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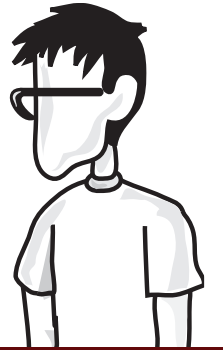
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COLUMN, PAGE 5: Gus Bode says there is one more thing the government is sweeping under the rug.

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SHOPPERS LINE UP, SPEND LESS

Chris Williams, left, of Carbondale and his sister Katie Williams, of Marion, check their list of items to purchase at Best Buy during its Black Friday sale. Chris and Katie Williams said they began to wait in line around 8 p.m. the night before. A Best Buy employee said people had started a line by 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving day in hopes of finding the deals they were looking for. Despite the number of people

who waited in lines across the country, Reuters reported Sunday that shoppers "spent significantly less than a year ago" over Black Friday weekend. Williams said he wore his yellow and orange wig not only to stay warm in line, but so his sister could easily find him in the crowd. "It was actually a good idea because I lost him once," Katie Williams said.

Payroll ensured until Jan. 1

University receives first state payment for fiscal year

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Thanks to system-wide cuts and a small, belated state appropriation payment, the university will be able to make payroll — at least until Jan. 1.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the university received \$15.5 million in payroll reimbursements from the Comptroller's office Tuesday, representing the first state appropriation for this fiscal year. Poshard said because of that payment and more than \$25 million saved in efficiencies on both Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses, payroll will be made on Dec. 15, but the next scheduled payday on Jan. 1 is still in doubt.

"We're through Dec. 15, but we have no guarantee of making the (Jan. 1) payroll unless we get that additional \$16 million that we asked for," Poshard said. "Everything that we could do, we've done."

Poshard sent a message to faculty and staff Tuesday announcing a \$16.5 million funding gap for the Jan. 1 payroll. In the message, he said his judgment at this time is to only seek state reimbursements that are "absolutely necessary" to make payroll.

SIU spokesman Dave Gross said the university has been working with the Comptroller's office to secure the necessary funds.

"We're gaining more confidence each day that the Comptroller will be able to help us make that end of December, first of January payroll," Gross said.

The university system is owed more than \$115 million in state appropriations for the fiscal year. Poshard said state appropriations make up approximately 55 percent of the university's revenues.

Gross said the Dec. 15 payroll is for university employees who receive biweekly paychecks. The Jan. 1 payroll, he said, is for the second half of December for biweekly employees and the entire month of December for employees paid on a monthly basis.

Health Center hopes to have one last H1N1 clinic

All students encouraged to get vaccinated before break

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The Student Health Center is hoping to squeeze in at least one more H1N1 clinic before the semester ends if shipments continue to arrive as they have.

Jake Baggott, associate director of the Student Health Center, said the three clinics held this semester, all of which have been free, have been successful.

Sara Nimmo, training assistant at the Student Health Center, said between 700 and 800 people have been immunized at the clinics on campus.

There are still some H1N1 vaccines remaining after the last clinic Nov. 19, Baggott said, and students can pay the \$6 front door appointment fee to receive the vaccine on a day a clinic is not being held.

More than 200 students received the vaccine Nov. 19, the day before many of them left Carbondale to visit home, Baggott said.

"We wanted to make sure as many people got it before the

break as soon as possible," he said.

Baggott said he and staff at the Student Health Center are hoping shipments of the vaccine continue to arrive as they have been in order to open up clinics to more of the student population, especially before Christmas break.

"We're not certain how many and at what intervals, but as (the shipments) continue to come, we're going to be able to make it more generally available," Baggott said.

Only a few students have been turned down from getting the H1N1 vaccine, he said. Most students fall in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines of people who are at high risk for contracting H1N1, especially because the age limit is 24 years old, Baggott said.

"Most college students, because of the age, fall into that category," Baggott said. "So frankly, I encourage every college student to take advantage of the clinic."

Deedra McLain, physician at the Student Health Center, said regardless if a student has been sick or not this year, they should still get the H1N1 vaccination.

