ties for 27 yards. Bethany had 10 penalties for 96 yards.

Oscar Guerrero led the team defensively with 10 unassisted tackles and six assisted tables. Damon Brown had seven tackles and two assisted tackles.

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Fun times at family gathering more than just food, football



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Most just look forward to the turkey. I suppose you can make a pretty solid case for the pecan pie too. Even if my looks contradict the thought, I look forward to Thanksgiving for an entirely different set of reasons.

First, I need to paint a picture of just what the Schreppe Thanksgiving festivities are all about. Yup, Schreppe, my mother's maiden name. All I know is that it came from somewhere deep in Germany or maybe Austria, I always forget which. In either case it's a sure fire out at your local spelling bee. My own mother went into her teens before she got it right.

Now this get together is age old. No matter if I had other

plans for the day I wasn't allowed to miss this Thanksgiving, didn't really try to ever.

Obviously, Thanksgiving is a holiday I excel at. I haven't missed many meals in my day, but I double up for the ones I did when the last Thursday of November rolls around.

When the meal is finished, the fun ends though. My real test begins about an hour after my meal.

Most people think of Thanksgiving and automatically think of football. That's probably about right. The weather is just about perfect for football. College, pro, and high school games are all getting right into the most interesting parts of the seasons too. For the Schreps' though we don't rightly care about seeing the Lions get destroyed by the Cowboys.

The moment is centered around basketball.

My cousin's basketball goal

becomes ground zero. A few belches to settle the stuffing and it's down to business.

A look over my right shoulder and the dinosaurs are coming back. I've got uncles, and a heading towards ancient brother, coming to the court. Years weren't kind to their hair, and their shirts don't fit as good as they used to, but the 12 foot jumpers work just about as well as ever.

A look over my left shoulder and I see my younger cousin. He jumps a lot higher than I remember. He's a hell of a lot stronger now. I don't just plow him down nowadays. Scariest though is the fact I avoid actually playing one on one against him for fear he might somehow squeak out a victory. All of these are facts I pray he won't get hold of any time soon, gotta keep the invincibility about me as long as I can.

So while my sister-in-law's latest dessert is being scarfed

down inside, we go to war outside. Some come and go as they please, but there are always a few of the core guys who stay on the court the whole time. The weather has a funny way of always turning out playable. I don't remember a time we had to call the game on account of cold or rain.

The games are pretty simple really. We usually abandon the tried and true game of 21 and go with a 2 on 2 or 3 on 3 battle. Teams aren't annual by any stretch of the imagination. It's not decided by a captain either. Favoritism just gets you lit-up by the guy you didn't choose. So instead of picking teams we go with free throws, a practice that usually leaves me on the second team.

From that point we cut all ties we had walking to the court. Sometimes I get paired up with that younger cousin who's better by year, there's always the combination of me and my brother who happen to be the most physical of the five or six

who play, and then I might get paired up with one of the sharp shooting old dinosaurs. They huff and puff a bit sooner than I do, but I'd still be doing pretty good to play that well at that age.

There's been some blood left on the court after a few of the encounters. You know when you're out there you're going to get knocked around. That's a fact that a 6'3 inch, 250 pound frame might be prone to take advantage of. Even with the elbows flyin' a fist has yet to be thrown.

The funniest thing about this is it is a game based on competition alone, yet everyone wins in the end.

Maybe I need to rephrase that. It came out sounding way too much like the signs on the wall of my 5th grade P.E. teacher's room.

What I mean by everyone wins is that everyone thinks they win. I have no clue what happened at last year's basketball game, but I know for sure

that I won. It's the same vain that the inmates of Shawshank Prison will tell you they are all innocent. We all think we won the game. Egos wouldn't allow us to admit a loss in the yearly battle. I typically admit losses about as much as a dentist tells you to eat peanut brittle, so I'm definitely not going to admit anyone got the upper hand on me on the biggest game of the year.

When the nets are done swishing it's not about any of that though. Sure, if you won the game it's nice to have the bragging rights when you go back in the house. It sure helps the sideways glances you get when you're sweating so heavily in late-November weather. It's also nice to constantly remind the team that got beat just what happened on the basketball court, just in case they forgot.

What it's really about though is that little bit of guilt you don't feel anymore when you go load up the plate for another round of Thanksgiving.

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