"Regardless of whether you think you've had the flu or if you have had the flu, get immunized," McLain said. "Vaccination is crucial."

The Student Health Center saw a significant peak in flu-like cases at the end of October and beginning of November, she said, with as many as 140 students being treated in one week. After the outbreak of the H1N1 virus, McLain said the usual amount of students coming in with flu-like symptoms is around 40 per week.

She said the Student Health Center could have seen its peak this semester, but there is always the possibility of it happening again. Getting the H1N1 vaccination can help soften the blow if there is another peak, she said.

"It was pretty hectic, there were a lot of sick people," McLain said. "The best thing that a person can do is get vaccinated, that's the key."

Jeff Dykstra, a sophomore from Rolling Meadows studying mechanical engineering, said he was in the Student Health Center for flu-like symptoms about a month ago. After getting sick, he said he's been considering getting the H1N1 vaccine before Christmas break if it's available.

"It's quick, it's cheap, it's convenient and that way, at least, you have some assurance that you have some protection."

— Jake Baggott
associate director of the Student Health Center

"I have a good immune system, I'm not too lazy," Dykstra said. "Now I've really been thinking about getting the vaccine."

Baggott said if a student has already been exposed to H1N1 or has already gotten sick, they should still get the vaccine.

"If you've been exposed, then maybe you're thinking you might not get the flu, but that's not a strong argument to consider not getting the vaccine," Baggott said. "It's quick, it's cheap, it's convenient and that way, at least, you have some assurance that you have some protection."

Updates for future H1N1 vaccine clinics will be posted on the Student Health Center's Web site at <http://shc.siu.edu>.

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Poshard said one issue contributing to the state's failure to fund the university is the payments to health care providers such as Medicaid, which are mandated by law to be made within a certain amount of time.

"They have no choice but to pay those bills as quickly as they get the money to pay them, and they're so far behind," he said.

Poshard said he's optimistic the state will come through with the additional \$16.5 million, especially if Gov. Pat Quinn is able to borrow the \$900 million he has asked for.

"We have made the case, continuously now for over three months, that because of our unique situation at our university we should be at the top of that second level," Poshard said. "I think we've made that as well as we can make it."

Poshard said no other university in the state drives the surrounding economy as much as SIU, which distributes more than

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— Glenn Poshard
 SIU president

7,000 paychecks every two weeks. The university also has the largest pool of Monetary Award Program recipients and the largest student population of veterans, he said.

According to the Gatehouse News Service, Comptroller Dan Hynes said Tuesday he was in talks with SIU to ensure the university would not miss a payroll.

If the state funds are not made in time for the Jan. 1 payroll, Poshard said layoffs and furloughs would be possible.

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then they're forcing us into a situation where we seriously have to look at downsizing our personnel," Poshard said. "We just don't have a choice."

The only other option, he said, would be borrowing money as a university, something that would be difficult to repay later and could potentially hurt the university's bond rating.

"We really don't have any excess money to pay back in the future, that could endanger our bond rating and that will end up costing us millions of dollars," Poshard said. "That would be an absolute last resort for us to meet payroll in December."

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Robbery, burglaries reported over break

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A robbery victim received minor injuries after he was chased down and robbed on the 1400 block of N. Illinois at about 6:10 p.m. on Nov. 21, a Carbondale police report said.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot, 7-inch white male between 20 and 30 years old, and 140 pounds, the report said.

Police are also investigating

five burglaries that occurred over Thanksgiving break, according to department reports.

Property was taken in four residential burglaries at the 900 block of N. Marion Street, 2300 block of S. Illinois Street, 600 block of E. Campus Drive and 700 block of S. Forest Street over a three-day period, from Nov. 20-22, the releases stated.

Police also responded to an attempted auto burglary on Nov. 21 at 9:45 p.m. at the 1200 block of E. Grand Avenue, a separate release

stated. The suspect, described as a white male with shaggy blond hair, wearing an olive sweatshirt and blue jeans, was standing next to the victim's vehicle and fled when police arrived. All stolen property was recovered at the scene.

The Carbondale Police Department encourages anyone with information about any of these incidences to contact them at 457-3200 or Crime Stoppers at 549-COPS (2677). Anonymous tips may be made.

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'Fox' is fresh and fantastic

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"Fantastic Mr. Fox"
Rated: PG

Release Date: 11/25

Directed by: Wes Anderson

Starring: Voices of: George Clooney,
 Meryl Streep, Bill Murray
Rating: B+

All of the Wes Anderson staples are here. There is a hip-retro wardrobe, 1960s pop jams, dry humor and an excellent cast.

The only difference is, for this piece of Anderson work, the cast is not in human form.

Anderson's adaptation of "Fantastic Mr. Fox," a story written by Roald Dahl, was done completely in stop motion animation.

The animals are tiny puppets, which wear suits, have families and real life troubles.

George Clooney voices Mr. Fox, who at the behest of his wife (Meryl Streep) abandons his life of swiping and chomping down on local farmers' livestock.

The film jumps years down the road to a Mr. Fox who is a newspaper columnist and a family man with a son (Jason Schwartzman).

Mr. Fox is discontent though as he misses the adrenaline rush from a life of stealing chickens. He feels stuck in his underground home and working a desk job.

Fueling his mid-life fox crisis, he buys his family a tree home he cannot afford



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against the advice of his lawyer, a badger (Bill Murray). Badger warns against this financial move because of the money and the house's location. It sits near three, mean old farmers: Boggis, Bunce and Bean. Mr. Fox decides to make one last caper, stealing from these three codgers.

Mr. Fox's actions end up enveloping the entire local animal world, as they set off the farmers who want to end the thievery and

Mr. Fox's life forever.

Anderson has done a wonderful job making basically a children's movie, but filling it with real life drama. There are family issues, a strained father-and-son relationship, friendships that are teetering on the edge, and storylines usually reserved for Pixar films.

The design and animation are gorgeous as sets and animals freely dance, jump and live as if they were humans. For as much time and

effort it had to take to create each frame of film, it is a wonder the film is so seamless and enjoyable.

"Fox" can be put up there with Anderson's best work. Even without human faces up on screen, the film is bursting with the ups and downs of real life.

The film may get a bit dark at times and not contain laugh-out-loud humor, but this is one children and adults can enjoy together.

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Deer hunter success affected by late corn harvest

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SPRINGFIELD — Officials say Illinois hunters shot fewer deer on opening weekend compared to last year — probably related to a late corn harvest.

Standing corn made it harder for hunters to find deer. Paul Shelton of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources says wet weather delayed the corn harvest and that affected hunters' success.

Hunters took more than 66,000 deer last weekend. That compares to nearly 72,000 deer killed in opening weekend of the 2008 firearm deer season.

The second portion of the firearm season will be Dec. 3-6.

Sixty percent of the deer taken during the first weekend of firearm hunting were bucks. Last year, 59 percent were bucks during the first weekend of the firearm season.

Illinois hunter kills 25-point buck with freak shot, Google Earth

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EDWARDSVILLE — It took Google Earth, a little deer psychology and a freak shot.

But bow-and-arrow hunter Joe Graber's persistence may have won him a coveted Boone and Crockett Club trophy for killing one of the largest deer this season in Illinois — a 25-point buck.

The 35-year-old Edwardsville construction worker had caught glimpses of

the monster whitetail in Madison County for years. And recently, he used Google Earth to map likely paths it used.

It wandered down one of those paths as Graber waited on Oct. 26. His shot deflected and the arrow ended up going through the deer's ear. The startled animal slipped off a cliff, into a creek and drowned.

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DOWN AND OUT IN CARBONDALE

Secrets and power: The Family



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The health care bill looked as if it had a good shot at passing through Congress.

Whatever compromises were reached, in the form of opt outs or triggers, it looked like it could placate moderate or “blue dog” Democrats. All was calm.

Then, at the 11th hour came the Stupak-Pitts Amendment. This was an amendment to the bill stating that no federal money could go to funding abortions, or to subsidize any private plan that covers abortions.

This little extra clause goes far beyond the existing Hyde Amendment, which prohibits the use of federal funds to pay for abortions, and extends the ban to people who have subsidized private insurance providers, almost all of who cover abortions.

This would essentially deny abortion coverage to millions of middle and lower-class Americans who would receive some subsidy just to provide basic coverage from a private provider.

Of course, this has enraged the core Democratic base and shifted the fight to pro-choice Democrats (who are elected in strongly democratic congressional districts) vs.

pro-life Democrats (who aren't).

Brilliant move to slow-down, gut-out or ultimately destroy this bill's passage. We just can't help but devolve and bicker over issues such as abortion. Or is there something more? Perhaps an organized group of people manipulating policy to further their own radical agenda?

Take off the tin foil. This is real. Both representatives Stupak and Pitts are members of an organization called, “The Family.” If you haven't heard of them, it's because they want to keep it that way.

Only after author Jeff Sharlet published “The Family; The Secret Fundamentalism at The Heart Of American Power” did this group end up on people's radars.

The Family operates all around the globe but its main center of power is in Washington D.C.

The Family hosts a National Prayer Breakfast, attended by every President since 1953, and operates a dormitory for members of Congress.

Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress are members of The Family and bunk up two together at their shared dorm in Washington.

If you're thinking this sounds like a Dan Brown Novel, wait. It gets better. And it gets much, much worse. Among its ranks are two former presidents, 19 current congressmen, and a slue of other high-ranking officials.

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Included in this group are Sen. John Ensign and Gov. Mark “Argentina-or-Bust” Sanford, who have each had highly public sex scandals recently, after which they retreated to The Family to “pray and seek counsel.”

This is nothing new. Religion influences politics. This is not the only religious group that has influence on policy makers and, by extent, policy.

And religion in politics isn't inherently wrong and is, in fact, natural. Your worldview is shaped by your faith, which shapes your policy positions.

But The Family isn't just an innocent group of Christians praying over pancakes.

Within The Family there is an inner circle that calls itself “The Fellowship.” This secretive group, made up of the most influential and connected members of The Family (both parties), is led by a man name David Coe.

According to Sharlet's book, they preach a devotion to Christ akin to that of worshipping Hitler, Pol Pot or Stalin.

They look with favor on people like Mao and Bin Laden for their organizational techniques and their

ability to inspire full devotion.

He is quoted to have compared that “full devotion” of a Chinese teen in the Cultural Revolution cutting off the heads of their parents to the devotion Jesus preached.

It gets worse. It came out recently that a highly influential member of The Family is directly connected to Uganda's new policy of discrimination against gays. How bad could their new policy be?

Proposed legislation would be death for anyone gay and life in prison for anyone who advocates gay rights.

Whatever your stance on gay marriage is, no one but Fred Phelps would support that here.

And money is being funded through this group of connected powerbrokers to support and fund the people directly responsible for this horror.

Don't believe me, read Jeff Sharlet's book, “The Family,” or listen to the two great interviews he has with Terry Gross on National Public Radio's Fresh Air online for free.

It's time to break up The Family.

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Saluki Insider

With Notre Dame's loss to Stanford Saturday, do you think the Irish will finally cut ties with Charlie Weis?



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They better! Weis had excuses early on when he was using Ty Willingham's players, but he has gotten to use his own players for a couple of years now, and if anything, they are worse than Willingham's guys. Weis has shown that he really doesn't have a clue on how to run a football team — but really, is this anything new? All of "Belichick's boys" have been letdowns as head coaches. Josh McDaniels hasn't let us down yet, but there is still time for that. I see a run as 49ers offensive coordinator for Weis in the future. I still think he can run an offense and is probably the only prayer Alex Smith has if he wants to become a competent NFL quarterback. Plus, who wouldn't love to see a Samurai Mike Singletary and Weis combo on the sidelines?

Well the school already told Weis to not bother recruiting while on the west coast — can't be any less subtle than that. Weis is gone. As a somewhat Notre Dame fan (a requirement of all Catholics) it was only a matter of time before he left. He had his easiest schedule yet this season, and the team still struggled to a .500 record. Don't feel bad for Weis though, he'll be an offensive coordinator in the NFL by next season.

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Charlie Weis is definitely out of the picture. It is a no-brainer. Notre Dame has gone downhill the past few seasons. Weis has tainted the holiest team in collegiate football. The Irish have lost too many games they should have won. Out with the old and in with the new — if anyone still wants the job.

VOLLEYBALL

Season ends with tournament loss to Wichita State

Salukis finish sixth in MVC

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The Salukis' season is over.

The SIU volleyball team (18-12, 7-11) ended its season with a 3-1 (25-15, 25-27, 25-23, 25-19) loss to the No. 3 seed Wichita State Thursday at the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in Omaha, Neb.

Wichita State (25-6, 14-4) went to lose in the finals of the tournament to the No. 1 seed, and No. 20 in the nation, Northern Iowa (30-2, 18-0). Northern Iowa will move on to the NCAA tournament.

SIU sophomore libero Lauren Blumhorst said she was proud to have Northern Iowa represent the MVC. She said with how SIU performed against Northern Iowa during the season, it gave the team hope for the future.

"That is awesome for them; they had a really good season," Blumhorst said. "Our team feels proud we at least took a game from them. We got beat bad the first game but came back

and won the next. Competitively against them, it shows that we can become one of the top teams in the conference. We just move forward from this year. We're not an easy team to beat anymore."

SIU started the match against Wichita State by losing the first game 25-15. While SIU had only four errors, it hit only .172 in the game. Wichita State's offense proved to be too much, as it hit .516 in the first game and had 19 kills with only three errors.

Head coach Brenda Winkeler said she was proud of the way the team responded after it lost the first game.

"I thought we came back and played aggressively," Winkeler said. "We had a couple rotations we couldn't get out of with our passing and our offense went stagnant. I thought we blocked well and for the most part our offense played well against a good Wichita State team."

Winkeler said the team positioned itself to win each game.

SIU hit a lower percentage in the second game at .106, but Wichita State's hitting percentage fell to .056 and SIU picked up the win 27-25, evening the match to 1-1.

"They have a lot of weapons so they just went into the locker room and changed things up and used a balanced offense to beat us."

— Brenda Winkeler
volleyball head coach

Wichita State was hampered by 13 errors in the game, while SIU had only six.

Winkeler said the Shockers changed their attack during the break after the second game, which led to SIU's defeat.

"Their RPI is 24th in the country and they are one of the top 30 to 40 teams in the nation," Winkeler said. "They have a lot of weapons so they just went into the locker room and changed things up and used a balanced offense to beat us."

SIU kept the match close in the third game, losing by a score of 25-23. SIU hit its match-high .250 with another match-high 19 kills in the game, but Wichita State hit .297 and hit into only two errors to get the victory.

Wichita State carried the momentum from the second game

FOOTBALL

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The first: SIU quarterback Paul McIntosh.

The redshirt freshman was impressive in his first career play-off game as he finished with 115 yards rushing and one touchdown on 15 carries. He also finished with two touchdowns through the air on 13-for-17 passing with 66 yards and one interception.

McIntosh said his defense made it easy for the offense Saturday.

"Momentum was on our side whenever the defense kept giving the ball on their side of the 50," McIntosh said. "We were disappointed that we weren't 6-for-6 off the turnovers."

The SIU defense harassed Eastern Illinois' quarterbacks Jake

Christensen and Bodie Reeder for the entire game. Christensen, who transferred from the University of Iowa last spring, completed only one pass for 13 yards with one interception and one fumble before being pulled in the second half by head coach Bob Spoo. Reeder did not find much success against the Salukis' defense either. The senior completed 6-of-10 passes for 67 yards.

Spoo said the change was necessary to the team to start something for the offense. He said against SIU, mistakes cannot be made.

"Obviously, we didn't play well," Spoo said. "You can't give them opportunities as good as they are, and that is what we did. And so we just got to get on with things and just try to get better and try to reach that level somehow."

SCHIRMER

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Sparks said Schirmer always looks to improve and is a great example for the rest of the team to follow.

"He is just a winner and you cannot train people to be winners,"

Sparks said. "He goes above and beyond the status quo and he is always looking to do better."

Though Schirmer's career in cross country is over, he still has eligibility for two seasons of indoor track and one more season of outdoor track.

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FOOTBALL



Senior running back Deji Karim celebrates in the end zone after his touchdown during Saturday's game against the Eastern Illinois Panthers. The Salukis won 48-7 in their first-round playoff game. Karim finished with 155 rushing yards on 23 carries.

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SIU smothers Panthers in playoff win

Move on to face William & Mary

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The Salukis crushed their first round opponent Saturday to kick off the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

SIU (11-1) cruised to a 48-7 victory Saturday afternoon against Eastern Illinois at McAndrew Stadium in the first round of the playoffs. The Salukis forced six turnovers and held the Panthers to only 189 yards of total offense — and only 88 yards in the second half.

Head coach Dale Lennon said he was proud of the way his team

came into the first playoff game.

"That was the big challenge we gave them, to be very sound in everything we're doing," Lennon said. "Offensively, defensively and special teams, we wanted that complete game. And I think overall we came pretty close to achieving that."

With the win, the Salukis will host William & Mary at noon Saturday. William & Mary (10-2) defeated Weber State 38-0 Saturday in Williamsburg, Va.

For the first five minutes it looked like Eastern Illinois was on its way to snapping its conference's nine-year playoff losing streak.

After Eastern Illinois (8-4) recovered SIU running back Deji Karim's first career fumble on the

“Obviously, we didn't play well. You can't give them opportunities as good as they are, and that is what we did.”

— Bob Spoo

Eastern Illinois University football head coach

SIU 30-yard line, the Panthers drove down to the end zone for their first — and last — touchdown of the game.

Karim said he tried to push the fumble out of his mind.

"I was ready to get back out there and play," Karim said. "That was the only thing on my (mind). I hate sitting on the sideline after doing something like that. I needed to get back out there."

Karim, with help from the

defense, overcame the early deficit.

Karim, who was named the Missouri Valley Football Offensive Player of the Year Wednesday, came back with a vengeance. He finished with 155 yards and two touchdowns. Karim was just the second player this year to run for more than 100 yards against the Panthers' defense.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Schirmer earns All-American status

Finishes 19th overall

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Jeff Schirmer wrapped up his cross country career by writing himself into the SIU record book as he finished 19th place overall at the NCAA National Championship Nov. 23 in Terre Haute, Ind.

Schirmer is only the third Saluki cross country runner ever to be a two-time All-American as he finished the 10K race with a time of 30 minutes, .2 seconds, which was six seconds faster than his 25th place finish last season.

Schirmer said he wanted to finish in the top-10, but was still excited about his improvement.

"We barely missed making nationals as a team so I really felt like I was running for everybody on the team," Schirmer said. "I wanted to prove to everybody there that we should have been there."

Liberty University's Samuel Chelanga finished tops in the men's 10K with a time of 28:41.3.

Before Schirmer, the last Saluki runner to receive All-American honors was Chris Bunyan in 1984. The two-time All-American finished 21st overall that year.

John Flamer in 1958 and 1961 was the first person to receive double All-American status, finishing fifth and ninth respectively.

Cross country head coach Matt Sparks said Schirmer is a self-motivated runner.

"The great thing about Jeff is that he has the ability to do things without much guidance," Sparks said. "He knows what he is capable of and he goes out and does it."

Schirmer said he only took two days off and he is now prepping for the indoor track and field season.

"This definitely boosts my confidence going into the indoor track season," Schirmer said. "I really want our team to bring home a championship in track and field this year."

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